



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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\* 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 6 <sup>th</sup>	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>John Dyer,</b> <b>Security Co-ord,</b> <b>Red Cross Ukraine</b> (Firesidespostponed)	<b>Tama Hutana</b> Problem Gambling	<b>Nourished for Nil</b> Christine or Judith
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Bob Brady * Kelvin Winnie* Fred Staples * Mark Dickerson Jen Robertson * Garth Eyles * Wal Drayton *	Gill Scarlett Brian Anstis Graeme Muir Bryan Mathews Curly Carpenter Frank Heuser Brian Hall	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	<b>One per table +</b> Lynne Gibson Alan White Denise Brown	<b>One per table +</b> Neil Smith Chris McKenna John McIntosh	

**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 29 June

**President Jenny** welcome club members, guest speaker Neil Kirton and as well Dr Jessie Harman (Rotary International Director for our region) Peter Garnett - Regional Foundation Director, Current DG Ross Pinkham, Immediate Past DG Grant Spackman, Ass Gov. for Hastings Area Brian Burrough, and Ken Smith, District Foundation Chair with his wife Nancy.



## First (Early) Part of Programme

Dr Harman, spoke of her position on the Board of Rotary International and the first female to represent Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and New Guinea). Rotary International looks after 48,000 Rotary Clubs, 1.2m members, and 700 staff. There are 17 Directors on the Board. RI is an incredibly international organisation she said, with seven languages spoken in the Boardroom.



Pres Jenny gave a special welcome to a number of surprise guests who seemed to be connected with Past and current ArtEx Directors Geoff Bennett and Bryan Matthews. They included Alison Bennett and Catriona Matthews plus Stephen Matthews, Mac & Reeve, and Richard & Kaye Morris.

Pres. Jenny said we were delighted to have the guests here to share in this celebration and this tribute. She told the visitors that the annual art exhibition is the major fundraiser for Greenmeadows Rotary and has been running this project for 40 years raising close to \$1,000,000 for Community causes. We exhibit the work of around 70 artists from all over NZ and sell the work to the public. It is a huge undertaking which needs expertise and supreme organisational skills to make it successful. She said we wanted to honour two of the directors of this project and called Bryan & Catrina and Geoff & Alison forward, going on to say that about 5 years ago, the exhibition was starting to look a little tired and the profits were starting to wane. It was decided the whole project needed a shot in the arm, so Geoff picked up that challenge and ran with it.

He got a team on board to look at what could be done – got a business consultant to facilitate workshops, sought new sponsors and a major sponsor to whom we gave the naming rights.

With some great plans in place, he and Alison then went overseas on holiday – and crashed on his bike! Both the holiday and his head suffered and when he returned to NZ he realised he needed more convalescence. That's when Bryan stepped up and with his team, changed the venue, changed the length of sale time, changed the look of the opening soiree, got on board an event manager and away it went. The new look art exhibition was and continues to be a huge success. These two gentlemen had, vision, initiative, enthusiasm, expertise and energy and the members of the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows want to sincerely thank them both for all they've done for this project and the club generally. Jenny handed over to DG Ross to present them with the emblems of appreciation as Paul Harris Fellow recipients. The club expressed their appreciation.



## The “Foundation” guests left for another event and – we carried on.....

### Opening Thought

In tradition, Brian Peplow recited the Rotary grace. (How long since we have heard that?)

### The meal was served.

### Club Announcements

**Welfare** Don McKenzie is said to be improving.

**Club Shout:** Wal Drayton was thanked for the shout to celebrate his Bible + 10. (Does that make it 80?)

**ArtEx:** Bryan gave an update on the result of the Art Exhibition. \$81,000 worth of paintings was sold, including the auction items. Interestingly there was the same number of people who went through the exhibition in the two days last year, as went through the 3 days this year.

## Second (Speaker) Part of the Programme

**Neil Kirton, Hohepa Homes** (& replacing the advertised Santiago de Marco)

Business Manager for Hohepa, outlined the part that the late Lew Harris had to play in the original establishment of Hohepa at Fryers Road, Poraiti and then at Clive. Hohepa has 600 staff, and is the 4th employer in the region. It has a \$30m turnover. Due to increasing coastal hazards it has been determined that it is no longer sustainable to continue living at the Clive site. People moving from the Clive site will have the best living environment possible to meet their special needs. New houses are being built on the Poraiti site and in Taradale. It is costing \$10.5 m to make this shift. Hohepa's mantra is “Every life is fully lived”



## Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

### An expansion on next week's speaker

Next week's speaker John Dyer, visited Ukraine in April/May of this year in his role as Security Coordinator for the Red Cross. John provides security risk management advice to the Red Cross to enable a safe operational environment for their activities currently being undertaken in western Ukraine. He will be talking about the International Red Cross response to the current crisis and the key areas around security and safety that have to be managed."

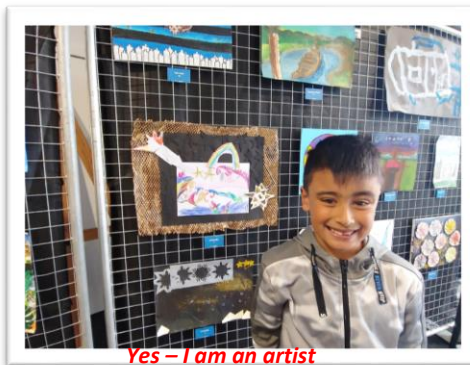
### The Food Bank Collection-next week

Following last week's plea for the Salvation Army we were reminded that process gets tougher as it gets colder and food prices rise. A little from each of us individually can help significantly. Jean from the Salvation Army food bank has provided a list of foodstuffs that they could do with: pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil, tinned fruit, sugar, cornflakes, rice bubbles, Weetbix, margarine, tinned fish, milk powder and carton. Of course anything is welcomed. ***We will have the collection box in the foyer again next Wednesday the 6th July***

### ArtEx Wrap Up!



*Coming in the door*



*Yes - I am an artist*



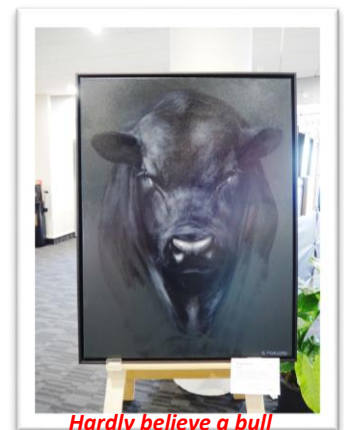
*Some of the displays*



*Record the sales*



*The small stuff*



*Hardly believe a bull*



*Taking Great Care*



*Pack and Wrap*

*Next week - back at base  
See you there*



*Okay - who wants to do next year?*