



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: ArtEx 24-26 June DG Changeover - Te Kuiti 2 July Our Club Changeover - Mission 10 July Leave of Absence *: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry Keating, Dennis Thetford, – to 29 Jun Ian McKelvie, 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	June 15 th	June 22 nd	June 29 th	July 6 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Satyam Patel of the Multi Cultural Assoc. plus four Board Members	No Meeting We are preparing for ArtEX	Santiago de Marco GM at Hohepa Homes	First Firesides for the year
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Hayley or Holy ? Wal Drayton Chris McKenna Denise Brown Garth Eyles Ian Holyoake Gill Scarlett		Brian Peplow Les Mockford Fred Staples John McIntosh Kelvin Winnie Neil Smith John Nelson	TBA
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	One per table + Mark Dickerson Steve Gillum Peter Thompson		One per table + Robert Pearson Frank Heuser Edwin Brown	

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 8 June

President Jenny again welcomed about 30 members (though there appeared more as we had six tables) our guest speaker Jenny Pearce and guest Liz accompanying Alan White.

Opening Thought from Lynne Gibson who quoted Winston Churchill speaking to Queen Elizabeth:

"The further backward you look, the further forward you can see."



Welfare Matters In a personal appearance Stuart said little had changed, PA (Colin Clark) was open to visitors; Jill Hanlen was the same; and Don McKenzie had a set-back but was okay. In *Late Breaking News* it was announced that Paula Anstis was in hospital. No further details known.

Announcements

ArtEx Bryan Matthews announced that the ArtEx Sponsors Night had just been held at Elephant Hill Winery and was a great night with “buy-in” by all. He went on to thank his helpers, Ken Hunt, Brian Anstis, and especially Judy McKelvie who had done a great job gaining 70 Artists!

He also referred to the “Soiree”, tickets being available at \$95 each – pay our bank A/C 03-0698-0040193-00 with your surname as a reference.

The Duty Roster is filled but the one for *setting up* the event should come out in the next week.

President Jenny confirmed that the old and new Boards were getting together later that evening for their meeting, greeting and handover ceremony (& probably some wine or cups of tea.) She further reminded us that there was no meeting on the 22nd, and for the District Changeover at Te Kuiti on 2 July a car was going from the Taradale Club if someone wants a ride (aren't there some cars going from our club??)

Three Minute Speaker was Frank but we could not hear him!

Sergeant Curly

Gave Multiple PHF Bob Morrison the raffle prize for holding ticket number 60. Then, as a true “petrol head” he fined people who biked, those who had manual cars, had crashed or not, or anyone who owned a car made by GM, Holden, Ford, Chevrolet, Renault, Kia, Rootes Group, Morris, Austin, Hyundai, VW, BMW, and Mercedes but did not mention those with a Bentley or Rolls Royce!

Programme (Apology - not Hohepa Homes as earlier stated; covid and mental collisions caused a misreport)

Jenny Pearce Manager for the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Napier addressed us (with a power point) on her organisation. She is originally from Summerset in UK and in recognition of Rotary, she was sporting a Paul Harris Fellowship badge that she had been awarded by Rotary there before coming to NZ. She had a background with disadvantaged children, Aged Concern before coming to CAB. She thought she may have addressed our club about five years ago, she recognised the CAB founder (1980s) Kerry Duncan (apparently known to many) who after 30 years with the organisation died two days after retiring. CAB receive Council support (pay for 30 hours a week for her and six hours for one other). That is around 40% of their funding and the rest is gained by applying for various grants.

They visit several major organisations in the city to offer help and are assisted by Volunteers “who are too young to grow old.” They aim to provide “free, impartial & confidential information, advice & support aiming at helping people help themselves.” They deal with family matters, renting and flatting, immigration, and income support, and have JP access to witness documents. A lot of training goes into training their volunteers who are learning and developing all the time. They are accessible by phoning up or calling in and in that respect, they have occupied several venues (Plunket Room, Raffles, Hastings Streets, rear of Warehouse) and now at Bower House, 18 Bower Street. Usually on duty are Jenny Pearce and one other plus two volunteers.

Alan White thanked Jenny and commented that his Liz was a (very well trained) volunteer as well as being on the Board. He described their mantra as “*Supplying the time to listen!*”

Closing Thought

Geoff Bibby said, “*When a man opens a car door for his wife, it is likely a new car or a new wife!*”



Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

International Visitors

On Thursday 30 June Taradale Rotary Club are having as guest speakers, Jessie Harman, the Rotary International Director for our region and as well, Peter Garnett the Regional Foundation Director for our region. It will likely be a big event and in the main hall. Bookings are necessary. (It is rare for one of about 18 international directors from around the world to turn up at a local club meeting in our area.)

Gibson Group

It is well known that we have had three members of the Gibson family in our club, and that we recently learned that the youngest one Hayley, has moved to Wellington for a job opportunity. When this was announced by the President last week there was some consternation expressed and a “demand” that she had to return for our club changeover so that we could properly farewell her. Intelligence recently received suggests that this may well happen. Watch this space.

Soiree

For anyone perhaps new to the club and unfamiliar with our culture, the “soiree” recently mentioned as associated with the Art Exhibition is an event held on the opening night and where the bulk of the art sales happen and last year we had an auction of six “paddles” (this year three) and as well three cast “godwits” produced by Ricks Terstappen. And for your \$95pp listed above (and paid in to our bank) you get free wine (courtesy of our sponsors *Elephant Hill*) and plenty of food from *Dish Catering*. Photo shows last years soiree.....



Spare Spectacles

As per the email from Secretary Ken, bring your spare spectacles and sunglasses to Rotary on Wednesday so that they can be “repurposed” by Havelock North Rotary, who are seeking one thousand pairs and are only ¾ of the way there. The project is run by them with *Eyecare for Africa*.

Fellowship(s) – in Rotary

What on earth are we talking about? June is “Fellowship Month” in Rotary. What does that mean? Find out next week - but here is a clue.....



Club Changeover



You are invited to:

‘Changeover in the Chapel’

Mission Estate Winery

Please come and join the members of the
Rotary Club of Greenmeadows
for:

Platters and Pleasantries

on Sunday 10 July 2022
from 11.30am

\$40 per person

RSVP to Jenny Robertson by Friday 24 June 2022
Email: jrobertson46@gmail.com



DON'T FORGET we are now back at our own venue