



# MEADOWS MATTERS



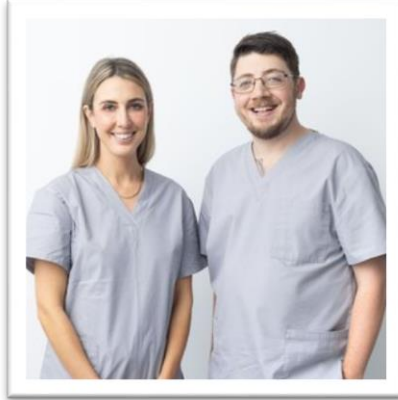
This bulletin is the newsletter of the Rotary Club  
of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand

## TO HEAR OR NOT TO EAR – THAT IS THE QUESTION

Lynne Gibson (who knows a lot about ears) introduced the guest speakers – Dion and Carly, both audiologists and partners in the company - **Hearing & Balance** located in Greenmeadows.

Carly stated that six in every ten people over the age of 60 have hearing loss which can be temporary or permanent.

Adults usually wait for ten years from when they discover hearing loss until they actually get hearing aids. People with hearing loss can avoid social situations and this can cause stress and in some cases depression. If you have hearing loss you are more likely to suffer dementia.



Audiologists work out which hearing aids will fit your particular situation. A month ago their company launched a product which is the smallest hearing aid in the world, and it stays in the ear 24/7 until the battery dies (maybe three months). He said that with the 24/7 earplugs you can have showers and even swim with them in.

Dion went on to explain about auditory processing disorder which is what the brain does with what the ears hear. Some of the outcomes need remote microphones and/or auditory training. This company also offers a balance service. They have comprehensive testing of all parts of the inner ear which is the *balance* system. They are only one of three clinics in New Zealand offering this service.

As a result of questions Dion answered that ACC require the hearing loss to exceed a particular amount before they will assist people who have worked in a noisy environment. Claims can go back as far as 1967, and you have to have worked in that noisy environment for more than ten years.

Dion stated that they offer free second opinions on all products, and they would not sell anything that they haven't tried themselves. He also said that cleaning and maintenance of your hearing aids is very important, and they should last six years.

As a result of another question, he stated that vertigo is caused by crystals in the ear that get dislodged and stop the fluid from flowing effectively. This means the brain can't cope so you spin. The most expensive hearing aids are \$9,000 and there is more technology in them than a mobile phone.

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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, Kevin McCormack,  
Trevor Powell, Doug Neilson - Ongoing  
Chris, Curly & Bruce Martin to 3 May

## Website/Club Contacts

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## Welcome



President Helen had welcomed 39 people including Donna Thompson, the guest speakers and the new caterer. *(You could feel the warmth in the room – even if you had difficulty hearing what was going on! Ed)*



## Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Don McKenzie was back to Auckland for more treatment, that Carolyn Mortensen has been enjoying time with family, and that Trevor Powell is still undergoing tests and treatment.

## Announcements

**Carol** announced that no one had come forth to take over the running of RYPEN however in a surprise move President Helen stepped up and said she would do it! A lovely outcome. *(It may not be generally known but Carol brought this particular project to Greenmeadows from her earlier club of Napier West – more than 20 years ago! One must admire – and thank her for this massive task. May she rest in relief! Ed)*

**Les** thanked the members for their support in the last three weeks with the passing of his wife Lynne. He especially wanted to thank Donna Thompson and Heather Cheyne for their support over the last two years, The club gave a donation to St Johns in lieu of flowers.

**Director Steve** announced that ARTEX was the phoenix arising from the flames and that it lives and breathes again. It will be held at Elephant Hill on 1st September. He announced that Bryan was doing the thinking and Judy and Denise doing all the work.

He also reported that HB Lifesaving did some very good work during Cyclone Gabrielle. (See the separate emails he sent on this)

We were also advised that the funds raised by the Riccarton Rotary Club to assist cyclone affected families to send their children to school camps have come through.

**Helen** announced that Rotary Youth Exchange needs a sponsor for a Hastings Girls' High School student.

## Sergeant

Brian Peploe spoke with his own inimitable style, saying all sorts of things but at the end of the day all members under 65 had to pay fines, as did all over 65 - so no one dodged the bullet.

## Conclusion

Gill Scarlett thanked the speakers and acknowledged how important the hearing trials were for her children when she was a principal.

President Helen thanked all the members for coming and requested numbers who were attending conference. (There were four all up, Helen & David plus Ian & Eleanor – surely a record for GM!!)

The Directors' moved off to their monthly meeting at John McIntosh's home.

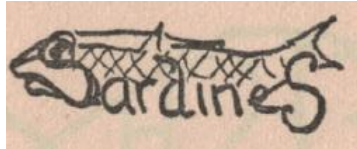


### Thoughts this week (Bryan Matthews)

**Opening:** "The best things in life are free, and worth every penny."

**Closing:** (from Spike Milligan)

"A baby sardine saw her first submarine. She was scared and watched through a peephole. Oh, come, come, come, said the sardines' Mum, It's only a tin full of people"



### Words for this week

These were put together by travelling "Journo Jenny," now returned from her motorhome trip to the South Island where, among others things, they caught up with the Rotary Caravan Fellowship.

On a sadder note, Jenny lost her older sister in this past week and the thoughts & sympathy of our Rotarians is surely with her at this time.



### ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Gill and Steven Norman Pickle Ball</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Firesides</b>
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Gail Kelly Geoff Bibby Jenny Robertson Bob Brady None Mark Dickerson	Les Mockford Bryan Matthews Fred Staples Judy McKelvie None Graeme Muir	Brian Hall - - Gill Scarlet Jenny Robertson Peter Thompson
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Denise Brown Kelvin Winnie	Brian Peploe Graeme Ryan	Garth Eyles Brian Anstis

### 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.

### A THANKYOU & - SPECIAL OFFER FROM OUR SPEAKERS THIS WEEK

Thanks for having us, Lynne, we really enjoyed presenting to such an attentive and engaged audience! We would love to offer a **free diagnostic hearing test** or second opinion appointment to all Rotary members and their partners. I'd be grateful if you could share this offer with the membership?

Quote Greenmeadows Rotary and contact call Tash on 06 8336312 or [admin@hearingandbalance.co.nz](mailto:admin@hearingandbalance.co.nz)



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## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS TRIVIA

# Rotary Club of Ahuriri Sunrise



**6.30pm, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023  
at East Pier Hotel, 50 Nelson Quay, Ahuriri**

**\$25 entry per person (teams up to seven)**  
- Quiz entry, Heads & Tails games and 3 x raffle tickets

**Extra raffle tickets on sale for \$5 each  
Plus there will be auctions during the event**

**PLEASE BRING CASH!**

**If you would like dinner prior there are 4 options @ \$25 (or a la carte)  
Cash Bar available**

**All funds raised will be donated to the  
Bay View Community Charitable Trust.**

**100% of donations received by this trust will go directly to help  
individuals who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle or for  
projects benefiting the communities of: Bayview to Seafield Rd, Esk  
Valley, Titiokura and Tutira.**

**To Book: contact Lyndal Johansson – 027 316 9866 or  
[lyndali4@gmail.com](mailto:lyndali4@gmail.com)**

**Thank you for your support**

**Next Wednesday at regular venue, bring your recipes for pickle balls!**

