



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



## Change in Rotary – Is it really necessary?

President Helen introduced *Membership & PI Director John Mackintosh* who began a Club Forum by referring to Ukraine, (incidentally the home of the RI World Secretary John Hewko) mentioned people dying for their country and then asked if Rotary was dying! He went on to quote statistics which clearly showed that while the world number had stayed around 1.2 million members for some years, there was a serious decline in numbers in areas and clubs like ours (our club has gone down ten members in the past five years). He told us that the world president was asking us to “imagine” what Greenmeadows should be like. He spoke of recent lectures and zoom meetings that some of us have been involved in and concluded that there were two alternatives – “stay the same” or “change”. He suggested new styles of clubs could be considered, “people of action” cause based clubs, satellite clubs, clubs based around business hubs and a general discussion developed around this.

*Should we change it?  
If you always do what  
you’ve always done,  
you’ll always get what  
you’ve already got!*

*PP Jenny* spoke (& drew out ideas on) “cause based” ideas (e.g. the youth suicide project that attracted contributions from a number of clubs); could the AG for the area get better coordination between clubs; is cost a barrier (ideas for reducing); what do the customers want; what do we want (survey to see?); know what our target is; attract members from projects... (*and probably much more*).

*Ian Holyoake* concluded with his observations of the losses he had seen in eight clubs in 45 years, that we are one of the biggest clubs, reminded us to “bring a friend one evening – just as one did for you”, that our women membership number was low and finally offered a parting thought.

*President Helen* concluded with the advice that we would be voting on the proposed new styles of Rotary and Clubs later in September and that webinars are available for those who want further information.

## President Helen

The numbers attending had dropped back to 32 but they were all enthusiasts who, while unable to go tenpin bowling, appreciated the chance to hear about and add to the possible “Changes in Rotary.”



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## Officer Holders 2022-23

<b>President</b>	Helen Tattersall
<b>Secretary</b>	Ken Hunt
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graeme Ryan
<b>Club Admin &amp; PE</b>	Kelvin Winnie
<b>Membership &amp; PI</b>	John Macintosh
<b>Service Projects</b>	Fred Staples
<b>Youth</b>	Chris McKenna
<b>Foundation</b>	Lynne Gibson
<b>Artex</b>	Steve Gillum

## Meetings

**Weekly:** Taradale Town Hall  
Wednesday 6.00pm  
Fellowship 5.30pm  
**Firesides:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
**Directors:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

## Coming Up:

Guess who’s coming BBQ - 18 Sept

## Leave of Absence

Denise Primrose 13/9  
Gill Scarlet 11/10  
Geoff Bennett 11/10  
Doug Neilson - 31/10  
Kevin McCormack – 01/11  
Don McKenzie – 01/11  
Barry Keating ongoing  
Ian McKelvie ongoing

## Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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## Opening Thought

(This was not heard by those present but is stated here due to its relevance) ***“We live in an ever changing world, we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will be written again and again.”*** (Rotary Founder Paul Harris)

## Welfare

Don McKenzie returning to Wellington for a prosthesis, understood to be next week. Wim Snijders is making very slow progress. Gill Scarlett is home but requires further surgery. Carol Charman has reached the top of her queue and gets knee surgery this coming week.

## Announcements

### ***Guess who’s coming to the BBQ - 18 September***

Switching to his BBQ hat, Stu advised we had 57 participants at this point and the required number of hosts. He will phone guests prior to Midday on the 18<sup>th</sup> to tell them where they are going. Hosts will be provided with meat and guests will contribute \$10 a head to cover this cost. Guests will provide a salad to share and their own refreshments. It is hoped this new venture will be enjoyed by all.

## Sergeant at Arms

With no rostered sergeant, but still in need of funds for club purposes, Pres. Helen appointed Past Pres. Jenny to take the bowl around and members were encouraged to *silently* confess their “sins” and donate. They did! In spades!! *(Well I think that is what happened – Jenny won the raffle with ticket number 50 – as I recall. Ed)*

## ***A Parting Thought***

Offered by the final speaker but copied from World President Jennifer Jones (who got it from her brother) ***“In order to live in the kind of society you want, you have to help build it.”***

## **Rotary District Conference**

***21 – 23 April 2023 in Te Kuiti.***

The DG says holding it there instead of a big city, is his Club’s payback to their Community .Theme – ***“Rural New Zealand, triumph over adversity.”***

## **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	September 7th	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	September 21 <sup>st</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Firesides</b> (Membership & PI Committee)	<b>Janice - Cranford</b>	<b>Wallace Developments?</b>
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Gail Kelly None None Judy McKelvie John Macintosh Brian Hall	Peter Thompson Brian Pelope Steve Gillum Wal Drayton Nil Bryan Matthews	John Macintosh Graeme Muir Alan White Neil Smith Nil Fred Staples
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	<b>One per table +</b> Mark Dickerson Geoff Bibby Brian Anstis	<b>One per table +</b> Hamish Lack Bruce Martin Jenny Robertson	<b>One per table +</b> Stuart Cheyne Denise Brown Judy McKelvie

## Miscellaneous Meadows Matters

A recent item on polio brought to our attention by a Rotary Reader. Your Editor speculates that these cases are contracted from vaccinations and not new outbreaks somehow connected to the only two countries with wild polio virus still existing, namely Afghanistan and Pakistan. However it shows how we have to remain vigilant until it is completely eliminated – in the largest Rotary project ever in the world.

### Polio outbreaks have scientists on alert

Scientists are racing to understand how polio might be spreading in New York State, London and Jerusalem, all of which have found poliovirus in wastewater samples this year. Thanks to high vaccination rates, so far only two cases of polio-related paralysis have been reported, in Jerusalem in February and New York in June. All three areas are boosting immunization efforts, including an ambitious effort to vaccinate all one-to-nine-year-olds in London. The events are yet another reminder of the need for a global understanding of public health, say specialists. “No country in the world is immune to the effects of polio,” says global-health researcher Zulfiqar Bhutta. “It’s all interconnected.”



Membership Month may have finished but we will be to – if we don’t come up with new members and new ideas.

The President Elect and the President ponder on the proposed changes to Rotary and reflect on the likelihood that it will be them who make it happen!



### Melbourne Convention 27 – 31 May 2023

If interested visit this website –

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

If you want advice or assistance, check with Ian Holyoake

Rotary World Convention – like a district conference in New Zealand – just a hundred times bigger!

A final reflection. What are we here for? To have fun and help people. Where and how? At Rotary of course.

### CIRCLE OF LIFE

You come with Nothing ,  
You go with Nothing ,  
In between you can create Magic ,  
Bring Smiles and Happiness ,  
Create a Legacy - Enjoy Rotary



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*Next meeting – at “home” and with Firesides and Friendship*