



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 – MayCancelled</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 23 rd	March 30 rd	April 6 th	April 13 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Curly Carpenter Denise Brown Kelvin Winnie	Gail Kelly Bryan Matthews TBA	Under review	<i>(NB Indicative only may change due to Zoom Meeting)</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 16th March 2022

President Jenny, presiding at our first Zoom Meeting of the current “sort of lockdown,” and amid mixed reception and visual contact, welcomed around 21 members to our meeting. Blank spaces turned into video pictures and audio contact was eventually successful.

The **Opening Thought** from Hayley Gibson who recognised the forthcoming St Patricks Day with:
“Our best friend is like a four leaf clover. Hard to find and lucky to have!”

Welfare Matters – Stuart reports that everyone ailing was pretty much the same as last week!

Notices:

Youth Director Gail said she needed to write up a report for District about the Niue project. She would welcome any words and photos from others?

Foundation Director Graeme Muir said a District Grant application had been made for Camp Kaitawa.

ArtEx Director Bryan said we had a new sponsor for that project. Looks good but we are awaiting the signing of a contract. Other things are happening to!

Treasurer Graeme Ryan advised that he was processing tax donation receipts for those who had contributed through our Charity Account. You will have them soon.

3 Minute Speaker

Gill Scarlett told of a recent bank visit; her first in five years. Much has changed – especially the waiting time. No appointments can be made – you just wait. And she did. For 20 minutes. All four Tellers were engaged. She learned a lot though, (through overheard phone calls and the like) for instance – something about RSE workers not getting money, doing the laundry, defrosting the chicken and picking up goods on the way home. And through all this she could see another four bank staff chatting to each other while they had their cup of coffee. Finally reaching a free Teller, Gill managed to get a “package” of stuff to take home to read before going back for a real meeting! She is looking forward to that. Watch this space.

Programme Coordinator Alan White raised the question of *actually having* speakers at Zoom meetings and several thoughts were advanced. General consensus was to keep our “booked speakers” for presenting at our regular meetings when they resumed. Alternative options are being investigated.

Covid-10 Coordinator Chris McKenna offered some thoughts on the pandemic, reiterating that triple vax was good and a 4th was being looked at. Keep clean, keep your mask and stay safe.

Parting Thought – from Bob Brady, two pronged:-

First - *How things change - "Positive anything is better than negative nothing" is superseded by - no-one wants a positive result anymore!!*

And the lasting thought is: *Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it.*

ROTARIANS AUTUMN GARDEN

For the garden of your daily living –

Plant three rows of peas

Peace of Mind, Peace of Heart, Peace of Soul

Plant four rows of Squash

Squash gossip, squash indifference, squash grumbling, squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce

Lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be patient, lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without turnips

Turnip for meetings, turnip for service, turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme

Thyme for each other, thyme for family, thyme for friends

Water frequently with patience and cultivate with Love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow. Pass this on!



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[Some thoughts on Ukraine. Click this link.](#)

DON'T FORGET NEXT WEDNESDAY – BY ZOOM. Click on the link from Pres. Jenny (Get a kid to help you!)