



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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<p>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</p> <p>President Jenny Robertson Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan</p> <p>DIRECTORS</p> <p>Club Admin Helen Tattersall Members & PI Kelvin Winnie Service Denise Brown Youth Gail Kelly Foundation Graeme Muir Artex Bryan Matthews</p>	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm</p> <p>Firesides: First Wednesday of month</p> <p>Directors: Second Wednesday of Month</p> <p>Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Coming Up: Sunrise Quiz 18 May Trees on Parade 22 May EIT Awards 25 May</p> <p>Leave of Absence *:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamish Lack, Jinice Bautista-Lack, John Hanlen – to 1 Jun • Barry Keating, Dennis Thetford, – 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	May 18 th	May 25 th	June 1 st	June 8 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Away meeting Ahuriri Sunrise Quiz East Pier	Away Meeting EIT Trade Awards WarMemConference	Firesides Back Home	TBA
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	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>		<i>Everyone be at the door & act as Club Hosts</i>		

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 11 May

President Jenny, celebrating four weeks “back at home,” again welcomed a group numbering about in the mid-thirties, plus the guest speaker PP Claire Connor from Taradale Rotary (& ShelterBox NZ).



Opening Thought

The six Pees from **Steve Gillum** “Prior planning prevents piss poor performance.”

Welfare Matters

Stu told us that Mort was in Hospice (still?) Colin Clark was back in hospital, and Don McKenzie was in good spirits and at home (21 Heynes Place, Clive, Phone 8700076) and would welcome visitors (*he tells scribe the front door is unlocked as he can't run to open it. Call and see him.*)

Announcements

ArtEx Bryan said a roster was going around for listing your choice of duties at the show, plus setting up and taking down. He has heaps of art and now needs heaps of buyers.

Pres. Jenny also referred to circulating lists for both the Quiz and the EIT Awards. She told us that our plates were today sitting on ShelterBox table mats and not our own club ones tonight. She also said that to get in a quiz team you had to tell her (right then) and gave a reminder for the tree planting on Marine Parade on 22 May.

Service Director Denise asked for us all to get to the EIT Awards early so that we can welcome Awardees and their families to the conference centre.

Membership Minutes delivered by **Ian Holyoake** expanded on the World President's call "**Each One Bring One**" by asking how we all got here – originally that is, and then speculated that it was because a friend (who is probably still here) asked you to come. And you did and are still here! Rotary World President (& our Pres. Jenny) are asking for you to do just that – namely bring a friend to Rotary before the end of the calendar year. A short YouTube clip was played dispelling the "**Five Myths of Rotary.**"

Almost as if it were some kind of acknowledgement, Pres. Jenny returned to the rostrum and presented Ian with a new **Paul Harris Pin** that contained a "2nd ruby." It recognised his (and Eleanor's) personal donations to the Rotary Foundation. Ian tried to explain that he had received "a few PHFs" over the years for his Rotary activities, as had Eleanor, and that they had elected to make regular payments to TRF as their own personal commitment to "Our Charity."

Youth Director Grandma Gail told us she had visited the youngest youth of our club and found that the parents had been having difficulty sleeping (*sounds vaguely familiar - I think.*)

Three Minute Speaker

Geoff Bibby talked of the problems of covid, starting with big decisions (whether to take raspberry or orange lollipops) and then went on to elaborate on the Neighbourhood Support that came to the rescue. He talked of meetings continuing for book studies, trout fishing in the Tuki Tuki, and joining the Anglican Bishop and some other Protestants, for a Napier Hill walk which ended (nearly completely it seems) when Geoff managed to race a man and a dog to the top.

Sergeant Mark Dickerson sought to go one better with the covid problems and fined members who had not gone overseas, or the South Island, cycled out of bounds, not worn masks, bought extravagant amounts of toilet paper and flour, zoomed to meetings, read Branson's book (about sliding sideways into heaven and the end of life.) We all paid for this!

Guest Speaker

Immediate Past President Claire Connor of the Taradale Rotary Club appeared at our meeting as the ShelterBox NZ "Champion" for District 9930. She is on the Board of Shelter Box which began in UK around 2000 and Rotary became involved soon after. While we have had Rotary Emergency Response Kits (ERKS) in NZ for many years (and often deployed around the Pacific) the Shelter Boxes are far bigger. They are stored in warehouses all around the world and can be dispatched anywhere in the world where there is an emergency. The "contents" vary slightly to take account of the climate in that area of



deployment. Volunteers (Rotary and other) are trained for different roles from “storing” and “packing” to “deployment” anywhere in the world. Claire told of volunteer training in Queensland, of an “exercise” in the night where the trainees were attacked by mock terrorists. Terrifying!

She showed us all the equipment, tools, shelter, warmth, cooking and demonstrated solar lights (which you can buy). All up the box weighs 40kgs. (They cost \$1500 each.) There is also a “Shelter Kit” that weighs half that amount (costs \$135) – and has tools and material to help disaster victims repair their house. We were told that Ukraine are getting lots of Shelter Boxes at the moment and that our own club has donated \$2000 to this cause. Claire said that we needed a “Club Champion” to be our club representative and keep us up to speed with what they do. (*You can quietly “volunteer” for this role to Pres. Jenny.*) Words almost fail to describe the sheer greatness and importance of this marvellous project. You can learn lots more though at www.shelterbox.org.nz (*Go on, click on it and see.*)

Closing Thought from Wal Drayton

“Do more things that make you forget to check your phone!”

PHOTOS FROM THE SHELTER BOX ADDRESS



Shelter Box contents & Shelter Kit



Lady with the Lamp & Lady with the Bear

ROTARY FOUNDATION STUFF



PHF with a 2nd Ruby



Congratulations. Ooops!!

Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

OUR NEXT MEETING - AWAY

AHURIRI SUNRISE QUIZ NIGHT on **18 May** at 7pm at East Pier (5.30pm if you wish to join them for a meal at \$25pp.) Dress in blue and yellow, take cash and the profits will go to Shelter Box Ukraine Ukraine Appeal.

Then...

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

The meeting point for this is at the Aquarium, not Kirsa Jensen site as I suggested initially (perhaps we will get there at the end. I am seeking advice on this.) This event is an effort by us to replace the District Conference that was to have occurred no that weekend here in Napier. We will finish with a BBQ on site.

Followed by...

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.

This is one of our big events for the year.

Random Ramblings

Covid intervenes in everything, the Three Minute Speaker above and then the Sergeants Session and now our President is getting in on the act.

At the beginning of the year we had death numbers in the fifties (a month earlier it had been mid-twenties) now it is heading to one thousand and this past week we have passed one million infections in our country. Take care out there.

*Covid Chris & Curly Cat,
Make you realise that
You need not remove your hat
To properly use a covid RAT*

*And you will know as well, that it's best
To give yourself a covid test
This is well known to your scribe
For a covid girl took him aside*

*Some of his neighbours have it as well
So we sit tight now, for time will tell
We often believe, that it's not fair
But if you go outside, please take care*



The alternative to having covid in me

DON'T FORGET COMING UP – "Away Meetings" the next two weeks.