



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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<p>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</p> <p>President Jenny Robertson Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan</p> <p>DIRECTORS</p> <p>Club Admin Helen Tattersall Members & PI Kelvin Winnie Service Denise Brown Youth Gail Kelly Foundation Graeme Muir Artex Bryan Matthews</p>	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm</p> <p>Firesides: First Wednesday of month</p> <p>Directors: Second Wednesday of Month</p> <p>Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>District Conference - May</p> <p>Leave of Absence*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Heuser – to 30 Mar • Neil Smith – to 20 Apr • Edwin Brown – to 27 Apr • Hamish Lack, Jinice Bautista-Lack, John Hanlen – to 1 Jun • Alan White, Barry Keating, Dennis Thetford, John Mackintosh – to 29 Jun • Ian McKelvie, Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

* Plus those members who have decided not to attend under the current COVID settings but have the option to attend via Zoom by emailing Doug Neilson no later than Tuesday prior.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	March 16 th	March 23 rd	March 30 rd	April 6 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Lynne Gibson Hearing Educator HB <i>"Can you hear me?"</i>	Santiago De Marco Hohepa update and vision	TBA	TBA
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Hayley Gibson Gill Scarlett Robert Pearson Les Mockford <i>(NB Indicative only may change due to Zoom Meeting)</i>	Under review	Under review	Under review
Stewards	<i>Not needed at this "Zoom" time</i>			

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.

Meeting 9th March 2022

President Jenny welcomed about 30 members and the Guest Speaker.

The **Opening Thought** from Ian Holyoake

As Rotarians we deal with projects and problems to do good in the world. Sometimes though these become complex and difficult to handle, i.e. you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel. But as Rotarians we know that when this happens, we can just stride down the tunnel and light it ourselves!

Welfare Matters – Stuart Cheyne told us that Mort had been seen on Sunday and seemed “pretty well” as was Colin Clark (though in lockdown again) Jill is okay, Don McK needs further surgery and Ken Hunt was being nursed by Carol.

Notices:

President Elect Helen spoke with enthusiasm about her recent weekend attending Club President’s training which she described as inspiring, said she learned a lot and concluded with “*Watch this space!*”

Club Service Projects Director Denise

Showed us a *certificate of appreciation* she had received from Maraenui after our assistance with the recent clean-up project. She went on to mention the lack of money from cancelled “street collections” where we would assist and could we replace that somehow – maybe the weekly fines?? She particularly mentioned Red Cross and said further details will follow (read elsewhere in this bulletin).

PP Peter Thompson asked for volunteers to help set up the tables each Wednesday – from 4.30pm (and it takes 30 minutes). He could not explain how the volunteers filled in the other 30 minutes before fellowship began at 5.30pm! (If you agree to assist you will undoubtedly find out though.)

President Jenny advised a Project Manager had been appointed to “shadow” Bryan Matthews with the Artex Project. This was Steve Gillum. There was comment that he would be “Tonto” assisting the Lone Ranger – rather like his father, a previous member of our club.

Jenny also spoke on the recent Caravan weekend organised by Taradale Rotary out at Crownthorpe. She said we had two vans there, Taradale had six and a larger number of Rotarians attended for the picnic on Saturday. (Photos latter in this bulletin give some indication of this wonderful event.)

She also spoke of the District AGM having to be by Zoom, that the DG was ill with Covid (now recovered) and that the District Conference was in doubt (since cancelled).

Environmental Officer Garth Eyles gave what has become a sort of “monthly report” on nature stuff that he is passionate about. This time he told us (with photos) of White Pine Bush. He took us back through time as to how we/it got there. Developments now include a toilet, wheelchair access and a beautiful walk which is easy (according to him)!

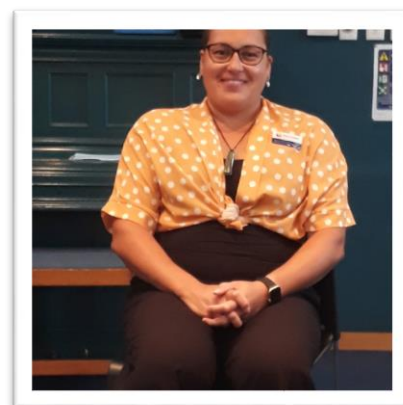
Club Directors – had no reports except for Bryan who said that Artex would be postponed to October.

3 Minute Speaker

Graeme Muir – in his third week of retirement, reminisced on his working life which began with “Bob a Job” week as a ten year old, gravitated to “accounting” (in Wellington and HB) had time with Duckworths, Apple & Pear Marketing Board, plus a few others and totalling seven different jobs in 43 years and now happy with the Waikawa Trust.

Sergeant Brian drew Raffle number 46 and PE Helen won the voucher. He then dealt with miscreants depending on the colour of their car. Black, Red (Labour) Green (not many) Grey (hard to see) White (got many here), Silver, and had to be reminded of [National Party Blue](#) to catch all the others members.

Guest Speaker Blanche Paewhi-Ashcroft of “*Parent to Parent*”. Born in Dannevirke into the Paewai family, now living in Otane and covering a regional area from Wairoa to Dannevirke. She has worked with this *Not For Profit Organisation* for nearly three years, they support families with children with disabilities. They were able to assist with understanding the diagnosis and with what to expect. They hold workshops and seminars to assist both parents and the siblings, as well as running family events and coffee groups. Finance for them comes from CoGs, MSD, Health and - they find it! At the conclusion club member Carol Charman advised that she had helped to found the organisation many years ago!! This was a very thought provoking address.



Parting Thought.

Bob Morrison reminisced (as we all have) on the situation in Ukraine and felt that the people there merited our thoughts and support. His poignant words were hard to record and your scribe later conferred with the mathematical genius of a teacher, and got the following.

World War I Date 28/7/1914 $28+7+19+14 = 68$

World War II Date 1/9/1939 $1+9+19+39 = 68$

Invasion Ukraine 24/2/2022 $24+2+20+22 = 68$

Our thoughts must surely be with these people!

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Garth Eyles provided two more items:

- What environmental projects has the club been involved in. Tell him of any missing ones.
- Red Cross (mentioned by Denise) – ways of helping them.

Online donations can be made through www.redcross.org.nz

100% of funds contributed to our disaster related appeals such as Tonga go to that appeal.

All admin costs are covered by NZRC itself and we need to replenish our supplies of disaster goods we shipped to Tonga (and the rest of the Pacific through our pacific wide programmes). So any help is very much appreciated.

See the attachments for full details

President Jenny also provides two items:

- We will meet by zoom in the coming weeks
- District Conference cancelled

See her separate email direct to members (NB Duty roster will modify to suit.)

ROTARY CARAVAN WEEKEND AT CROWNTHORPE



A combined Taradale and Greenmeadows Rotary Caravan & RV weekend at Crownthorpe.



**Angels
soared
where
brave
men
feared
to tread**



**One guest celebrated her 80th birthday
- 12 months after it happened!**

Here is where the brave men trod – with hoops and mallets!

DON'T FORGET NEXT WEDNESDAY'S MEETING – BY ZOOM. THE LINK WILL COME FROM PRES. JENNY