



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 31 October – Club BBQ at the Cheyne Estate Leave of Absences: Geoff Bennett –to 20 Oct Frank Heuser – to 17 Nov Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

Meeting 13 October 2021

President Jenny welcomed guest speaker Robin Fabish, and student Jade Coleman and her mother Karen. She also thanked Gail and the Youth Committee for a job well done running last week's meeting.

Curly was rescued by Ian for the opening thought *"Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, and the good fortune to run into the ones I do"*

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	October 20 th	October 27 th	November 3rd	November 10th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Visiting other area clubs	Adrian Gregory Otaki Rotary (Partners' night)	Firesides & Auction Night (RF C'tee)	Artex Sponsors Dinner (Partners' night)
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Not required	Christine McKenna Grant Spackman* Brian Peploe Gill Scarlett Bob Morrison Barry Keating Bob Brady*	Robert Pearson Edwin Brown Bruce Martin Graeme Muir Brian Peploe	TBA
Stewards	Not required	Level 2 rules One per table <i>Or as advised</i>	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 and Jill are both doing well.

Notices – 24 October - World Polio Day . . . Through the efforts of RI and partners we've gone from 350,000 cases of polio 35 years ago to just two last year. Time for a final push to eradicate this disease and a small donation from you will help. Go to endpolio.org for more details.

Kelvin asked members who were training for the **Walkathon** (Andersons Park, 28 November, 6 am to 6 pm) to record their training hours as counting toward the total distance covered.

Christmas Cheer – Denise Brown provided an update on how this will work: from 27 October there'll be a table with five containers and a 'shopping list'. A couple of options are on the cards; (1) committees would provide one item per week for the next 7 weeks, put it in the appropriate container and repeat for the next item on the list (the initial emphasis being on food items followed by treats for the families) or (2) Denise and Alan could provide the total list of items and committees would commit to delivering everything on the list. There was also a suggestion from the floor that committees could provide vouchers for various activities (movies, mini-golf, other family-related experiences or even petrol vouchers).



3 Minute speaker – Jade Coleman. Jade was sponsored by the club to attend Outward Bound and spoke eloquently about her experiences (including a video showing the range of activities undertaken and lots of wet weather). Jade expressed her gratitude for the club's sponsorship and the opportunity to learn new skills and start friendships she was sure would last a lifetime.



Guest Speaker – Robin Fabish, Principal Tamatea High School (Ngāti Maniapoto, Polish).

Robin both entertained and informed in both his person history and Māori history (and culture). He began his talk by taking up RI President Shekhar Mehta's theme "Serve to change lives" as a principle which describes the role of every educator and one which he personally tries to follow.

Robin has been the principal of Tamatea High for six years. Prior to that he was deputy principal at Te Aute College for three years and Head of Māori at Napier Boys' High School for seven years. He thrives on the opportunity to make a genuine difference in kids' lives.

Robin outlined his family origins; Polish immigrants who arrived in Inglewood via New Plymouth in 1875 and who were initially employed in building roads and the Pukekura Park terraces before acquiring land under the Waste Lands Act which allowed settlers to buy land that had been confiscated from Māori. His mother comes from the Ngāti Maniapoto hapu which resided predominantly in what is now King Country.

Robin recently spent eight months working in the Ministry of Education's National Office on the one of the seven changes being made to NCEA; Parity for Māori knowledge (Mātauranga Māori). Many Māori students have little understanding of their own history and therefore experience a loss of belonging (also commonly experienced by Pasifika students). Boards of Trustees have an obligation to give practical effect to Ti Titiriti o Waitangi and delivery of this NCEA change will assist that.

Robin is also advancing his own education through the completion of doctorate studies (Degree of Doctor of Education; EdD) with his dissertation being "how we (as teachers at Tamatea High School) give effect to Ti Tiriti o Waitangi".

In closing, Robin thanked the club for its ongoing support of Tamatea High School and asked that we share what we learned through his talk with friends and family. He also noted that Tamatea High has no rules for hair colour, tattoos, ear piercings and so on. These don't impact on learning and there are plenty of folk with jobs who have these things!

