



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 RYPEN - April Dist.Conference - May Leave of Absence*: Edwin Brown – to 27 Apr Ian Holyoake – to 13 Apr Barry Keating – to 15 Jun John Mackintosh – to 15 Jun Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing Dennis Thetford – to 1 Jun

* Plus those members who have decided not to attend under the current COVID settings

Meeting 9 February 2022

President Jenny opened a meeting of 31 members and one guest – Judith Johnson – shortened to allow time for members to tour Waitangi Park.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	February 16 th	February 23 rd	March 2 nd	March 9 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Ian Wilmot Rescue Helicopter	Steph Rotorangi CEO Napier City Council	Firesides (Artex C'tee)	TBA
Opening thought	Gail Kelly	Robert Pearson		
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	Peter Thompson	Mark Dickerson		
Vote of Thanks	Bruce Martin*	Bryan Matthews		
Cashier	Brian Peplow	Curly Carpenter	Judy McKelvie	TBA
Club Host & Closing Thought	Bob Brady*	Stewart Cheyne		
Three Minute Speaker	John Nelson	Hayley Gibson		
Sergeant	Steve Gillum	Geoff Bennett		
Stewards	One from each table then the following two to vacuum afterwards			
	Lynne Gibson Brian Anstis	Gill Scarlett Neil Smith	TBA	TBA

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.

Welfare – Stuart reported that Mort has been selected to try a new medication next week, Colin Clark's health is unchanged, Jill Hanlen and Curly Carpenter are doing well and Peter Brown's eye surgery was successful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Art Deco Weekend. President Jenny advised that the club is now asked to fill 20 slots – a list was circulated and filled (thanks to all who put their names forward).

Camping/Caravanning/Campervan Extravaganza – 4 – 6 March at Hastings with a visitors' invited to join the campers from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm on Saturday 5th. If you didn't get a chance to put your name on the list that was circulated, please let Jenny know as soon as possible. (See the brochure at the end of this bulletin)

Resignation. President Jenny advised that Penny Park had resigned from the club with immediate effect. This was the result of a re-evaluation of where she was at personally and was not COVID related. Penny has been an exemplary member over many years and will be sadly missed.

Kelvin Winnie will be pounding the roads around Napier and Hastings about the same time that you'll get this bulletin. He was planning to leave around 3am from Anderson Pk and will run the Rotary trails to Bay View, Bay View to Clive, Clive to Red Bridge Coffee past Craggy Range on the Waimarama Rd. He'll then turn around and run the other side of the Tuki Tuki back to Clive then Clive to the PGA Arena and back to Anderson Pk. If you were out cycling or walking, hope you were able to accompany him for some of his run. Payment of pledges can be made next week.

COVID impacts on attendance. President Jenny noted that several members had decided not to attend meetings while COVID settings were at Traffic Light Red. Our caterer is being very reasonable and is willing to carry on even though numbers have dropped to around 30 each night. A poll on how those present felt about the current situation resulted in a majority in favour of continuing to attend in person although some were concerned about the potential risk to an immunocompromised family member or of unintentionally bringing COVID into a meeting. A suggestion was made that those who didn't make it in person might still be able to participate via Zoom and this option will be explored further.

Guest Tour Guide around Waitangi Regional Park – Garth Eyles

With thanks to Les for the group photo and to Mary-Ann and Ken for the text



A group of twenty three, including partners, pulled into the car park on a quiet and windless evening. Split into two groups with the smaller group taking a short walk through the front plantings to the east and back to the celestial compass (Ātea a Rangi Star Compass).

The majority were in the second group headed west. Under the road and rail bridges, through the long grass and up onto the stop bank to see the 7ha Horseshoe Wetland constructed in 2002. At the frequent stops Garth explained how the wetland was developed with a multiagency approach and a huge input by volunteers. The many species of birds and plants were identified, or misidentified, and the many questions expertly answered. Plenty of swans, Canadian geese and native plants. Further around the semi-circular stop bank was the recently completed 18ha Waikahu Wetland with its complement of birds, including spoonbills. Back under the rail and road



Back under the rail and road



bridges to the front area closest to the fertiliser works, past the recent plantings and along the coastal margin to the celestial compass - the Māori traditional navigation training site.

Once both groups had joined up at the celestial compass Garth gave a wrap up.



Members were impressed by the amount of work involved, particularly the plantings. A lovely way to finish off a Rotary meeting with thanks to Garth and Alan for organising it!

Taradale & Greenmeadows Rotary Club **Camping, Caravanning, Campervan Extravaganza;**



When; From 5pm Friday 4th – 10.00a.m Sunday 6th March, 2022

Where; 1241 Matapiro Road, Crownthorpe, Hastings

What to bring; Caravan, motorhome, tent, sleeping needs, food, drinks, and mosquito repellent!

What will be provided; flat site surrounded by trees, long drop toilets, running water, use of barbecue, zip wire (!), croquet, badminton, Ngaruroro River for walking/fishing/swimming

The plan; To enjoy, relax, and be adventurous with fellow Rotarians, their partners and friends.

Saturday 5th – 11.30 – 3.30pm. **All Rotarians,** partners and friends are invited to come for a drive in the country, bring their own picnic lunch, and join the campers.

Any questions, please contact Claire, 027-5777 174

RSVP by 2 March to; Claire.connor@xtra.co.nz

You will be on Private Farm Property; hence entry is by arrangement only. Dogs are permitted but must be on leads at all times. You will be required to QR code in upon arrival, bring your My Vaccination Pass with you and follow all Covid-19 related Government guidelines.
