



# MEADOWS MATTERS



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

## H.B. REGIONAL ECONOMIC AGENCY

The Guest Speaker was not unknown to us. Alasdair McLeod has spoken to us twice before, the last time on his role with Big Brother and Big Sister. He recently retired after nine years a Chair of the Port of Napier, and has subsequently taken on the Chair of HB Regional Economic Agency – the topic of his speech this evening.



Alasdair provided a brief personal history, came from Scotland 1979 initially settling in Gisborne, retired from a Partnership in Deloitte's Wellington & moved to Napier 2012. Alasdair commented that he was pleased to see so many of us using the on-line Census, as he has been an investor and Chair of Silverstripe (the site that runs the census website) for 14 years.

When the HB Regional Economic Agency (HBREA) started, they developed a strategy referring to local Industry people. That strategy was later scrapped, as they failed to engage with Māori. Eventually a new document was prepared, but then there was 12 years of stagnancy. HBREA has no legal structure. A Board was appointed with a focus on business leaders. Then the Cyclone hit. Now they are working with the Hastings DC for a required sensible model.

Alasdair noted most Economic Agencies have only lasted 5 years, he is determined to get things done, starting with a hunt for a new CEO. At an early meeting, attendees were challenged to talk to someone they did not know. He chose a fellow with tats, long hair and rough clothes. This fellow stated that the strategy must start with the Household and Family, otherwise it will fail. That evening, Alasdair rewrote his strategy based on this comment. Later, Alasdair found out that he had been talking to the Head of the Mongrel Mob, who has very recently gone to jail.

Alasdair has consulted with the CEO of the Christchurch redevelopment, which he found to be extraordinary valuable. One comment was that they should focus on redevelopment, not recovery, but also get their hands dirty.

With this in mind, the Board is now meeting weekly, bringing in organisations with similar interests / targets.

Finally, Alasdair challenged Members to make suggestions on where to from now. He got them! A common theme was not to rebuild in areas impacted, and the high dollar land investments be replaced with sacrificial cropping.

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### Officer Holders 2022-23

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### Meetings

**Weekly:** Taradale Town Hall  
Wednesday 6.00pm  
Fellowship 5.30pm  
**Firesides:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
**Directors:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

### Coming Up:

Dolbel BBQ meeting – TBA  
(we are just waiting on the weather)

### Leave of Absence

Ian McKelvie - ongoing  
Kevin McCormack – ongoing  
Neil Smith – to end of April

### Website/Club Contacts

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## Welcome

To kick the meeting off President Helen had welcomed about 30 people including visitors Guest Speaker Alasdair McLeod, and Lloyd Matthews, Son of Bryan. Lloyd is on a work visit, from Napa Valley, where he is (as you would expect) involved in the wine industry (well the automation thereof).



## Welfare

From stand-in Almoner Peter: Colin is Colin (Gaye is now at Bupa); No contact with Don McKenzie, but President Helen had spoken to Raewyn, who says he is not doing so badly. That's all for today folks!

## Three Minute Speaker

Bryan Matthews impressed his son Lloyd and us - by speaking on his five year management of major upgrades at Royston Hospital (with photos). Whilst keeping the Hospital running, he managed a rebuild of operating theatres, new reception area, built two surgeries for day stay surgeries, and four recovery beds.

The Operating Theatres had technology not previously used in NZ. Airframe, which hangs from the ceiling and filters changes the air every 2 minutes. From the frame, all lighting and equipment hangs. Also included in the frame is UV cleaning system. This is left on when the theatre is not in use, and cleans all the theatre, with no need for chemicals and labour. Multimillion \$ investment. (*This was all astonishing! Ed*)

## Announcements

**Gardener Garth** had three points (although it took him a few minutes to remember the third one.) The Pohutukawa's and other shrubs we planted along the foreshore at Awatoto were covered in silt and debris. However, two members report most have survived, look good and the Council has had contractors clear the silt. Monday (hopefully) working bee at Dolbel @9.00am, and finally he advised that Wally has completed the Memorial seat for Wim. We now await suitable weather and soil conditions to install it.

**Pres. Helen** read a thankyou card from Sally Mann, acknowledging the cards, flowers and offer of help from Club Members after the death of Noel.

## Sergeant

Sergeant Les based his session on Members responses to the Census. Approx. 90% (Garth is an Accountant) of those present have completed the forms, manly on line. Denise was welcomed back from her Love boat trip – without a lover.

### Thoughts for the week (Geoff Bibby)

Opening thought: *I have the simplest tastes, I am always satisfied with the best.* (Oscar Wilde)

Closing thought: *A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.* (Phyllis Diller)

### STOP PRESS

Two of our Club Rotarians featured on TV Newshub programme last week. Check their smiles and work ethic on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/w5pniGhpEds>

### Words for this week

Once again they come from the pen of the photo journalist Brian Hall – but with a qualification - his concentration was such for the talk that his camera did not actually come out of his bag/pocket- - so pictures today come from Uncle Google.



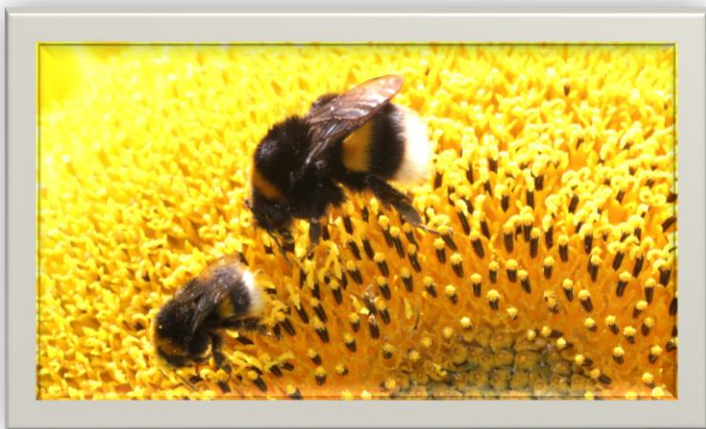
## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	March 15th	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	March 29th
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Mark Johnson</b> <b>HB Rugby Referee</b> <b>address</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Wal Drayton Mark Dickerson Curly Carpenter Alan White Denise Brown Chris McKenna	Doug Neilson Garth Eyles Brian Hall Judy McKelvie Lynne Gibson Bob Brady	Bryan Matthews Geoff Bibby Frank Heuser Robert Pearson Brian Anstis Edwin Brown
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Robert Pearson Fred Staples	John Mackintosh Peter Thompson	Bruce Martin Kelvin Winnie

### 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



Struggling for photo content your scribe (camera in pocket remember) found this image of a Mum and Daughter working hard making the most of the sunshine – just like our club members!

From the far off shores of the UK, regular visitor to our club Phil Cooper sent this image in an effort (and quite a good one) to compete with our flood pictures.



***Next Wednesday at home – try and keep on side!***

