



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



*It's still looking a lot like
Christmas.*



*Soldier is still out there but
looking a bit sad in the rain.*



President Helen welcomed less than half our club members for the final meeting, which with partners totalled less than 30 people present! (Mind you it was our second meeting of the week.) It was an informal meeting with the only announcement's (see below) being welfare and New Year Meetings.



Then fish, massive sausages and crisp chips were served for dinner. Thanks to Ken and Kelvin for picking up the food for us.

With Christmas Gifts in front of each Member, Helen read a Christmas story which required the parcels being passed left or right depending on when those words came up in the story. The scribe thanks the Member providing the Baileys chocolate etc. (Given the name of the chocolate, your scribe wonders if it is compulsory to sup some Baileys liqueur with each chocolate square. And – the Editor is trying to play the ukulele. OMG!)

A HUGE THANKYOU to HELEN, CAROL and PAULA for their time and effort setting the tables with Christmas decorations and candles. Even Christmas music in the background. And not to forgetting GARTH who set up the tables and chairs. And all set off with the usual efficient service from *Pete the Barman*.

Welfare

Welfare was delegated from Stuart - to Peter - to Helen:
Don McKenzie - Improving. Good report in Wellington.
Pat Peplow - On the improve. Could be better.
Colin Clark - No change.
Trevor Powell. - Has had a couple of stents inserted. More to be done when he gets back from U K.
Ex Rotarian Noel Mann has cancer – no further info at this stage.

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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 Macintosh
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:

Camp Kaitawa – 8-13 Jan 2023
Dolbel BBQ meeting – 15 Jan

Leave of Absence

Don McKenzie – ongoing
Barry Keating ongoing
Ian McKelvie ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

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Weekly Thoughts

From Pres.Helen:

What do you get if you cross an apple and a christmas tree? A pineapple.

Where do snowmen go to dance? At a snow-ball. (An Aussie Xmas “thought” has been added at the end. Ed)

Announcements

Pres. Helen said the first meeting back will be Sunday January 18th at BBQ at Dolbel Park, a joint meeting with Taradale Club. Kelvin will send an email before then with more information and seeking numbers.

Carol and Alan were the next day, to take the presents and monies raised to the Salvation Army in Greenmeadows. (And they did – see below)

Lynne Gibson thanked the Members who attended the movie event last week. \$1,629.00 raised for Rotary Foundation. Lynne recommended the film to Members.

Delivering the Sallies collection



On Thursday morning with the scribe in attendance, Alan and Carol took their sleigh to the Salvation Army Base where Assistant Corp Officer, Lieutenant Michal Baken was on hand to receive over \$700 worth of vouchers and the few “actual” Christmas gifts donated by Greenmeadows Rotary Club members over recent weeks.

Michal, who manages the pastoral care for our local area, was so appreciative of the efforts of the Club. She emphasised the value the Army places in this annual partnering with the Greenmeadows Rotary Club and the difference the vouchers will make in bringing some Christmas joy into homes within our community.

Having completed the merry task of capturing the moment, conversations touched on other potential partnering opportunities and the Club's willingness to undertake local projects of a service nature.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	January 15 th	January 18 th	January 25 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Dolbel BBQ Sunday with Taradale Rotary	Back at Base Regular Meeting	Something or other
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	TBA	TBA	
Stewards <i>One per table</i>	Nil	TBA	

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.



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS



CHRISTMAS

Sunday
at The Mission



CHRISTMAS

Wednesday
at Taradale Town Hall



Twas the Night Before Christmas – in Aussie



'Twas the night before Christmas; there wasn't a sound.
Not a possum was stirring; no-one was around.
We'd left on the table some tucker and beer,
Hoping that Santa, soon would be here;

We children were snuggled up, safe in our beds,
While dreams of Pavlova danced 'round in our heads;
And Mum in her nightie, and Dad in his shorts,
Had just settled down, to watch TV sports.

When outside the house a mad ruckus arose;
Loud squeaking and banging, woke us from our doze.
We ran to the screen door, peeked cautiously out,
Snuck onto the deck, then let out a shout.

Guess what had woken us up from our snooze,
But a rusty old Ute pulled by eight mighty 'roos.
The cheerful man driving was giggling with glee,
We both knew at once who this plump bloke must be.

Now, I'm telling the truth it's all dinki-di,
Those eight kangaroos fairly soared through the sky.
Santa leaned out the window to pull at the reins,
And encouraged the 'roos, by calling their names.

'Now, Kylie! Now, Kirsty! Now, Shazza and Shane!
On Kipper! On Skipper! On Bazza and Wayne!
Park up on that water tank. Grab a quick drink,
I'll scoot down the gum tree. Be back in a wink!

So up to the tank those eight kangaroos flew,
With the Ute full of toys, and Santa Claus too.
He slid down the gum tree, jumped to the ground,
Then through the window, he sprang with a bound.

Bright sunburned cheeks and a milky white beard.
A jolly old joker, was how he appeared.
He wore red stubby shorts, old thongs on his feet,
And a hat of deep crimson, as shade from the heat.

His eyes - bright as opals - Oh! How they twinkled!
And, like a goanna, his skin was quite wrinkled!
His shirt was stretched over, a round bulging belly
It shook when he moved, like a plate full of jelly.

*That was our final meeting for the year and the Editor and Scribes wish you a Merry Christmas.
Thank-you for reading thus far for the Rotary Year and we hope you stick with us after Christmas.
We may even improve.*



DECEMBER IN ROTARY IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

There could not be a bigger or better example of disease prevention and treatment than that of Eliminating Polio throughout the world. And Rotary and our partners have been doing that for over 30 years and spending over two billion US dollars in doing just that!

Your words; this week

Photo journalist Brian Halal did the words this week – and there were not many to write. However he made up for it with the images he captured of you and your mates dealing to the food from the local “Chippie.”

EVENTS COMING UP

Camp Kaitawa Sunday 8th – Friday 13th
January, Maintenance, fun, meals and happy hours.
Advise Graeme Muir if you can come.

A fat stack of prezzies, he flung from his back,
And he looked like a swaggie unfastening his pack.
He spoke not a word, but bent down on one knee,
To position our goodies, beneath the yule tree.

Surfboard and footballs, he left for us two.
And for Dad, tongs to use, on the new barbeque.
A mysterious package he left for our Mum,
Then he turned, he winked and held up his thumb;

He strolled out on deck and his 'roos came on cue;
Flung his sack in the back, so he could shoot through.
Bellowing out loud as they swooped past the gates-
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and good onya MATES!'

