

MEADOWS MATTERS



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

President welcomed 37 Members and guest Phil Cooper

From President Helen

Fifth meeting of the month – March 29th President
Helen asked for ideas on something different to do
that evening. Walking in the rain again?
Bruce Jenks, President of Taradale Rotary has written
asking for volunteers from Greenmeadow's to assist with their
annual Puketapu Fair. Date 26th February coincides with the
planed farewell to the Godwits.

Stortford Lodge Rotary sought support for their **Jolly Good Sorts Rally** to Wellington on 50cc scooters. Funds will go to 3 different charities, and can be donated through Givealittle.

Welfare

Stuart reports he could not contact Trevor, Don McKenzie no change, Cathy Neilson is away, and Sally thanked the Club for the support following Noel's death.

Announcements

RYPEN will be 31st March to 2nd April.

Carol advised that this would be her last "in charge" of RYPEN, and asked for a volunteer to run it from 2024.

Help is required to support the weekend programme, with a minimum of 4 Females and 4 Males present at all times. If you can assist even if only for a day or night, please contact Carol. Beware though, it is addictive, as evidenced by the many who have been "regulars" for many years. Volunteer cook is also requested. A Police check is required, Carol has the forms.

Art Deco weekend — 16th — 19th February

Fred circulated rosters for the barrier duties over Art Deco weekend. If you were not at the meeting, please contact Fred.

Next week he will be seeking volunteers for Heart Appeal. However, he is having difficulty obtaining information on what we are being asked to do.

John Macintosh asked Members to consider the proposal to keep the Trust funds to a minimum of \$100,000.00. To be discussed at Firesides

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Officer Holders 2022-23

President Helen Tattersall
Secretary Ken Hunt
Treasurer Graeme Ryan

Club Admin & PE
Membership & PI
Service Projects
Youth
Foundation
Artex
Kelvin Winnie
John Macintosh
Fred Staples
Chris McKenna
Lynne Gibson
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 Kevin McCormack - ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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Apologies:

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Three Minute Speaker - Mark D

"Enjoyed" his ice-cold beer this evening — it was frozen solid! Mark spoke on his interest in the Australian Outback farms and road trains.

The Outback sheep and cattle stations comprise 70% of Australia's land mass but has just 5% of the population. The largest station has 11,000,000 sq km of land compared to our largest Molesworth with 500,000.

It takes 5 ½ hours to drive from the Homestead to the cattle yards – all on the same property. After initially transporting goods by imported camels, 4 trailer road trains weighing 120 tonnes empty and a lot heavier when loaded. They use 1L diesel per kilometre.

Sergeant - Garth

Based his session on a book he didn't fall to sleep reading, by Michael Mosely: "Just one thing: How simple changes can transform your life." Thanks for the laughs, Garth.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	February 8th	February 15 th	February 22 nd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Keith Rowe U3A History Courses Run	ТВА	Pippa McKelvie – Sibeleau Climate Change Implications in the Region
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Frank Heuser Bryan Matthews Les Mockford Brian Anstis Steve Gillum Peter Thompson	Bob Brady Edwin Brown Gail Kelly Jenny Robertson	Robert Pearson Alan White Gill Scarlet Brian Peploe Kevin McCormack Graeme Muir
Stewards One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.	Brian Hall Neil Smith Judy McKelvie	John Macintosh	Lynne Gibson Curly Carpenter 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

Contributed by Curly:

Opening "Prediction is very difficult, especially if its about the future."

Closing:

"Either you run the day, or the day runs you."

District Conference Te Kuiti – 21 – 23 April

Early bird registrations with discounted rates now open

Thanks to Brian Hall for the content of the newsletter this week while Ian H is still trying to find a way out from under the pile of packing boxes.

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

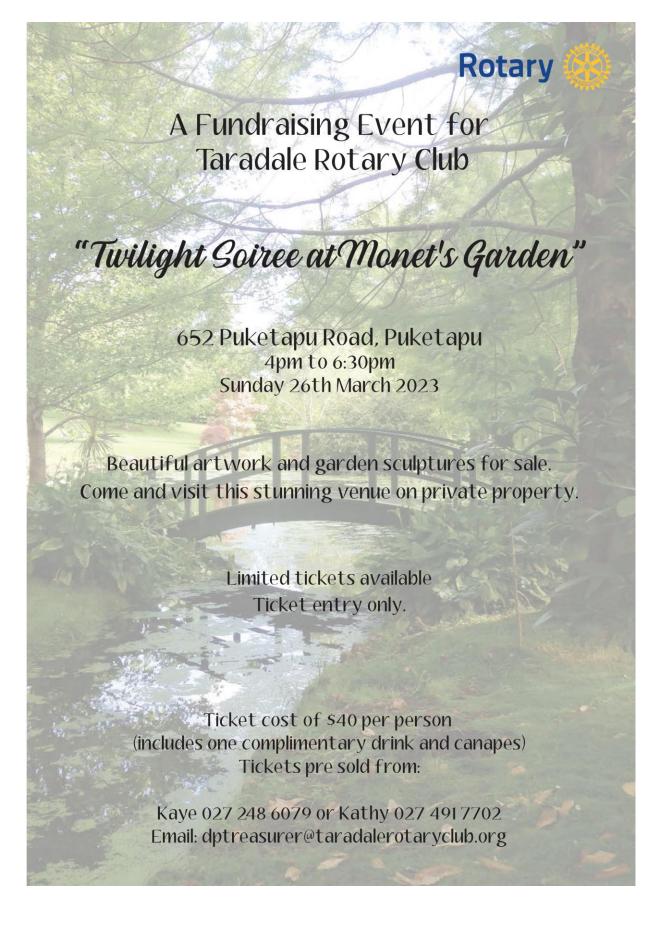
Many members paid their respects to Noel at his funeral last Saturday. He will be remembered for his many talents, his engineering, his IT skills, his small bore rifle skills, tramping and so much more. Our thoughts are with Sally and family



Taradale Rotary Club Project

See special brochure below.

Tickets are required and must be purchased beforehand.



At the Taradale Town Hall again next Wednesday. See you there if I can find my car keys!