



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

Welcome

President Helen welcomed back Don McKenzie and Stuart Cheyne.



STAND IN SPEAKER SPOKE OF HIS SPECIAL DAD

Bryan Matthews volunteered at very short notice and spoke about his Father, who was the Napier City Council Electrical Engineer, a very bright spark indeed.

Following schooling in Christchurch, he followed his Father as an Engineer. After working in the Islands, Bryans Father was appointed NCC Engineer in 1956, retiring for the first time in 1976, and being asked to go back for two years after 2 years of temporary retirement. His objective was to have all the then City having underground electricity before he retired. He achieved 90%, then 100% after his second stint in the job. His methods and customised tools, were copied in several overseas cities, including San Francisco. He was against the siting of the Redclyffe substation, and built a line to / from the Port, which in an emergency, could be connected to a ship to generate electricity for the City. The line is still in use. (The theory being that an interisland ferry would come through to provide the generation – yeah right!)

He was progressive in many ways, and wrote papers, and presented them at Conferences overseas.

Thanks for a very interesting presentation at short notice Bryan.



(NB Ray Matthews was a popular and well respected Rotarian at Napier West – back in the day, and managed to set the Editor on the correct path when he joined that club back in 1978!)

Welfare

Stuart returned to his corner and thanked Peter and Donna for covering welfare in the five weeks he was away.

He then advised that Gaye Clark has moved into BUPA and that Colin has had two or three days there with her.

Also Kathy Nelson is struggling & there is no news on Trevor Powell. Stuart also gave heartfelt thanks to the Club for the all the personal support and volunteers who assisted him and Heather, and turning up to help, sending emails, baking, text messages and clothes etc.

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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

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

Website/Club Contacts

Our website
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Announcements

The Directors had nothing to report, BUT

Pres. Helen announced that next week, given it being the **5th Wednesday of the month**, we will be **visiting the Faraday Centre**. Gather there 5.30pm, then afterwards she will arrange a meal elsewhere. Please let Helen know if you will be attending AND IF YOU WANT TO GO OUT FOR A MEAL.

Catering: Our present caterer is leaving next week to join her Family in Australia. Helen has spoken to Dave from Cosmic Aubergine café, in Taradale who is prepared to take over. However, given recent produce price increases, the meal cost will increase to \$25.00 with only a main course provided. Any alternative caterers, talk to Helen. (Helen did approach our previous caterer Natalie, but she is too busy.)

Sergeant

Bob Brady presented a short and sweet session, based on Cyclone survivor's guilt. He did comment that it was a pleasure to see all Member's through his two eyes, after successful laser surgery on one eye, on Monday. Raffle winner was Brian Anstis.

Closing thought

"If you don't like the road you are walking, pave another." (From Dolly Parton via John Mackintosh)

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	March 29th	April 5 th	April 12 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Meet at the Faraday Centre 5.30pm	Firesides	TBC
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Alan White - - Brian Pelope Doug Neilson Frank Heuser	Bryan Matthews Geoff Bibby Frank Heuser Robert Pearson None Edwin Brown
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>		Gail Kelly Brian Hall	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.



Late Breaking News

On Friday afternoon Les Mockford advised the death of his wife Lynne hospital on Thursday afternoon after earlier being admitted there following a heart attack. The club extends its sympathy to Les & his family. Full details are shown here →

Words for this week

This week they are the words of your regular March Writer, Brian Hall. He also did the photographs (of course) and sure has had his work cut our writing in this past month. Thanks Brian.

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.....

MOCKFORD,
Lynnette Margaret
(Lynne) (nee Paine).

Peacefully, surrounded by family on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at the Hawke's Bay Hospital. Aged 76 years. Beloved wife of Les for 56 years. Loved mother and mother-in-law of Steve and Gill, Bron and Nige Davis, and Brett and Loretta. Much loved Grandma of Brooke, Morgan, Caitlin, Luca, and Emily. Great grandma to Mackenzie. Cherished sister of Stuart Paine. Special thanks to St John Ambulance and ED and ICU staff at the Hawke's Bay Hospital. A service to celebrate Lynne's life will be held at the Sugar Loaf Chapel of Howard & Gannon Funerals, cnr Lee Road and Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 2.30pm. In lieu of flowers, you may wish to consider a donation to St John Ambulance, which can be made online at www.stjohn.org.nz. Messages to the "Mockford Family", C/o P O Box 7001, Taradale, Napier 4141.

**HOWARD &
GANNON**
FUNERALS

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS TRIVIA



REMEMBER: If you didn't add your name to the list for next week's visit to the Faraday Centre, please contact Helen, and confirm you would like to be part of the dinner afterwards.



Don & Stu return to the fold

So - next Wednesday it's the Funeral - Faraday - Food

