

MEADOWS MATTERS



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

STOPBANKS STOP WATER – USUALLY!

An Engineer with the Council, Jon Kingsford (Manager, Regional Projects) told us, with the aid of slides and videos, of how the world of water changed around Napier on Valentine's Day this year. We learned about Stop Bank Breaching and the several "semi autonomous pods of contractors" who had stepped up to fix things. He explained how they worked, what they did and who they reported to.



He told his fascinated audience about 57 "Breach Sites" totalling over 5 – 6 kms and the good work done to repair them (needs grass



growth to complete them.) We saw pictures of the "Awatoto" breach, the Maraenui Golf Course one, that at Motea in Vicarage Rd, Omaranui, Omahu (Fernhill), then further south to the Walker Road and the Raupere Breaches. There were phenominal results!

Appropriately, he was thanked by our own "Rescue Digger Driver" Mark Dickerson.

THE WELCOME

First time we have set up six tables in a while but as it turned out, we still only had 32 people present to be welcomed by Pres. Helen. These included the guest speaker, the Facilitator Kerry Marshall, plus Lynne Trafford and Peter Edmead from Ahuriri Sunrise. (Later on though Donna and Marry Anne came in after their rugby practice!)

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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 Lynne Gibson Foundation Artex Steve Gillum

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm Firesides: 1st Wed Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Raapa Rima - 31 May Club Changeover 2nd July ArtEx in revival - September ?

Leave of Absence

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

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Welfare

Stuart ponted out that Don McKenzie was happily with us again; Kathy Nelson was at home and doing well (may appreciate a phone call); Ian McKelvie was improving in leaps and bounds and Wal Drayton was also progressing well.

Announcements

Steve Gillum advised that he and John Mackintosh had been to the Puketapu School – and played with their Lego (photo below). He said there was no right or wrong way of doing it! He also spoke of the Christchurch (Riccarton) experience with the speed of assistance (more on this below). He concluded with a request for High Resolution photos from the ArtEx at Elephant Hill – for a possible RDU item.

Garth Eyles told us that "Dolbel was done" – a struggle but now all over. There was also an Environmental Group Meeting coming up. They wanted more club involvement with these projects. He also said they were considering a Rotary Deco Trail and concluded with the view that "Wim's Seat" installation would be left until spring.

VP Kelvin thanked the members of his Board who had attended District Training in Taupo last weekend. He had also been to Tamatea High School where they were talking of Monday morning plantings – or possibly on Sunday 18th June. (Further info to come on this)

Pres. Helen advised of Funding requests made to the Board:

- \$500 to Westshore Sea Scouts to send scouts to this year's Jamboree
- \$500 to Charlie Evans, Taradale student on the NZ athletic development squad going to the Canoe Slalom World Championships in Poland, in June, and
- \$400 to Radio HB for funding two family variety shows being put on for Cyclone victims/helpers.

She also reported that the *Changeover* will be lunch at the Valley D'Vine restaurant, Esk Valley on Sunday 2 July. Cost will be \$45per head for a 2 course lunch. A list for numbers will begin circulation at next week's meeting.

Rāapa Rima, Wed 31 May will be a social evening at the club rooms. Bring a plate, bring a bottle and bring your other half (if you want to!)

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Gail (aided by Corporal Gill) extracted fines from people who had not done some of the many things on her "list of accomplishments" (see list below) and while some of us thought we had done everything – that was not actually the case.

Thoughts this week (Bob Brady)

Opening:

Recognising those members overseas he said: "Who lives sees much; who travels sees more."

Closing:

"We cannot fall in the trap of addressing 21st century challengers with 20th century solutions. We need to lead by innovating and not by managing the status quo."
(RI World Sec. John Hewko)



Editor's Tools He wrote all this himself – and then assembled it. Pretty obvious eh! Never mind he is away over much of the next three weeks (Melbourne Convention) so watch out for some changes!!

