



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 See separate schedule at the end of this bulletin Leave of Absence *: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 20 th	April 27 th	May 4 th	May 11 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Alan White "The Mother Road."	Iain Beaton Managing Business in Covid	Firesides	Taradale PP Claire Connor, "Shelter Boxes"
Opening thought	Les Mockford	KevinMcCormack		
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	Chris McKenna	Bob Morrison		
Vote of Thanks	Gill Scarlett	Denise Brown		
Cashier	Gail Kelly	Graeme Muir		
Club Host & Closing Thought	Peter Thompson	John Nelson		
Three Minute Speaker	Curly Carpenter	Fred Staples		
Sergeant	Kelvin Winnie	Frank Heuser		
Stewards <i>One per table + the named members clean-up @ the end.</i>	Bob Brady Steve Gillum	Robert Pearson Peter Thompson	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, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting.

Meeting 13th April 2022

President Jenny, appeared with a total of 23 screens and 26 members contained therein.

The **Opening Thought** from Garth Eyles who asked us "to give a thought to those people who spend their life dealing with hazards and dangers – to protect us!"

Welfare Matters

Stuart reported: Mort Nikolaison is home from hospital; Colin Clark - comfortable & no change; Jill Hanlen, likewise; BUT Don McKenzie - had a fall, further surgery, now understood to be in rehab. David Tattersall - Helen reported on his recent fall from a ladder - now at home again.

Welfare continued...

Covid Chris added by telling us the infection numbers were down (due to our high tax rate) and we now need to get the kids done.

Bob Brady advised of getting his *flu tax* at his doctor's rooms but opted to pay a few extra dollars to get the stronger version that is apparently available.

Ian Holyoake canvassed how many members already had RATs kits (about half those present) and said he had worked out how to achieve this. (See notice later)

Pres. Jenny

- Thanked the "Garden Gnomes" who had gone to Pineleigh Drive, Upper Poraiti;
- Referred to a number of dates for upcoming events (later sent these out to all);
- Advised that our regular venue is booked for next Wednesday, caterer & bar arranged;
- The DG wanted a Conference replacement event on Conference weekend;
- Ahuriri Sunrise invite to quiz night (18 May our meeting date) *discussed & agreed to.*

Youth Director Gail confirmed that the Plate Debate was now "OFF" the programme.

Membership Director Kelvin advised that some type of "Membership Evening" was still being considered for our programme and also commended Doug Neilson for his work on the website.

Service Director Denise said she was soon seeing the EIT about the Awards Night on 25 May.

ArtEx Director Bryan repeated that the planning was on track, sponsorship was good and there were 36 Artists so far. *"It is all coming together!"*

3 Minute Speaker

Stuart Cheyne commented that he had been attending a number of funerals lately, Sad though they sometimes were, he enjoyed them as long as he had read the newspaper that day to ensure his own name was not in the obituary list. He pointed out the "bleeding obvious" to us, i.e. how many times do we say *we must visit old so and so*, don't, and then read of them in the obituary column. We go to the service and hug the family to clear our conscience. But while there we do learn so much about them that we did not know. Even Rotarians. However – why do we have to wait until they are dead to learn that? Go and see them now. (Maybe we should be having more members giving "Three Minute" obituaries on themselves *now* so we really do know them – and not wait to hear it at their funeral.)

Programme for the evening

Programme Organiser Alan White selected the following item, *recorded at the 2021 International Assembly, Rotary Foundation Trustee Barry Rassin speaks with Nishita Pednekar about **Our Partnership with Rotaract**, and how this supports our strategic plan. How will we make Rotary a place where young leaders and not just accepted, but included?* The sound was a little distorted so this direct link to your computer should fix that.

Click on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6968893/video/536536203> (A ten minute video)

Against that background and as the meeting concluded, it was revealed that the local (and fairly recently created Hawkes Bay Rotaract Club) was wavering and in need of assistance. Discussion followed and it was recalled that we did plan to perhaps invite two Rotaractors to attend our meeting each week and at our cost. We had never put that into practice. Other suggestions were canvassed and action is intended.

Parting Thought from Helen Tattersall who called on all her "caring and health" related skills to tell us – *"Be careful when using a ladder."* This sentiment was related to actions by husband David, a ladder, a fall, and a week in hospital with multiple fractures!

The Greenmeadows Rotarians as they appeared on Zoom at their meeting of Wednesday 13 April.



Coming up we have:

- Wednesday 20th April - First 'face to face' meeting back at the Taradale Town hall
- Wednesday 27th April – normal meeting at Taradale Town hall
- Thursday 28th April – Fundraising Movie evening 6pm at Reading Theatre
- Wednesday 4th May – normal meeting, followed by Firesides meeting
- Wednesday 11th May – normal meeting followed by Directors' meeting
- Wednesday 18th May – our meeting cancelled, attend Ahuriri Sunrise Quiz night at 5.30pm at East Pier [we need to wear yellow and blue as the proceeds are going to Ukraine]
- Weekend of 21st – 22nd May - Rotary Extravaganza weekend with the planting of Pohutukawa trees at the Kirsa Jensen site, followed by a combined clubs' picnic - times tba
- Wednesday 25th May – our meeting cancelled as we are invited to the EIT Trades Awards Night at the War Memorial Function Centre - time tba
- Wednesday June 1st – normal meeting, followed by last Fireside meeting in your current committees
- Wednesday June 8th – normal meeting, + combined (incoming & outgoing) Boards meet.
- Wednesday June 15th – normal meeting
- Wednesday June 22nd - no meeting (go to ArtEx instead)
- Weekend of 24th – 26th June – ARTEX
- Wednesday 29th June – normal meeting at the Taradale Townhall
- Saturday 2nd July – District Governor Changeover in Te Kuiti
- Wednesday 6th July - normal meeting at the Taradale Townhall
- Sunday 10th July 11.30am – Changeover luncheon at Church Road Winery [invitation to follow]

RAT catching. Covid Chris has encouraged us to have the rapid antigen testing kits available in our homes so that you can quickly do a test if you or your whanau fell unwell.

How to get them: Click this <https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/> and first click (if true) *I am not experiencing these* and then click *start now*. (At the end you advise the number of people in your house & you get that many kits.) It's free, only takes a few minutes, & you get a "number" to take to your collection point. I discovered that Tamatea Pharmacy (while on the list) does not supply them but Gees Pharmacy in Taradale does.

***DON'T FORGET NEXT WEDNESDAY – at the Taradale Town Hall
Mask in and out, don't come if you are unwell, and take good "orange care"***