



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22 President Jenny Robertson Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan DIRECTORS Club Admin Helen Tattersall Members & PI Kelvin Winnie Service Denise Brown Youth Gail Kelly Foundation Graeme Muir Artex Bryan Matthews	MEETINGS Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm Firesides: First Wednesday of month Directors: Second Wednesday of Month Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	UPCOMING EVENTS Area visits – week of 18 Oct Leave of Absences: Geoff Bennett –to 20 Oct Frank Heuser – to 20 Oct Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

Meeting 6 October 2021 – Firesides Evening

President Jenny welcomed those present – in particular Frank who was spending a week back in the Bay from his temporary job in Rotorua – and handed the evening over to Director Gail Kelly and the Youth Committee.

DUTY ROSTER (denotes change from previous roster)*

Date	October 13 th	October 20 th	October 27 th	November 3 rd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Robin Fabish Tamatea High School Principal	Visiting other area clubs	Adrian Gregory Otaki Rotary	Firesides (RF C'tee)
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Curly Carpenter Garth Eyles Hayley Gibson Robert Pearson Edwin Brown Jade Coleman Bob Brady	Not required	Chris McKenna Graeme Muir Brian Peploe Gill Scarlett Bob Morrison Natalya Latyshuva Wim Snijders	Robert Pearson Edwin Brown Bruce Martin Graeme Muir Brian Peploe
Stewards	Level 2 rules One per table	Not required	Level 2 rules One per table <i>Or as advised</i>	Level 2 rules One per table <i>Or as advised</i>

NB IF you are unable to perform your duty YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Jenny of the change

Welfare – Mort is heading back to Auckland but has been making progress. Colin is much the same. Jill is doing well as is past member Graham Sawyer. Past member Fr Frank was having surgery on Friday for leg cancer.

Notices – New Dates . . . The Maraenui Clean Up has been moved to 20 December. RYPEN weekend is 8-10 April 2022.

Christmas Giving – Alan White and Denise Brown presented an alternative way of gifting this Christmas. Each club committee is asked to consider how many needy families (known to the local branch of the Salvation Army) it could support by way of a gift hamper. Once they know the numbers, Alan and Denise will provide a summary of each family e.g. number of adults, number and gender of the children etc. so that food and perhaps appropriate gifts can be assembled for the families assigned to each committee over a number of weeks.

Environment Awareness – Garth Eyles challenged members to (car pool) their way into the great interior for a first-hand experience of nature. Specifically:

- Drive toward Wairoa until just passed lake Tutira
- Turn left into Waikoau Road and follow this across the Aropaoanui River, through Waikoau township until you reach a road signposted Holts Forest Road (it's on the right)
- At the end of Holts Forest Road is a fabulous little manicured forest. Great place for a picnic.
- On leaving, turn right at Waikoau Road and drive up Darkys Spur Road. It's a little challenging in places but the views are great.
- This route also takes you back to SH2 via Kaiwaka Road or you can cruise off to the right along Waipunga Road and end up in the Esk Valley on SH5.

Area Club Visits week of 18 October – In lieu of the 20th October meeting, it's an opportunity to visit one (or more) area clubs. Some committees are going as a group to the one club, others have left it up to individual members to decide which clubs they'll visit. At the time of writing:

- Youth Committee are visiting Waipukurau (5:45 pm Monday)
- Service Committee are visiting Havelock North (6:00 pm Monday)
- Members and Public Image Committee are visiting Ahuriri (5:30 pm Monday)
- Some from the Rotary Foundation Committee are also visiting Waipukurau, others will organise individually

Three-minute Speaker Hamish Lack gave us a snapshot of a local boy made good. Educated at Napier Boys High School, Civil Engineering studies at Waikato Institute of Technology (in parallel with rowing on

Lake Karapiro) and now inspiring athletes and coaches to reach their full potential by supplying customised rowing skiffs and technical support. The highlight of Hamish's talk has to be how he met Jinise and what can result just from knowing how to operate a petrol pump.

