



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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SPEAKING OF SPEAKERS - TIMES THREE!

The rostered speaker was unable to be with us due to illness and the worst nightmare of any President (& Programme Organiser) came into effect. But it was quickly resolved – and with some brilliance; read on.

Our entertainment opened with Cloe Neilsen, a local girl who received a \$2000 scholarship from our club last year and this enabled her to study at our EIT. As it turned out though, it was not actually “AT” the EIT due to flooding! Never-the-less she transitioned to online learning, covered eight papers (staying up late at night) rejoiced when EIT opened, got 93/100 for accounting and now has her Business Diploma and may head to Bachelor level. She thanked the club for our support.

Second up and from the floor, was David Peplow, son of our Brian, and Security Chief for Rocket Lab. He sort of filled in the Sergeant’s spot and told us about this company. They have 2000 staff (US & NZ). While a US company they got the Mahia site as a cheaper launch option than the US. (Christchurch had been



considered but some snails got in the way!) He described the launch pads, 3D printed engines, smaller than the US ones, but can reach London in 48 minutes. He told us of the recently achieved engine recovery – which can save millions. It costs around \$18 million to do a launch. (Money “rocketed from our pockets into the Sergeant’s box.)

The keynote speaker was our own well known and well loved Garth Eyles, who put up a power point and posed the question “Should Hawkes Bay be clothed in trees?” (I know, I wondered where this was going to, but it all became clear as he progressed. Ed) He then listed seven major events between 1897 – 2023, talked of the 15 million year old Australian outback and fossils but said our HB hills are only two million years old! This could have made the difference when Cyclone Gabrielle came so – “Do trees solve the

problem?” He went on and with pictures described the differences between planting pines & poplars, along with gorse & manuka. His answers seemed to be that trees did solve the problem – if you planted the correct ones in the right places and let them grow. He concluded that our management structure of forest and land needs to change. Scrub works in some places, so do “native trees” but they take so long to mature. Sixty per cent of NZ is hill country or steep but all land has some use. Pines maybe our best bet - but needs good management. Amazing and well received.

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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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WELCOME

Pres. Kelvin welcomed about 28 people who included a past scholar Cloe and Brian Peplow's son David, and we had a spare table in case anyone arrived late! For reasons that later became obvious, Kelvin asked us which Rotarians had walked on the moon (Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin 1968-71) and while he did not go out into the solar system, Walt Disney was also a Rotarian! And he revealed that Don Bradman was as well (& your Ed can advise that the Adelaide Rotary Club meets in the Don Bradman Room at the Adelaide Oval.)



WELFARE

Stu advised that Geoff Bibby was absent after having a cataract operation, Fred Staples had covid and that Don McKenzie is back from Auckland but avoiding cold nights at the moment.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gardening Garth is still recruiting for the Patoka Primary School gardening project at 9.15am on 9 September. No Dolbel that week and he will advise when Wim's seat will be completed. And if you survive the gardening out in the country, then -

Caterer Curly is promoting the Puketapu Pub lunch on 10 September. Read the menu later and get on his list.

Daffodil Denise said that the Salvation Army were grateful for the results of our collection. She then sought one more collector for Daffodil Day next week and after a debate Mark seemed to take up this position.

Membership Mackintosh sought to promote Membership Month by encouraging members to invite friends to next week's meeting because of the great speaker! (*Notes are blurred – he may not have said that exactly!* Ed)

An apology was made for the scheduled speaker, District Membership Chair John Dryden who was unwell.

The Raffle was drawn and won by Skeeter with ticket No. 86.

Thoughts this week – Lynne Gibson again

This repeat performance, began with sign language before saying:

Opening: *"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

Closing: *I wandered lonely as a cloud; That floats on high o'er vales and hills;
When all at once I saw a crowd; A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees; Fluttering & dancing in the breeze.*

(For our Daffodil Day by William Wordsworth)

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING – MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON KELVIN'S LIST. MEET AT OUR VENUE AS NORMAL WITH FELLOWSHIP AT 5.30PM AND SEATED FOR THE SPEAKER AT 6PM. THEN WE GO OUT TO DINNER AT A RESTAURANT TO BE ADVISED THROUGH AN EMAIL FROM PRES. KELVIN