ROSTER OF DUTIES

| Date | May 24th | May 31 | June 7th |
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| Programme: Guest Speaker | Jenny Dee House of Science | Raapa Rima | Firesides |
| Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant | Bob Morrison Brian Peploe Graeme Muir Kevin McCormack - Steve Gillum | No duties All pitch in | Brian Anstis Bruce Martin Alan White Curly Carpenter |
| Stewards One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end. | Les Mockford Bryan Matthews | | Jenny Robertson Brian Hall |

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

<u>YOU</u> 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

Greenmeadows 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.



Some miscellaneous notes on the Rotary Foundation. How the money is put together, saved and the costs covered. Worth thinking about.



How many of these things have you done?

1 Been married

2 Been divorced

3 Fallen in love

4 Skipped school

5 Had a child

6 Rode in an ambulance

7 Been to Hawaii

8 Been to Paris

9 Been to Las Vegas

10 Been to Canada

11 Been to Australia

12 Been to Italy

13 Visited Mexico

14 Swam in the Pacific

15 Swam in the Caribbean

16 Swam in the Atlantic

17 Been to New Zealand

18 Been to Tahiti

19 Flown in a helicopter

20 Been on a cruise

21 Gone camping

22 Served on a jury

23 Danced in the rain

24 Been to California

25 Been to New York

26 Sang karaoke

27 Been on TV

28 Had a grandchild

29 Had a pet(s)

30 Been downhill skiing

31 Been water skiing

32 Rode on a motorcycle

33 Jumped out of a plane

34 Been to a drive-in movie

35 Rode an elephant

36 Rode a Horse

37 Donated blood

38 Got a piercing

39 Got a tattoo

40 Driven a stick shift vehicle

41 Been scuba diving

42 Lived on your own

43 Been in a limousine

44 Got a speeding ticket

45 Broken a bone

46 Had stitches

47 Traveled alone

48 Graduated from university

49 Retired

50 Owned a company

SERGEANT'S SESSION

The Basis for the rather unique **Sergeant's Session** put up by Sergeant Gail Kelly. **Browse through these** quietly at home and discover just how venturesome and brave you have been in your life.

STOP PRESS

During her visit, Lynne Trafford from Ahuriri Sunrise thanked our club for our assistance with the Salvation **Army Collection last** week.

PRACTICING FOR LEGO KING

As recorded earlier, some of our members attended the Puketapu School recently and there was some Lego activity going on.

This was taken to heart by one member and one has to wonder - is there a chance of Lego being an activity at the "new ArtEx!

(Actually, Lego was used as a "medium" to help parents and kids deal with the Flooding situation.)





A message from Lynne Gibson on a forthcoming presentation which may well be of interest to some of our members.

So - if you are hearing things that should not be there, give this some consideration.

Get in quick as it is next week!

The Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust (an outline from John Macintosh as to how his previous club came to help us)

In early March 2023, within just a few weeks of Cyclone Gabrielle devastating our region, the Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust contacted our club to offer financial support. They wanted to act directly with a club and looked to assist children impacted by the cyclone as rapidly as possible.

As a member of the Youth Committee, Garth Eyles, with his wife Mary Anne made contact with the lead of a cluster of schools in badly affected areas to ask what help their children needed.

Some already had assistance from other sources but eight schools sought help, most of them wanting to cover the fees of attending school camp for children who, because their family had lost their income (and often their family home), would otherwise be unable to attend.

Those applications were approved. It removed the stress and the stigma of being excluded and helped reduce in some small way their parents' stress.

One further grant was to a school which had its recreational grounds severely damaged. It received a grant to assist it with the cost of transporting classes to another recreational facility while remedial work was done.

The Riccarton Youth Trust has made \$20,000 available, a most generous grant. At this stage approximately \$15,400 has been distributed and a further project is being worked on to utilize the remaining \$4,600.

Next Wednesday, home at our regular venue with some "Scientific Stuff"