



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	April 6th	April 13 th	April 20 th	April 27 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	Brian Hall Graeme Muir Lynne Gibson	Garth Eyles Helen Tattersall Stuart Cheyne	(NB Details will be provided when Zoom or Live meeting is decided.)	

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, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting.

Meeting 30th March 2022

President Jenny, welcomed some 22 screens and the 26 members (eventually) contained therein.

The **Opening Thought(s)** from Judy Mck. A double whammy "Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of the open highway" (Anon) and then from Dr Seuss – "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go."

Welfare Matters – Stuart reported that Don McKenzie was progressing well in hospital after surgery last Monday; Ken Hunt was awaiting transfer to Wellington for a further stent; Mort was having a few hiccups but hoping for progress; and Jill Hanlen had a very good report and need not see her oncologist for three months!

Covid-19 Coordinator Chris McKenna followed with an update on covid and speculated that the peak in HB was coming and perhaps we could move to live meetings soon. There was considerable discussion and a conclusion that we remain with Zoom for another week and Directors will advise their committees of any Fireside alternatives for next week.

Notices:

ArtEx Director Bryan confirmed that we **can** now revert back to June for the exhibition – Matariki, 21-26 June (with Pres. Jenny advising then, that she would alter the Club Changeover date of 26 June.)

Pres. Jenny reminded of the Downtown Abbey film previously advertised. Eight members were attending. Advise her if you also wish to go.

She also said another camping weekend was coming up at Crownthorpe – and she has now sent out a further email on this.

Service Projects Director Denise advised that the EIT Awards programme *was now* supported and Jenny said she would seek more advice on this.

Foundation Director Graeme Muir said Polio Week was coming up in April and he will arrange some coverage on this.

Membership & PI Director Kelvin advised that he was awaiting further information on the drivers to deliver meals to people who were isolated. Contact him if you can assist.

3 Minute Speaker

Barry Keating related an account of his life from when he was first born (details were a little vague about that) and that he did not meet his father until he was five! This was due to his Dad being away fighting in WWII – against Rommel in Africa and then Europe. Once in action his tank took a hit, he escaped but was taken prisoner by the Germans. Removed on a ship that was bombed – Dad survived, escaped again, was recaptured and placed in a labour camp, and eventually liberated by the Russian troops about May 1945. He became sick, was hospitalised, made it home for Christmas and, to his complete astonishment, Barry had a new little sister to play with exactly nine months later!

Programme for the evening

Membership Director Kelvin introduced a 10 minute video obtained from the RI website which described creative ways from around the world by clubs for increasing their membership. This week Techno Officer Bob Brady made the video work properly on our zoom screens and I suspect we all learned something. If you were not at the meeting but wish to see it, click on the link below and when open, on page one select the second item shown called “**Expanding our Reach.**”

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6968893?page=1>



“The Greenmeadows Rotarians as they appeared on Zoom at their meeting of Wednesday 30 March. It’s getting popular!”

Parting Thought – Bryan Matthews quoting Groucho Marx “Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.” (Sounds familiar...)

FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

MORE Weird and Fantastic Things to do with Age

Old age is coming at a really bad time.
When I was a child I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation

The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't have to write that down, I'll remember it".

I don't have grey hair... I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

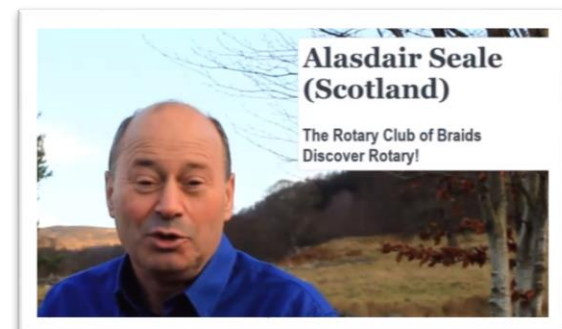
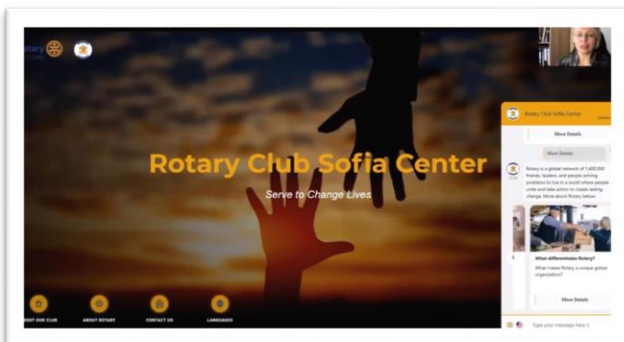
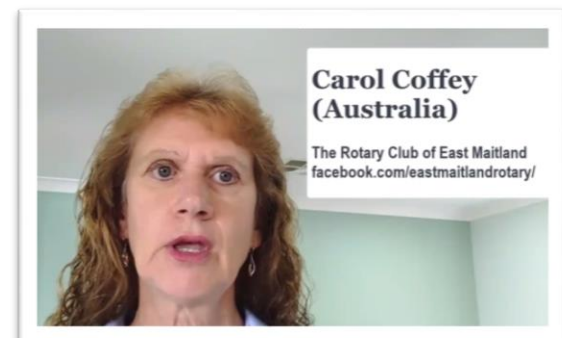
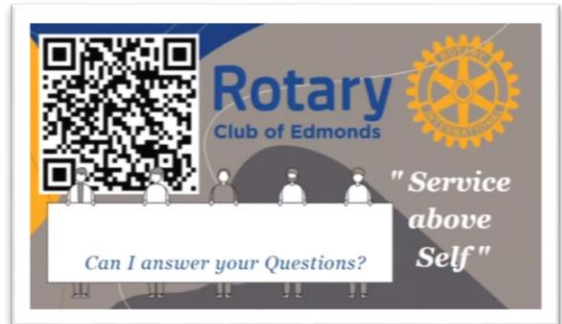
Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Now, I'm wondering... did I send this to you, or did you send it to me?

Some screen shots from the video referred to above on "Expanding Our Reach" – creative ideas from around the world.



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