



MEADOWS MATTERS



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WHAT A SPEAKER – WHAT AN IMPRESSION

Introduced by Bob Brady, whose research would not fit on one page, the reason for that became obvious once Hinewai Ormsby began speaking to us. Chair of the Hawkes Bay Regional Council (and with a husband and brother also so involved) she is steeped in Maori culture, has two children (aged 11 & 8) who bike to school – just like their mother did in the 1980s. She recited a Maori proverb (that your humble Editor could not properly record) mentioned pulling the shoot from the flax, where the bellbird sang and it would say “*the people, the people, the people.*” (Tāngata)



She then went on to describe Cyclone Gabrielle and the Regional Council response to it. With 200 – 250mm of rain predicted, we got up to 550mm and had a *State of Emergency* for the longest time ever! Aided with slides she described diggers repairing breaches and told of seeking to dispose of one million cubic meters of silt. They were coordinating five councils from Wairoa to Central HB with a package of \$556 million. Now getting property owners back on track, she mentioned that \$7.8m had been paid out to 4379 people.



After some 20 minutes she finished her presentation and then took questions – for another 20 minutes! There were many and great explanations – including comments from our own “*flood affected members*” and she also offered to stay afterwards to have personal discussions with some (and she did) and it was noted that she was a flood victim herself.

WELCOME

In the earlier welcome, President Kelvin happily acknowledged (with a Maori welcome that seemed even more appropriate this evening) about 30 club members, plus the guest speaker and also Asst.Gov. Phil Crombie from Ahuriri Sunrise. (Once again a couple of “regular partners” sneaked in later after their netball practice, to enjoy the speaker.) Kelvin also acknowledged a \$2000 club donation to a flood affected victim brought to our notice by the earlier Dress for Success speaker.



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: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

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

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing
Gill Scarlet - 12th July to 27th Sept
Pete Thompson 9th Aug to 4th Oct
Jenny Robertson & Brian Hall
9th – 30th August

Website/Club Contacts

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WELFARE

Stu reported that Don McKenzie was back in Auckland getting treatment but should return to Napier by next week. He also advised that they had acknowledged the recent death of Val Vincent, wife of a previous club member.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Kelvin opened with a number of items that included:-

- Last meeting of the month (30th) will be Rāapa Rima – dining out after a scintillating speaker on the disappearance 40 years ago, of the 14 year old school girl Kirsra Jensen.
- The Board has set the figure for sub to increase to \$350.
- He is doing a personal survey of members to gain our thoughts on the club. He will call you.
- There will be a special meeting on ArtEx on the 20 September.
- Some new Trustees are needed for Dolbel Reserve.
- Auckland Rotarians are coming here to help with flood recovery.
- Financial assistance request for Hawaiian fires has just been received. (Separate message sent now.)

Gardening Garth reported a project at the Patoka Primary School on 9 September to “deal to” the shrubs and that he also needs a “chainsaw expert” to assist (must be big shrubs!)

Past. Pres. Helen advised that we are sponsoring Bianca Ching, a student from Hastings Girls High School, to go on exchange to Switzerland. She has just done her first orientation in Taupo and her application has gone to Switzerland to find a host Rotary Club. Our club is sponsoring her because Helen couldn't find a club in Hastings or Havelock North to do so. Our directors agreed that she was an individual who would be a good ambassador for our district.

Gail reported attending Women's Refuge (on behalf of Jenny) with five others to do a “clean out” of “stuff” accumulated over some years. Digger Driver Mark attended but with his trailer (and not the digger) so that he could do the dump drop off.

Asst. Gov Phil apologised for not being at our Changeover as he was touring overseas; thanked us for a great flood response; and wished us all the best for this Rotary Year.

Sergeant

Once again there was no Sergeant (this time apparently due to illness) and no replacement. Pres. Kelvin had to act as his own Sergeant once more and he did this with aplomb, using the Football World Cup as his theme and queried us as to winners, losers, ranking, highest seedings, etc. Our knowledge was poor and our pockets became empty. (And maybe No. 66 won the raffle.)

Thoughts this week – Lynne Gibson

Began with sign language (see later photos) but reverted to:

Opening:

“Truth is, every one of us, no matter who we are or where we live, can & must play a part in restoring nature.”

(David Attenborough)

Closing:

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

(Winston Churchill)



ROSTER OF DUTIES

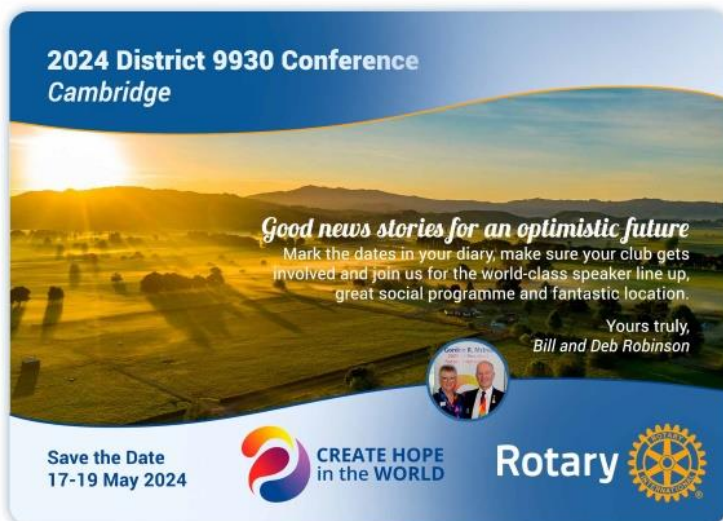
Date	August 23rd	August 30th	September 6th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Johnny Dryden Te Kuiti Rotary	The Disappearance of Kirsa Jensen + Rāapa Rima	Firesides
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Geoff Bibby Graeme Muir Mark Dickerson Bruce Martin - Steve Gillum	Alan White - - Garth Eyles - -	Bryan Matthews - - Neil Smith Kevin McCormack- Helen Tattersall
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Chris McKenna Judy McKelvie	John Mackintosh Robert Pearson	Gail Kelly Jenny Robertson

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



**2024 District 9930 Conference
Cambridge**

Good news stories for an optimistic future
Mark the dates in your diary, make sure your club gets involved and join us for the world-class speaker line up, great social programme and fantastic location.

