



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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## DADDY DAYCARE CENTRE

Guest Speaker (introduced by Fred) was Jon Barrett from the Menzshed, which can be found at 125 Latham Street near the YMCA. John said he is in his 10<sup>th</sup> year at the shed and that throughout NZ there are also six "She Sheds" and two "Sheila Shacks". It's a sort of "hangout" for retired blokes who are looking for something to do.

He joked that the men are dropped off at Menzshed by their wives to attend 'Daddy Daycare', but they achieve a lot of work while they are present. For instance the very large very colourful chairs on the Ahuriri foreshore were made by the members at the Menzshed. They now have 90 members with 50 attending on any one day,



They don't have a formal committee – *anyone who joins is a member of the committee*, he said.

People donate what is in their shed when they pass, and these tools are then forwarded on to the Pacific Islands.

They don't affiliate with the coffin club as they don't want to make 'death' too obvious to this age group of people.

They invite anyone to come in for coffee from 8am to 12 noon on any day. You are most welcome to check them out.



In thanking the speaker, Garth speculated that we could perhaps achieve the same thing by returning our Rotary Club to an 'all male' institution. (*Some members present hoped for Garth's self-destruction*)

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## Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson  
Dist. Gov. Elect Nick Dangerfield  
Area Asst. Governor Phil Crombie

President Kelvin Winnie  
Secretary Ken Hunt  
Treasurer Graeme Ryan  
ClubAdmin&PE Chris McKenna  
Mem/ship, PI & TRF John Macintosh  
Geoff Bibby  
Service Projects Brian Hall  
Youth Graeme Muir  
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:

ArtEx in revival 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October

## Leave of Absence

Kevin McCormack, Trevor Powell &  
Denise Primrose – Ongoing  
Geoff Bibby till 19th July  
Bruce Martin - 19th July to 9th Aug  
Tattersalls - 5th July to 2nd Aug  
Gill Scarlet - 12th July to 27th Sept

## Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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## WELCOME

President Kelvin had welcomed 34 people including the speaker Jon Barrett from the Menzshed, and Ross Pinkham visiting from the Taradale Rotary Club.



## WELFARE

Welfare Officer Stuart said that Bob Morrison has been in hospital with shingles, Wally is progressing slowly, and Ian McKelvie has recovered sufficiently to take Judy shopping!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Kelvin** announced a special message from the newly installed Rotary World President (Gordon McNally) and called for it to appear on the screen. It did but the sound did not – even with the skills of resident techno geek Bob. *(But read on – we can make this happen – see the box below)*

**President Kelvin** then acknowledged the great meal provided by our caterer, and also the great work done by Don and Les our two acting barmen.

He also read a letter from Linda Patterson (Ahuriri Sunrise) thanking Mary-Anne Eyles especially, for being the driving force behind the seven sleeping bags provided to flood victims. She stated that "the Rotary support has been truly wonderful."

**Cashier Carol** requested the help of a potential cashier as she is off to Greece and needs someone to fill her shoes. *(Wonder why she did not go to Greece last month when she was up that way! Ed.)*

**John Mackintosh** acknowledged the \$30,000 from Royston and the HB Foundation.

Also – following up on last week's message - we need some mules to carry 10kg limestone bags up to Wim's seat. Let Garth know if you can assist.

**ArtEx Director Steve** reported that the ARTEX committee is going flat out with just 100 days to go.

## Sergeant

Neil conducted the sergeant session mostly concentrating on the FIFA Women's World Cup and our knowledge (or complete lack of) caused us to lose our money! However Denise won the meat raffle.

### Thoughts this week – Bruce Martin

#### Opening:

*"Why do we come together?  
How do we come together?  
Our culture drives everything."*

#### Closing:

*"If we devote too much time  
to avoiding failure, we are not  
devoting enough time to  
achieving success."*

### Words for this week

Came from the patient pen of Scribe Jenny – who won't accept any argument, but will accept any other scribe who wishes to report on our meetings and compete with her and the other writers!

### THE MESSAGE FROM RI WORLD PRESIDENT Gordon McNally

You can watch this in two minutes at your home by clicking on this link:

<https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/1102YQ45812fee5lqV2gBFCzSc2GHx>

Try it and see what "really" happens.

### Dolbel Reserve

You will notice the bags have become lighter (10kg as opposed to 12.5kg) Help the team carry them up to Wim's seat, spread the contents out, have a breather, then come down for coffee.

**Contact Gardening Garth.**



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	July 19th	July 26th	August 2nd
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Jo Jacobson</b> <b>Dress for Success</b>	<b>Mining in Mongolia</b>	<b>Firesides</b>
Host + Thoughts	Bob Brady	John Macintosh	Robert Pearson
Top Table introduce Speaker	Brian Peploe	Geoff Bibby	-
Vote of Thanks	Brian Hall	Curly Carpenter	-
Cashier	Denise Brown	Steve Gillum	Bryan Matthews
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	Alan White
Sergeant	Brian Anstis	Frank Heuser	Lynne Gibson
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Gail Kelly Kevin McCormack	Judy McKelvie Peter Thompson	Jenny Robertson Mark Dickerson

### 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



***Bill Robinson (Cambridge Rotary) succeeded Kevin Forgeson (Te Kuiti Rotary) at the recent District Changeover, held as it happens, on the same day as our own Club Changeover. District Governor Bill is shown here – alongside the years' theme and Rotary logo for our district. He will of course visit us later in the year.***

***Next Wednesday, home at our regular venue – and dress-up speaker.***

