



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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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: Our Club Changeover - Mission 10 July 13 July regular meeting – new chief! Leave of Absence *: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCormack, Neilson, Hanlen to 6/7 • Kelly – 20/7, Martin 3/8, 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 13 th	July 20 th	July 27 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Tama Hutana Problem Gambling	Nourished for Nil Christine or Judith	John Kingsford HBRC Tutaekuri River project
Opening thought	Gill Scarlett	Geoff Bibby	Garth Eyles
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	Brian Anstis	Gail Kelly	Bob Morrison
Vote of Thanks	Graeme Muir	Denise Primrose	Denise Brown
Cashier	Bryan Mathews	Judy McKelvie	Brian Hall
Club Host & Closing Thought	Curly Carpenter	Geoff Bibby	Garth Eyles
Three Minute Speaker	None	None	None
Sergeant	Brian Hall	Edwin Brown	Lynne Gibson
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	One per table + Neil Smith Chris McKenna John McIntosh	One per table + Brian Peplow Les Mockford Jenny Robertson	One per table + Judy McKelvie John Nelson Robert Pearson

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 6 July

President Jenny presided for her last meeting at our regular venue and welcomed about 30 members and two partners (Jenny Bibby & Mary Anne Eyles) and guest speaker John Dyer from Red Cross.



Opening Thought (a 4am vision) from Garth Eyles: *“What have we done in the last week & will do in the next week, to make our world & our community & our family, a more friendly, happy & healthier place to be in.”*

Welfare Stuart reported that Colin Clark was the same, Jill Hanlen had a good report and that Don McKenzie was making good progress. It was also noted that Bob Morrison had lost a family member. It was then revealed that Stuart (and Heather) are going to be away for the next three weeks (to a secret 85th birthday!) and that Pete and Donna will be tending to our welfare!

Notices

All Directors had a “nil report” (not surprising - the old ones don’t want to say anything and the news ones haven’t learned what they can say yet!)

Club Announcements

There was a belated reminder that next Wednesday would be the final evening to receive for food parcels.

The Three Minute Speaker

Club Environmental Officer Garth Eyles presented his final report for the year and (after defeating technical problems with the power point) said as it was winter we should be staying in town and walking around the likes of Dolbel Reserve. He then went on to give us something of a history of the reserve saying the Dolbel Brothers arrived in 1855 (I think) subdivided a portion of Taradale land and donated about 18 hectares as a reserve (maybe around 1870). It is part of what is now more than 700 hectares of reserves in Napier. It seems there are always developments and recently a new Kauri track. It is easy to get lost. Go clockwise so as not to get trapped! Fabulous views when you reach the top, only spoiled by people building mansions there! Taradale Rotary have been involved with the reserve since 2000 and GM since 2005.

Sergeant Wal Drayton drew Raffle No. 1 which was claimed by Brian Hall. He then fined the scribe for getting Wal’s duty wrong on the roster (Wal may find he is on duty a lot from now!!). He then caught those at scribes table, those who had been to the bar, someone who had something to do with Mark’s chair and anyone who had not paid by then! To cap off these pearls of wisdom he asked “*What does a storm cloud wear under his coat?*” No one replied for fear of being fined again and Wal responded with, “*Thunderwear!*”

Guest Speaker

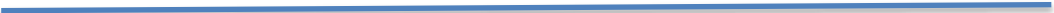
Kelvin Winnie introduced **John Dyer**, Security Coordinator for the Red Cross. He has been with the organisation for 20 years (previously been in the military for the same amount of time). Aided by power point John described how there were several parts of Red Cross all over the world and the International Federation over the top of that. He was on the international board of the organisation. Earlier this year he spent five weeks in Ukraine representing the International Red Cross. He told how it took over 50 hours to get there, though had a big layover somewhere and finally awoke with covid. So he rested up for a while.

He described Ukraine as about 1400km across, i.e. the distance from Invercargill to Palmerston North but in area is about 2 ½ times the size of NZ. The devastation is mainly in the east. He noted the Lviv was quiet and tidy but then bombed. Seven million people were evacuated, mainly to the west of Ukraine. He described 70 people living in a school – with not a lot of plumbing! Cash and vouchers were the most useful things to disperse to evacuees. In his role as assessing risks he noted the most serious one was the serious road crash rate! Thus the principle security concerns for Red Cross were – road crashes, their emblem, chemicals, armed conflict and their medical response.

Fred Staples thanked John for his unique generosity in improving the world.



Parting Thought from Pres Jenny (practising for her role outside of presidency!) “*Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending*”
(This surely does not relate to the past year. President Jenny made a great start and now a great ending. Scribe



Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

The Food Bank Collection-final week

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 or carton. Of course anything is welcomed.

We will have the collection box in the foyer again next Wednesday the 13th July

Duty Roster

Incoming President Helen has asked for some minor tweaks to the duty roster, i.e. restricting the Three Minute speaker appearance and combining the Club Host (greeter) and Parting Thought with the Opening Thought duty. No doubt more will be revealed on this but the obvious advantage is reducing the number rostered for any one meeting. Good for all. But to work – you have to read it!

Meet Rotary's First Female President



President Jennifer Jones hit the ground running as she took office on 1 July as the first female president in Rotary history. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland, Ontario, Canada, and the founder and president of Media Street Productions, an award-winning media company in Windsor. Having previously served Rotary in a variety of roles including vice president, director, and Rotary Foundation trustee, her talents have strengthened Rotary's reach and impact. Learn more about Jones in a profile in the July issue of Rotary magazine.

Some random thoughts to get us to the end of the page

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.

They say we can have gatherings with up to eight people without issues.
I don't even know eight people without issues.

Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

Someone posted that they had just made synonym buns. I replied "you mean just like the ones that grammar used to make?" I am now blocked.

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers ... if you do find one, what's your plan?

***Tomorrow (Sunday) Changeover at Mission. Next week – back at base with the new President
Breaking News – no caterer this week (isolation) so we will dine out. See Secretary's email...***