



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

No. 2022-17			03/11/2021
OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22		MEETINGS	UPCOMING EVENTS
President	Jenny Robertson	Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm	28 November – Walk-a-thon at Anderson Park
Secretary	Ken Hunt	Firesides: First Wednesday of month	12 December – Christmas lunch at the Mission Estate
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan	Directors: Second Wednesday of Month	Leave of Absences: Frank Heuser – to 17 Nov Barry Keating – to 31 Dec Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing
DIRECTORS		Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	
Club Admin	Helen Tattersall		
Members & PI	Kelvin Winnie		
Service	Denise Brown		
Youth	Gail Kelly		
Foundation	Graeme Muir		
Artex	Bryan Matthews		

Meeting 3 November 2021

President Jenny welcomed a visitor, Brian Peploes's son David, and then commented on the "significant" birthdays for Ian H (80th) Brian H (70th) their shouting the drinks and also alluded to a much lower birthday for Helen T. She then handed control of the meeting to Foundation Committee Director Graeme Muir.



DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	November 10th	November 17th	November 24th	December 1st
Programme: Guest Speaker	Artex Sponsors Dinner (Partners' night)	Elizabeth Wright Interplast (Partners welcome)	Annual General Meeting (dinner after at Thai Lotus)	Membership & Public Image FIRESIDES
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Lynne Gibson	Natalya Latysheva Geoff Bibby Steve Gillum Wal Drayton Jinice Bautista-Lack Geoff Bennett Kevin McCormack	Trevor Powell Ken Hunt Edwin Brown Hamish Lack John Nelson Mark Dickerson	Membership & Public Image Committee
Stewards	Level 2 rules One per table <i>Or as advised</i>	Level 2 rules One per table <i>Or as advised</i>	Restaurant Staff	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

Opening Thought (Robert Pearson) *Someday everything will make perfect sense so for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason.*

Welfare – Stu told us Mort had made the BBQ on Sunday (now back to Auckland) so too did Colin Clark (who enjoyed himself) Jill Hanlen was as good as could be expected and that Don McKenzie was due to go into Royston for an operation soon. He had seen Bob Morrison and he was home from Hospital today.

Notices – Pres Jenny thanked those who attended the Taradale Quiz night and advised that our GM team (shown here) out of the dozens of teams, came fourth! This she attributed this to the superior quiz skills, of the NZ version of “The Governess” (from the TV quiz show “The Chase”) Helen Tattersall.



Jenny then paid tribute to Stu & Heather for hosting us at the BBQ on Sunday and to the trustee helpers Pete, Donna, Curly and others unknown.

Stu responded with advice that they still had: A navy tartan umbrella

A grey oval ovenware dish

An oblong yellow plate with grapes and peaches on it.

These items were on show at our meeting and still there at the end! Also – If anyone has a stray large serving spoon picked up in error. This has a piece of white tape on the handle. It belongs to Lorraine Standing.

The inclement weather was acknowledged and attributed to Father Frank not being with our club now.

Pres. Jenny concluded by asking the Committees at their upcoming meetings to consider a film evening fundraiser, the youth suicide project (ref. last week’s speaker) and our own committee projects.

The various Directors then gave directions as to how to find their meeting venue for the evening. As far as is known everyone got there!

Artex Director Bryan Matthews announced that the GST situation on the profit had now been worked out (with some difficulty) and we had a final profit of a little under \$50K.

Environmental Officer Garth Eyles thanked those for going to Dolbel Reserve and said that since we were so enthralled with his previous talk on the Holt Forest, he now wanted to tell us about the Waitangi Park and did this with accompanying photographs. There are, he said, various levels of fitness available for those who walk, run or ride. (Presumably you *can* also just go there and reminisce!)

Painting Auction: A donated piece of art from our “cancelled” Airport Project went up for bids and the expert eye of previous ArtEx Director Geoff Bennett, saw him quickly outbid all others & take the painting for a bargain \$350.

Three minute Speaker: Acting Chair Graeme advancing his committee’s cause, told us that **The Rotary Foundation** helps Rotarians to *advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty*. Simply explained this is “*Doing Good in the World.*” Around \$400 million was raised last year and he said the biggest portion of this (\$140M) went to polio (57% for vaccines and 30% for detecting and awareness.) He also spoke on the money being shared between global causes

and district ones and went on to speak about a shelter in Taradale Park, funeral gates, community BBQ, a wind-shelter and defibrillator on our Rotary Pathway, as examples of such.

Sergeant Brian Peplow used his educational skills to collect money from the painting winner, badge loser, crockery losers, Plunket babies, general schooling (or lack of) and pretty much everyone who never went to school in Russia.

Parting Thought: Bruce Martin, also on the Foundation theme, said that – “*The sustained well-being of people anywhere, is ultimately dependent on the well-being of people everywhere”*

Coming up in the Future



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

DID YOU KNOW?

If you know someone who would make a good Rotary member but can't attend your club meetings, you can refer them to another Rotary club through the **Member Center**.

Christmas Sharing Project

Alan White received strong feedback at this week's meeting that Committee's would prefer to just divide up their individual family shopping lists and deliver the items in one delivery on Wednesday 15 December.

Some have adopted this approach already. This is certainly the easy option and will be adopted going forward. If Directors need another copy of your list contact Alan

CHEYNE ESTATE BBQ

Was that really something or what?? A sort of annual club event, which seems to be the height of organisation. Stu, Heather, Pete, Donna, & Curly, perhaps the well known ones, but there are more unknown and behind the scenes, that we do not know about, baking, making sauce, parking cars, counting money. If there was one problem this year, it was a small shower that wet us a bit about the middle of the event. (We must get another priest to replace Father Frank who, I understand, has always protected us from weather events on previous Sunday gatherings.) Tractors and farm equipment were quickly removed from the sheds and we had shelter until the sun returned.

Wonderful to see so many present, including past member Graham Sawyer and Judy, plus Shirley Ford, Lorraine Standing, and LoA members Mort and Colin among us and enjoying themselves. There were to be photos appearing here today but our “Ace Photographer” was “poorly” and your scribe (who does seek to be a photo journalist) failed miserably on this occasion. He claims to have been distracted by so many people turning up for his 80th birthday and bringing their own drinks – that he forgot to us his camera!