



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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<p>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</p> <p>President Helen Tattersall Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan DIRECTORS NEW Club Admin Kelvin Winnie Members & PI John McIntosh Service Fred Staples Youth Chris McKenna Foundation Lynne Gibson Artex Steve Gillum</p>	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm Firesides: 1st Wednesday of month Directors: 2nd Wednesday month Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Coming Up: Watch this space</p> <p>Leave of Absence *:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Martin 3/8, Geoff Bennett 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	July 27 th	August 3 rd	August 10 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	John Kingsford HBRC Tutaekuri River project	Committee & Firesides	Taradale Business Association
Host+Thoughts (open & close) Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Garth Eyles Bob Morrison Denise Brown Brian Hall None Lynne Gibson	Mark Dickerson None None Frank Heuser Ian Holyoake Wal Drayton	Brian Anstis Curly Carpenter Brian Peplow Bob Morrison None Alan White
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	One per table + Judy McKelvie John Nelson Robert Pearson	One per table + Hamish Lack Stuart Cheyne Graeme Muir	One per table+ Bryan Matthews Jenny Robinson Peter Thompson

IF you are unable to perform your duty YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Helen of the change. It's not too hard, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting.



Meeting 13 July

President Helen: Welcomed just over 30 members and especially those back after covid.

Opening Thought: Geoff Bibby – *In three words, everything I've learned about life: "It goes on!"*

Welfare

Acting Almoner Pete Thompson reported that Don McKenzie was coming right and that partners Eleanor Holyoake and Paula Anstis were recovering from covid. In a “covid related” situation, Steve Gillum had missed his planned operation.

Announcements

The Directors were still “pondering & planning” but had nothing to report as yet.

Tree Planting- at the site of the Kirsja Jensen Memorial on Marine Parade and surrounding the shelter that GM built there about three years ago. It will take place at 10.30am Monday 25th with City Council guidance. (*Heading towards Clive the site is on the main highway just south of Ravensdown on your right, there is an entry and car parking immediately **on your left**. If you cross the bridge – too late!*)

ArtEx Director “found” an announcement and thanked his “special helpers” Denise, Judy, Peter Thompson and Geoff Bennett. He also provided some background on the build-up and changes in recent times and told us that the profit was around \$37500.

Sergeant Edwin Brown

Drew the **Raffle** with ticket No. 34 and Garth explained that while he had bought No. 33, he also seemed to have No. 34. (Half a sausage will be taken from his meat pack for reimbursement!) Edwin then recited the year’s theme “*Imagine Rotary*” and said that the opportunity to use this is huge. We can create dreams and reality, engage each other and the community, we could “imagine” the end of the year and what we had achieved. Against that background he got a Director or “Champion” from each table to state their intentions and then got the members at that table to pay for them. (*While the “intentions” are not spelled out here, they have been faithfully recorded and will be referred to again by a sergeant in 12 months time!*)

Guest Speaker



Gail introduced Jane Morgan, a HB girl who trained as a lawyer, specialised in “counter terrorism,” but who left that and four years ago began as a “bucket lady” with “**Nourished for Nil**” and is now the paid Manager of that organisation. She told us that they are not a food bank as such but rather they “rescue food.” Thus they eliminate waste and recover it! Vegetables, bread, meat and fruit. Some is at its “best before” or “use by” date, other stuff has been “incorrectly labelled.”

They began in 2017 with eight volunteers and served 78 customers. Now they have 70 volunteers, three trucks, two forklifts and handle locally three to six tonnes a week. They have four locations and recently merged with Napier Foodbank. Their mojo is “**Rescue, Renew, and Redirect.**”

Two trucks begin collecting from 7am and are back in by midday when

volunteers (18 per day) do the sorting. Westpac is a major sponsor but they also receive money from other trusts. In 2017 they rescued 79 tonnes, last year it was 1,170 tonnes. Tell them about any food waste you know of and they will collect it! There were many, many questions and when Denise thanked the speaker she said what we all knew –

“Jane Morgan was inspirational.”



Parting Thought from Geoff again - “*You know that for all his bad environmental policies, Donald Trumps is committed to recycling his garbage!*”

Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

SALLIES FOODBANK!

You heard about it and you responded. While we learned of another food recycling group this week, you must have wondered what happened to our contributions from the previous weeks. Here it is:



Report from Alan White



Photos of the Sallie's foodbank delivery drop-off with Denise on Tuesday. The Foodbank coordinator Jean was just over the moon with the generosity displayed by Greenmeadows Rotary Club members. She repeatedly thanked us for the donations as we wheeled the trolley into the hall, commenting that the shelves were just so low in the foodbank. She had been wondering what she was going to do that day as funds were so scarce. Greenmeadows Rotary had the answer.

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More to come on this. Watch this space.



Next week – Taradale Town Hall. C U there