



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 Art Deco – Feb Kelvins GECF Run - Feb Membership – March RYPEN - April EIT – Soon Dist.Conference - May Leave of Absence: Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing Natalya Latysheva – Ongoing Ian Holyoake – to April, maybe!

Meeting 26 January 2022

President Jenny welcomed about 35 members and our guest speakers Janene Dixon and Craig Waterhouse, representing the Pettigrew Centre.



DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	February 2nd	February 9 th	February 16 th	February 23 rd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Waitangi Park Garth Eyles (But normal meal)	Ian Wilmot Rescue Helicopter	Steph Rotorangi CEO Napier City Council
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Club Administration Committee	Doug Neilson Les Mockford Bob Brady	Gail Kelly Peter Thompson John McIntosh Brian Peplow Stewart Skeet John Nelson Steve Gillum	Robert Pearson Mark Dickerson Bryan Matthews Curly Carpenter Stewart Cheyne Hayley Gibson Geoff Bennett
Stewards	One from each table then these two to vacuum afterwards Fred Staples Wal Drayton	Same again Barry Keating Graeme Muir	Same again Lynne Gibson Brian Anstis	Same again Gill Scarlett Neil Smith

Yes I've changed the colour - to get your attention! Some people (not you, some others) are not reading this notice and President Jenny is suddenly finding herself without a duty member and sometimes this is very embarrassing!! IF you are unable to perform your duty YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Jenny of the change. It's not too hard and is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting.

Opening Thought:

"Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you happiness and bad days give you experience."

Welfare – Stuart reported that Mort had been to hospital last week, was now home but was not good; Colin Clark was home and okay, and Curly Carpenter had surgery last week and is also now home & okay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth Director Gail Kelly advised that the EIT Career's Day was off due to covid vaccinations and the 100 number limit.

Les Mockford reporting for Art Deco said that activity may be reduced due to covid but help was still needed so please indicate your time on the notice sheet going around. *(Later advice direct from Director Denise indicates that there may only be two days and thus major changes to the schedule. Further advice to come on this – so keep watching....)*

Penny Park (at Pres. Jenny's request) provided advice on "Mask wearing." Penny (wearing her mask) said these were "mandatory" from next week – except when at the table eating. If you leave the table, you must "mask up." (Some discussion followed.)

Service Director Denise Brown said that some street collections were cancelled and thus no income for the particular charity. She said perhaps we could all just put in \$5 each and make up the loss.

Membership Director Kelvin reminded us of the 9th of March meeting being a "Membership" evening so if you haven't done so already remember, **"Each One Bring One."**

Kelvin went on to advise that his proposed 102 Km (double marathon) scheduled for Rotorua on 12 February has now been cancelled! However unless you had a "flexi" donation, you do not get your money back. He acknowledged that \$2000 had been pledged and he would run the distance somewhere, somehow, sometime and claim it for the GECF centennial project.

Three Minute Speaker:

Garth Eyles [standing in](#) for this role tried to assist the previous speaker by saying it would be about 102 kms return if you ran to Mohi Bush. With the aid of slides he gave us an elongated description on how to get there *(or maybe use GPS)* and said you could stop at Red Bridge Coffee. He told us that someone was taking the willows away and that there were toilets now at the Maraetotora Reserve. There are some falls somewhere, lots of them and a power station and if you take the wrong turn you could finish up in Waimarama – or somewhere else!

Sergeant Bob Brady (appeared to be also [standing in](#)) gave Graeme Ryan the meat voucher as he had ticket No. 55 and then pursued the DGs "fitness regime" by fining all for travelling and being physical or not, at which point Denise Brown ([standing in](#) for someone) introduced the speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER

Craig Waterhouse (Trust Chairman) told us about the Pettigrew Green Arena, commencing 20 years ago with support from Russell Pettigrew, Rodney Green, EIT and the Councils was now expanding (assisted by Lotto, Eastern & Central Trust & Royston). They are going from three to nine basketball courts with a new building being built on the carpark behind the existing building. Speaking of the growth of indoor sports in recent years it became clear that we do not have enough indoor courts. This construction will assist that and provide capacity for not just basketball but also Volley Ball, Futsal and Netball and be the biggest investment ever in the youth of Hawkes Bay. Some 20,000 youth from Napier and Hastings (13% of the population). A slide selection showed us the development & the necessary reorganisation of the parking.

The Vote of Thanks came from Lynne Gibson (having previously [advised of a change](#)) who recognised the passion of Craig and Janene and wished them well. (They need another two million!)

President Jenny advised that the daily news report that Geoff Bibby was 100 years old, referred not to our Geoff, but rather his uncle!

Closing Thought from Brian Peplow ([another stand-in](#)) who said that "Age is a privilege" and having spent the past six years in a Retirement Village, he felt proud recently when someone knocking on his door turned out to be a pupil he had taught at school. *(Do they come back to haunt us?)*

Rotary Reminders & Other Stuff

GM Bulletin Distribution

A couple of members reported last week that they did not receive the weekly bulletin. Such non-receipt puts members at a disadvantage, not the least of which is not knowing of an upcoming duty. We need a system to overcome this. We usually publish by Saturday each week so I am thinking that if you don't receive the bulletin by Sunday, send an email to one of the scribes Ian or Doug, and we will send an individual copy to you. Sometime messages that are "multi-addressed" do not get accepted or disappear out there into the ether somewhere.

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GM Duty Roster

Referred to earlier are references to members fulfilling their duty on the roster. Please do your very best with this. Judy McKelvie goes to great pains to spread the duty around all eligible members and the expectation is that if you cannot perform the task, you arrange a substitute. While this may be a pain to some, there is no other effective way of handling the situation. Can you imagine being the president, calling the rostered member, and they are not there. There were several last week, some replaced and some not. Not all presidents will perhaps be able to think as fast as President Jenny and find a solution. So come on team, let's all help each other first - and then we can help rest of the world!

That's all folks, Doug will be back for the next month and order will be restored.....

RI President Elect Jennifer Jones's Theme for 2022/23



IMAGINE ROTARY

Next Rotary year is little way off yet but the theme has been chosen (shown above). RI President-elect Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.

IRISH ROTARY

"I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church.

"Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses.

"On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

"When the priest came in, I said to him, 'Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be.'"

He replied, "Patrick, you moron, you're on my side."