



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 24 November – AGM & then the Thai Lotus visit 28 November – Walk-a-thon at Anderson Park 12 December – Christmas lunch at the Mission Estate Leave of Absences: Frank Heuser – to 17 Nov Barry Keating – to 31 Dec Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

Meeting 17 November 2021

In the absence of President Jenny, VP Helen welcomed members and as well Rotarians John Pickering and Peter Graham from Ahuriri Sunrise. (There seemed to be no speaker and this worried the scribe!)

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	November 24 th	December 1 st	December 8 th	December 15 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Annual General Meeting (dinner after at Thai Lotus)	Membership & Public Image FIRESIDES	TBA	Christmas Meeting
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Trevor Powell Ken Hunt Edwin Brown Hamish Lack John Nelson Mark Dickerson	Membership & Public Image Committee	Robert Pearson Kevin McCormack Les Mockford Stewart Skeet Lynne Gibson Brian Hall John MacIntosh	TBC
Stewards	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

Opening Thought – from our Russian member Natalya, who delivered in two other languages:
“Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa. Let us keep close together, not far apart.”

Welfare – Stuart Cheyne advised that Mort Nikolaison was continuing treatment and Carolyn Nikolaison was scheduled for eye surgery on the 25th. He indicated that there was no change with Colin Clarke, said Don McKenzie was home and recovering well, Wal Drayton was home and making slow progress and there was no change with Jill Hanlen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunrise Shirts – John and Peter spoke of their Sunrise cycling group who follow the DG's theme "Health & Wellbeing" and each week 12 – 15 members meet for a ride around the area. To identify themselves they developed a shirt with the "Cycos" name and the Rotary Wheel on. It has three back pockets (for keeping your smokes, wallet, drinks in) is good quality material, sells for \$108 and profit goes to the Rotary Foundation.



Alan White reminded members of the Rotary Christmas puddings that can be ordered through him for use yourself or as gifts for your family and friends. They are \$20 each and the last order will be made on November 22nd.

Walk-a-thon – Kelvin Winnie reminded us of the two sheets doing the rounds for us to enter the number of kms we were doing in our training (total so far 854km, enough to get us from North Cape to a golf club near Hunterville) and the other sheet for entering our chosen time to walk (or stagger) on the day.



Foundation – Graeme Muir announced that they had gained a District Grant of \$3100 for Camp Kaitawa. (This is a benefit from our earlier donations to the Foundation, half of which is used globally and half returned for use in district projects.)

Bob Morrison thanked all members for their messages and visits during his recent spell in hospital, making particular reference to Welfare Office Stu and his wife Heather.



We were reminded of the theatre evening next Tuesday evening and the Thai Lotus event on Wednesday.

Three Minutes Speaker – Geoff Bennett gave a real life account of "going overseas" in recent months, leaving "Fortress Cindy" and travelling to Calgary. He described the trials and tribulations of medical insurance, vaccinations, making it (somewhere) within 72 hours, MIQ (maybe three days in Vancouver and 11 in Calgary) and how good NZ was having booked in May for a September return. They had 14 fun filled days at Jet Park in Hamilton. Returning was good (as long as you don't catch covid) and after all that, he reckons he could go anywhere.

Sergeant Kevin McCormack – Gave us a "rundown" on taxes through the ages, beginning with 1% on sales in Roman times, the 1890 "levelling the playing field" on taxes in NZ and the current property market (I think). He thereupon fined everyone with a holiday home, a campervan, caravan, tent or sleeping bag and to make sure he got all, just fined people who owned a house and one member who was "moonlighting" as a "Napier Courier" delivery boy.

GUEST SPEAKER

Liz Wright, a member of the Te Awamutu Rotary Club and the District Interplast Chair for the past four years addressed us by Zoom. She described, with the aid of photographs, that the organisation was a partnership of Rotary and the Royal College of Surgeons in NZ and Australia. The surgeons travel (on invitation) to the Pacific, operate and train local staff as they do so. Some of the photographs were startling to say the least and members could see easily just how much this activity meant to the patients and their families. The "Before and After" photos were almost unbelievable. Currently, due to covid-19, much of the assistance is given by webinars. Finance comes 20% from Rotary, 18% from Australian Government and much from big corporations and individuals.



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The Constitution designates Rotary members of the Company, the Board of Directors and the Rotarian Committee of 9 Past District Governors.

Steve Gillum - Thanked the speaker, commenting on his amazement at the complexity of the activities (a thought shared by us all) and of a personal experience.

Parting Thought – from Stew Skeet (on behalf of Jinice) ***“He was old enough to remember that “log in” meant throwing some wood on the fire.”***

Coming up

Trade Me Fundraiser - The Paella voucher (meal for 20 cooked at your own house - value \$530) is on Trade Me (Home & Living. Auction closes on Tuesday the 23rd at 4.45pm. Don't miss out, bid in now!

Club AGM next Wednesday, Various documents on this were emailed to you by the Sec. on 14 Nov.

Give Every Child a Future Raffle. Keep selling the tickets. Gill - 021 148 5821

Walk-a-thon at Anderson Park, Keep training

Our Christmas lunch, 12 December at the Mission Estate. Watch your diet.

'Meet the Godwits' - Meeanee Quay at 2pm Sunday 28th November.