



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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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>14 November – AGM & then the Thai Lotus visit 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 3 November 2021

A proud President Jenny welcomed club members, the Surf Life Saving Club and then the many sponsors (listed later in this bulletin) a grand total of around 64 and in a grand setting with round tables and black table cloths!



DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	November 17 th	November 24 th	December 1 st	December 8 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Elizabeth Wright Interplast (Partners welcome)	Annual General Meeting (dinner after at Thai Lotus)	Membership & Public Image FIRESIDES	TBA
Opening thought	Natalya Latysheva	Trevor Powell	Membership & Public Image Committee	Robert Pearson
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	Geoff Bibby	Ken Hunt		Kevin McCormack
Vote of Thanks	Steve Gillum			Les Mockford
Cashier	Wal Drayton	Edwin Brown		Stewart Skeet
Club Host & Closing Thought	Jinice Bautista-Lack	Hamish Lack		Lynne Gibson
Three Minute Speaker	Geoff Bennett	John Nelson		Brian Hall
Sergeant	Kevin McCormack	Mark Dickerson		John MacIntosh
Stewards	Level 2 rules One per table <i>Or as advised</i>	Restaurant Staff	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

In keeping with the general ambience, a beautiful buffet meal was served, fine wine was provided and we all dined very well indeed – in a mixture of members and guests spread at each table. (Our thanks to the caterers.) President Jenny returned to the rostrum and managed to gain our attention again. She advised that we were extremely grateful for the sponsors who had allowed us to do what we have for the HB Surf Life Saving Club – and other community causes.



Photo by scribe

She called ArtEx Director Bryan Matthews to the rostrum and he reported on making the project work this year – in the light of covid-19. *“Could we do it this year?”* we had asked. And we did – but just in time! After so many previous exhibitions, we reviewed the whole show, and *reinvented* it. New ideas came from members and further assistance from sponsors. He reported that with a recent welcome donation, we had made \$50,000! This would be used



on local projects by the Greenmeadows Rotary Club, as well as supporting the main recipient, the HB Surf Life Saving Club. Harcourts sponsor James Cooper spoke about the auction and Bryan finished with advice that 1000 hours of volunteer work had gone into the project by club members. Surf Life Saving members were called up and the “notional” cheque (actually representing a “direct bank credit”) was clutched for photographs by the club photographer. *(Brian Hall’s fine efforts are produced here.)*



President Jenny, Director Bryan and Surf Life Saving Members receive the cheque.



President Jenny with some of the key sponsors →



SLSNZ Central Region Manager formally thanked GM Rotary for the donation and said that he had enjoyed working for an organisation that makes a difference to the lives of New Zealanders. He said our money would be used locally and 3000 school kids will get their surf education through this and importantly, will get *“from devices to fresh air!”*

FUNDRAISING RECIPIENTS & SPONSORS GUESTS

Surf Life Saving

Charlie Cordwell, Central Region Manager SLSNZ
Helen Jackson, Club Development, Hawkes Bay
Natasha McLean, Waimarua
Richard Wilson, Ocean Beach
Debbie Moodie, Westshore
Harry Machiela, Pacific

Sponsors

Harcourts

Kaine & Jo Wilson
James & Annie Cooper

Media Works

Justine & one other

Electrotech

Richie & Helen Richards

Redshaw Homes

Michael & Kirsty Redshaw

Royston Hospital

Denise Primrose

EIT

Glen & Leanne Harkness

Stewart Group

Nick Stewart
Rory O'Neill

Conroy Removal

Fiona Conroy

MRD

Carrie Reaney

Print Solutions

Jude O'Connor

ANHK Photography

Andrew & Liz Caldwell

Firmans Marine

Brian & Tracy Firman

Planit Events

Becs Tacon
Pippa Layton

Linden Estate Winery

Pan Pac

Insure Hawkes Bay

Searle Travel

New World

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.

Walk-a-thon at Anderson Park, 28 November, 6:00 am to 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. Bring friends and family, seek sponsors and/or donate a koha.

Napier Rotary Monday 29 November **Professor Michael Baker** is guest speaker.

Our Christmas lunch, 12 December at the Mission Estate.

Havelock North Rotary, Annual Trailer & Kayak Raffle. Visit their website

- <https://rotaryhavelocknorth.org.nz/xmas-raffle-online/>

'Meet the Godwits' At present there are nearly 300 godwits at the Ahuriri Estuary - flown in directly from Alaska! If you would be interested in a walk to see them, meet at the back of the car park opposite the Westshore Beach Inn on Meeanee Quay at 2pm Sunday 28th November. Bring: binoculars, sunhat etc. guided by Lynne from Ahuriri RC.

Parting Thought/Reflection

Mandating vaccinations has caused a problem for some people. Think back fifty years and the then government "mandated" the wearing of seatbelts in cars. Did it work? In the ensuing years the road toll, up in the 700s dropped down to now in the 300s. But your scribe has a personal experience. Also around 50 years ago, driving at 100kph along SH1 around Otaki and Levin (where there was a quadruple fatality earlier this week) a motorist coming towards me crossed the centre line and hit me head on. My car was a complete "right-off". My only injury was a red welt across my chest – from the seatbelt! I sure was glad seatbelts were "mandated," for I can now write this reflection. It is difficult to assess every risky situation yourself and you often have to rely on the advice of experts!