



MEADOWS MATTERS



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



Welcome

We seem stuck on 30 attending lately and Pres. Helen welcomed that number again this past week. Then we settled down to learn how to keep onside with the ref.

GET ONSIDE – THE REF IS WATCHING

Speaker: Mark Johnson, is the Principal of Greenmeadows School and commented *“A Principal with a microphone is a very dangerous combination!”* Mark acknowledged the work that Rotary does in the Community. He said he played rugby for 15 years and in 2006 became a referee after he thought it was advisable to give playing away. Refereeing is a great way to stay involved in the game which is obviously very much part of his DNA. A challenge is how to interpret the laws of the game. At 150 pages of rules, the challenge is to keep up. It is how you interpret them is important to the game. A referee has to make 1000 decisions during the course of the game, some the crowd agrees with, some they don't, he is oblivious to crowd comments when on the field.

Referees sit an exam once a year to keep relevant. It is important to keep mentally and physically prepared. Mark likes to keep relaxed before each game and to help this he has his routine which helps him enjoy and be on his game. Players are much bigger now than when he played the game if much more physical than previously (he played prop but looks like a halfback! Ed). Head knocks are very well monitored. Highlights: Refereeing 100 premier league games last year. He has refereed over 300 games over all and it is a great way to keep fit. He says there would only be perhaps one game a year that he doesn't enjoy. However, it is not an easy job and today's media can be very destructive with their comments. Many referees walk away from the game. He has also had the TMO job at McLean Park for 30 games. Mark would say the Wayne Barnes is the best referee in the game. A very interesting insight into the world of a Rugby Referee.



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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
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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

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

Website/Club Contacts

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Welfare

From Acting Almoner Pete Thompson: Don and Colin - no change. Colin is happy to receive visitors.

Announcements

Gardener Garth – Another working bee needed at Dolbel - 9am on Monday (20th). After all the rain, everything is overgrown and needs some attention.

Art Man Bryan - How & when the Art Exhibition will run this year is under consideration. Watch this space!

VP Kelvin - \$20,000 US has been sent to District 9930 for Cyclone Gabrielle - \$13,500 of this has been sent to Napier. The monies will be sent when appropriate projects have been identified.

Charitable Trust - President Helen

Opened a discussion on the email sent out by Ken re the Charitable Trust. A motion was proposed by Brian Peploe and seconded by Doug Neilsen.

That the Club ratify the motion "that the current minimum amount held in the Charitable Trust account be reduced from \$100,000 to \$80,000 and that the \$20,000 be made available to assist the cyclone recovery". It was passed by majority.

Three Minute Speaker

Denise Brown spoke on her view of the advantages of Old Age

I have everything I wanted as a teenager – only 60 years too late

I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every fortnight.

I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's licence and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne.

Life is great. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds, so people get out of my way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to look like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child, I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation. The biggest lie I tell is 'I don't have to write that down' – I will remember it.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators, we haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press 1 for English? You're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway. Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age 'getting lucky' means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for.

Sergeant

A hiccup occurred with this duty and so while no story was told an Acting Corporal carried the bowl around the room and coins still found their way into it!

Thoughts for the week (Wal Drayton)

Opening thought: ***"All you need is ignorance and confidence - and success is assured."***

Closing thought: ***"If you don't start – you won't finish."***



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	March 22 nd	March 29 th	April 5 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	TBC	TBC	TBC
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Doug Neilson Garth Eyles Brian Hall Judy McKelvie None Bob Brady	Bryan Matthews Geoff Bibby Frank Heuser Robert Pearson None Edwin Brown	Alan White - - Brian Peplow Doug Neilson Frank Heuser
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	John Mackintosh Peter Thompson	Bruce Martin Kelvin Winnie	Gail Kelly Brian Hall

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.

Words for this week

Were brought to you by *Journo Judy* having brushed up her skills following a trip away on family business - or something. With her usual relentless skill she has also put together the Roster again – in a manner that few of us even begin to understand **BUT MUST REMEMBER TO READ!!**

This month in Rotary

MARCH is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month.

