



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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<p>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</p> <p>President Jenny Robertson Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan</p> <p>DIRECTORS</p> <p>Club Admin Helen Tattersall Members & PI Kelvin Winnie Service Denise Brown Youth Gail Kelly Foundation Graeme Muir Artex Bryan Matthews</p>	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm</p> <p>Firesides: First Wednesday of month</p> <p>Directors: Second Wednesday of Month</p> <p>Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>31 October – Club BBQ at the Cheyne Estate 28 November – Walk-a-thon at Anderson Park 12 December – Christmas lunch at the Mission Estate</p> <p>Leave of Absences: Frank Heuser – to 17 Nov Barry Keating – to 31 Dec Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing</p>

Meeting 27 October 2021

President Jenny opened what became an extraordinary meeting from two perspectives; the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Cindy Morgan and a both interesting and challenging presentation from Adrian Gregory. Other guests included DG Ross Pinkham, past DG Grant Spackman, Robin Fabish (Principal, Tamatea High School), Ken Haines (Stortford Lodge Rotary Club), Claire Connor (Taradale Rotary Club), Kerry Giolbert (Suicide Prevention Coordinator HB) and lots of partners. Jenny also welcomed Geoff and Alison Bennett back from their trip to Canada and Penny Park returning from leave of absence.

Ian Holyoake again came to the rescue with the opening thought “Forgive your enemy, but never forget their name!”

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	November 3rd	November 10th	November 17th	November 24th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides & Auction Night (RF C'tee)	Artex Sponsors Dinner (Partners' night)	Elizabeth Wright Interplast (Partners welcome)	Annual General Meeting (dinner after at Thai Lotus)
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Robert Pearson Edwin Brown Bruce Martin Graeme Muir Brian Peploe	Lynne Gibson	Natalya Latyshuva Geoff Bibby TBA TBA Jinice Bautista-Lack Geoff Bennett TBA	TBA
Stewards	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>	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 remains in Auckland for tests and continuing treatment. Mixed bag for Colin Clarke with a brain scan scheduled. Jill Hanlen is progressing. Don McKenzie had surgery on Wednesday. Bob Morrison is grateful to visitors after his hip surgery and Brian Peplow is back home after a short stay in hospital.



President Jenny, DG Ross, Cindy and husband Larry

Paul Harris Fellow – Cindy Morgan. District Governor Ross Pinkham presented a PHF community award to Cindy in recognition of over 30 years of service to the students of Tamatea High and her ongoing relationship with Greenmeadows Rotary through encouraging student participation in RYPEN, National Science School, Rotary National Science and Technology Forum etc. Cindy has always put students first and is particularly skilled in identifying those with potential and providing them opportunities to succeed.

Notices – Lists have been produced for the Christmas Cheer families with one family assigned to each committee. Each committee can decide how they fill the list – bring an item or two each week or do the lot at once. Members were asked to become familiar with their family’s profile and consider gifts that would be suitable. All of the families are genuinely needy; anything additional will be appreciated.

Graeme Muir noted that 165 volunteer hours were provided by seven club members (and partners) at the Camp Kaitawa working bee weekend and reminded members that the summer working bee is scheduled for January 2nd to 7th. (Put it in your calendar now)

Kelvin reminded members about the 28 November walk-a-thon and advised we need two Rotarians at a time to be walking from the start at 6:00 am until the finish at 6:00 pm. A roster will be organised on a 30-minute rotation. There’ll be a marquee, medical support if needed, water and a bbq for lunch and dinner.

Gail advised that, due to Covid uncertainties, this year’s Science Summer School is cancelled.



Past DG Grant Spackman and guest speaker (and Otaki Rotarian) Adrian Gregory

Guest Speaker Adrian Gregory was introduced by past DG Grant Spackman. Adrian immigrated with his wife Ann from the UK in 2012 to work as a consultant in the health sector. They chose to reside in Otaki because of the lifestyle, climate and community. Adrian is a past president of the Otaki Rotary Club and is currently Secretary to the 9940 District Board.

