



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

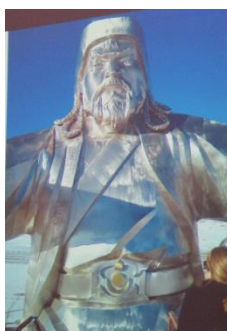
MINING IN MONGOLIA & MUCH MORE

Introduced by Geoff Bibby, Joe McDougal, is a 36-year-old Diesel Mechanic. He commenced his Apprenticeship with a Caterpillar workshop in Palmerston North and then, in a chance discussion in a pub over 10 years ago, he was offered job in Mongolia fixing drill rigs. He had not worked on rigs, nor had he travelled. Joe opened with a photo of a metal 32m high monument to Genghis Khan – who is revered on Mongolia. The next slide taken from his apartment, showed a snow-covered industrial landscape, with coal fired power plants, and a temperature of minus 30 degrees. Joe spoke to photos of various drill rigs in the Gobi Desert, drilling down to 1.3km. Mongolia is known for fossils, and Joe showed us a photos taken in a shopping Mall of a huge fossil dinosaur.



After Mongolia, he was transferred to a gold mine in Tanzania, from where he was able to drive two hours for a safari in the Serengeti. Amazing photos of elephants grazing around trees, with a leopard on a branch above them and a very close-up of a lion as well. Wife Becks was able to travel with him. After one year, the next job was in the mountain jungles of PNG, using helicopters to move the rigs. Egypt followed, working on drills in a gold mine where temperatures exceeded 50 degrees in the pit. The area he worked has been mined for gold for over 5000 years. Waihi Gold then employed him to fix a rig in Mauritania – his comment: *“there is no nice place in Mauritania, very hot and desert nothingness”*. And to add variation, on one days’ notice, he left NZ for two hours work in the Philippine’s, and ended up with a week there.

With Covid impacting his work, Joe then spent two years here at Rocket Lab, working on the launch apparatus. The work was not so much different, hydraulics and electronics. They launched 12 rockets in his time with them. And, then a few weeks ago, it was back to Mongolia refurbishing the rigs he had earlier worked on. Joe is on a six week on, three week off rotation, with the Company flying to / from Napier each break.



As one mechanic to another, Curly proposed the Vote of Thanks.

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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor	Bill Robinson
Dist. Gov. Elect	Nick Dangerfield
Area Asst. Governor	Phil Crombie
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Treasurer	Graeme Ryan
ClubAdmin&PE	Chris McKenna
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Service Projects	Brian Hall
Youth	Graeme Muir
ArtEx	Steve Gillum

Meetings

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

Coming Up:

ArtEx in revival 13th – 15th October
Plate debate TBA

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing
Edwin Brown – 19th July – 2nd Aug
Bruce Martin - 19th July to 9th Aug
Tattersalls - 5th July to 2nd Aug
Gill Scarlet - 12th July to 27th Sept

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WELCOME

President Kelvin welcomed 33 Members, with Guests Joe and Becky McDougal, plus Joe's Mother Robyn, along with Heather Cheyne (shown below).



Appropriately, Kelvin started with a quiz on Mongolia. The answers were: Mongolia has just as many horses as people; Ice-cream is their traditional winter delicacy (no freezers required!); and Mongolia has its own Olympics, with just three sports participating – (look them up 'cos the writer didn't get them down!)

WELFARE

In a rather startling revelation Stuart said: "*Nothing to report*" – yippee!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Kelvin advised that Mike Wong from Taradale Rotary has written asking for our Club to support the setting up of a Trust to manage Dolbel Reserve. Planning ahead with regards the aging volunteers working there. The details will be forwarded and be discussed at Fireside's.

Treasurer Graeme Ryan (with power point) spoke to the Club 2024 Budget. Full details will be forwarded for discussion at Firesides.