Yours truly,
Bill and Deb Robinson

Save the Date
17-19 May 2024

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DISTRICT 9930 CONFERENCE 2024

Nine Months away but that will pass quickly.

Put this in your “forward diary” and plan for the Great Greenmeadows Expedition to this event in Cambridge.

Let us bring back the Meadows Custom of dressing up and winning again, the “Prettiest Team Prize”

Club Coordinator is Ian Holyoake.

Give him your ideas or he will dream up something outlandish.



**AUGUST IS
MEMBERSHIP AND
NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

Rotary  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

Merry White Designs



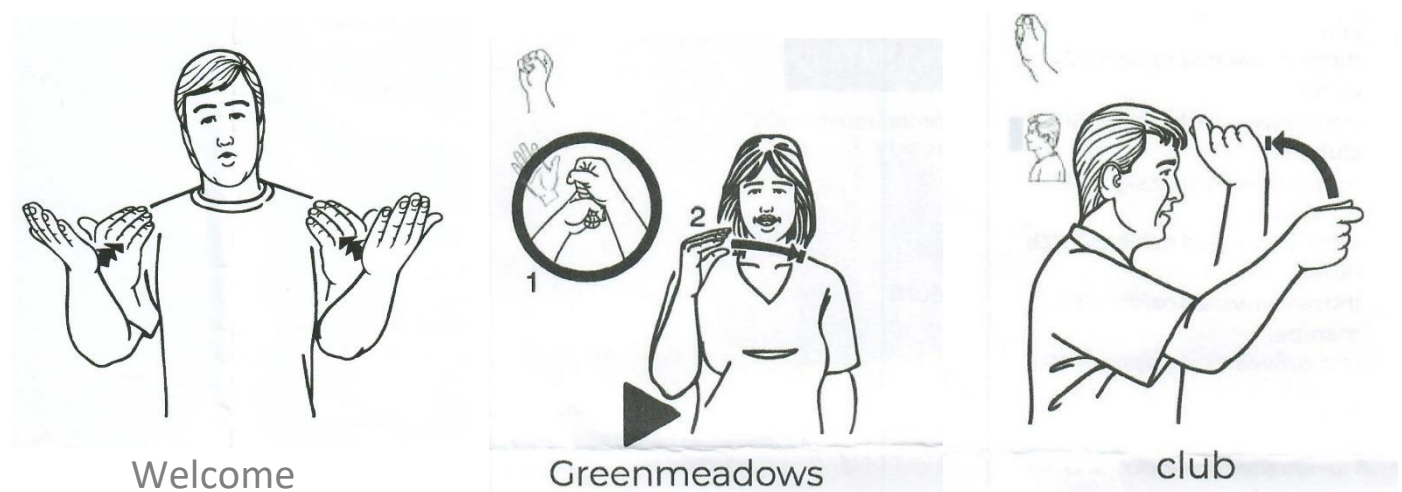
SOME MORE THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP

What to say when people ask you about your Rotary badge

- Living and giving large.
- Our club never gives up on kids. Join us in doing good and feeling good.
- Join leaders, exchange ideas, take action.
- Being the change you want to see in the world.
- Where good deeds are done and we have fun.
- Rotary is an organization of leaders and professionals.
- Friends working together to do great things.
- A worldwide network to do great things.

And in that membership light, if you are looking for a great speaker to make a good night to “Bring a Friend” the District Membership Chair is next week, Ian Holyoake the week after, Olivia Baxter in September and DG Bill Robinson and Rachael Haydon from the National Aquarium in October.

SIGN LANGUAGE – WHAT LYNNE MEANT WHEN SHE GAVE THE OPENING THOUGHT



SOME EXTRA ITEMS TO FINISH OFF THE REPORT

Sleeping Bag Report from Mary Anne: The last two of the Club’s *sleeping bags for Eskdale* were distributed last week to a solo dad and his young daughter who are back living in a Red Cross caravan in the valley. After their generator was stolen by looters the caravan was too cold and they had been relocated to a motel in Napier but travelling to Eskdale school and back each day was proving expensive, so they have now moved ‘home’ – and our sleeping bags keep them warm.

Being the Sergeant at a Club Meeting: Traditionally the role the Rotary Club Sergeant was to bring the meeting to order (and maintain it) monitor the timings, ensure that the members performing duties were present (advising the president of absences/replacements) and in a slightly less serious manner, holding members to account for any misdemeanours or involvement in particular activities with the resulting payment of fines assisting with the running of the club.

We usually enjoy that activity but for two weeks in a row there seems to have been a last minute, and perhaps unadvised absence of a sergeant, and our President has not only had to “monitor” the situation himself but also had to hastily prepare a sergeant’s session for which he may well have been completely unprepared. While ably handled by a capable and quick thinking Real Estate Agent, this is no mean feat! PLEASE keep an eye on the Roster and if you are going to be unavailable, do everything you can to find a replacement – especially if you are the Sergeant.

(NB: These thoughts are those of the Editor alone and made with the best of intentions to assist the club.)

Next Wednesday at home & the District Membership Chair our Speaker

