



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

No. 2022-40			4 May 2022
OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22		MEETINGS	UPCOMING EVENTS
President	Jenny Robertson	Weekly:	Coming Up:
Secretary	Ken Hunt	Taradale Town Hall	Sunrise Quiz 18 May
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan	Wednesday 6.00pm	EIT Awards 25 May
		Fellowship 5.30pm	
DIRECTORS		Firesides:	Leave of Absence *:
Club Admin	Helen Tattersall	First Wednesday of month	• Hamish Lack, Jinice Bautista-Lack, John Hanlen – to 1 Jun
Members & PI	Kelvin Winnie	Directors:	• Barry Keating, Dennis Thetford, – to 29 Jun
Service	Denise Brown	Second Wednesday of Month	• Ian McKelvie, Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing
Youth	Gail Kelly	Apologies to:	
Foundation	Graeme Muir	GR.apologies@gmail.com	
Artex	Bryan Matthews	(before 8.00am on Wednesday)	

* 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 11 th	May 18 th	May 25 th	June 1 st
Programme: Guest Speaker	Taradale PP Claire Connor, "ShelterBox NZ"	Away meeting Ahuriri Sunrise Quiz East Pier	Away Meeting EIT Trade Awards WarMemConference	Firesides
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	KevinMcCormack Brian Hall Neil Smith Lynne Gibson Wal Drayton Geoff Bibby Mark Dickerson	Meeting modified to Quiz Night at East Pier	Meeting modified to EIT Trade Awards at War Memorial Hall	TBC
Stewards <i>One per table + the named members clean-up @ the end.</i>	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 4 May

President Jenny, again welcomed about 35 members seated at six tables at our third live meeting and acknowledged the pleasant reappearance of Bruce Martin & John McIntosh.



Opening Thought

"There is nothing more corrosive than regret." (Geoff Bibby)

Welfare Matters

Stu reappeared as well and told us he had visited Mort that day, that Colin Clarke was back in hospital, Jill was stable and Don McKenzie in good spirits but had phone problems. Pres. Jenny thanked Stuart for his tireless work.

Announcements

Ken Hunt told us of the “wine tour” that he had won earlier in the Rotary year and had finally got around to taking this – with Frank. It was great. Suggests we should all do it.

Garth told us of the planting at Dolbel on Monday. Planting is now finished and now we can look after it. It was a great day. (See photo & further details below.)

Directors announced their meeting venues and then –

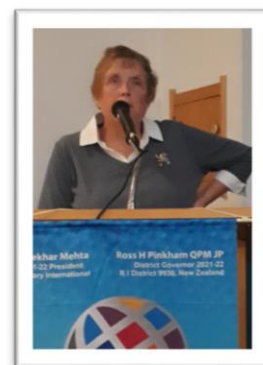
ArtEx Bryan said we had 60 artists signed up, five more possible, and were looking for more paddle artists. Our exhibition is around Matariki in June.

Pres. Jenny asked committees to consider (at that evening’s Firesides) the duties roster especially the role of sergeant. In that light –

Sergeant Pete drew No. 99 for the raffle (*after the president taking the winning ticket from under scribe’s nose last week, your scribe paid greater attention at reception this week and fought Skeeter off so scribe could keep the No. 99 ticket!*) Pete then used Horoscopes to levy fines, telling us of Gemini, Cancer, Aquarius, Scorpio and all the other names, who variously said that we were loved, pregnant, looking good or into the future, would be promoted or not, and in other words, telling us a whole load of rubbish that we already knew. (*There we no Capricorns though!! That may be significant – or mean something!*) There followed a dissertation on “*The Whole Nine Yards*,” which had something to do with WW II, planes, .50 calibre guns and 27 foot of something (probably a belt of bullets) and Brian Peplow intervened with a Kittihawk explanation.

Guest Speaker **Christine Hardie**

Began her life in Wanganui – and then seemed to go “all over.” Lecturer, EIT, University, overseas and even climbed Kinebaloo (or some other steep hill like that). She has been back in “The Bay” for a decade. She remembered the work of Rotary from her Schooldays. Last year she spoke to the “Founders Society” (a social group involved with Heritage & History). She spoke of the arrivals in NZ before 1865, the enormous effect of our forebears when they got here, mainly from British & North European background. This was a better place to come to with less battles. Various different groups, some religious and “what did they leave behind?” Many countries then became involved, including the Chinese (would they even stay?) lots of rules, citizenship and complicating factors. Against this “historical” background, Christine then told us of *her* time in China and used a series of slides (yes a real slide show with a projector like my Mum had!) She acknowledged that the slides had not been taken by her but provided by the Chinese. They showed the Yangtze River (pre the Three Dams) the Great Wall, The Warriors, Dali Lama’s Palace plus much more and the existence of some 55 Ethnic minorities



Parting Thought: Denise Brown said (like those travellers to NZ all those years ago) “*Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*”

Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

**AHURIRI QUIZ night on 18 May with profits to go to Ukraine, then
EIT AWARDS**

At War Memorial Conference Centre Wednesday 25 May

5:30 arrival for a 6 pm start.

Rotarians are encouraged to be at the entrance and welcome the participants. Buy your own drinks.

Next week keep your badges for both “away meetings” and Denise will seek to take those who do not so do.

2022 Planting the Dolbel Meadow

This planting comprised the replanting of plants which had died in the last year and providing a denser planting pattern where desired. It also involved completing the planting of Kowhai along the upside of both paths and along the top boundary.

It is anticipated this planting completes the planting programme for the two areas being converted from pasture to native cover by the club over the last six years.

More than 80 plants were purchase at \$3 each and Brian Hall donated 50 Kowhai and five Totara. Total expenditure (plants & stakes - \$325) and some 212 estimated hours went into planning & planting.



Morris Williams, Geoff Bibby, Peter Thompson, Alan White, Brian Hall, Garth Eyles, Les Mockford

TREE PLANTING ON THE PARADE – SUNDAY 22 MAY @ 10am” Kirsa Jensen Memorial Site

Responding to the District Governor’s plea for a Rotary Extravaganza weekend – in lieu of the cancelled 9930 District Conference, the Napier Rotary Clubs are going to plant trees in the vicinity of the Kirsa Jensen Memorial on Marine Parade. The cost of the trees has been shared between most of the local clubs and the council. The Assistant Governor advises that Council will arrange to have the holes dug and the trees onsite. The three Interact Clubs have been invited to join us and thoughts are being given to a picnic or BBQ lunch onsite afterwards. We need to advise numbers attending for catering purposes by 13th May. *For those needing directions to this area – heading towards Clive on Marine Parade, pass through the industrial area and after the Fertilizer works on the right a parking area on the left appears about a hundred metres before the bridge.*

Some pictorial memories from someone’s archive

Missing from the beach at
Awatoto 1 September 1983



Day Zero

14 year old pupil of Colenso High School
who went missing from the beach at
Awatoto around 4.20pm on the 1st of
September 1983

Day One - 2nd September



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"
One meeting at home and then a couple of "away meetings"