



# MEADOWS MATTERS



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

## THE WELCOME

**President Helen** welcomed about 32 members plus the guest speaker Carol Ball, PDG Ross Pinkham (acting as Area Asst.Gov.) Alan White's friend Owen, partners Mary Anne E & (later) Alison M. She also acknowledged the presence of Don McKenzie (in recovery) and Denise Brown back from Turkey.



## YOU'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO - THE RED CROSS

Appearing somewhat at the last minute following the rostered speaker being unavailable, was Carol Ball, Red Cross Recovery Leader from Canterbury and here for three months to lead the Recovery Mission following Cyclone Gabrielle. She told us about Red Cross.

Henri Dunant founded International Red Cross after helping wounded soldiers in the Battle of Solferino in 1859. In 1931 NZ Red Cross was formed, after initially being an off-shoot of British Red Cross.

There are three arms to NZ Red Cross:

1. Migration – which includes pathway to employment
2. International Structure. [*Carol spoke of a Nurse who volunteers overseas. The Nurse always takes a basin plug, super glue (useful for fixing items, including wounds), and children's colouring material and books.*]
3. Emergency Management.



Carol has been involved with Red Cross for over 30 years and has 20 years of continuous service.

Carol has worked in the Recovery field following the Christchurch and Kaikoura Earthquakes, and Westport floods. Visiting the Esk Valley she noted that after Cyclone Gabrielle it will take longer for the community to recover. Although there were deaths in Christchurch, the businesses were able to move to the suburbs hastening recovery. In the Esk and similar areas, rural people have lost their livelihoods, with no or nominal chance of recovery.

She told us of Coca-Cola funding 750 household cleaning kits; and Karcher donating \$150,000 worth of water blasters. These, and some already in Red Cross store, plus wet and dry vacuum equipment, have been distributed to individuals and communities.

Some 100% of funds donated have or will be distributed, with Administration costs covered by the Red Cross Foundation. Red Cross Teams of Volunteers are still working in Auckland, Tairāwhiti and Hawkes Bay. Volunteers are on a 7-day rotating roster. To a question, Carol said she believes 50 – 60% of some communities had no insurance, or were well underinsured.

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## Officer Holders 2022-23

**District Governor** Kevin Forgeson  
**Dist. Gov. Elect** Bill Robinson

<b>President</b>	Helen Tattersall
<b>Secretary</b>	Ken Hunt
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graeme Ryan
<b>Club Admin &amp; PE</b>	Kelvin Winnie
<b>Membership &amp; PI</b>	John Macintosh
<b>Service Projects</b>	Fred Staples
<b>Youth</b>	Chris McKenna
<b>Foundation</b>	Lynne Gibson
<b>Artex</b>	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:

Club Changeover 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
ArtEx in revival 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October

## Leave of Absence

Kevin McCormack,  
Trevor Powell, Doug Neilson - Ongoing  
Ken & Carol to 28/6

## Website/Club Contacts

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## WELFARE

Stuart had only one report of note and that was that Wal Drayton is improving but has had blood pressure issues.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **From President Helen:**

- The tree re-planting near the Kirsa Jenson memorial will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am. If all volunteers turn up, should only take an hour. **(Reconfirm your availability next Wednesday)**
- Last week for the *Jarmies for June* organised by Jenny. 26 pairs purchased and on display. Two more pairs on the way. Well done, Jenny. (See more below)
- Changeover reminder - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Valley du Vine, Esk Valley. Helen has to confirm the numbers next week.

**Pres. Elect Kelvin** advised that from over \$300,000 raised from throughout New Zealand for weather event relief, \$8,400.00 has been allocated to our Club specifically for Cyclone Gabrielle support.

Kelvin also reported Artex will be held at Elephant Hill over the weekend of 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> October. Good responses from sponsors, but if you know of a potential sponsor, please talk to Kelvin or Steve.

**Gardening Garth** advised that the weather is not playing ball for the work required on the Dolbel seat. Adverse forecast for next Monday now means no work is planned. Garth also thanked Christine for a long, enjoyable and social luncheon for their committee last weekend.

