



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OLYMPICS?

Neil Smith Introduced Nigel Avery by referring to the Sydney Olympics, the Commonwealth Games, and the wine trade and said that if you knew all this you could be a “*Chef de Mission.*”

**N**igel then took the stand, pretended he had the wrong power point, and having thus gained our attention, mesmerized us for the next twenty minutes, beginning with something about a bob sled – the weight, friction (jewelers polish) and winning by 2/100ths of a second! He described the “*Performance Support Team*” and referred to budget, pride, respect, integrity, leadership and excellence. He then went on to tell us of the importance and impact of the Haka to welcome our various teams on their arrival. He described the sheer size and the amount of walking between buildings and the dining room (which seated 4000 athletes!)



With photos he showed the various stadiums around the Eifel tower in Paris and told us that the opening ceremony would not be in a stadium but on the river! Many athletes will travel between venues by boat and many teams will be accommodated outside their village but nearer their own venues. He has been to Paris twice already (March and July) and will be there again in February – for the games in July – August. Three containers of equipment will be sent there. Our team will have 180 – 220 athletes and around 200 support staff. In the last three games the NZ team has continued to do better each time and so we do well for our small population.

At question time Nigel answered many queries, including that the Para-Olympics will follow two weeks after the main event and in saying thanks Brian Peplow conceded we were not using Avery wine but asked if he might return later to tell us the outcome at the Paris games.

## WELCOME

**I**n opening the meeting to about 36 people, President Kelvin particularly welcomed PDG Ross from Taradale Rotary Club, our guest speaker Nigel Avery and Kelvin’s own personal supporter and First Lady Kathryn. Recognising the theme of the speaker, Kelvin cited a number of names that we might recall – Smith, Phelps, Komornichi, Foreman, Munich (the place). PDG Ross called his bluff on some memories and then we heard about a 26 foot long jump, a sharp shooter and a whole lot of ridiculous sports from 1912 – 52. (It was noted that another couple, Alison & Mary-Anne, sneaked into our room later - after their netball practice.)



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## Officer Holders 2023-24

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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:** 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

Plate debate TBA

## Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing

Bruce Martin - 19<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> Aug

Gill Scarlet - 12<sup>th</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept

Pete Thompson 9<sup>th</sup> Aug to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

## Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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## WELFARE

Stu reported that Wally was now well and back with us and it was also noted that Brian Hall's mother had just passed away at 99 (and just before they went off on holiday).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Curious Curly** reported on a visit to the Puketapu Pub, advised that they were back in business and that we should "support them" by having a lunch there on **Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September**, 12md for 1pm at a cost of \$35 and the first 44 bookings would get in!

**ArtEx Director Steve** was the only Director to have a report and he said something about some long boards going out somewhere and the President intervened to say they would get painted! (*Your Ed was lost but full report was later furnished and appears below.*)

## Sergeant

Something was said about the rostered sergeant leaving his shoes behind, however he was not present so Pres. Kelvin stood in and reverted to the "Olympic theme" again. He told us (or questioned us) about the gold medals not actually being gold since 1912, that the "torch" is not an ancient tradition, that there was no 1936 Olympics propaganda, the 1968 Swedish drug suspension – or positive alcohol, something about several beers being needed before the pentathlon. And that there were not "nude" in the original Olympics. Somehow we lost our pocket money and Ken won the raffle.

### Thought; thi; week – Garth Eyle;

#### Opening:

"We need to make sure our worst enemy doesn't live between our own two ears." (This thought was heard clearly.)

#### Closing:

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself say I'm possible." (This one was not heard at all - because we were packing up!)

## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	August 16th	August 23rd	August 30th
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Hinewai Ormsby</b> <b>AG Phil Crombie (visit)</b>	<b>Membership</b> <b>Johnny Dryden</b> <b>Te Kuiti Rotary</b>	<b>Rāapa Rima</b>
Host + Thoughts	Lynne Gibson*****	Geoff Bibby	Alan White
Top Table introduce Speaker	Bob Brady	Graeme Muir	-
Vote of Thanks	Brian Anstis	Mark Dickerson	-
Cashier	Helen Tattersall	Bruce Martin	Garth Eyles
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	-
Sergeant	Curly Carpenter	Steve Gillum	-
<b>Stewards</b> <i>Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Edwin Brown Judy McKelvie	Chris McKenna Judy McKelvie	John Mackintosh Robert Pearson

### 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.***



## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

### ArtEx 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October- @ Elephant Hill. Rotarians at work - it's not all Suits!

- Judy & Denise with good numbers of good responses from artists; targeted 120 pieces looking readily achievable as work continues.
- Peter has sculptures side already all sorted & can pick it up nearer Artex when he & Donna return from holiday. Glenn Colechin putting his heron sculpture[s] up for display, auction.
- Bryan progressing well on lighting, replacement easels have arrived, tear drops etc. being replaced from ~\$7500 insurance pay-out.
- Kelvin working with Bex looking for 1 more/final event sponsor to get us to budgeted amount, not seen as a problem.
- Denise has four longboard artists confirmed & sponsors have been obtained for these by Bex working with Kelvin & Artex Committee. Resene Paints, Alexander Construction, Real Rad Food & Langley Twigg are sponsoring the artists.
- Steve has obtained & delivered longboards by Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Aug to Josh Lancaster, Mauricio Benega, Mickey Espino & Sonia Chrystall. Sarnia of HBSLSC has been very helpful.
- Elephant Hill site visit on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Aug saw Bex, Bryan & Steve go over details of planning with Simon Swa of Elephant Hill.
- Bex & Denise have connected with Arts Trail HB who are holding complementary events at that time & we've got advertising coverage & possible Kia Ora magazine cover for Artex.
- Noted- Cranford Cocktail evening went well for Karamu RC; money is being spent in HB.
- Soiree evening being budgeted at \$95 pp, will confirm after annual fees.
- Summary - planning goes well with nine weeks now to Artex 23 (& the general election!!!)

Some important websites you can visit

Website- <https://nationalartexhibition.co.nz/>

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/nationalartexhibition/>



**SOME MORE  
THOUGHTS  
ON  
MEMBERSHIP**

**What to say  
when people  
ask you about  
your Rotary  
badge**

- **We are a leadership organization that comes together to do good deeds – and we stay together for the friendships.**
- **Rotary to me is about building peace in the world that is sorely in need of peacemakers.**
- **Rotary is about doing good in the world**
- **At Rotary we are having fun building a better tomorrow.**
- **Our motto is: *Service Above Self.***

***Next Wednesday at our regular venue and with a couple of good visitors***

