



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

AFTER THE STORM IS OVER.....

The numbers are creeping up (six tables) and President Helen welcomed our members along with guests Di (with Steve), Lesley (with Kevin) plus Loretta and Phil.



Welfare

Stu was away but Pete reported that Don McKenzie's trip to Auckland is on hold; Colin Clark OK, would appreciate visitors; the Keatings moved to Auckland yesterday but after two years in isolation, Barry has now contracted Covid.

Announcements

VP Kelvin reported that the next evening Taradale Club were hosting Mark Anderson, Senior Coordinator, Fund Development at the Rotary Foundation South Pacific & Philippines Office in Sydney. Kelvin invited other Greenmeadows Members to join him (*Ian, Lynne & Stew Skeet attended*) to hear Mark speak. (*He was very good. Ed*)

Volunteer work – your contribution and hours worked. If you have helped other than with Kelvin and Steve (Ken has these details), please let Brian Hall know ASAP where you volunteered, type of work, and total hours. The information is for Club end of year records, and hopefully an item in HB Today, Rotary Down Under and other publications.

Carol: RYPEN is cancelled. The decision is supported by other Clubs including Gisborne and Wairoa. Kirsty of Guthrie Smith reports they could not host as there is no power or communication, slips on the property and the high wires are compromised.

Life Education Trust: Committees to consider the request from Stortford Lodge for funding of \$1,000.00 to support "Life Ed."

Appreciaton – for Cyclone Rescurers

Steve: *"Thankyou on behalf of Di. Thanks to wonderful volunteers. This a bloody good Club to belong to."* (At which point words failed...)

Kevin: *"Thanks everybody. I love jet boats, but Tuesday 6.00pm great to see one coming towards us. It headed to our pergola, and I thought don't you wreck my pergola. We were rescued from it."* Four of his houses were inundated and thanks to Greenmeadows Rotarians, friends and strangers, all houses have been cleaned out. Heartfelt thanks from Kevin and Lesley.

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Officer Holders 2022-23

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)

Leave of Absence

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

Website/Club Contacts

Our website
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Sergeant (*But I thought his title was Deputy Commissioner or something. Scribe*)

At short notice Ian Holyoake appeared and based fines on mud in houses, lawns, cars etc. and whether you had or had not been able to save people, clean their house or got your own one dirty. He finished with a bonus of a poem on memory – i.e. *“His forgetter getting better but his rememberer being broke!”*

Director Lynne announced the **Hearing Expo** is deferred until 4th May.

ArtEx Director Steve indicated that it is highly probable the Exhibition will be cancelled this year – Committee to consider and confirm.

The 2023 Census

Gill Scarlett is working on this and spoke on what is happening with the NZ Census due to happen on 7th March. That date has been pushed out for areas impacted by the Cyclone. However, if you have the forms with the access code, you can complete them now.

Multiple envelopes will be forwarded to regions impacted from the cyclone, due to the potential that some did not get through. Gill’s teams have not been allowed to go out. Restrictions put on due to the State of Emergency. This has also impacted on other support organisations (e.g., Salvation Army) who would normally be out supporting the community. Members of Gil’s team have also been impacted by the other events, e.g., her Puketapu lady who has no home, has had no support from any agency, and had to come out by helicopter.

Information from this Census will be used for the rebuilding funding – perhaps very important at this time! In some areas, such as Maraenui, Esk Hills, her team will visit homes up to 10 times to ensure the information is gathered. Retirement Villages will get visits from the Collectors.

Recovery thoughts for the week (Pete Thompson)

Opening thought. *“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”*
(Elizabeth Andrew)

Closing thought: *“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”*
(Winston Churchill)

Volunteer hours

As reported above, would you record your volunteer hours for your work on the cyclone recovery. If you were so involved, please email brianhall_nz@xtra.co.nz with details of who you volunteered for, the work you did, and the hours provided ASAP. For instance Robert advised he spent 10 hours clearing greens at Waiohiki Golf Club. Tell us what you did. Then Brian can put together a publicity article on behalf of our club.

Yours words for this week

Came from the pen of Photo Journalist Brian Hall, with the photos coming from the lens of his camera (okay – it might have been his phone this time). A fine effort you think – you be the judge. If you weren’t there you can’t, but still you have an idea of what happened.



The Sergeant Strikes



Will he pick us?



But surely not us – not with what we have been through!



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	March 8th	March 15th	March 22 nd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Alasdair McLeod H B Regional Development Agency	Mark Johnson HB Rugby Referee address	TBC
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Geoff Bibby Edwin Brown Neil Smith Graeme Muir Bryan Matthews Les Mockford	Wal Drayton Mark Dickerson Curly Carpenter Alan White Denise Brown Chris McKenna	Doug Neilson Garth Eyles Brian Hall Judy McKelvie Lynne Gibson Bob Brady
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Bob Morrison Brian Peploe	Robert Pearson Fred Staples	John Mackintosh Peter Thompson

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 TRIVIA

EMPTY NEST COMING UP

A Rotarian passing by his son's bedroom, was astonished to see the bed was nicely made, and everything was picked up off the floor and put away. Then, he saw an envelope propped up on the pillow. It was addressed, "Dad." With a feeling of premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter.

"Dear Dad. It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing this letter to you. I have eloped with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with you and Mum. I've been finding real passion with Stacey, and she is so nice, but I knew you wouldn't approve of her because of her piercings, tattoos, tight motorbike leathers, and because she is so much older than me.

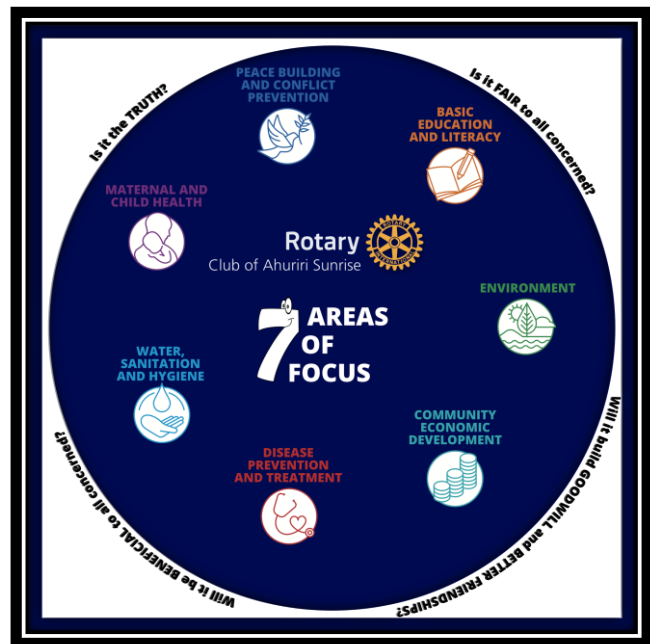
But it's not only the passion, Dad - she's pregnant! Stacey says that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacey has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We will be growing it for ourselves and trading it with other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we ask you to pray for science to find a cure for Aids so that Stacey can get better. She sure deserves it!

Don't worry about me Dad, I'm 16 now and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love, your son Joshua.

PS: Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that is on the kitchen table. Give me a call when it's safe for me to come home."



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