ROSTER OF DUTIES

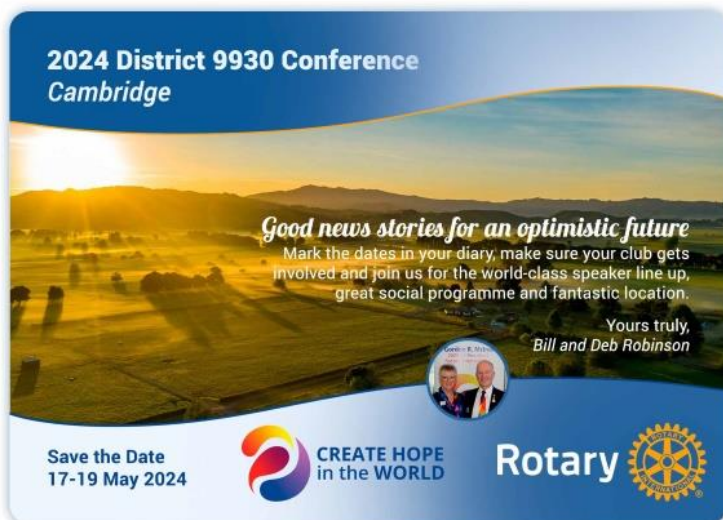
Date	August 30th	September 6th	September 13th
Programme: Guest Speaker	The Disappearance of Kirsa Jensen Rāapa Rima	Firesides	Olivia Baxter
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Alan White - - Garth Eyles	Bryan Matthews - - Neil Smith Kevin McCormack- Steve Gillum **	Denise Brown Edwin Brown Lynne Gibson Judy McKelvie - Brian Peploe
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end</i>	John Mackintosh Robert Pearson	Gail Kelly Jenny Robertson	Bruce Martin Brian Anstis

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 the 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.

Writers Wanted

Your weekly bulletin is put together by the bumbling Editor and his trustee scribes who take the notes during the meeting. We are looking for extra scribes to take notes, say once a month to assist with this task. There is no telling what this might lead to but there are plenty of options. For instance, two of our scribes are touring overseas at the moment and practising their writing and photographer skills. Maybe this could be you. It's not too hard and don't worry about your spelling – the Editor gets his mother to help when he “assembles” the final copy, and of course, there is always “AI” to rely on for the finished product. Please let the editor know if you are interested in this one day a month job. We need your skills – and a small amount of time.



***Puketapu Pub Lunch on 10 September.
The menu is below but to be able to eat it on the day,
you need to be on Curly's list. Check with him.***



Set Menu – \$35 per head

Mains

- Lamb Shank GFA served with pumpkin and cinnamon mash, seasonal vegetables, house made jus
- Fish & Chips (GFA, DFA) – Moroccan and cashew crumbed chicken on herbed roasties, salad greens, served with a yoghurt, chilli and coriander dressing
- Succulent Roast Pork (GFA, DFA) – served with roast potato, kumara, pumpkin, seasonal vegetables and gravy
- Open Steak Sandwich (GFA, DFA) – on ciabatta with bacon, salad greens, tomato, onion rings, garlic aioli and mushroom, served with beer battered fries
- Moroccan Chicken Salad (DFA) – Moroccan and cashew crumbed chicken on herbed roasties, salad greens, served with a yoghurt, chilli and coriander dressing

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- Sticky Date Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce and Banana Praline with Whipped Cream
 - Peach Crème Brulee (GFA) served with white chocolate and pistachio bark and berry compote
 - Chocolate Brownie Cheesecake with cream and Ice cream
 - Banana Split (DFA) with vanilla icecream, peanuts, hot fudge sauce, wafers, whipped cream

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

Rotary  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

MerryWhite Design

The banner features a group of diverse people smiling and waving on the left. The background is a gradient of blue and purple. The text is in white and pink. The Rotary logo is a gear-like emblem with a star in the center.

There is a lot of information on Membership
in the August issue of RDU.
Have a look and find some ideas.

CREATING AN INCLUSIVE CLUB CULTURE



Removing barriers is the key to inclusion.
The new **Creating an Inclusive Club Culture** course will help
you cultivate an environment that's welcoming to all.

Find this course and others in the
Learning Center at rotary.org/learn.

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*Next Wednesday at home for a speaker describing
his worst anniversary
and then out to dinner at a local restaurant*

