



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



**P**resident Helen says don't forget to come to the first meeting for 2023 (Wed. 18<sup>th</sup>) at our regular venue and see what she has in mind for the second half of her "Presidential Year."



## What Christmas meant - Who wrote this?

- (A) Christmas to me went from decorating an excessively large tree to glazing ham, piping meringues, podding fresh peas and lighting far too many candles. It meant getting into teams to attempt to beat the grandchildren at darts, table tennis, Five Crowns and cricket. Christmas means an overindulgence of good food and wine and lots of laughter. Fancy having to wait 49 weeks for it all to come around again!!!
- (B) Christmas to me meant family - descending with six excited grandchildren, meeting together for the first time in three years. It meant our contribution to the Christmas table of salads for 25 people - a Christmas pudding, the recipe handed down over 4 generations - a long table under the walnut tree, stories mostly by our master storyteller- reminiscences - champagne - fun, much laughter and a thankfulness for friends and family.
- (C) Christmas to us was desperately seeking strawberries and cherries, buying huge quantities of other food – and storing it, basting the ham and assembling gifts thought to be appropriate to the various ages. Then on the day the family branch hosting the lunch went down with covid and thus those without disease never went! Another branch turned up in the evening, tired and worn out from earlier celebrations elsewhere but managed to attack parcels and create mayhem. It was dreadful – and we loved it!
- (D) We contributed 899 km of Road User taxes to assist repair those pot holes you have no doubt swerved around, hit and sworn at. We enjoyed Timberlea in Upper Hutt for Christmas; had a half day bush walk in Catchpool Valley, south of Wainuiomata. After four days of Family time, we had the exciting opportunity to travel half of the new Transmission Gully Highway out of Wellington and the even newer Otaki Bypass. Enjoyable though the first 10 minutes was cruising at 100kmph, it was then down to 10kmph as two lanes squeezed into one and it was nose to tail until Bulls. New Year saw four nights in Whanganui, which included a swim in the sea, paddle steamer ride on the Whanganui river, a tunnel walk to "the Elevator" to the top Drury Hill (at - half price at \$1.00!), and a very nervous climb up the 176 stairs of the stone tower. Home was via the "sealed" Taihape - Napier Road.

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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:

Dolbel BBQ meeting – TBA  
(we are just waiting on the weather)  
Godwits Farewell – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Leave of Absence

Don McKenzie – ongoing  
Barry Keating ongoing  
Ian McKelvie ongoing

### Website/Club Contacts

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## Welfare

Almoner Stu has just returned from holiday and has yet to catch up on members welfare. Stand-in Pete has been in Kaitawa to attend to welfare of members there in the rain. Before he left Napier though the regular members were not known to have any new problems. All will be checked and updated by Wednesday evening.

## Announcements

### Guest Speaker

**Programme Organiser Alan** advises that the speaker for our first meeting will be Phil Cooper. He is from England, but returns to NZ each year – and he has visited our Club before. He has a BSc (Hons) in physiology and 24 years teaching biology and science. He leads a restoration project in Costa Rica, which will be the subject of his address to the Club next Wednesday.

### Farewell the Godwits

**Environment Officer Garth** looks ahead and says the farewell is on **Sunday 26th February**, 2023, 12.30pm, gathering at Westshore Beach Inn carpark. There will be a speaker to talk about the godwits journey, and then a walk to where they roost at high tide. Binoculars needed, and some scopes will be available to look through.

## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	January 18th	January 25th	February 1st
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Phil Cooper Restoration Project in Costa Rica</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Firesides TBC</b>
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Lynne Gibson Brian Hall Frank Heuser Judy McKelvie Geoff Bibby Brian Anstis	Gill Scarlet Les Mockford Kevin McCormack Bob Morrison Brian Peplow Neil Smith	Curly Carpenter - - Bruce Martin Mark Dickerson Garth Eyles
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Edwin Brown Gail Kelly Wal Drayton	Robert Pearson Peter Thompson Alan White	Graeme Muir Bob Brady Denise Brown

### 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

How we finished the year (2022)

### Christmas at The Mission



### “Fush & Chups” at the Town Hall



Ah!! The memories.....

Now we begin a new (calendar) year and the second half of our Rotary Year



### January is Vocational Services month.

Our District Governor tells us that this is the root of what Rotary is about. Paul Harris wrote “Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession.” This is so true with Rotarians of all trades, businesses and professions giving of their time, experience and energy.

Serving their communities and encouraging and fostering the ideal that is Rotary. Also applying those vocations to provide service to personal, business and community life and advancing international understanding of all that is Rotary.

You may think that your individual vocation is nothing special but combine that with the vocations of many and the ideals of Rotary and we have a fantastic recipe for success. As your District Governor for 2022-23, Kevin Forgeson thanks us for using our vocational talents in the betterment of Rotary principles and *service above self*.

### Your words this week – and a prize offered!

Everyone chipped in and contributed. Anything that could not be authenticated was made up by the Editor! Can you guess who (from the Editor and three scribes) wrote the four paragraphs (A, B, C & D) on page one above. A chocolate fish is at stake for each correct entry. The writers cannot enter this competition themselves – but will receive a chocolate fish, just for contributing. (NB: There could be a delay in delivering the chocolate fish to the winners, due to world shortages of CO2.)



## Camp Kaitawa

Our intrepid "Kaitawa Team" did their annual "maintenance visit" and your photo journalist Brian Hall was there to not only help, but also record the event for the benefit of those of us who could not make it. Here is what he wrote.

We have just returned from the land of the *Children of the Mist* - and it lived up to its name, it was rare to see even little Lake Kaitawa. It is rain forest, and the forest (and us) had a good soaking. Five people were aiming to arrive on Wednesday, but as you are no doubt aware, the roads have been impassable.

Luckily, two couples plus our builder and his 2 sons elected not to come through on their login date of Tuesday, so we had enough food (and booze) to see us through. On our Friday return, we had four stops for road works, although the road now appears to be back to two lanes in all but two instances of longer term wash-outs.

This year we had two main objectives: Paint the Managers house, and replace the East wall of the main building. Neither objective was even attempted due to the rain. However, the corridor ceilings and walls were painted with the able assistance of Ken, Peter Thompson, Peter Brown and Brian Hall.

Greenmeadows Ladies Donna T, Carol and Margaret Hall joined other Camp supporters cleaning windows, deep cleaning toilets (lucky them), showers, kitchen including the cupboards and crockery. Despite the rain, trees were cut back, confidence course and outside tables water blasted, pot holes filled, etc., etc.

Some managed quiet reading (often with eyes closed) in the afternoon, and walks on the local forest tracks. Human dynamo and Trust Chair, Graeme Muir, did not appear to stop working until dinner gong was rung. Yep, it was very wet and cold at times, but conditions did not stop all 19 attending from achieving great work, enjoying fellowship with card games, jigsaws completed, and a few beers & wines consumed.



← Here's what you do in an emergency

What to do when there's not one →



The whole crew – with their tools ↑

← Walking in the mist

"No – we can't put the wine up that much" →



**See you at our first meeting for the year next Wednesday at our regular venue in the Town Hall. The earlier published combined BBQ with the Taradale Rotary Club was postponed due to the excessive rain in recent weeks. It will return. Watch this space.**