## Sergeant

**Sergeant Bob Morrison** fined a Member on duty, who “forgot” to serve the top table a cup of tea.

Another senior member was involved in a fundraising event for St John, at Summerset, then promptly used their ambulance service – good to see him at Rotary to pay his fine. Bob also educated newer Members on the past requirement for 100% attendance at Rotary meetings. Stu was fined for 11 years at 100%, Ian began his Rotary life aiming at 100% in 1978 – and hasn’t finished it yet! Then Bob based the rest of his session on who supports which super ruby team.

### **Thoughts this week - Chris McKenna**

#### **Opening:**

*“Socialising is being more positive than being alone, that’s why some meetings are popular. People don’t like being alone, that is an important skill to learn. Entertainment is the greatest socialising force in the world.”*

#### **Closing:**

*“Don’t wait for things to get easier, simpler, better; life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now, otherwise you will run out of time.”*

### **Words for this week (& photos)**

Came from the pen and camera of our photo journalist Brian Hall. You may accept, reject, or delete them as you wish – but you will be the worse for it. Would you like to join the writing team in the new Rotary year? See the Editor.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

For three issues in May and June your wandering Editor was out of NZ. The usual “stand-in” for assembling the bulletin was engaged on other matters and for a short while there was panic as to who would take over and run the show as it were. Then, in typical Rotary fashion, a “volunteer” stepped up and the rest, as you know, is history. Bob Brady learned the format, put all the words together, and you saw the result. While I have personally thanked Bob for his assistance, it is proper that I publically acknowledge that appreciation here now. And I do. Editor



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	June 28th	July 5th	July 12th
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Firesides</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Host + Thoughts	Steve Gillum	Peter Thompson	Bruce Martin
Top Table introduce Speaker	Mark Dickerson	-	Fred Staples
Vote of Thanks	Brian Hall	-	Garth Eyles
Cashier	Edwin Brown	Judy McKelvie	Steve Gillum
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	-
Sergeant	Jenny Robertson	Gill Scarlet	Brian Peploe
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Judy McKelvie Brian Anstis	Alan White Robert Pearson	Curly Carpenter Graeme Ryan

### 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.

If you have Leave of Absence you will be kept off the roster, however if you are going to be away beyond the roster shown and do not have LoA, could you advise the "apologies" member so that amendments can be made to the roster.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS TRIVIA

**June Junior Rotarian**  
**"Jarmies Jenny"**



Didn't she do well? You can still help her. Get out of bed and wash your jarmies – or buy some new ones!



### June in Rotary is Fellowships Month

A Rotary Fellowship is an international group of Rotarians with a common interest that has brought them all together. There are maybe a hundred such groups covering occupations, projects of just special interests. Click this link to see the variety:

<http://www.rotary.org/fellowships>

One popular one here in NZ is the **International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)** which also has international links. The Hawkes Bay Branch of this group headed off to Masterton last weekend in their motorhomes to enjoy each other's company (in the middle of winter, such is their devotion. (See below)





## FUND RAISER FOR CYCLONE RELIEF

Organised by the Stewart Group and Rotary.

If interested in attending then RSVP as shown in the brochure.

If you want to know about the auction packages then click on the link below.



Live Auction Packages.pdf

Should be a great night out – and supporting a worthy cause.

## FURTHER FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA

It has to be accepted that the ICFR referred to above, did not pick a great weekend to go away in their motorhomes. (The “rugged members” included three couples from GM Rotary.) They were plugged into power though and they had many “indoor activities” – one shown here is tenpin bowling. On both the Friday and Saturday evenings they were able to watch the Super Rugby semi-finals on a TV in the camp lounge. Some skilful manipulation by a member enabled him to connect his computer to the “dumb” TV (with a dongle or a beagle or some such) made it a “smart” TV & we were able to watch the games live!



***Next Wednesday, home at our regular venue – last meeting for the current Rotary Year and a surprise programme.***

