



# MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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No. 2022-36				6 April 2022	
<b>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</b>		<b>MEETINGS</b>		<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	
<b>President</b>	Jenny Robertson	<b>Weekly:</b>	Taradale Town Hall		
<b>Secretary</b>	Ken Hunt		Wednesday 6.00pm		
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graeme Ryan		Fellowship 5.30pm		
<b>DIRECTORS</b>		<b>Firesides:</b>	First Wednesday of month		
<b>Club Admin</b>	Helen Tattersall	<b>Directors:</b>	Second Wednesday of Month		
<b>Members &amp; PI</b>	Kelvin Winnie	<b>Apologies to:</b>	<a href="mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com">GR.apologies@gmail.com</a>		
<b>Service</b>	Denise Brown		(before 8.00am on Wednesday)		
<b>Youth</b>	Gail Kelly	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>			
<b>Foundation</b>	Graeme Muir	EIT Awards likely May & ArtEx June			
<b>Artex</b>	Bryan Matthews	<b>Leave of Absence *:</b>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neil Smith – to 20 Apr</li> <li>• Edwin Brown – to 27 Apr</li> <li>• Hamish Lack, Jinice Bautista-Lack, John Hanlen – to 1 Jun</li> <li>• Alan White, Barry Keating, Dennis Thetford, John Mackintosh – to 29 Jun</li> <li>• Ian McKelvie, Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing</li> </ul>			

\* 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 13 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	May 4 <sup>th</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Opening thought	Garth Eyles	<i>(NB Details will be provided when meeting style is decided. Could be live!!)</i>	<i>NB Details will be provided when Zoom or Live meeting is decided.)</i>	
Top Table (introduce Speaker)				
Vote of Thanks				
Cashier				
Club Host & Closing Thought	Helen Tattersall			
Three Minute Speaker	Stuart Cheyne			
Sergeant				

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**President Jenny**, welcomed around 22 screens (though it fluctuated) and the 24 members (eventually) contained therein.

The **Opening Thought(s)** from Jim Beggs, selected by Brian Hall and read by Denise Brown: (In this time of frequent frowns) *Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure there are no smiles available.*

**Welfare Matters** – **Stuart** reported: Mort no change; Colin Clark in lockdown @ PA; Don McKenzie in Rehab Ward at Hastings (also Denise had visited him to give “specialised” advice!); Ken Hunt is in Wellington Hospital, operation on our meeting day postponed, reschedule hoped for Thursday.

**Covid Chris** told us the sign off was due on a 2<sup>nd</sup> booster and that some of her family kids had “breathed on” her and while risky she had tested “negative.” (*She won't do “kid minding” anymore!*) Discussion on meeting style followed with the decision made that we will stay with Zoom until after Easter.

## Notices:

**Service Director Denise** said the EIT Awards had been revived and booked for 25 May.

**Youth Director Gail** queried whether we revive the Plate Debate. This was “debated” and it - “seemed unlikely!”

**ArtEx Director Bryan** updated with the news that Geoff Bennett had gained a major sponsor – “Elephant Hill” and said they will also become our club wine supplier.

**Pres. Jenny** reminded of the Downtown Abbey film previously advertised. Advise her if you also wish to go.

**PP Garth Eyles** reported that the new Arena (behind the PG Arena at Taradale) is nearing completion and fit out. (He is watching it while he exercises outside!) He advised that sponsors for seats are being sought (@\$250 each) and suggested the club be involved. He said that it was a local “youth” project with a positive impact on health in the region, long lasting, perhaps with our name on it somewhere, and would have a positive impact in the local and regional community.

## 3 Minute Speaker

**Lynne Gibson** speaking on her area of expertise “language” (or hearing it) and how it is easy to misinterpret some words which have different meanings. She said when you throw in Tik Tok, Facebook and Instagram, as well as sign language, you have to wonder what people mean nowadays when they refer to long boat, catfish, footprint, handle, sandbox, virus and viral (think about that carefully.)

## Programme for the evening

Two links suggested by Brian Hall and played by Bob Brady. Give Every Child a Chance & The Rotary Foundation.

<https://everychildafuture.com/unicef-releases-new-rgecaf-video/>

<https://rotarydistrict9980.org> > page > rotary-foundation

“The Greenmeadows Rotarians as they appeared on Zoom at their meeting of Wednesday 6 April. It’s getting popular! (Note – Geoff Bennett is already drinking Elephant wine!)”

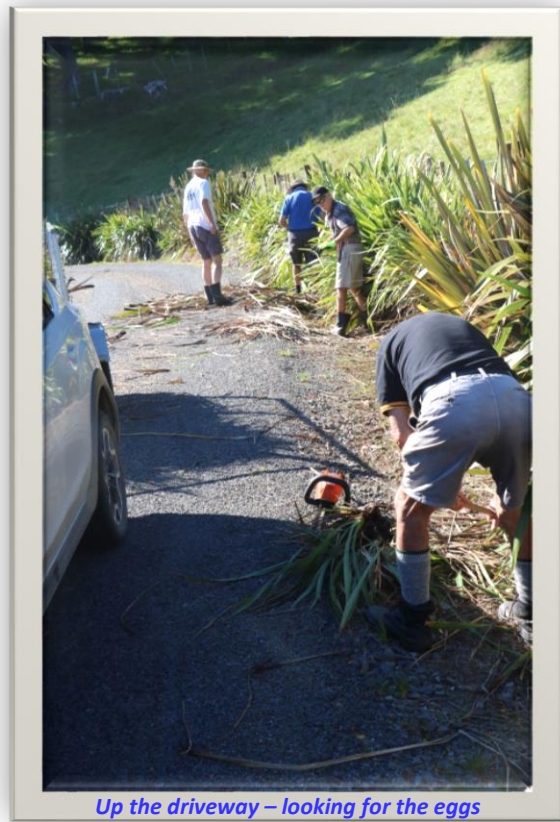


**Parting Thought** – From Graeme Muir (but again delivered in dulcet tones by Denise)

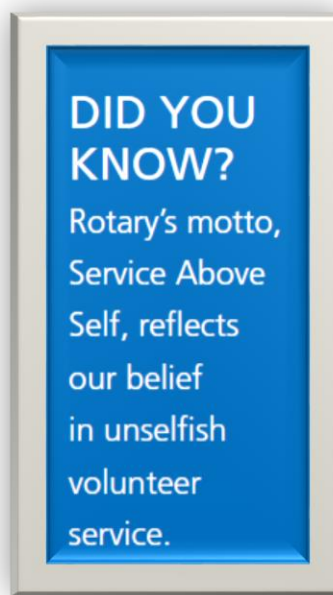
*“Don’t judge peoples potential by their past.”*

## FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

The Greenmeadows Gardening Gnomes, visited the home of Carol & Ken (who were attending to medical matters in Wellington) to demonstrate their skills. (No one is known to have been injured.)



*Club members who could not attend, were working, or cannot bend over, are grateful to those who did attend, to Gail for organising the event and to Pete and Donna for their organising and catering.*



***DON'T FORGET NEXT WEDNESDAY – BY ZOOM. Click on this link from Pres. Jenny (Get a kid to help you!)***  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84855959644?pwd=bjBrUEJpZUJqc0NIWEIINIRsWTM5QT09>