Pretty significant in the light of the amount of **Water** that we saw in or area last month and the subsequent **Sanitation** and **Hygiene** problems arising therefrom. Just saying.....



Remember this photo from last week? Submitted by our own skilled photographer Brian. Well it subsequently appeared in the HB Today newspaper. Remember though – *you saw it here first!!*



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS TRIVIA



The poster features the Rotary International gear logo at the top, set against a background of green trees. Below the logo, the text reads: "Rotary District 9930 Conference 2023", "21 - 23 April 2023", and "Les Munro Centre, Te Kuiti". The bottom section is orange and contains the following text: "Rural New Zealand, Triumph Over Adversity", "Keynote speakers: Tawera Nikau and Cam Calke on. Further guest speakers to be announced.", "For further information and to register please visit your district website: www.rotary9930.org/page/district-conference", "If you are viewing this online click [HERE](#) to go straight to the registration page.", and "Contact: deb@hpce.co.nz". At the very bottom, the Rural New Zealand logo is displayed.

We have our weekly Rotary meeting, but have you considered the annual meeting of the whole district, i.e. the Rotary District Conference. Our one for this year comes up this time next month and at Te Kuiti. This event is like a sort of “annual prize giving” and always enjoyed by those attending. Greenmeadows Rotary has a great record with our attendance and our development of a “dress-up theme” for the Saturday night function.

←See brochure here.

Want to go one better, see the next page for details of the annual “World Convention.” This brings together Rotarians (20,000 – 40,000) from all over the world and about once every ten years is held in Australia. This year is our turn again – in May at Melbourne. See below ↓.



Hello to everyone who has registered for the 2023 Rotary International Convention! We’re just a couple of months away from gathering in Melbourne, Australia, 27-31 May. Here’s the latest news about the convention. You’ll also receive our final email, Know before You Go, in May.

What’s new?

We’ve updated the [Program Highlights page](#) with details about events, locations, and timing. We’ve also added two pages. On the [Environment and Sustainability page](#), you’ll learn about how RI and our convention facilities are taking steps to protect the environment, and you’ll

find a list of related convention programming. Go to the [Health and Safety page](#) for information about health protocols and guidelines for your travel and your time at the convention.

Our first speakers have been announced!

You'll want to make sure to catch the inspiring speakers who are coming to our convention. Here are two of them. Leymah Gbowee is a peace activist, a women's rights advocate, a 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate, and the founder of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa. Nakeeyat Dramani Sam is a young Ghanaian poet and environmental advocate. [Visit the Speakers page](#) often to get the latest updates.

Pack your banners and pins

We're bringing back a favourite tradition and introducing a new one! The Rotary Resource Center in the House of Friendship will feature a banner exchange wall *and* a pin exchange wall, where you can leave a banner or a pin and take one to expand your own collection. We can't wait to see what everyone brings! With 2 weeks to go until the price of convention increases, time to give another HUGE push. The below will help, as lots & lots of updates to share. You may have members of your Club interested, so spread the word that they can still join us.

Those words above are from the RI World President – Jennifer Jones

Below are those of the Convention Coordinator for our District – Roger Miller

A reminder if you have still to advise me the Polo Shirt Size in CMs I do need this by next week 22 March. REFER TO THE EMAIL Sent last week. (Thank you for those who have advised me in past week)

It is definitely the closest convention that we will get to go to for many years to come, so a wonderful opportunity for those that have never been, as once you have attended a convention, you never look back.....

Numbers are looking good, but we want them to be GREAT. New Zealand has unfortunately dropped to 10th place as Nigeria.....yes Nigeria has taken our 9th spot! We soooo have to change that.....

Please send to your District Bulletin Editors, send to clubs to update what they are sending to their members & lets make this the best Convention Down Under ever.....

Regards

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There is quite large group going to Melbourne from our District- including your Editor (who must remember to order his T Shirt) and if you need any further information, contact me or Roger Miller.

Next Wednesday at home – see if we can beat 30 members attending

