



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

WELCOME 2023 & COSTA RICA

At our first meeting for the year President Helen welcomed a "crowd" of around 30 – if you counted the speaker and Pete the Barman! However it was pretty clear that all present were pleased to be together again.



Costa Rica was the subject and Phil Cooper the speaker, What an amazing topic and project this is.

Phil had 22 seasons a professional cricket coach, and 24 years teaching Biology and science.

Phil gave us a fascinating insight to a country many of us know very little about.

While encompassing just one thirtieth of a percent of Earth's landmass, Costa Rica contains four percent of species estimated to exist on the planet.

There are, for example, 43 varieties of Hummingbirds, their heart beats 1200 times per minute and their wings move 60 times per second. Phil had many photos of some of the more exotic birds and animals to be found there.

Jaguars, ocelots, sloths, frogs, insects – even a Jesus Christ lizard. How about a golden silk spider with a web strength 10x that of tensile steel, or the banana spider which has a bite which can kill a person within two hours.

Michael Schnitzler, a well-known classical violinist from Vienna and part-time resident of Costa Rica, founded a non-profit organization called "Rainforest of the Austrians" with the goal of raising funds to buy property in the Esquinas Forest and donate them to the Costa Rica Government.

This was one of the last unprotected lowland tropical rainforests on the Pacific Coast of Central America. It was declared a national park by presidential decree and now also has a thriving eco-tourism economy.

The park is relatively well-protected, because it is difficult for illegal loggers or hunters to access the heart of the forest. It is no coincidence that, of all wilderness areas in Costa Rica, the Esquinas rainforest has been chosen for the reintroduction of endangered species and it is the first country in the world to reverse deforestation. A fascinating talk Phil.



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Officer Holders 2022-23

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| 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:

Dolbel BBQ meeting – TBA

(we are just waiting on the weather)

Godwits Farewell – 26th Feb

Leave of Absence

Don McKenzie – ongoing

Barry Keating ongoing

Ian McKelvie ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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(Details about making donations below. Ed)



Welfare

Back at the helm and from his holidays, well rested Stu Cheyne told us that:

- Trevor in the UK & a day before his dad turned 100 his mother died!
- Kathy Nelson is going to Melbourne for three weeks.
- Noel is back home and could visitors please ring first.
- Don McKenzie hoping to be at Rotary next week!

Announcements

Taradale Rotary Road Ramblers

Hey! You're invited to join [Taradale Rotary Ramblers](#) on Love to Ride.

Ross Pinkham suggested we might like to take part and this as club, "Here is something that could be organised within the Taradale Rotary Club for February." I think it is great idea to recognise existing bikers and to encourage others open to Rotarians partner and friends of Rotary. Check it out and join here: https://www.lovetoride.net/nz/groups/4673?group_invite=true&ic=5d90006f&locale=en-GB

Camp Kaitawa Graeme Muir said the wet weather during the Camp Kaitawa meant many things got done inside but no painting outside. 22 people had a great time though.

Editor's Note: *In that light we acknowledge that last week's report on Camp Kaitawa, while written for our members information, erroneously omitted to mention that Taradale members and Trustees were also present and contributed. Our report may have appeared a little "one sided" – especially when later published in the District publications.*

Three Minute Speaker

Geoff Bibby will be checking his WOF a little more closely now, following his trip to Auckland and finding it four months out of date. (Not sure if he discovered this – or someone else did. Ed) He also spent some time watching 300 young men take part in some very entertaining and impressive cricket.

Sergeant

Brian Anstis is a man of few words but knows how to gather the fines. He only had two questions? Who stayed here for Christmas? And who went away for Christmas? Very succinct – and effective.

Adding to the penalties section

Ian Holyoake sought to provide some rewards for members! He recognized those who had guessed the authors of the four Christmas statements correctly. Pres. Helen and Bruce Martin got all correct, Lynne got 2-4 and Carol 1-4. He then presented some "Rotary labelled" but undersized chocolate fish to those members. He attributed the size of the fish to the lack of carbon dioxide at the present time!



The thoughts for this week (Lynne Gibson)

Opening: Lunar New Year – the Year of the Rabbit

Wishing you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of fun, 8,760 hours of joy, 525,600 minutes of good luck and 31,536,000 seconds of happiness. Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.

Closing: A Forrest Gump quote. *"Life is like a box of chocolates: you never know what you are going to get"*

Donations to the Costa Rica Project

There is an opportunity for individuals to contribute by donating as little as \$5 for a certificate for 1 square meter of land for reforestation. Plans are to add 850 hectares at a purchase cost of \$US 800,000 for further reforestation.

If there any of our members would like to make a donation to the project this can be done by using our Clubs trust account. **The account No is 03 0698 0976848 01**



ROSTER OF DUTIES

| Date | January 25th | February 1st | February 8th |
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| Programme: Guest Speaker | Deer in the Kawekas Garth Eyles | Firesides | TBC |
| Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant | Gill Scarlet Les Mockford Kevin McCormack Bob Morrison Brian Peplow Neil Smith | Curly Carpenter - - Bruce Martin Mark Dickerson Garth Eyles | Frank Heuser Bryan Matthews Hamish Lack Brian Anstis Steve Gillum Peter Thompson |
| Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i> | Robert Pearson Peter Thompson Alan White | Graeme Muir Bob Brady Denise Brown | Brian Hall Neil Smith Judy McKelvie |

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

Your words; this week

Words and photos this week came from our scribe Judy and she wrote them after having consumed her chocolate fish, won for her writing contribution regarding Christmas last week.

Farewell the Godwits

Don't forget the farewell is on **Sunday 26th February, 2023, 12.30pm**, gathering at Westshore Beach Inn carpark. There will be a speaker and a walk and watch – with your binoculars.



**At the recent World Assembly & Training for Incoming Governors
the theme for next year was announced
Seen here is the incoming Rotary World President
addressing the District Governors Elect from all over the world**



2023-24 presidential theme announced

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, *Create Hope in the World*, during the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, 9 January. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, asked members to restore hope by helping the world heal from destructive conflicts and create lasting change within ourselves. McNally told attendees he plans to make mental health a focus and emphasized continuity in advancing the goals of previous leaders, including empowering girls and eradicating polio. [Read more about the presidential theme](#)

***At the Taradale Town Hall again next Wednesday.
See your friends and learn about the Deer in the Kawekas.***

