



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

No. 2022-23		18/12/2021
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 20 December Maraenui Cleanup 12 January – Dolbel BBQ Leave of Absences: Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing Natalya Latyshuva - Ongoing

Meeting 15 December 2021

President Jenny welcomed members and partners and expressed thanks to the Club Administration committee for organising the evening to come.

DUTY ROSTER (denotes change from previous roster)*

Date	January 12th	January 19th	January 26th	February 2nd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Dolbel Reserve	Brook and Sandy Ibbottson	TBA	Firesides
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Help yourselves	TBC	TBC	Club Administration Committee
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 is slowly improving. Mort has joined his family in Taupo. Don McKenzie is feeling great and can put weight on his foot to the point where he can ‘sort of walk’. Jill Hanlen is much the same.

Notices – President Jenny thanked the club ‘elves’ who set up the hall every week. Some of the club’s unsung heroes.

Jenny also reported (on behalf of Denise Brown and Alan White) on an overwhelming outcome for the grocery hampers and gifts being donated to the five needy families via the Salvation army. (See the item later in the bulletin)

Trailers are needed for the Maraenui Clean Up on Monday 20th December. (Details on the last page).

President Jenny also reflected on the impact COVID restrictions placed on our fundraising efforts with the Directors agreeing that End Polio Now, Emergency Kits and RYLA were all going to have to be forfeited. However:

- Reducing the Plate Debate prize by \$1,250 enabled a donation to End Polio Now
- Science School didn’t go ahead but we will use that money for RYLA (for which we already have an applicant)
- Art Deco weekend may mean we can donate to the Emergency Kits or Shelter Boxes
- A \$3,250 Rotary Foundation grant will be matched to use in the Camp Kaitawa renovations
- With the help of all club members – through the Walk-a-thon, Megan Harris, auctions, raffles, Mark Dickerson – we can make a sizeable donation toward vaccinations for children and young women across the South Pacific

Club Raffle – Congratulations to Vicky Dickerson (Wardini Book voucher), Judy McKelvie and Bob Morrison (MÈCHE Hair voucher each). Raised \$285 for Give Every Child a Future. Please support our sponsors.

2022/23 Management Team – President-elect Helen announced her team for next Rotary year:

Club Administration Kelvin Winnie

Service Projects Steve Gillum

Rotary Foundation Lynne Gibson

ARTEX to be advised

Membership & Public Image John McIntosh

Youth still under negotiation

Ken Hunt, Graeme Ryan, Alan White, Ian Holyoake and Doug Neilson will carry over their Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Coordinator and Bulletin Editor duties.





Secret Santa – Helen Tattersall ably confused the assembly with her (pass to the left when I say “left”, pass to the right when I say “right”) Christmas story but, in the end, everyone ended up with a gift (and many with a laugh – sometimes at another’s expense).

Ian Holyoake wrapped up the meeting with a short story in place of a parting thought. (Given this bulletin is circulated wider than just club members, names have been anonymised to protect the innocent)

An old woman was sipping on a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband and she says “I love you so much, I don’t know how I could ever live without you” . . . Her husband says “Is that you or the wine talking?” . . . She replies “It’s me , , , talking to the wine”



Donation for the five needy families referred to Greenmeadows Rotary by the Salvation Army

President Jenny, Denise Brown and Alan White made the presentation of groceries and gifts for the five needy families to the Salvation Army. In addition to 17 hampers were six Christmas bags of personal gifts for each individual in the families. Also donated by the club were a family pass voucher to the Ocean Spa and nine KMart vouchers totalling \$345.



Maraenui Clean Up 20th December

The organisers need helpers (and 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 (note 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.

