

MEADOWS MATTERS



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

DEAR DEER BETTER DEAD!

Second time up and it looked to be about 30 members present again. There was such a buzz among the crowd in the build-up, that Pres. Helen had difficulty getting people to stop talking and hugging, and pay attention to the programme for the evening.



And that programme was - club member Garth Eyles, who told us about the deer in the Kawekas. His concern was for the lack of action on control of deer in the area. In the 1960's disasters were expected due to the lack of deer control. Some action was taken then but little was achieved and now it is far worse. Deer control has dropped over the years and Garth believes the situation is now dire. With



the aid of pictures he told us of the greywacke rock outcrop, the Ruahines and podocarps. The cover has to remain healthy and the deer work against that. So to do storms and a "worst in 50 years" is due in the next 10! We have got to have deer culling (but not the stags apparently). His photos showed erosion and volcanic ash.

The deer, introduced between 1883 & 1891, can cause major devastation. They are large animals, grazing on otherwise good land and the nice new native plants are like ice-cream to them. Without control the ground cover will go and this could ultimately result in the plains flooding. We need to control them, or rather

"exterminate" them, for we cannot imagine how powerful nature is

if we do not take action!

Welfare

Stu Cheyne told us that:

- Don McKenzie has returned to Auckland for further treatment
- Trevor Powell has returned from the UK, currently awaiting further advice regarding his health problems
- Pat Peploe Brian reported she was recovering from the stroke but has now had to have a tooth extracted after an infection!

Plus we now acknowledge the recent loss of past Member Noel Mann.

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President Helen Tattersall
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Steve Gillum

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall

Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm **Firesides: 1**st Wed **Directors: 2**nd 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

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Announcements

Pres. Helen mentioned a Rotorua Rotary festive in March and that she had brochures for that.

Projects Director Fred of Art Deco and other events coming up when we would need members to assist.

Past Pres. Jenny advised that the Rotary Foundation Committee were having a lunch on Sunday. (Then she was awarded her chocolate fish for her writing in last week's competition.)

Three Minute Speaker

Brian Peploe spoke of his concern for Hawkes Bay farms being sold for hundreds of millions to overseas buyers who were turning them into forests. He feared this might happen to the land growing apples and grapes! He then went on to discuss Rocket Lab and their "safety checks", referred to Richard Branson and his rocket launching from a Boeing 747 aircraft, of the dangers of refuelling and mentioned a recent launch where a helicopter arrived with 27 officials to witness the event. He concluded with comments about a doctor playing golf, having a headache, sore back and the need for eye drops for someone who had not seen a man for five years. (As you may have gathered your scribe was a bit confused by this time, but laughed.)

Sergeant - someone

Did not appear and Pres. Helen re-used the pattern set last week and fined those who had recently been out of Hawkes Bay – and those who had not! That pretty much caught everyone, except perhaps "the hard of hearing."

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	February 1st	February 8th	February 15 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	ТВА	ТВА
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Curly Carpenter Bruce Martin Mark Dickerson Garth Eyles	Frank Heuser Bryan Matthews Hamish Lack Brian Anstis Steve Gillum Peter Thompson	
Stewards One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.	Graeme Muir Bob Brady Denise Brown	Brian Hall Neil Smith Judy McKelvie	

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

<u>YOU</u> 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.

The thoughts for this week

(Gill Scarlet – and exactly as written and delivered)



Your words this week

Your words and an odd photo, were supplied this week by your Editor himself. If they do not appear too reliable (or even understood) that is due to his being busy trying to shift his household to the "other Rotary club" out at Summerset Palms. Should he be able to eventually complete this movement in the coming week, then he will revive and *normal service* will resume.

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

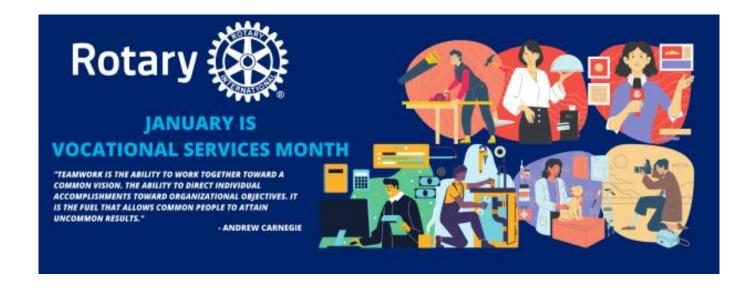
Don't forget the Costa Rica Project we heard about last week.

If members would like to make a donation to the project this can be done by using the Clubs trust account, i.e. **Account No is 03 0698 0976848 01** Include "Costa Rica" and your name in the reference/particulars fields.

Farewell the Godwits

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

Noel Joseph Mann, past club member. Passed away peacefully at home on the 25th of January, surrounded by family and after a short illness. His funeral service will be held at the Sugar Loaf Chapel, corner Lee Road and Gloucester Street, Taradale at 2pm on Saturday 28 January.





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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

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Why become a Rotarian in 2023?

By becoming a Rotarian in 2023, you can enjoy many benefits.

Rotarians are community leaders who meet regularly to exchange ideas, establish professional connections, and plan service projects in their community and around the world.

Joining a Rotary club allows you to work with people in your community to improve the lives of others and make a positive impact in the world.

Additionally, Rotary members have access to a wide network of professional contacts and can benefit from personal and leadership development opportunities.

Rotary is a great way to give back to the community and make a difference.

Joining Rotary also allows you to connect with like-minded people, create new relationships and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Rotary also provides its members with a platform to share their knowledge, skills and expertise to make a positive impact on the society.



The Rotary Minute is a creation of District 1700, France. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute 1700@gmail.com

At the Taradale Town Hall again next Wednesday. Limited activity but followed by the February Fireside Meetings. Join in and play your part.

