



# MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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| <p><b>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</b></p> <p><b>President</b> Jenny Robertson<br/> <b>Secretary</b> Ken Hunt<br/> <b>Treasurer</b> Graeme Ryan</p> <p><b>DIRECTORS</b></p> <p><b>Club Admin</b> Helen Tattersall<br/> <b>Members &amp; PI</b> Kelvin Winnie<br/> <b>Service</b> Denise Brown<br/> <b>Youth</b> Gail Kelly<br/> <b>Foundation</b> Graeme Muir<br/> <b>Artex</b> Bryan Matthews</p> | <p><b>MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>Weekly:</b><br/> Taradale Town Hall<br/> Wednesday 6.00pm<br/> Fellowship 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Firesides:</b><br/> First Wednesday of month</p> <p><b>Directors:</b><br/> Second Wednesday of Month</p> <p><b>Apologies to:</b><br/> <a href="mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com">GR.apologies@gmail.com</a><br/> (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p> | <p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Coming Up:</b><br/> ArtEx 24-26 June<br/> DG Changeover Te Kuiti 2 July<br/> Our Club Changeover Mission 10 July</p> <p><b>Leave of Absence *:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamish Lack, Jinice Bautista-Lack, John Hanlen – to 1 Jun</li> <li>• Barry Keating, Dennis Thetford, – to 29 Jun</li> <li>• Ian McKelvie, 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   | June 8 <sup>th</sup>   | June 15 <sup>th</sup>   | June 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                  | June 29 <sup>th</sup>  |
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| Programme:<br>Guest Speaker  | Hohepa Home activities<br>TBC  | Multi Cultural Assoc.<br>TBC  | <b>No Meeting</b><br><b>We are preparing for ArtEX</b> | <b>Regular Meeting</b> |
| Opening thought<br>Top Table (introduce Speaker)<br>Vote of Thanks<br>Cashier<br>Club Host & Closing Thought<br>Three Minute Speaker<br>Sergeant | Lynne Gibson<br>John McIntosh<br>Alan White<br>Stuart Cheyne<br>Geoff Bibby<br>Frank Heuser<br>Curly Carpenter | Hayley Gibson ?<br>Wal Drayton<br>Chris McKenna<br>Denise Brown<br>Garth Eyles<br>Ian Holyoake<br>Gill Scarlett |  |                        |
| <b>Stewards</b><br><i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>  | <b>One per table +</b><br>Kevin McCormack<br>Brian Hall<br>Brian Peplow  | <b>One per table +</b><br>Mark Dickerson<br>Steve Gillum<br>Peter Thompson                                      |  |                        |

**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 1 June

**President Jenny** welcomed us back at our own venue again with about 30 members and a couple of Rotary visitors. She specifically mentioned the return of Edwin Brown who has been out of town for about three months while his new house was being built.



**Opening Thought** from John Nelson got us thinking *“Life is too short to worry about anything. You had better enjoy it because the next day promises absolutely nothing.”*

**Special announcement** - Claire Connor from Taradale Rotary (who spoke to us three weeks ago about Emergency Response Kits) made a special appearance to update us on the kits in Ukraine, the aid that was currently happening there and thanked us for our support on this.

**Pres. Jenny** added that the recent Quiz Night had raised over \$4000 for Ukraine and thanked again, those who had participated.

**Special Report by visiting Rotarians** Ken & Wendy from the Stortford Lodge Rotary Club, who updated us on the *“Lifting the Lid”* Rotary Project (dealing with youth suicide) that originated down in the Kapiti Coast and we had speakers on some months back. Their club had taken up the project (aimed at early intervention for kids showing signs of suicide) here in The Bay and Pres. Jenny had been a great supporter. They were seeking money and had a quiz night coming up next week, hoping to raise \$20K. Wendy said she had personal interest through losing a son to suicide and Jenny urged incoming President Helen & her Directors to consider allowing for this project in their upcoming budget. Ken said he hoped for some *“major sponsors”* in the future but that they need money now just to keep going in the meantime.

**Resignation:** Pres. Jenny reappeared to sadly announce that Hayley Gibson has submitted a resignation as she has now shifted to Wellington to take up a new job. Some sorrow was expressed and a demand presented that *“She had to come back for Changeover.”*

**Welfare Matters** Pres. Jenny said, that Stuart said, that everything was pretty much OK (except for the funeral for Mort earlier in the day (reported on later).

**Special Report – Pathway Trust:** Bob Morrison told us of the recent wind-up of the Rotary Pathways Trust, saying that it has been going for over 20 years. It began with an aim of circumnavigating the Napier city and now covered over 200kms when Hastings was taken into account, and as well the pathways joining the two and extending north and south of both cities. Bob said he had been the secretary for the past 14 years (ably aided by Alison) and that five of the original trustees were still on board. (You pretty much have to die to leave the trust!) He put the success of the trust down to 1) all local clubs combined on the project; 2) Council support; 3) stuck with *“the pathway”* and not *other* stuff; 4) community support; 5) pro bono legal and accounting services; 6) donations from numerous sources (\$1m from an estate, ArtEx, Government, Rotary Foundation, US visiting resident.) The final money from the trust has gone towards completing the loop through Dobel Reserve to Maggies Way. At some stage it is hoped the NCC will add the link to the north through Poraiti to link with the estuary.

