



# MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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<b>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</b> <b>President</b> Jenny Robertson <b>Secretary</b> Ken Hunt <b>Treasurer</b> Graeme Ryan  <b>DIRECTORS</b> <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	<b>MEETINGS</b> <b>Weekly:</b> Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm <b>Firesides:</b> First Wednesday of month <b>Directors:</b> Second Wednesday of Month <b>Apologies to:</b> <a href="mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com">GR.apologies@gmail.com</a> (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> See separate schedule at the end of this bulletin <b>Leave of Absence *:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	Christine Hardie-Founders "Glimpse in the Past" <b>PLUS Committee Meetings</b>	Taradale PP Claire Connor, "ShelterBox NZ"	<b>Away meeting</b> Ahuriri Sunrise Quiz	<b>Away Meeting</b> EIT Trade Awards
Opening thought	Geoff Bibby	KevinMcCormack		
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	Garth Eyles	Brian Hall		
Vote of Thanks	Ian Holyoake	Neil Smith		
Cashier	Bruce Martin	Lynne Gibson		
Club Host & Closing Thought	Denise Brown	Wal Drayton		
Three Minute Speaker	Cancelled	Geoff Bibby		
Sergeant	Peter Thompson	Mark Dickerson		
Stewards <i>One per table + the named members clean-up @ the end.</i>	Gill Scarlett Wim Snijders Curly Carpenter	Les Mockford Chris McKenna Stuart Cheyne		

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

**President Jenny**, welcomed about 35 members seated at six tables at our second live meeting since our last "sort of" lockdown, and acknowledged guest speaker Iain Beaton. (*Woo Hoo - The numbers attending are creeping up!*)



### The Opening Thought

*"You may not be able to control every situation and its outcome, but you can control your attitude and how you deal with it."* (A most appropriate introduction to the later speaker!)

## Welfare Matters

**Jenny** told us that (the absent) Stuart & Heather had a covid fright, however they passed on that Colin was sick of it", Jill was OK, so to was Don McKenzie – who would welcome visitors.

## Announcements

**VP Helen** indicated that she was meeting her incoming directors that evening.

**Services D Denise** There are record number for the EIT awards on 26 May.

**Geoff for ArtEx** gave a brief update.

**Pres. Jenny** indicated that there was a speaker next week but we still have "Firesides" as there was a lot to be sorted out.

**TRF Director Graeme** told us it was *World Polio Week* and that Rotary had become involved in this project in 1988 when 350,000 (mainly children) were infected each year. There was no cure but we could "eradicate." And we have. He explained the link in recent years to covid. A three minute video gave us a good impression of what has happened and the methods of distribution of the vaccine. Now there are only two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan) where polio cases, only in their dozens, still exist. Rotary has spent US\$2.2 billion and millions of hours on this project. Our club has given US\$1300 to the project this year. Brian Peplow gave a brief account on his personal experiences with polio experience, as did Pres. Jenny.

**Garth (of the Environment)** told us about the Pakowhai Regional Park, development of which began in 1973 – because there were not enough trees around there! With slides he demonstrated what had happened, who was involved (including General Freyberg who left a big stone there). Contributions came from the Beautification Society, Rotary, and people passing by. Now there is a fairly good track, a toilet, lots & lots more trees (some big ones) and bridges built with very little money! There are even some Gecko trees for Erebus. Rotary also has a 2005 centennial plaque there.

*(NB More Environmental News from the five Napier Clubs appears at the end of this bulletin. Ed)*

## 3 Minute Speaker

**Fred Staples** told of his amusement when he recently received a request to remedy an underpayment of one cent on an account for some service that he had incurred. He laughed and ripped it up. His amusement dissipated when he later received a "reminder" for non-payment of the one cent! He then set about ringing the service provider to try and rectify the matter. A very helpful automatic answer service sought his entry of various numerals so that he could learn that he was a "*most valued customer*" and he could listen to their music (hopefully without earning any extra debt). He eventually got to speak with a human and queried how he could pay the amount. *Direct credit* and a *cheque* were suggested and he pointed out that whatever method he used, would incur costs to them and him that would exceed the amount involved. They hung up on him! Not wishing to end up with a bad credit record he began the process again – and waited, again and again. On meeting a human eventually, he demanded to speak to a supervisor with "authority." That wish was granted and, when they realised what a *good customer* he was, they cancelled the debt! The time taken for this resolution was valued at between \$200 & \$500 but Fred accepted that – with some reluctance.

## Auction

A surprise auction was held to dispose of the excess inventory we had on *Linden Estate Wine*. (We have changed suppliers.) The bidding began at \$150 and after a few short sharp bids, Wim Snijders completely destroyed the "myth" about Dutchmen having very deep pockets, by taking away the goods with a \$300 bid! The money received will go to the "*Give Every Child a Future.*"

**Sergeant** Frank drew No. 73 for the raffle and Pres. Jenny won. (Your scribe would have bought 73 when he came in but found that Jenny had left 72 there so he "inadvertently" took that. He will be more careful next time.) Frank then went on to fine someone who let their cell phone ring in the meeting, those arriving late, selling wine without a licence, the 170<sup>th</sup> day of the year and anniversary of the phone invention, Nixon's

funeral, Chernobyl disaster, South & North Korea (doing something), May Day (coming up) and the Rotary Four Way Test and mental illness. (*The link between all of these was lost on the scribe.*)

**Guest Speak** was Iain Beaton, proprietor of Greenmeadows New World, younger brother to Ross & Bruce, son of the late Bill Beaton (member of Taradale Rotary) and grandson of Tom McDonald (Charter president of Taradale and who made a bit of wine around here!)

