



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – to who?

Responding to the Rotary theme for this year **“Imagine Rotary,”** President Helen *imagined* that her club members would respond to the Cyclone Gabrielle emergency – and they sure did. Her response was:-



“You are all such an amazing group of people, so selfless and willing to help those affected by the events of last week. I feel so proud to be a Rotarian and wish I could have been there to help as well.”

Of course we did not have a Rotary meeting on 15th of February because *Aunty Gabrielle* called on us and we were too busy seeking (in many cases) to save ourselves or others and as well, the power was off!

Another week passed and while *some* semblance of order was restored, we could not determine from the City Council that we were able to use our venue, so the meeting on the 15th was also cancelled. Lots as happened though and it is proper for the record to be maintained of our activities.

When can we meet then? Perhaps next week. *“Enquiries are proceeding”* (to coin an old police saying.) Please read on.

Welfare

There were indeed welfare matters requiring attention and the Welfare Officer, not to be outdone, became a victim himself, along with Kevin McCormack and Steve Gillum. The houses of all three were flooded. Stuart and Heather look like being able to save their home but I am not sure that the same can be said for Steve and Di or Kevin and Lesley. (And Di broke her arm!!)

No doubt others also suffered (hopefully at lesser levels though) and even the Editor had to evacuate his village temporarily. These rather serious matters, mean that the other “usual” reports do not appear this week.

Various emails from the secretary Ken (& others) have kept us all pretty well up to date with the welfare of all but that said, don’t hesitate to call out to another club member if you need assistance.

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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

Barry Keating - ongoing
Ian McKelvie - ongoing
Kevin McCormack - ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our website
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Announcements

You have already received them - by email. As the President has already stated, club members responded, helped each other and also assisted in other areas of need in the city.

Greenmeadows Rapid Response Rescue Rotarians

How fortunate it was that we had the practice run (*Holyoake's Household Removal*) for this team at the beginning of the month, so that when a "real" situation i.e. an emergency in the form of Cyclone Gabrielle occurred, our team was trained, rehearsed and experienced. You all put your gumboots on, got your cleaning gear and pitched in. Being an evacuee and still sorting out our house removal, your editor feels embarrassed about his own contribution – but at least he assisted with the training!

ROSTER OF DUTIES

| Date | March 1 st |
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| Programme: Guest Speaker | Firesides ??? |
| Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant | Peter Thompson - - Judy McKelvie Doug Neilson Frank Heuser |
| Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i> | Garth Eyles Bruce Martin Gill Scarlet |

Meeting next week?

Well we sure hope we can have one. Welfare Officer Stu (putting down his shovel for a moment) suggested even just a "bring a plate" function with all members and their partners attending, would benefit us all. President Helen welcomes the idea however recognises that she may not be able to drive between the two cities in time as it can take 1 – 3 hours to reach Taradale from Royston! FURTHER ADVICE WILL FOLLOW.....

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.

The cyclonic thoughts for the week

Opening – *Life is not the way it should be, it is the way it is. It's how you deal with that counts.*

Closing: *One of the most important things in life is not where we stand, but it's what direction we are heading.*

Yours words for this week

There were no scribes for this week. They were busy saving lives, houses, and shovelling silt, sorting donated goods and making burgers. Accordingly, the Editor took it upon himself to just make things up.
Hope it helps though and fills a gap.



CYCLONE GABRIELLE RESPONSE

← Incoming clothes

What heart attack →

The team ↓



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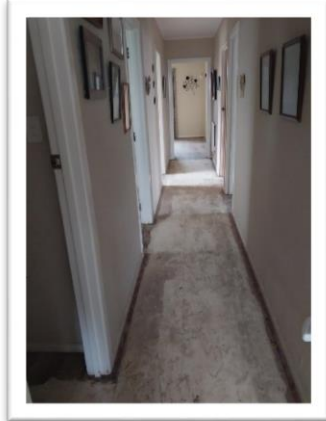


ArtEx lights out



Then there was mud

Cheyne Estate ↓



← Give me a digger any day

Go on – pile it up →



Another team another mud →



May as well clean the whole shed ↓



I think lettuces here ↑



More stuff keeps drifting by ↑

← At last – Happy Hour



Now we've got NCEA 1 & 2 for Burgers. Maccers here we come! →



[Okay – so you have seen most of these pictures but I thought they should be recorded here in our bulletin for the historical record & the information of other clubs in the District. Ed]

WHO WAS HAVING THE BIRTHDAY? Us – Rotarians throughout the world

Yes today 24th here (23 February in the US) is the 118th birthday of Rotary

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.

Paul Harris, Rotary founder



1905: Rotary begins

Attorney Paul P. Harris [convenes the first Rotary meeting on 23 February in Chicago, Illinois, USA](#). Harris envisions a professional club that brings together local men from a variety of vocations. (The first four Rotarians are shown here.)

As for next Wednesday. Watch this space (or your screen...)

