

MEADOWS MATTERS



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

A LOT OF OLD JUNK or THE FARADAY CENTRE



Depends how you look at it. To most of us it was taongatreasure from the past, and we recognised it! Many of us were quite comfortable in that environment. Where were we? The Faraday Centre of course, and President Helen took two dozen of us there on a 5th Wednesday surprise visit. Many had been there before —

usually with grandchildren but this time we went as grownups and had an enthusiastic volunteer guide who walked us through the museum and explained everything to us.

What had been set up as a power station for Napier City about a hundred years ago (and we wished we could have used during Cyclone

Gabrielle in February) has been restored and added to with all sorts of other treasure and become an icon in our city. Much of the work is done by volunteers but the City Council also assists with some staff.

It was a walk down memory lane for so many of us and can only be truly



revealed with pictures – which now appear here. Old everything!! What about the telephones? I recognised our first one from 80 years ago. (Crank the handle) Our party line number was 861W and then when we shifted into town we had a *private* line!! The number then was 227 [Eleanor's was 735.] Ahhh the memories!





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Chris McKenna
Lynne Gibson
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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

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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Sure rang some bells & brought back some memories





The Meal

Following the tour into history, some 20 of us then moved on to the Portofino Restaurant in Clive Square where we shared our memories and consumed a very fine Italian meal — with accompanying drinks. By around 8.30pm, this extended Rotary meeting was called to a halt and members moved off home. (Pete, our Barman, having finished his meal, was seen preparing to collect the glasses and take them to the dishwasher but your Editor stopped him and said it would be taken care of this time.)



REMARKABLE MEMORIES OF A REMARKABLE WOMAN



This notable visit in the evening, had been preceded earlier in the day by an even more memorable event, that of the funeral of Lynne Mockford, late wife of our member Les. Many Rotarians from Greenmeadows (& elsewhere) were present, and a large number of other people to celebrate the rather significant life of Lynne. In a beautiful ceremony, tributes to Lynne were paid by their

youngest son on behalf of the three children, and two of the granddaughters on behalf of the five grandchildren present. (Your Editor was glad he did not have to "record" these tributes" for his eyes became rather clouded during their rendition.)



The service had begun with a musical guitar tribute from a family connection brought here from the Deep South and the "tributes" were concluded by our own Almoner Stu Cheyne, who with Heather and family were long-time friends of the Mockfords. Many tales were told not the least of which was one relating to the Cheynes visiting Mockfords for dinner one evening, forgetting to take wine but recovering by picking up a couple of bottles from Les's wine rack as he walked in! Les complimented Stu on his choice of wine saying he had two bottles of those very varieties himself.











Lynne Mockford

18 July 1946 - 23 March 2023

MOCKFORD, Lynnette Marga (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-inlaw 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 hold at the Sugar Logical Control of the Sugar Logical Control of Stuart Logical C held at the Sugar Loaf Chapel of Howard & Gannon Funerals, cnr Road 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 www.stjohn.org.nz
Messages to the
"Mockford Family",
C/o P O Box 7001,
Taradale, Napier 4141. HOWARD & GANNON FUNERALS

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	April 5 th	April 12 th	April 19 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Hearing Balance	Gill and Steven Norman Pickle Ball
Host + Thoughts	Alan White	Bryan Matthews	Gail Kelly
Top Table introduce Speaker	-	Lynne Gibson**	Geoff Bibby**
Vote of Thanks	-	Gill Scarlet**	Jenny Robertson
Cashier	Brian Peploe	Robert Pearson	Bob Brady
Three Minute Speaker	Doug Neilson	None	None
Sergeant	Frank Heuser	Edwin Brown	Mark Dickerson
Stewards	Gail Kelly	Bruce Martin	Denise Brown
One per table and the named	Brian Hall	Judy McKelvie	Kelvin Winnie
Members to clean up at the			
end.			

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

Words for this week

This week they are a bumbling effort by the Editor himself. You can perhaps tell that he struggled somewhat dealing first with the solemnity of the funeral, then the nostalgia of Faraday Centre and finally trying to order his meal in the Italian language.

Editors Apology

In recent research (as your editorial team constantly does) it was discovered that it is customary (and proper) to record the names of the District Governor and his successor in newsletters along with our own club officials. We have not been doing that and have now rectified that situation.

A Closing Thought

"It's better to be remembered by what you did than who you were" (Probably from Lynne Mockford)

Next Wednesday it's back to our regular venue, a surprise meal followed by our regular monthly Fireside Meetings.