



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



Speaker – “Remain valid and relevant”

Phil Crombie, a member of the Ahuriri Sunrise club for 23 years and now Assistant Governor for our area, showed the members a six minute “Regionalisation” video which is a pilot project for Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Rotary clubs to consider and relating to the “reorganisation” of Rotary.

Phil quoted Rotary Founder Paul Harris who once said that: ***“It is a test of wisdom to remain valid and relevant over time.”***

Phil commented that Rotary needs to be diverse, equitable and inclusive also commented: *“Perceptions of Rotary don’t match reality, and that the general public has a lack of understanding about what Rotary actually does or represents.”*



The Community impact and connecting with friends is still important but Rotary needs to flourish not just survive.

Change will be explored through this pilot, and our club needs to vote as to whether we want to take part in the pilot or not.

Some of the things we would need to consider doing are:

- Support all clubs to engage members, volunteers & communities
- Create new attractive Leadership opportunities
- Build a stronger unified Rotary brand
- Encourage partnership with other clubs and organisations
- Improve efficiencies and reduce duplication

So what would this mean for members?

- There would be different types of clubs
- Special interest clubs
- Access to expertise
- Flexibility
- Leadership opportunities
- Democracy
- Collaboration and connection
- Efficiency and lack of duplication
- Democratically elected Regional Council

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Clubs will need to vote on this from the 15th and 29th September with one vote per club and then District votes. Abstaining by any club means a ‘No’.

The main objective for the pilot is to stop our diminishing numbers and try to change the perception of what Rotary is all about.

Ian Holyoake suggested an apt conclusion to the address might be what he considered on of the most profound expressions from Paul Harris

“We live in an ever changing world and we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will be written again and again.”

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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

Coming Up:

BBQ - Guess who’s coming? 18 Sept

Ten Pin Bowling – 31 August

Leave of Absence

Denise Primrose 13/9

Gill Scarlet 11/10

Kevin McCormack 1/11

Geoff Bennett 11/10

Barry Keating ongoing

Ian McKelvie ongoing

Don McKenzie – 01/11

Doug Neilson - 31/10

Kevin McCormack – 01/11

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President Helen

President Helen welcomed Assistant Governor Phil Crombie and approximately 35 club members.



Opening Thought

Robert Pearson - penned by Oscar Wilde: *"We are in the gutter but some of us are looking at the stars."*

Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart Cheyne informed us that Colin Clarke and Jill Hanlen were status quo, that Wim Snijder has been discharged from hospital but going back for tests (he welcomes visitors when home) and that Don McKenzie is progressing slowly.

Announcements

Guess who's coming to a BBQ

Stuart in his other role of our social organiser, stated that this will be held on Sunday 18th September and that he's looking for hosts.

Rotary Fellowship

Ian and Jenny reported that *the International Caravan Fellowship of Rotarians* local jaunt around the Hawke's Bay and Manawatu environs (*photos below*) went well, and they would recommend others to join the next rally which will be held in Raglan in early September.

Cranford - Alan and Fred are organising volunteers to assist with Cranford warden duties and the sheet will be with Fred if there are further offers of assistance.

Tamatea High School

There is a financial request from Cindy Morgan for a student to attend a conference in Christchurch [UN Youth Programme]. Ken will send the details to all Directors to discuss with their committees - answer needed before the next Fireside meeting can be held.

Rāapa Rimu

[5th Wednesday] President Helen reported that there will be a 10 Pin Bowling outing on Wednesday 31st August.

Sergeant at Arms

Geoff Bibby pretended that he had not read the bulletin and did not know he was sergeant. He fined himself (heavily) and then proceeded with a smorgasbord of fines - from nicknames at school, to people paying more than they should for coffee, to rugby watchers and bulletin readers (or lack of as in his case!)

Closing Thought

Robert Pearson closed the meeting with the thought:

"Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too".

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.



LET'S HELP PEOPLE

THANKFUL TO BE A ROTARIAN



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 of Duties

Date	August 24 th	August 31 st	September 7 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Kevin Forgeson District Governor Official Visit	Ten Pin Bowling	Firesides (Membership & PI Committee)
Host+Thoughts (<i>open & close</i>) Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Bruce Martin Ian Holyoake Jenny Robertson Fred Staples None Graeme Ryan	Details to come	Gail Kelly None None Judy McKelvie John Macintosh Brian Hall
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	One per table + Brian Hall Kelvin Winnie Bob Morrison		One per table + Mark Dickerson Geoff Bibby Brian Anstis

Fellowship in Rotary, in fact the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)



Venues were varied and allowed adaption & innovation – especially with heating



The local branch of the ICFR recently did a “rolling rally” south of here & Ian encouraged Jenny & Hugh to try it out. The next rally is at Raglan with nearly 90 Rotarians registered.



Food was varied, plentiful and washed down with differing libations



Next meeting at our regular venue and is the annual visit of our new District Governor