



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: No Physical meeting 22 June 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"> Keating, Thetford, Snijders to 29/6 McCormack, Neilson, Hanlen to 6/7 Kelly – 20/7, Martin 3/8, Bibby 11/10 Ian McKelvie, Don McKenzie - 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 22 nd	June 29 th	July 6 th	July 13 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	No Meeting We are preparing for ArtEX	International Reps and then: Santiago de Marco Hohepa Homes	John Dyer, Ukraine (NB Firesides postponed until committees named)	TBA
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	ArtEx counts as our weekly meeting for this week	Brian Peplow Les Mockford ?? Fred Staples John McIntosh Kelvin Winnie <i>Cancelled</i> John Nelson	Bob Brady Brian Anstis Bob Morrison Mark Dickerson Curly Carpenter Frank Heuser Brian Hall	
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	<i>Tidy up yourself around your own home!</i>	One per table + Robert Pearson Frank Heuser Edwin Brown	One per table + Lynne Gibson Alan White Denise Brown	One per table +

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 15 June

President Jenny greeted six tables of about 35 people that included our visitors from the **Multi-Cultural Assn** Riswana Latiff (Speaker), Satyam Saha (Techo), Shub Gulnazz and Wahid Yosofi. And – a very special welcome back from LoA of club members Jinice and Hamish plus their very new 2022 model Rotarian **Martine Lianna Bautista Lack** (see later photo).



Opening Thought from Pres Jenny (and reflecting the evening theme):

“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and test of our civilisation.”

Welfare Matters Stu said Jill Hanlen was the same, Don McK received a good progress report and Paula Anstis was now out of hospital and okay. (Bob Brady is at home recovering from covid.) Pres Jenny then read a card received from the Nikolaison family, thanking the club and concluding with the Mort's mojo "***It is what it is***"

Announcements

ArtEx Bryan Matthews announced that all was good for ArtEx. They have got the paddles. Make sure you see the Roster. ***(NB Set Up Roster Not Seen!!)*** The more that come to the Thursday evening "Soiree" the better. ***(Tickets available at \$95 each – pay our bank A/C 03-0698-0040193-00 with your surname as a reference.)***

There were no announcements from any of the other Directors. *(There projects for the year are done!)*

President Jenny reminded us there is no regular meeting next week (22nd) as we will be preparing for ArtEX

Secret Announcement: District Changeover at Te Kuiti on 2 July. Pres. Jenny is considering attending. Please advise her if you are going (We need members there in case we receive a prize!)

Three Minute Speaker

Fellowship Follower Ian Holyoake told June was "Fellowship Month" and thus he was promoting it. He said it was not just a social hour before our meeting, but a name given to *special interest groups* that had been set up in Rotary all around the world. There were 77 of these groups and they related to occupations, hobbies, or special interests (e.g. lawyers, doctors, police officers, brewers, wine lovers, musicians, stamp collectors, RV owners and travellers.) These last two were groups that he belonged to and he outlined how the caravan/RV members had regular rallies in NZ (& at international conventions) and the travel & hosting group swapped personal details with their members all over the world and assisted each other with travel advice, home hosting and tours around RI conventions. This type of "connection" brings a whole new meaning to Rotary. *(See contact details below)*

Sergeant Scarlett drew raffle No. 71 and after initial confusion, it appeared to be claimed by Stew Skeet. She then went on to reminisce on the weather and how The Bay had missed the worst of it, that Hayley would cop it bad in Wellington, and then fined anyone who had been to tropical Darwin, and all those who had guiltily stayed home but had not checked their gutters, fitted snow chains, prepared the first aid kit and emergency light, or cleaned their chimney. She wrapped up by getting those who had snuggled up, done baking, worn their woollies, and soaked in the bath.

Programme

We were then treated to a delightful presentation (aided by power point) from the *Hawkes Bay Multi Cultural Association* with a *te reo* welcome by Riswana Latiff. She came from South Africa to NZ 22 years ago, was a midwife who "requalified" and among other things, worked for DPMC on covid. Now here in the "The Bay" she told us that their association was formed in 2008, renamed in 2013 and has board members from different countries (and of course some of them were there with us.)

They have a long relationship with both city councils, support migrants and refugees, supply advocacy, build capability and capacity, promote diversity and integrate ethnic communities into society. They also have a relationship with Civil Defence, form migrant welfare groups, provide clothing for people who arrive "out of season" and also baby clothes for unexpected children.

Another interesting aspect was providing contact or connection with education and police (the latter not necessarily being trusted in their home country). And would you believe it – they assisted with RATs! In that light, the team were thanked by *Covid Chris* who has her own personal relationship with this group.

What an amazing group, revealed to us by the presentation and talking to the members personally. They work in the community, our community, helping people and making us a multi-cultural society. They were kind of like Rotarians but without badges – at the moment!

Closing Thought

Garth Eyles said "*We should stand up for what we believe in, even if it means standing alone.*" and/or "*We should not be a prisoner of our past, it was just a lesson not a life sentence.*"

Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

International Visitors

On Wednesday 29 June we will briefly have as guests, Jessie Harman, the Rotary International Director for our region and as well, Peter Garnett the Regional Foundation Director for our region. They will be present at the beginning of our meeting, make a presentation and then leave for another meeting. (They will be at the full meeting of Taradale Rotary the next evening.)

ArtEx 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 year’s soiree.....



Fellowship(s) – in Rotary

RI website address for all Rotary Fellowships:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

The web address for the travel & hosting fellowship (ITHF):

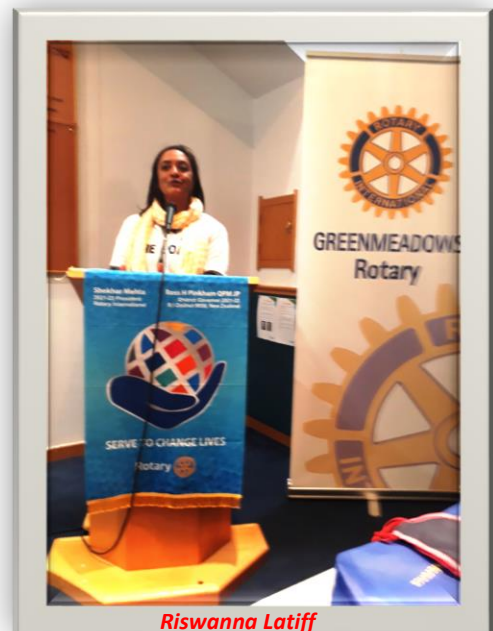
<https://www.ithf.org/>

The web address for the caravan fellowship in NZ (ICFR)

<https://www.icfr.org.nz>



HB Multi Cultural Assn



Riswana Latiff



Martine Lianna Bautista Lack

**NB No meeting at our regular venue next week.
We are @ ArtEx**