Meals now costing \$25.00, used to be \$22.00, with the \$3.00 difference subsidising guests meals and incidentals. Following robust discussion at the last Directors meeting regarding the deficit Budget, Graeme Ryan and Graeme Muir have proposed three options:

1. Fees remain as is – leaves deficit of \$3,000.00
2. Fees increase by \$30.00 gives deficit of \$1,168.00
3. Or as Graeme recommends: Increase fee by \$50.00 which leaves a deficit of \$247.00

Kelvin thanked the two Graeme's for their considerable time input into the budget.

Sallies Supporter Denise Brown asked for donations of food – tins, flour, baking powder, rice, etc., to help refill empty coffers at the Salvation Army. She showed us her collection bin – that was empty!

Sergeant

Past President Frank took on the Sergeants duties – saying his first time in his 12 years in Rotary! His theme was *Creating Hope*, with the emphasis on hope and Love. He asked "What should a girl wear on her first date; Jenny answered "Nothing" - a popular answer with the men, but not the correct one. "The correct answer was *a range of colours.*" This so stunned the scribe that he could not record the outcome of the session, save to say that Steve Gillum won the raffle – justified given his "birthday shout" at the bar earlier in the evening – (thanks Steve.)

It was noted that Frank commences LOA next week to move to Wanganui, following his new Love. (Best wishes Frank.)

Thoughts this week – John Mackintosh

Opening:

"Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be."

Closing:

"Comfort can be dangerous – comfort provides a floor/flat and a ceiling."

Words for this week

The words and pictures once again came from "Visual Journalist" Brian Hall.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Nigel Avery Chef de Mission NZIOC	Hinewai Ormsby AG Phil Crombie (visit)
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Robert Pearson - Bryan Matthews Alan White Lynne Gibson	Garth Eyles Neil Smith Brian Peploe Gail Kelly - Kevin McCormack	Brian Hall Bob Brady Brian Anstis Helen Tattersall - Curly Carpenter
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up.</i>	Judy McKelvie Mark Dickerson	Denise Brown Fred Staples	Edwin Brown Judy McKelvie

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

***YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Kelvin of the change.
It's not too hard, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting. If you are going to be absent in the future – let the Apologies Member know or seek Leave of Absence so that necessary amendments can be made to the roster.***

MENU THIS WEEK

**Greenmeadows
Rotary**

**Tonights Dinner
26th July**

**Casserole of
Venison**
**with red wine and
mushrooms**

Braised Rice

Red Cabbage
Baby Peas

 Prepared by
 Indulgence Catering

ROTARY THEME FOR JULY



Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS TRIVIA

Gabrielle, Riccarton & Greenmeadows Rotary linked with Puketapu School and Lego blocks! What is this all about? Well we supplied the take home Lego kits to the school and they set up workshops for the parents to learn from these first.

The attendees were parents of children affected by Gabrielle. The parents were each provided with a small pack of Lego to take home. In the workshop Elen showed them how, through playing with their children, they could provide a safe environment to discuss troubling topics.

Here's what was seen and said, much from the many dads who attended -



*"There were a lot of hurting people in the room, we all got a bit of healing that night, even though we were just there for the kids".
"I didn't have many tools in the toolbox for dealing with my kids behaviours or emotions at the end of the day when I'm tired, tonight has given me heaps"*

"As a Dad, I loved that it was easy to understand. It's increased my play with the kids and it's easier to start a conversation with them. I've seen a change in my kids, and I'll be back to learn more"



"Simple tools that work for children of all ages, including the man child. Elen spoke in a language that we could all understand as parents and caregivers. The interactive parts bought out that inner child and made it fun and real. There is NO wrong way with LEGO"



"It was a really fun night connecting with other families going through similar things as we navigate some unknown territory. It was really practical with some great strategies that we could immediately take home and use. Elen has some really simple tips on connecting with kids through play."



"So glad we attended this last month, I think it's the best parenting thing we have done. The workshop was so informative, and practical, we came away feeling empowered by what we learnt"

"I'll be back for the next one, and I'm bringing some mates"



Next Wednesday, at our regular venue – and then to Firesides

