



# MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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<b>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</b> <b>President</b> Jenny Robertson <b>Secretary</b> Ken Hunt <b>Treasurer</b> Graeme Ryan  <b>DIRECTORS</b> <b>Club Admin</b> Helen Tattersall <b>Members &amp; PI</b> Kelvin Winnie <b>Service</b> Denise Brown <b>Youth</b> Gail Kelly <b>Foundation</b> Graeme Muir <b>Artex</b> Bryan Matthews	<b>MEETINGS</b>  <b>Weekly:</b> Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm <b>Firesides:</b> First Wednesday of month <b>Directors:</b> Second Wednesday of Month <b>Apologies to:</b> <a href="mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com">GR.apologies@gmail.com</a> (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>  20 December Maraenui Cleanup 12 January – Dolbel BBQ  <b>Leave of Absences:</b> Barry Keating – to 31 Dec Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Don McKenzie – to 31 Dec Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing Natalya Latyshuva - Ongoing

## Meeting 8 December 2021

*Opening Thought: Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.*

*Benjamin Franklin*

## DUTY ROSTER (\* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	January 19 <sup>th</sup>	January 26 <sup>th</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Christmas Meeting</b> (Partners are very welcome)	Dolbel Reserve	Brook and Sandy Ibbottson	TBA
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	-	Help yourselves	TBC	TBC
Stewards				

**NB IF you are unable to perform your duty YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Jenny of the change**



### COVID-19 Protection Framework: Traffic Light **Orange**

No attendance limits for people who show a My Vaccine Pass. Ken will scan digital passes and there will be a register for those with a printed pass.

***No pass means no admittance.***

**Welfare** – Alison Bennett had a bike accident but her broken bones are now on the mend. Mort is okay although tired. Visitors to see Colin Clark now must make an appointment because of the new COVID-19 management regime. Don McKenzie is back on track after some remedial surgery. Jill Hanlen is much the same.



**Don and Dinah Harvey** gave a short presentation on how the Mathematics resources came to end up in Niue Islands only school. Dinah has a 46 year history in teaching, 26 years of which were teaching teachers to teach maths. The opportunity arose to donate a collection of maths resources and Niue was chosen because there was a need but also so that the collection didn't end up dispersed across multiple schools (and therefore be less useful). Don and Dinah were very grateful for the assistance provided by Greenmeadows Rotary in getting the resources packed up and despatched.

**President Jenny** thanked Barman Peter and Caterer Gillian and her team for a job well done during 2021.



Jenny also reminded members about the Maraenui Clean Up on December 20<sup>th</sup> (see instructions on the last page of this bulletin).

**Secret Santa** happens at next week's Fish n Chip evening. Please bring a wrapped gift (not more than \$10). If your partner is attending, don't forget to include an additional wrapped gift.



**Youth Director Gail** asked members to keep Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup> free for the EIT Careers day when we provide a BBQ for the year 7 and 8 primary school students.

**Carol** advised those attending RYPEN (8 – 10 April) that Police vetting is required. January is the latest this can be done for the vetting process to complete in time. Members need to provide a copy of their drivers licence and passport and Carol needs an indication of who will be attending RYPEN.

**Brian Hall on Camp Kaitawa.** 2½ hours drive north of Napier, inland from Wairoa is the former school now known as Camp Kaitawa. The camp is used by school groups, families and other groups such as shooting and fishing clubs. Along with boys' and girls' dormitories and a common/dining room/kitchen there is a confidence course, tennis court and grassed playing field with fire pits. Both Taradale and Greenmeadows Rotary clubs have a long association with the camp and 2 – 7 January 2022 is the next scheduled 'working bee' comprising a little work in the mornings and walks, fishing (for those inclined), reading, sleeping, jigsaws or just relaxing in the afternoons. Please give serious thought to joining in what is both a very good cause and a lot of fun!

**Give Every Child a Future raffle.** First prize (Frankly Wine tour) to Ken Hunt, second prize (\$200 Hamper) to Alan White and third prize (\$100 Bouquet) to Peter Chatterton. Grateful thanks to sponsors Frankly Tours, Vetro Napier and Madisons respectively. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS.

**Guest speaker – Lynne Anderson** (Ahuriri Rotary Club and chair of the Hawkes Bay Environmental Committee) gave an informative presentation on all matters environmental both locally and internationally. Protecting the Environment is Rotary International's 7<sup>th</sup> area of focus.



RI's Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action

Group (ESRAG) was set up in Sao Paulo in 2015 to become the voice of Rotary on the environment. It currently has members in 75 countries and in 12 Regional Global Chapters. Oceania comprises Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands and totals 1380 Rotary clubs and over 42,000 Rotarians.



ESRAG has six areas of focus; Biodiversity, Circular economy, Climate, Food Security, Pollution and Sustainable Living. Its website showcases 74 projects across the Oceania region.

The United Nations has sounded a 'Code Red' for humanity through its warning about irreversible climate impact. The world is dangerously close to runaway warming and humans are 'unequivocally' to blame. 'The alarm bells are deafening'. Drawing on more than 14,000 scientific studies, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change August 2021 report gives the most comprehensive and detailed picture yet of how climate change is altering the natural world – and what could still be ahead.

District 9930's Health and Wellbeing theme for the current Rotary year recognises that:

- Our Health and Wellbeing depends on the Health and Wellbeing of the planet
- Our Physical Health depends on the air that we breath, the water we drink, the food we eat
- Our Mental Health depends on living in a clean and healthy environment

Lynne's presentation provided compelling reasons why we all need to do our bit. In the words of Greta Thunberg, "It is never too late to do the best we can"

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## Maraenui Clean Up 20<sup>th</sup> December

The organisers are expecting no more than three trailers to be at EIT Learning Centre, 18-20 Bledisloe Road, Maraenui (in the shopping centre)

People who want rubbish picked up will be told:

- Must be home for the pickup
- Must have items ready **outside** for easy access (helpers should not be entering homes)
- All dogs to be safely tied up
- Any large items e.g. whiteware to be specified

Rubbish is to be taken to Bestall Street (not the one way system in place). Māori wardens will help unload.

There will be two piles of rubbish; one for compacting and the other for metal.

