



# MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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<p><b>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</b></p> <p><b>President</b> Jenny Robertson  <b>Secretary</b> Ken Hunt  <b>Treasurer</b> Graeme Ryan</p> <p><b>DIRECTORS</b></p> <p><b>Club Admin</b> Helen Tattersall  <b>Members &amp; PI</b> Kelvin Winnie  <b>Service</b> Denise Brown  <b>Youth</b> Gail Kelly  <b>Foundation</b> Graeme Muir  <b>Artex</b> Bryan Matthews</p>	<p><b>MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>Weekly:</b>  Taradale Town Hall  Wednesday 6.00pm  Fellowship 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Firesides:</b>  First Wednesday of month</p> <p><b>Directors:</b>  Second Wednesday of Month</p> <p><b>Apologies to:</b>  <a href="mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com">GR.apologies@gmail.com</a>  (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p>	<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p>See separate schedule at the end of this bulletin</p> <p><b>Leave of Absence *:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 27 <sup>th</sup>	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Iain Beaton</b> Managing Business in Covid	<b>Firesides</b>	<b>Taradale PP</b> <b>Claire Connor,</b> "Shelter Boxes"	
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	KevinMcCormack Bob Morrison Denise Brown Graeme Muir John Nelson Fred Staples Frank Heuser	Committee ??		
Stewards <i>One per table + the named members clean-up @ the end.</i>	Robert Pearson Peter Thompson	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	

**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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**President Elect Helen**, amid much joviality and four guest tables, presided at our first "home meeting" for a while, and with an attendance of 27 was pretty much the same numbers as the zoom meeting of previous weeks – but some of the faces were different!

The **Opening Thought** from Les Mockford related perfectly to the occasion with –

*"How great it is to meet again in person - rather than via computer zoom.*

*Hopefully this was the last time we cancel live meetings - due to covid doom." (Slightly edited!)*

## Welfare Matters

**Stuart** (*was not present - maybe he is with the absent president!*) so “Acting” Welfare Officer Carol, speaking from personal experience, advised that her Ken was “pretty much normal” (and we could see that); Don McKenzie was at home and could be visited (it could be three months before he is back in the club); Colin Clarke is now “unlocked”; Mort is home but struggling; and David Tattersall is “not quite coming out yet” (and hopefully Helen has hidden his ladder!)

## Announcements

**Carol** transitioned from welfare to announcements, telling us of the Ahuriri Sunrise Quiz Night at East Pier on 18 May to raise funds for Ukraine. Cost of \$5 per person and a \$5 raffle. For those who wish there is also a \$25 dinner available before but needs to be booked ahead.

**Garth (of the Environment)** spoke of Dolbel planting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, which completes six years of planting with 85 trees to go in (with 3000 to come, or 110 – or something!)

**Youth Director (& Baby Watcher) Granny Gail** thanked members for their contributions to the “Baby Shower” and said she would drop the gifts off by the weekend (*now done – see photo later*).

## 3 Minute Speaker

**Curly Carpenter** spoke on the recent Easter weekend which for him, began with a normal “look after the grandchildren” occasion, happy events, visiting pools on the parade, a lot of fun and by Monday they had covid in the house! He thought a bus had hit him, headaches, three days in bed, NetFlix and (several RATs done) now out the other side! In that light, he had a carton of RATs devices and handed them out to the Rotarians who had been scared by his talk. (*This helped those members who could not follow scribe’s instructions in last week’s bulletin on doing your own RAT catching on line.*)

**Sergeant Kelvin** then officiated and gave Carol (No. 51) the raffle prize. He then produced some “cheat sheets” and an old mobile phone (that he must have got from his father) and from it played small parts of a number of “old” songs/tunes (*Oh What a Night, Grapevine, Dream Lover, Summertime, Mrs Robinson, Blue Eyed Girl, Copa Cabana, Love Potion Number Nine, Stand By Me and Tears on my Pillow.*) With each he invited guesses as to the names and quite a few members (of the same age as Kelvin’s father) were able pick them correctly – or at least hum them! Somehow we parted with the money we have been unable to donate in recent weeks!!

## Programme for the evening (69 – 66 – 63)

Whereas Alan White had introduced the programme last week, this week he actually *was* the programme! In an introduction, Pete Thompson said he did not need one (i.e. an intro) that he was energetic and would tell us about “*The Mother Road*”, “*Main Street America*” or “*Route 66*”. Alan (with the aid of a brilliant power point – attributed to Liz) did then tell us of this historic road in the US and which runs from (the birthplace of Rotary) Chicago to Santa Monica in California. This is a distance of some 2,448 miles and not having the money to take a Greyhound bus while there in 2019, he rode the road on his bike (of course). He told us that Henry Ford had built the cars and that Cyrus Avery, the *father* of the road, had built it! It grew a lot during World Wars, spawned a song (“*Get Your Kicks on Route 66*”) which was followed with 116 episodes of a TV series of the same name. What was once a (THE) main road, has now been bypassed by interstate highways. Highlights of the journey included, the Road Kill Café (“*You kill it we grill it!*”) statues, horse and cart murals, Cadillac Ranch (buried cars) Crazy Café, VW ranch, Elmer’s Bottle Ranch, losing his passport - and much more. He started on a street corner in Chicago and finished at the Santa Monica Pier in California. At 69 years of age, he biked Route 66 in 63 days. 69 – 66 – 63. Phew!!

**Parting Thought:** Pete Thompson said “*Bad News – Time flies. Good news – you are on a plane.*”

## Miscellaneous Meadows Matters



Club members Jinice & Hamish receive a “Baby Shower” from the Club’s Youth Director (“Granny Gail”) to commemorate the first time anyone can remember a baby being born to a Greenmeadows Club member!

### Coming up we have:

- ~~Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – First ‘face to face’ meeting back at the Taradale Town hall~~
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – normal meeting at Taradale Town hall
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Fundraising Movie evening 6pm at Reading Theatre
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – normal meeting, followed by Firesides meeting
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – normal meeting followed by Directors’ meeting
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Rotary Extravaganza weekend with the planting of Pohutukawa trees at the Kirsa Jensen site, followed by a combined clubs’ picnic - times tba
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – our meeting cancelled as we are invited to the EIT Trades Awards Night at the War Memorial Function Centre - time tba
- Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> – normal meeting, then last Fireside meeting in your current committees
- Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> – normal meeting, + combined (incoming & outgoing) Boards meet.
- Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> – normal meeting
- Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> - no meeting (we help with ArtEx instead)
- Weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June – ARTEX
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – normal meeting at the Taradale Townhall
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – District Governor Changeover in Te Kuiti
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - normal meeting at the Taradale Townhall
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. If you didn’t get them at the last meeting - click this <https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/> and then 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 again  
Mask in and out, don’t come if you are unwell, and take good “orange care”***