### **Found a Sapphire**

In a surprise announcement at the end of Bob’s address president Jenny prevented him leaving the rostrum saying she had a special presentation to make. As it happened wife Alison had joined the meeting as Bob spoke (Gramma Gail had spotted her passing by to get her regular Wednesday night burger from Maccers and brought her in.) Jenny then presented Bob with a **Paul Harris Sapphire pin** for his service (and Alison’s typing) with the Pathways Trust on behalf of Greenmeadows Rotary. This was greeted with acclamation.



### **Announcements**

**Membership Director Kelvin** spoke of the Tamatea High School planting an area in their grounds with trees as a Matariki project and need \$10K for irrigation. Board to consider.

**Projects Director Denise** thanked all who attended the EIT Awards; noted that there had been” a *“food problem”*

(i.e. late delivery and some had left). She has also just attended a *Big Brother – Big Sister* event and emphasised their need for mentors (even a man from a couple with no children had offered to assist.)

**ArtEx Expert Geoff** said they were having a sponsor's night at Elephant Hill the next evening.

**Mark Dickerson** was thanked for shouting the drinks for the evening.

### **Sergeant's Session**

In the excitement of the evening your scribe lost track of the session, except that he did recall a long pause between the drawing of Raffle ticket No. 30 and Brian Hall finding that he actually had that number.

**Closing Thought** In deference to the "departed member" Mort, we had the following

*"Don't sweat the small stuff." "Stay physically active." "Spend time with family & friends."*

*"Find a sense of purpose" (Rotary does that!) "Be a generous giver." "Drink wine, lift our spirits and support the local economy."*

**And a personal one from his Order of Service** *"It is what it is." (see below)*

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## **Miscellaneous Meadows Matters**

**Tree planting** (missed from last week's report)



*Members briefed on safety*



*Some of our club members with their first tree*

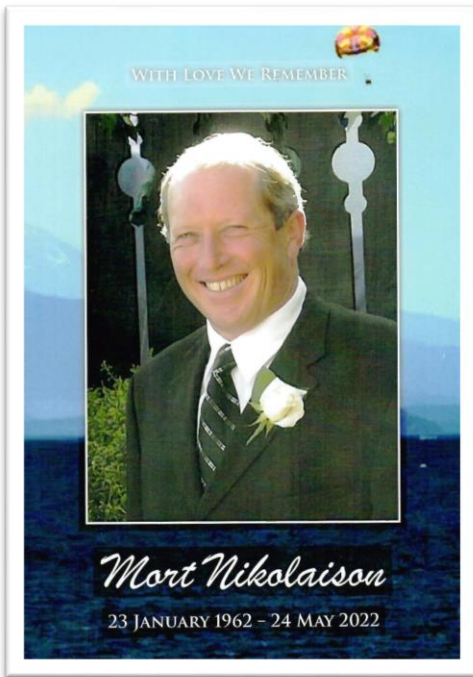
The five Rotary Clubs in Napier City combined recently to assist the City Council and as well do our part towards enhancing the environment. The "City" wanted some 50 Pohutukawa trees planted along the foreshore from the National Aquarium for about three kilometres to the industrial area at the south of the city boundary. The trees were said to cost about \$50 each and holes had to be drilled for them and compost supplied.

On Sunday 22 May it all came together and around a couple of dozen Rotarians lined up for a briefing by Council Staff and then set about planting the trees. With considerable skill the task was completed in just over an hour and members retired to a nearby cafeteria to boast about the gardening skills and reminisce on what they had done for the environment. DG Ross Pinkham called by (amid his many travels) to thank us.

The photos shows the members of all clubs getting told how to actually plant a tree, and some of our members, led by our president, as we prepared to set out on our share of the task. Most of the local clubs donated \$1000 towards the cost of the plants, the compost and the diggers.

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**Mort Nikolaison 23 January 1962 – 24 May 2022**



The loss of long standing member Mort Nikolaison was commemorated by a service on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, at the Sailing Club in Ahuriri. A large number of our Greenmeadows members attended, but our numbers were small when compared with the many other members of the community who were also there to pay their respects.

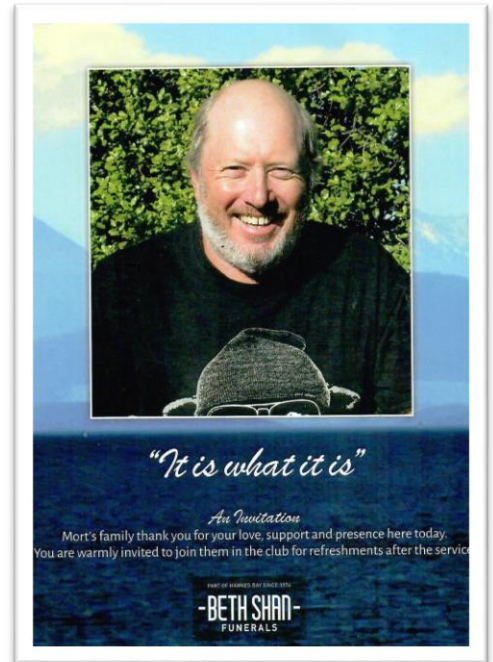
Some wonderful tributes were paid by members of Mort's family, friends and our own Neil Smith presented a Rotary eulogy.

Although Mort has been with our club for over 20 years he has only been seen

on odd occasions in the past couple of years due to his travelling between here and Auckland for medical treatment.

Mort even arranged for a sister-in-law to present his "personal" farewell to all his friends. A valued member - sadly missed.

But, as Mort would say.....



*Mort's ashes, his wine & his flowers*



*Neil Smith delivers the Rotary eulogy*

**DON'T FORGET we are back at our own home venue**