



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

WELCOME

President Helen returned to the Chair this week and welcomed some 31 members – including our very own Don McKenzie who was “looking quite chipper!” Past Pres. Frank helped make up the top table.



Welfare

Stuart reported that Colin Clark has good and not so good days and that Gaye has had recent medical treatment. Trevor is still waiting for hospital test results.

With assistance from Judy, we learned that Ian McKelvie is still in hospital, but very determined to be back on his feet. Judy has their Daughter from Brisbane staying for a short time.

Wally is recovering OK from his new hip op. Neil Smith is a one eyed supporter for a while, recovering from a cataract operation.

Announcements

Garth Eyles reported that the \$15,000.00 from Riccarton Rotary Club has now all been allocated. (Thanks Garth and Mary Anne)

(Note: At the Membership/PI Fireside meeting afterwards, the background on this matter was discussed it was felt we should explain how it came about and also seek suitable publicity for this great combined project.)

Garth also mentioned that he has sourced 20 native trees and sought volunteers to plant these at Dolbel Park next Monday. Many hands makes light work, plus there is the reward of good coffee and scintillating conversation with learned and cultured ***fellows afterwards.

Meet 9.00am at the end of O'Dowd Road.

President Helen thanked Geoff and Jenny who hosted a pot luck luncheon and meeting on Sunday.

Noting that we have five Wednesdays, Helen has another meeting that evening, but volunteered to organise an “away visit” to??? Ideas for a Club visit to Helen please.

She further reported on the Stortford Lodge Club Quiz evening at Lindisfarne on May 20th. Members interested in attending or forming a Greenmeadows team should contact Helen.

She also noted that Ian Finlayson, Honorary Member of Taradale Club passed away last week.

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Officer Holders 2022-23

District Governor Kevin Forgeson
Dist. Gov. Elect Bill Robinson

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:

Focus Groups of Membership 10 & 17/05. ArtEx in revival

Leave of Absence

Ian McKelvie, Kevin McCormack, Trevor Powell, Doug Neilson - Ongoing
Wal Drayton to 7/6 Ken & Carol to 28/6

Website/Club Contacts

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Three Minute Speaker

John Macintosh based his talk on “Observation and Perception.” He noted that after observing a car being driven dangerously, he and his wife could not agree on what colour it was. Then he read a story from a booklet written in 1927, about a missing camel which was blind in one eye, had a limp and a missing tooth – and the conclusions reached therefrom. *(There was more to it than that – and it got us thinking. This was a lawyer – telling us about “circumstantial evidence!” Ed.)*

Sergeant

Sergeant Peter took extra money from Graeme Ryan, the raffle winner, and Garth who stole a profiterole from the top table, before checking out musical talents (or not) of members present. Our abysmal knowledge of music cost us plenty.

Thoughts this week (Brian Hall)

Opening:

A Greek proverb goes: *“A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they will never sit”*

Closing: *“We have to maintain what we have, but also plan for the future – trees die, storms come along. We are now the old men potting up trees for the future generations to shade.”* (Appropriate as we reflect on our club and our future!)

Words for this week (Brian Hall)



Yes – the same man, our Visual Journalist is doing it all. Writing, taking the photos and doing the thoughts to open and close the meeting. Is there no end to his skills?

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Louise Miller Napier CC CEO	John Kingsford HB Regional Council Cyclone findings	TBC Jenny Dee House of Science
Host + Thoughts	Edwin Brown	Bob Brady	Bob Morrison
Top Table introduce Speaker	Frank Heuser	Brian Peplow	Brian Peplow
Vote of Thanks	Lynne Gibson	Mark Dickerson	Graeme Muir
Cashier	Curly Carpenter	Jenny Robertson	Kevin McCormack
Three Minute Speaker	None	-	-
Sergeant	Alan White	Gail Kelly	Denise Brown
Stewards <i>One per table and the named members do the clean-up end.</i>	Chris McKenna Robert Pearson	Fred Staples Gill Scarlet	Les Mockford Bryan Matthews

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 - TRAVEL TRIVIA



Recognising May as *Youth Service Month* and the promotion of renewed International Youth Exchange – we acknowledge those “youthful members” of our club who have now been able to get “out and about” in the wider world.



Inbound travellers Chris and Curly returned from their trip to England to see the King

Outbound members Carol and Ken depart on their trip to the Coronation - or somewhere in that same direction.

We cannot wait to hear the stories of their adventures.....

That's the lot for this week folks, a shortened bulletin for a shortened meeting – due to it being “Fireside” Week. This has helped keep costs (and your reading time) down!



Next Wednesday home at our regular venue with the NCC new CEO