Adrian chairs the Lifting the Lid Management Committee which is a collaboration across the four area clubs: Kāpiti, Waikanae, Ōtaki and Levin. ‘Lifting the Lid’ came out of local concern about a ‘cluster’ of youth suicides in the district and a group comprising representatives from the four clubs and the Principals of the colleges and kura in the area collaborated on developing a model based on one working in Australia. The project’s purpose is to

“provide funds for colleges and kura in the area so they can source additional or complementary interventions for students who are deemed to be at high risk of suicide, self-harm . . .”

Importantly, ‘Lifting the Lid’ is a community-based project that is intended to complement existing, funded services for college-aged students, **not** to duplicate or supplant them.

Needs are identified by the college/kura counsellor when they determine a student needs immediate support and who should provide that support. The counsellor advises the Principal who applies for funding from the project (based on a maximum of eight sessions at \$100 per session). The management committee has oversight of the application process, the relationships with the colleges and kura, the progress and effectiveness of the project, and its dissemination. At no stage does the committee know who the students are; it is advised only of their age, gender and ethnicity in the application.

Initial funding was via a launch event with an auction and has subsequently been supported through a mixture of club donations, personal and business donations, philanthropic donations, gifts and district grants.

In the 24 months the project has been operating, the project has approved 22 applications from six colleges on behalf of 20 students. The number of sessions per student ranges from 2 to 8 and the price per session from \$50 to \$150. There have been no reports of suicides by students/young people in the time the project has been running.

The project has funds to support at least 22 more applications and has submitted requests for Ministry of Health funding and applied for a district grant to build the fund further.

Oversight includes a six-monthly Zoom meeting with Principals and the committee is increasing its engagement with the two kura. The project is working alongside funded and NGO mental health providers and, as in the case of the presentation to Greenmeadows, is disseminating the project within District 9940, to other districts and profiling wider. Building a sustainable fund is a priority.

Adrian finished his presentation by challenging Greenmeadows to think seriously about participating in a local instance. He outlined the next steps for us to consider including issues such as whether a trust would be a better vehicle for the project (but noting that his committee hadn’t pursued that option yet).

DG Ross Pinkham provided a short summary of his year so far (including 19 Zoom meetings to district clubs courtesy of the COVID restrictions). The district has 22 new members so far and he is very pleased with the support his Health and Wellbeing initiative is getting (and acknowledged our walk-a-thon). Ross is looking forward to a strong Greenmeadows presence at the District Conference next May.

And finally . . .



Give Every Child a Future Raffle. All directors have raffle tickets for their committee members. If you sell all your tickets and would like more, please contact Gill on 021 148 5821 or email gills833@gmail.com to be waitlisted.



28 November, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm – Walk-a-thon at Anderson Park. A roster will be organised on a 30 minute rotation. There’ll be a marquee, medical support if needed, water and a bbq for lunch and dinner. Bring friends and family, seek sponsors and/or donate a koha.



12 December – Christmas lunch at the Mission Estate



Alan White is coordinating this year's Rotary Christmas Pudding order. Given the particular importance of fund raising in this Covid year, please order a few and give to your friends and family. Better still, approach your other social and sports clubs and local businesses - see if they would like a few also.

For every pudding sold the Club gets \$5.00.

Contact Alan 0274 302 702

(And if you can print off and circulate the brochure on the following page, that would be great too)



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Update from the Combined Napier RCs' Environment Committee

The Combined Napier Rotary Clubs' Environment Committee has met twice, discussed several possibilities of future actions and have a couple of plans:

- First of all the committee wanted to acknowledge all the amazing planting projects that Napier's Rotary Clubs have achieved (and continue to work on). Well done!
- **Combined Club Beach Clean.** Each club will receive a written proposal asking for their support. Hopefully to become an annual event, we'll start off with one and see how that goes! Napier City Council has given their go ahead. We're looking at early April 2022 (it can't be during the summer months because of nesting shore birds. 'Seaweeek' is the first week of March when there is a big public beach clean-up at Waitangi) so we wanted to have a gap between events. We were looking at the Westshore area – going north as far as we get but especially covering the beach (and the pathway) on the house free stretch where our plantings and shelters are. We would look to include Interact and Rotaract Clubs – and other students. Promotion would also include other community groups and the general public. Watch this space.
- **Combined Club Nature Walks.** This fits DG Ross' Health and Wellbeing theme! Every couple of months or so we thought we would offer an (informative!) combined club outing / walk to one of Hawke's Bay's special places. Starting with a 'Meet the Godwits' on Sunday November 28th at 2pm – meet at the carpark opposite the Westshore Beach Inn. Bring binoculars, sunhat, walking shoes etc. (guided by Lynne). To meet Covid regulations we will need a register – although we can't be sure what the regulations will be at that time. Details to follow.
- **Rotaract.** We are in contact with the EIT Rotaract Club and hope to keep them included.
- (For Your Information) **Soft plastics (plastic bags) can now be recycled.** Always good to avoid the landfill! The soft plastics recycling bins are available at The Warehouse stores in Hastings and Napier South; Countdown stores in Hastings, Napier (Munroe Street) and Napier South (Carlyle); Pak n Save Tamatea with more locations expected to join the programme.