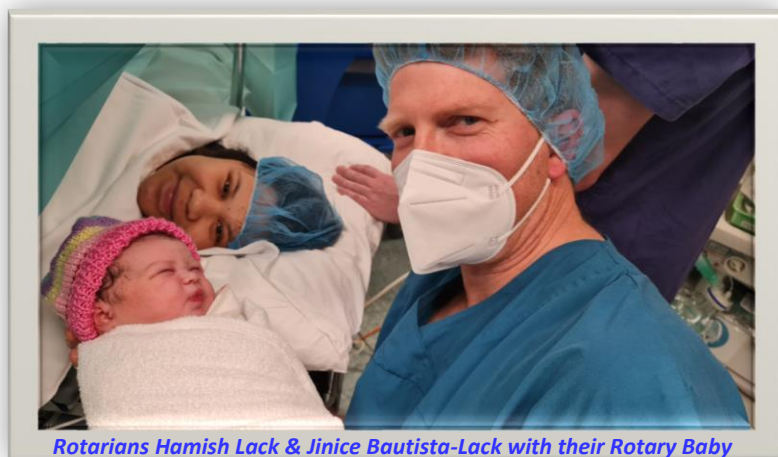
Ian told us that his link to (wine) no, this talk, began at the Monteiths Pub in Westport, for he was there on holiday on 29 February 2020 when he got the call advising him that the supermarket had run out of toilet paper! And that was just the start. He immediately returned home. He went on to describe about dealing with the covid crises, the effects of that on his supermarket, panic buying, and products running out. There were daily phone conferences among 200 Foodstuffs national personnel, covering possible lock-downs and the many other issues that had to be dealt with. Things quickly returned to a “sort of” normal and Iain even resumed delivering groceries himself (though not on a bike) – just as he had done for his father when he was 16! He also unloaded trucks himself with a forklift at 2.30am, using double trolleys for packing and *problem solving* every day. And that was just Phase 1. At Phase 2 it was masks, Phase 3 Vaccinations, mandates and RATs, and now Phase 4 which is “The End is Nigh”- Relax, Recover, Supply Chain and Staff Sickness, He has seen “The Good, The Bad & The Ugly!”

### Parting Thought:

Ian Holyoake followed the theme of the opening, the talk above, and finished with:-

*“Like if not the way it is supposed to be. It is the way it is. It is how you deal with it that counts.”*

## Miscellaneous Meadows Matters



**We all know that a baby has just been born to club members Jinice and Hamish. Not many can claim a baby born to their club. (*Your scribe cannot recall one, but suspects Sunrise could copy us soon.*)**

**We all know this because Pres. Jenny has broadcast the photos however it is proper to record it here in the bulletin for the “historical record.”**

**Our heartiest best wishes on the arrival (on 27 April - our meeting day of course) to *Martine Lianna Bautista Lack*, seen here with her parents.**

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## From the Combined Rotary Clubs of Napier Environment Committee

**‘The Gap’** Lynne Trafford from Sunrise has organised for the Sacred Heart College Interact Club to be allocated a section at ‘The Gap’ (The Esplanade, Westshore) where Biodiversity HB have initiated a project to get rid of the weeds and restore the area with the indigenous plants that were (and some still are) originally there. The girls at Sacred Heart have invited the other two Interact Clubs to be involved and they will let us know when they have their ‘working bees’ as they may need additional help to remove and take away difficult and challenging ‘weeds’. Debbie Monahan, general manager of Biodiversity HB, is speaking to Ahuriri RC in May. Watch this space.

**‘Save the Dotterels – Hawke’s Bay’** is a small group of passionate locals who have recently got together to take steps to protect the NZ and Banded Dotterels that nest on our local beaches. NZ Dotterels are a small shore nesting bird endemic to NZ and Banded Dotterels are endemic breeders in NZ – both very special birds. As you can imagine, these birds face many threats during the nesting season with vehicles on beaches, dogs off leads

and other predators such as cats, rats and hedgehogs. Paddy Cooper, the convenor of the group, spoke to Ahuriri Sunrise this month and Lynne Anderson, member of Ahuriri RC, is also on this small working committee.

**NZ Dotterel**



**Banded Dotterel**



**EnvironmentCentre**  
Hawke's Bay

FREE SPECIALIST RECYCLING

<p><b>Aluminium bottle screw tops</b></p>	<p><b>Tetra Pak</b> Cut in half, clean with lids on</p>	<p><b>Metal bottle caps and jar tops</b></p>
<p><b>HDPE 2 Bottle tops &amp; plastics</b></p> <p>smaller than a business card</p>	<p><b>PP 5 Bottle tops &amp; plastics</b></p> <p>Smaller than a business card</p>	<p><b>Batteries: any shape or size</b></p> <p>including hearing aid batteries</p>
<p><b>Printer ink cartridges and toner</b></p>	<p><b>All candle wax</b></p>	<p><b>Aluminium foil and trays (clean)</b></p>
<p><b>Dolce Gusto &amp; Nespresso coffee capsules (Must be well drained)</b></p>	<p><b>Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and dental floss containers</b></p>	<p><b>Soft Plastic Recycling</b></p>
<p><b>Razors</b></p>	<p><b>Clean Glad wrap, ziplock bags and food storage containers</b></p>	<p><b>Bread bag tags</b></p>

Please have these items cleaned and sorted before arrival – each 'box' here is a separate 'item'

**Environment Centre, Hastings**

**Recyclers!** Apart from all electronic and electrical equipment - 'anything with a cord' (there may be a small charge) – they also take an array of items you can't put in your recycling black bins – see the attached flyer. They are looking for a collection depot in Napier.

**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"**

**You will be surprised at the historical speaker!!!**

For more information about our services and workshops visit: [www.environmentcentre.org.nz](http://www.environmentcentre.org.nz)

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