



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 Coming Up: Trees on Parade 22 May EIT Awards 25 May Leave of Absence *: <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 25th	June 1 st	June 8 th	June 15 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Away Meeting EIT Trade Awards WarMemConference	Firesides Back Home	TBA	TBA
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Meeting modified to EIT Trade Awards at War Memorial Hall	John Nelson Nil Nil Bob Brady Robert Pearson Bob Morrison Geoff Bennett		
Stewards <i>One per table + the named members clean-up @ the end.</i>	<i>Everyone be at the door & act as Club Hosts</i>	One per table + Fred Staples Bruce Martin Brian Anstis		

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 18 May

President Jenny, Did not welcome members for they weren't there and neither was she! Instead, those who were "able," went to East Pier to join other clubs in the quiz organised by Ahuriri Sunrise to raise money for Ukraine. (Further details below)



Opening Thought

"Today I woke up early, excited over all I get to do, before the clock strikes midnight."

Welfare Matters

The usual suspects are sick or ailing but we have added to that with Pres. Jenny having (the already declared) covid and she has been joined by at least eight other club members – and some of their partners. When I say “joined” I don’t mean they are together; they are each isolating in their own homes!



Stu & Heather are keeping in touch. Don’t be afraid to call out if you need help for remember our theme this year is “Serve to Change Lives.” We can “serve” and help each other. Interestingly, your scribe, who photographic evidence last week revealed was a “close contact” of President Jenny, remains in good health. This could be due to peak physical condition, B.S. and (more likely) good luck! Don’t forget Don McKenzie at home (21 Heynes Place, Clive, Phone 8700076) would welcome visitors.

Announcements

Generally, these could not be heard by the scribe, so are not recorded. Remember however:-

Tree planting on Marine Parade this coming **Sunday (22nd)**. Be at Aquarium at 10am with your spade.

On **Wednesday 25th** go to the Conference Centre on Marine Parade, 5.30pm for 6pm for **EIT Awards**.

Membership Minutes outlined by **Ian Holyoake last week** expanded on the World President’s call “**Each One Bring One**”. Remember that you are urged to “bring a friend” to our meeting sometime in the next seven months.



Three Minute Speaker & Sergeant Turned into Quiz Masters!

Programme – Winners in the Quiz at East Pier!! (NB Narrative [in some way] & photos by Brian Hall)

Napier Rotary Clubs combined in a fundraiser (for Ukraine) and attended the East Pier Hotel to participate in a quiz. Sadly our team was badly affected by the covid pandemic (earlier referred to) but still came out winning (never let facts get in the way of a great headline! Read on.)

Chris “The Governess” and Gill “The Vixen” (from the TV Quiz Show “Chase”) together with Gramma Gail, Seamstress Denise (& her rellies) along with Quiz Masters Steve & Di, and Brian Hall represented Greenmeadows Rotary.

Despite several withdrawals, it was a full house at the venue. Steve and Di lead the way with great all-round knowledge. Gill, Gail, & Chris in a separate team, excelled themselves scoring around mid-way, despite being the smallest team.

Much fun was had by all though and the “Green Acres” Team won first prize – wait for it, for being the “Prettiest Team.” Thanks to Wardrobe Mistress Denise slaving away in front of telly making blue and gold leis, and bringing blue and gold props by way of glasses and head gear. Alan White lent his Ukraine flag for the occasion and thus we were the only “true patriots” present. Wonderful fellowship, not only with “our” Club Members, but again socialising with fellow Rotarians from other Napier Clubs.



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The Vixen,
Gramma Gail &
the Governess

“A Team” →
with their two
Honorary
Members



Closing Thought

“My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.”

Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

Be a passenger - Have a ride – “Cycling Without Age” comes to Napier

Members may recall that back in February Alan White gave a three minute talk about the formation of the **Cycling Without Age Napier Trust** (CWA). They offer elderly who are socially isolated, the opportunity to feel "the wind in their hair" and revisit their community by giving them free electric assist trishaw rides.

This week the purchased tricycle arrived from Copenhagen in Denmark and Alan sought to take it on the normal ten minute ride to the Masonic Village in Devonshire Place to do a demonstration. The ride eventually took 25 minutes due to the need to stop and explain to passers-by what the contraption was and also tell them about the CWA concept. Everyone met and chatted to, thought it was a great project.

At the Masonic Lodge Rest Home they met with the staff as the first step toward introducing our free rides. Some enthusiastic staff members managed to get a free ride around the campus.

If you would like to experience a trishaw ride as a passenger, or take a short ride in the trio bike's pilot's seat, a call or text to Alan this weekend or the week ahead and he will sort a time for you.

You could be a budding future pilot! So far the Met forecast seems okay for the weekend and he's home most days next week. Alan White 0274 302 702 **(PHOTOS BELOW)**

1. Alex & David of **Electrify Hawkes Bay** Taradale, generously assembled the trio bike for the Trust free of charge.
2. Five months of waiting over and I finally ride the Trust's first trio bike.
3. Ruth & Frances, Rest Home staff enjoy the fun of a ride around the grounds. The masks muffled the laughter, smiles and conversation.
- 4 The Masonic team led by Katrina Miller, the Clinical Manager.



Coming Up

PARADE – SUNDAY MAY 22nd 10am TOMORROW - TREE PLANTING ON MARINE PARADE

The meeting point for this is at the Aquarium, not Kirsas Jensen site as suggested initially; perhaps we will get there at the end. This event is an effort by us to replace the District Conference that was to have occurred on that weekend here in Napier. We will finish with some food on site or nearby.

Followed by...

EIT AWARDS at War Memorial Conference Centre – NEXT Wednesday 25th 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.

NB the Club Changeover scheduled for 10 July, is now at the Mission Winery (Not Church Road Winery)

DON'T FORGET we don't get back to our home venue until next month