From Lynne Anderson, RC Ahuriri – on behalf of the committee (Doug Knight, Garth Eyles, Edgar Burns, Mirriam van Maanen and Jacqui Matthews)

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Hotel: Distinction Hotel Dunedin

Day 2 – 28 Mar 22 Otago Peninsular Tour

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After breakfast today you will explore the Otago peninsular, your first stop is the Royal Albatross Centre, where you will see these majestic birds on the only mainland Albatross colony in the world. After your colony visit you will be taken on a tour exploring the underground tunnels of Fort Tairaroa. From a Maori Pa to WW2 Fort this area has a strong military history, on your tour you will gain a full appreciation of this historic site. After your peninsular tour head to Larnach Castle to visit New Zealand's only castle and its amazing surrounding grounds. Your peninsular tour will finish at your hotel, where you can enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Hotel: Distinction Hotel Dunedin

Day 3 – 29 Mar 22 Dunedin to Invercargill via Catlins

B,D

Today's journey will take you from Dunedin to Invercargill via the Catlins Coast. The Catlins cover the bottom Southeast corner of the South Island. This is a relatively unknown gem at the bottom of New Zealand and today you will travel through the area stopping at stunning coastal viewpoints such as Nugget Point and its photogenic lighthouse. Your trip to Invercargill will continue along the spectacular Catlins coastline, your driver will stop for scenic photo stops along the way. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel.

Hotel: Kelvin Hotel Invercargill

Day 4 – 30 Mar 22 Invercargill to Stewart Island

B,D

Your journey starts with a transfer from Kelvin Hotel to Bill Richardson Transport world which is the largest private automotive museum of its type in the world. Over 300 motor vehicles, petrol pumps and wearable arts exhibits are on display throughout the 15,000sqm museum. It is an absolute must see for anyone with a passion for wheels. Highlights include retro Kombi's, Henry Ford Letter Cars, Model T's, Diamond T Trucks, stunning 1930's V8's and over 200 vintage petrol pumps. There is something for everyone, even a growing wearable arts collection. After your visit to Transport World, you will transfer to Bluff where you will board the Ferry to Stewart Island. Experience Foveaux Strait onboard an express catamaran. During the one-hour crossing on the Stewart Island Ferry between Bluff and Oban keep a lookout for wildlife, especially seabirds. Comprehensive commentaries provide information on the interesting landmarks commonly seen, including Dog Island Lighthouse, Ruapuke Island, the Titi Islands and Mt Anglem - Stewart Island's highest point. After crossing Foveaux Strait and arriving at Oban - the main settlement on Stewart Island you will be transferred to the Bay Motel. Dinner at the South Seas Hotel is included this evening.

Motel: Bay Motel

Day 5 – 31 Mar 22 Stewart Island Village & Bays tour and Kiwi Spotting

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This morning you will explore Oban and the surrounding bays on a mini-bus tour. Experienced guides enjoy sharing their local knowledge of the history and environment of Stewart Island with you. Gain an insight into New Zealand's southernmost community. Stewart Islanders are proud of their island, enjoying its simpler, slower pace. Highlights include Lee Bay, the gateway to Rakiura National Park and stunning views of Paterson Inlet from Observation Rock during this 1 hour 30-minute tour. This evening we are in for a real treat with a night-time Kiwi Spotting Tour. The tour will give you the ultimately special opportunity to experience kiwi in their natural environment. The tour will access land where New Zealand's precious kiwi come out at night to feed (weather dependent).

