

# **MEADOWS MATTERS**



## Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club

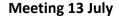
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OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22		MEETINGS	UPCOMING EVENTS	
President	Helen Tattersall	Weekly:	Coming Up:	
Secretary	Ken Hunt	Taradale Town Hall	Watch this space	
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan	Wednesday 6.00pm		
DIRECTORS	NEW	Fellowship 5.30pm	Leave of Absence *:	
Club Admin	Kelvin Winnie	Firesides: 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month	Bruce Martin 3/8, Geoff Bennett 11/10	
Members & PI	John McIntosh	Directors: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday month	• Ian McKelvie, Don McKenzie – Ongoing	
Service	Fred Staples	Apologies to:		
Youth	Chris McKenna	GR.apologies@gmail.com		
Foundation	Lynne Gibson	(before 8.00am on Wednesday)		
Artex	Steve Gillum			

<sup>\*</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Programme:			
Guest Speaker	John Kingsford HBRC Tutaekuri River	Committee Association	
	project		
Host+Thoughts (open & close)	Garth Eyles	Mark Dickerson	Brian Anstis
Top Table introduce Speaker	Bob Morrison	None	Curly Carpenter
Vote of Thanks	Denise Brown	None	Brian Peploe
Cashier	Brian Hall	Frank Heuser	Bob Morrison
Three Minute Speaker	None	Ian Holyoake	None
Sergeant	Lynne Gibson	Wal Drayton	Alan White
Stewards	One per table +	One per table +	One per table+
One per table and the	Judy McKelvie	Hamish Lack	Bryan Matthews
named	John Nelson	Stuart Cheyne	Jenny Robinson
Members to clean up at the end.	Robert Pearson	Graeme Muir	Peter Thompson

IF you are unable to perform your duty <u>YOU</u> 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.



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 Kirsa 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION MELBOURNE 2023**

More to come on this. Watch this space.

