



# MEADOWS MATTERS



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

## THE NEW TOWN CLERK?

Well – not exactly, she was Louise Miller, the new CEO for the Napier City Council (But it used to be called Town Clerk.)

She was raised in North London, has two teenage boys and has only been here nine weeks. She outlined some of her roles: accountant to cycling instructor, to the police, to a central government agency to the audit commission to working with various councils.

She arrived here just before the cyclone hit so she has had a chaotic nine weeks in the new job.

She met Mayor Kirsten Wise at a workshop in Wellington and enjoyed that connection. She was approached to apply for the CEO role and the recruitment process took place while she was

backpacking around Europe with her two sons. This proved to be very challenging with one ZOOM being conducted while she sat in a wardrobe.

She stated that she is not a bureaucrat by nature but loves people and wants to change the outcomes for people who can't help themselves.

She said Napier should be awesome and we're not quite awesome, yet but can be.

The elected members have got their 'Strategy Away Day' next week where they will determine their new vision and their priorities for the city. July 2024 is the first year of the new Long-Term Plan. She said it is essential that the council is open and transparent about changes that may take place.

Questions were asked about:

- Affordable Waters which have been pushed out to 2024.
- The National Aquarium which has no plans in place for refurbishment
- State Highways which are not a council responsibility
- NCC's profile – we need to be celebrating what Napier is doing, instead of worrying about what Hastings is doing.
- Our elected members are pressuring Waka Kotahi about our broken bridges.
- Emergencies funds are being looked at for the future.

Louise suggested that we need to raise our concerns with our elected members and take more part in submissions for the council's Long-Term Plan.

Lynne thanked Louise and suggested that we meet again in a few months' time to see the progress.



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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: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
Directors: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## WELCOME

**President Helen** had welcomed 38 members, guest speaker Louise Miller, and partners Donna, Liz, Mary-Anne and Alison. (Member Don McKenzie was again a welcome sight.)



## Welfare

Stuart reported that Wally Drayton is making progress as is Neil Smith, and Judy McKelvie reported that Ian will be home hopefully by Friday.

## Announcements

**Garth** reported that there will be *the last ever planting at Dolbel Reserve* on Monday. End of an era – a job so well done. Be there!

He also reported that a contractor has offered to repair the Eskdale cycle track for nothing; there is also funding going to Puketapu School to assist in handling post cyclone stress and he showed photos of the devastation of Rissington – sobering stuff!

**Lynne** announced that it is Sign Language Week and illustrated to us the signs for “*hullo, goodbye and happy*”. She also mentioned that the Tinnitus Expo is happening two weeks from now.

**Gail** is collecting names for assistance on the night of the Robbie Williams concerts – they are especially wanting helpers who are willing (and able) to collect up the hill.

**John** reported that the first club focus meeting earlier in the day had gone very well with some good ideas coming up. The next one was 7.30pm after the meeting.

**Helen** thanked members for offering to assist with the Salvation Army collection at Countdown and Jenny will take along our Greenmeadows sign (photo below.)

**Kevin** has been a judge at the BP Business Awards in schools. The students had three days to come up with a business plan and a marketing plan for their businesses. All but two students were there on a day that the teachers went on strike.

**Steve** reported that the ARTEX committee are flat out in the background working on this year’s event, and that Denise is doing great work procuring artists and artworks.

## Sergeant

**The Sergeant’s session** was conducted by Alan, and he based his questions on the book ‘*Taradale – the History of the Village*’.

Some interesting facts were revealed including that the Greenmeadows Rotary Club had their first meeting in 1976 and 18 members attended.

### Thought; this week (Edwin Brown)

#### Opening:

Said - *They both have the same idea about success, but Edwin doesn’t smoke cigars!* (By & about Winston Churchill)

#### Closing:

*“Some people dream about success, and some people actually make it happen”.*

### Word; for this week (Jenny)



Roving Reporter Jenny returned to the desk with pen and pad to produce this week’s stories. Good eh!



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	May 17th	May 24th	May 31
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Jon Kingsford</b> <b>HBRC</b>	<b>Jenny Dee</b> <b>House of Science</b>	<b>Raap rima</b> <b>somewhere</b>
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Bob Brady Brian Peploe Mark Dickerson Jenny Robertson - Gail Kelly	Bob Morrison Brian Peploe Graeme Muir Kevin McCormack - Steve Gillum	No duties
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Robert Pearson* 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 MATTERS



### Celebrate Rotary's Youth Service Month

Every year, over 350,000 young leaders participate in Rotary's youth programs across Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange. Rotary's Youth Service Month is an opportunity to promote our young leaders' local and global impacts and the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that make these programs possible. [Learn more.](#)

**We pretty much excel in this area of Youth Service with many the youth programmes instituted and supported by Greenmeadows Rotary.**

**Also – our youth exchange students, Ken and Carol are now well into their journey, have covered off Australia (well WA anyway) have speed off through Dubai and are on their way to see the newly crowned King – I think.**






Two of our team members out there collecting for the Salvation Army's Annual Street Collection. (Ooops – must update the logo on the banner!)

Members were set the challenge at Rotary this week when told they could gain a free drink at the bar if they could guess who the two teenagers getting married sixty years ago were in this photo. A benevolent barmaid and his trusty assistant assisted with clues and everyone managed to get a drink.



**CIRCLE OF LIFE**

**You come with Nothing ,  
You go with Nothing ,  
In between you can create Magic ,  
Bring Smiles and Happiness ,  
Create a Legacy - Enjoy Rotary**



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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, reflects our belief in unselfish volunteer service.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
You can learn more about Rotary by taking courses on Rotary's Learning Center.

*Club Directory: Bob Brady is updating the Directory for the upcoming Rotary Year. Make sure to advise him if you have any new details (such as address, wife or phone number) so that these can be included.*

**Next Wednesday home at our regular venue with more "Council Business"**