Motel: Bay Motel

Day 6 – 01 Apr 22 Ulva Island Guided Walk

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Ulva Island (Te Wharawhara) is renowned for its diverse and abundant birdlife with a forest dominated by Rimu, Southern Rata and Kamahi, surrounded by marine reserve. It was visited by Ngai Tahu Maori as part of their food gathering trips and in the 1890s it became one of New Zealand's first reserves. This 267 hectare island is now predator free, allowing the bird and plant life to thrive. Today you will be guided by a Stewart Island local, who has the knowledge and know how to take you through Ulva Island on an informative and interesting walk on this unique island. Returning to Oban you have the rest of the afternoon to relax and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings.

Motel: Bay Motel



Day 7 — 02 Apr 22 Stewart Island to Invercargill to Te Anau via Southern Scenic Route B,D

Today it is time to depart this island. Board the catamaran and cruise across the Straight to Bluff. Once back on the mainland travel back through to Invercargill and. Continue along the gorgeous Southern Scenic Route. The road takes you via the coastal settlement of Riverton and the historic sawmilling town of Tuatapere before arriving at the Lakeside community of Te Anau. On arrival in Te Anau you will escape the crowds with Fiordland Jet and discover a unique slice of Fiordland National Park. Travel down the Upper Waiau River with crisp air rushing by, crystal-clear waters below, and stunning views all around. Pause along the way to learn about the area's rich history, spot trout, re-imagine Lord of the Rings from 3 film locations. Emerge onto Lake Manapouri and embrace true silence while surrounded by towering mountains and a view that will leave you speechless. Disembark into the National Park for a short, guided nature stroll among native flora and fauna. When you are back on dry land you will visit Fiordland Cinema to watch a screening of Ata Whenua, Shadowlands. Ata Whenua brings you the Fiordland World Heritage Status wilderness you would otherwise never see. Mysterious, exhilarating and spectacular, filmed mostly from a helicopter across extremes of season, climate, and terrain, it will take you on an unforgettable journey through one of the awe-inspiring landscapes on earth. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel.
Hotel: Distinction Luxmore Hotel



Day 8 — 03 Apr 22 Milford Sound Day trip B

After breakfast at the hotel travel to Milford sound on a leisurely day where you will get to experience some of Fiordland's most famous locations. Glacier carved valleys, perfect mirror lakes, towering granite faces and the impressive Homer tunnel. Your driver will make sure there are photo opportunities along the way. On arrival into Milford Sound, join a cruise in one of the most spectacular parts of our country in the Fiordland National Park. Get close to fur seals basking on the rocks, massive cliff faces rising for hundreds of metres out of the sea and witness waterfalls cascading from ancient rainforest high in the mountains. Following the cruise return to Te Anau to enjoy the rest of the afternoon in this small Southland town.
Hotel: Distinction Luxmore Hotel



Day 9 — 04 Apr 22 Back Road Excursion to Queenstown B,L

Travel from Te Anau to Queenstown via the scenic Von Valley Back Road. You will not find it on most maps, it is a road connection through conservation park, river fords, farmland and river valleys joining Lake Te Anau with Lake Wakatipu. Join us for an unforgettable journey through a land long forgotten by the tourist maps. See historic home sites, Lord of the Rings Film locations, livestock wandering free on the roadside and stop for a cup of tea at Mavora Lakes. At Walter Peak Station enjoy a BBQ Lunch then board the TSS Earnslaw & cruise the sparkling waters of Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown. Transfer to your Hotel.
Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Lakefront



Day 10 — 05 Apr 22 Queenstown at leisure B,D

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Queenstown, your options are endless for the day. You can choose to fill your day with as much or as little as desired. Fare well dinner at a local restaurant is included tonight.
Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Lakefront

Day 11 — 06 Apr 22 Depart Queenstown B

Your tour will conclude today following breakfast and your transfer to the Airport.

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- Olveston House Visit & Larnach Castle Visit
- Stewart Island Return Ferry & Village & Bays tour
- Ulva Island Guided Tour
- Kiwi Spotting
- Bill Richardson's Transport World
- Fiordland Jet & Cinema — Ata Whenua, Shadowlands
- Milford Sound Day trip
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