



MEADOWS MATTERS

This bulletin is the newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand



ROTARY WORLD CONVENTION – MELBOURNE MAY 2023

With no guest speaker this week the difficulty in finding a *lead article* for the front page was readily accepted by the Editor who called on his “front page” seeking skills from around 40 years ago – and puts himself here!

Ian Holyoake told us (in a three to five minute extended address – and with his spelling challenged) of attending a world convention in Melbourne 29 years ago and thought it would be a “one off”. His Rotary life dictated otherwise and he has now been to 15! It is like a giant Rotary District Conference but with 20 to 40 thousand people attending, covers five days, brilliant speakers, and world leaders, has an adjoining “*House of Friendship*” where perhaps 400 booths set out to promote Rotary activities, Rotary Fellowships and “Hawkers” who sell Rotary “bling.” Our District booked 20 rooms in a hotel, filled them up and is now looking for a second hotel.

Melbourne 27 – 31 May 2023. Think about it. Contact details below.



President Helen



President Helen welcomed a happy bunch of some 32 members, no visitors and no guest speaker. It was “Firesides Night!”

Opening Thought

From Mark Dickerson – “*If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of dollars and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.*”

Welfare

Our regular Welfare Officer returned from his “holiday” to his chair to tell us that Colin Clark was in hospital with Covid, Don McKenzie was going to Wellington & Caroline Nikolaison had problems - (the ladies group might assist).

Announcements

Admin Director Kelvin asked for committees to consider at their meeting a request to assist Tamatea High School with their tree planting project (some of the trees had been stolen) and they need a further \$15K to complete their \$45K project. Can we help?

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Officer Holders 2022-23

President	Helen Tattersall
Secretary	Ken Hunt
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan
Club Admin & PE	Kelvin Winnie
Membership & PI	John McIntosh
Service Projects	Fred Staples
Youth	Chris McKenna
Foundation	Lynne Gibson
Artex	Steve Gillum

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm
Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Apologies to:

GR.apologies@gmail.com
(before 8.00am on Wed)

Coming Up:

Watch this space

Leave of Absence

Geoff Bennett 11/10
Ian McKelvie &
Don McKenzie – Ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

President: hjtattersall@hotmail.com

TRF Director Fred had a possible fund raiser in that we could “volunteer” as “rugby supporters” (not security) to assist at games, raise money and see the game for free. Contact him if interested.

The **rest of the directors** announced their fireside venues.

President Helen outlined some “thoughts” for consideration at meetings, namely on months with a 5th Wednesday we do something “different;” **Rotary Day of Action** on Sept. 24th - ideas for a community based project, e.g. beach cleaning and sausage sizzle or some other?? She then announced that club member John Nelson had asked to resign, saying he had reached a new stage in his life and was reviewing his situation.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Wal announced raffle ticket No. 78 and the most recent *birthday boy* Stuart Cheyne claimed the meat voucher as his present. Wal then caught Frank for not being Sergeant one day, and then went on to discuss the fires in the US, recalled the smaller ones in NZ from the 1920’s - 40’s (and named the sites) and fined those who had seen them, remembered them, lit them, “wee’d” on them and finished by *daringly* fining the scribe (for the second time on the night) for a spelling mistake in his power point show.

Closing Thought

Again from Mark “*There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.*”

Scribes for this Bulletin

While Ian Holyoake is now your Editor (or so he claims) it is useful to have some “backup” or at least some “scribes” to record the meeting notes and send to the Editor for setting up in the format & distributing to our members & friends.

This is a great opportunity to gain some experience and skills and who knows where this might lead to – writing in the suburban paper perhaps, the *HBT*, *DomPost*, or even a chance on television!

If you are interested, contact the Editor. He has a couple of ~~conscripts~~ volunteers but would welcome more.

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

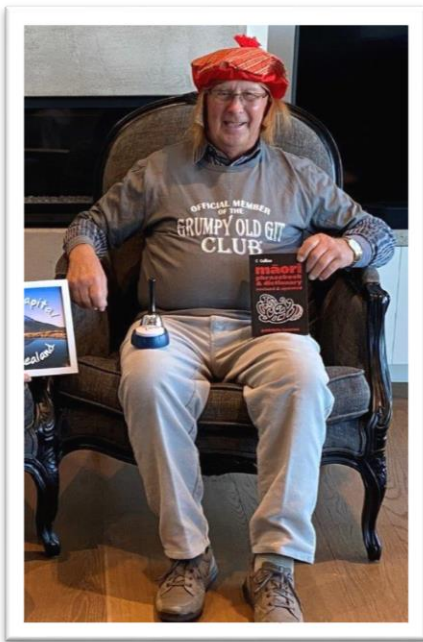
YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Helen of the change.

It’s not too hard, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting.

ROSTER

Date	August 10 th	August 17 th	August 24 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Taradale Business Association	Phil Crombie Ahuriri Sunrise Assistant Governor Rotary Regionalisation	Kevin Forgeson District Governor Official Visit
Host+Thoughts (open & close) Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Brian Anstis Curly Carpenter Brian Peploe Bob Morrison None Alan White	Robert Pearson Ian Holyoake John Nelson Fred Staples None Graeme Ryan	Robert Pearson Ian Holyoake John Nelson ?? Fred Staples None Graeme Ryan
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	One per table + Bryan Matthews Peter Thompson Jenny Robertson	One per table + Gail Kelly * Gill Scarlett * Bob Morrison *	One per table + Brian Hall Kelvin Winnie Bob Morrison

Miscellaneous Meadows Matters



The puzzle is solved. Our Welfare Officer Stuart and his Carer Heather, recently left us and went off on some important holiday. It was never revealed where they went or what they got up to but it seems from this picture that they did some “dressing up” while Stu pretended to be celebrating his 85th birthday. As our annual Rotary theme says, “Use your imagination.”

Melbourne Convention 27 – 31 May 2023

Visit this website –

(i.e. hold down the *control button* on your computer and left click – or *cut & paste* the link into your browser)

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

Then click on the various links. You can view the programme (though speakers not actually named there yet) hotel connections, associated events, Q & A – and much more.

ENVIRONMENT

‘Save the Dotterels – Hawke’s Bay’ – Update

This coming nesting season, the ‘Save the Dotterels, Hawke’s Bay’ project has over 30 volunteers who have agreed to be ‘dotterel minders’. The ‘Save the Dotterels, HB’ working group, consisting of passionate locals, have made great progress with obtaining some funding to purchase materials to rope off nests, Hi Viz vests, the printing of a pamphlet and trapping equipment.

The volunteers will principally be identifying and monitoring nests and recording the data. This season we will be concentrating on two locations – one at Bayview and one at Clive. Two information workshops are being held this month for the volunteers – the Bayview workshop is on the 31st July. If you think you may be interested to help with this project please contact Lynne Anderson 027 241 8124

At the two locations it is the banded dotterel that nests at both sites although NZ Dotterels nest at other locations in Hawke’s Bay. NZ Dotterels are a small shore nesting bird endemic to NZ and Banded Dotterels are endemic breeders in NZ. As you can imagine, these birds face many threats during the nesting season with vehicles on beaches, dogs off leads and other predators such as cats, rats, stoats and hedgehogs.



NZ Dotterel



Banded Dotterel



**Next week at the
Taradale Town Hall and
learn about local business**