



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

BIG BROTHERS - BIG SISTERS



The advertised speaker Olivia had left the BBBS organisation and was replaced by Bonnie Gardiner who is their Mentoring Coordinator. We learned that this is one of the largest worldwide organisations of its type and well supported in New Zealand where they “mentor” some 3500 children between 6 – 11 years of age and up to 18. (13 is the main area at present).

By an odd coincidence, the organisation was founded (by Ernest Coulter) in New York in 1905 – the same year as Rotary was founded (by Paul Harris) in Chicago! BBBS seeks to link these young people, who perhaps don’t have a significant adult in their family, with an adult mentor who can help them with home visits, bonding, walking, a friendly ear and assist them with finding their confidence. Such “match-ups” are aimed at around 12 months but some last much longer.

Fighting “technical difficulties” Bonnie eventually showed us some really great videos that demonstrated the enthusiasm of the kids involved. She mentioned that BBBS has a long-standing relationship with the Police and also stated that their “mentoring” is aimed at being the fence at the top of the cliff rather than the ambulance at the bottom. They have waitlists of applicants and they need sponsorship, funds and especially Males Mentors (CAN YOU HELP?)

Enabling life
changing
relationships
to ignite the
power and
potential of
young
people.

WELCOME

Pres. Kelvin welcomed around 30 people who included PDG Ross Pinkham and the Guest Speaker. The “return” of Barman Pete (from his overseas travels) was noted as was the presence of Brian Hall and Don McKenzie returning from travel, sickness and injury.



Welfare

Stuart reported that he had been unable to contact Fred Staples to determine his condition but noted that recent absences by Brian Hall and Don McKenzie had ended and they were back with us.

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Officer Holders 2023-24

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

DG Visit 4th October.
ArtEx in revival 13th – 15th October
Plate debate TBA

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing
Gill Scarlet - 12th July to 27th Sept
Carol C & Frank H to 27/09
Pete Thompson to 4/10

Website/Club Contacts

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Announcements

Jenny made a plea for names on the ArtEx Roster (which was circulating as she spoke). She said something like that there were two days and one night of intense “upstairs & downstairs” work and asked us to please be generous with our time. **(NB In her email of Thu 14/09/2023 11:12am to you all, Jenny clarified your scribe’s confusion by sending you a copy of the actual roster. Read it now and assist!)**

Alan White thanked members for providing speakers names and said he still has two spots to fill this year. Let him know any suggestions.

Curly thanked those who attended the Sunday lunch at the Puketapu Pub. He said the hotel was happy – as were we!

Brian Hall thanked the volunteers for the Pak N Save Collection.

Pres. Kelvin reminded members to provide numbers for the ArtEx “Preliminary” next week and that District Membership chair (John Dryden) would be with us on the 27th.

Garth advised that Wim’s seat had been finished and they were hoping for a fine day in October to install it. He also showed some photos of the recent “garden restoration” at Puketapu School, commented on the 16 “action men” (& women) who attended and the truck load of rubbish removed.

Sergeant’s Session

Sgt Peplow, using a theme from the “Game of Thrones, the date (13th) and the All Blacks, discussed the recent test score, the number/date/score, whether you had a birthday in January, March or July (then you paid) and also charged those who had a birthday already this year – or had not had one yet! That somehow caught everyone – even him! He supervised the drawing of Raffle No. 50, a ticket held by Curly.



Thoughts this week (Denise Brown)

Opening thought:

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.” (GK Chesterton)

Closing thought: (from Apple’s Steve Jobs)

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.”
(From Greek writer Plutarch & delivered by Gail)

The Writer This Week

Was the Editor back with his pen and scribbling on his own again. He is doing his best, looking for new writers and will hopefully have one of his “Regulars” back next week. Watch this space.

ArtEx Launching

Please note that our regular meeting next week (20th) is our “launching” of the ArtEx project. As well as our club members, we will have Surf Life Saving, some of our sponsors, and the like. It is a great opportunity to bring partners or friends (potential members??)

BUT for catering purposes, please advise Ken of any extras attending ASAP.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	September 20th	September 27th	October 4th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Artex Meeting	Johnny Dryden Dist.Membership Chair	Official Visit by Dist. Governor Bill Robinson & Firesides
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Jenny Robertson Steve Gillum - Mark Dickerson -	Kevin McCormack Alan White Bob Brady Curly Carpenter - Garth Eyles	Neil Smith - - Gill Scarlet Edwin Brown Denise Brown
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end</i>	Two per table please	Robert Pearson Helen Tattersall	-Lynne Gibson Les Mockford

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

Repeating the Monthly Rotary Theme



ARTEX SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

News from the HB Surf life Savings Club Newsletter



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Raising Money for Hawke's Bay Surf Life Saving Clubs

The Artex Soiree and Charity Auction, in support of Hawke's Bay Surf Life Saving Clubs, will take place on Friday, 13 October. This year, four ex-lifesaving longboards will be painted by four talented artists and sold by auctioneer. The auction will be part of an evening of food and wine at Elephant Hill Winery in Hawke's Bay. [Click here](#) for more information and tickets.

And ... Breaking news from the pen of the ArtEx Director Steve

Some relevant info prior to this Wednesday's ArtEx meeting.

Tickets for the Soiree are now available at the site below for the Opening Evening at Elephant Hill (Friday 13th October) with them providing their wines with the drinks, and food by the highly rated Terry Lowe Catering, plus light music to entertain us.

During the evening there'll be an auction of the longboards turned into art by four top rated local artists, and on view, over 100 pieces of high quality art and, for the first time many sculpture pieces.

The 2023 Artex is moving up a gear and all of this for \$95 incl GST. [Buy your tickets now](#) and encourage your community to be there to admire, bid & buy.

Artex Website- <https://nationalartexhibition.co.nz/opening-night/>

This coming Wednesday evening (the 20th at our regular meeting) we've got Greg Millar as a speaker; he's from Valley d'Vine and ran the local hub during Cyclone Gabrielle & has supported Mike Kings' *I Am Hope* with significant fundraising events recently.

Here's the link to our Facebook site for all the latest news.

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

I think Mark Greenfield will also be with us next Wednesday with some of his art [see Facebook].

AND - let's have those volunteers come forward & see all of the club helping run what is our major annual fundraiser in its 41st year. (**Check the Roster sent to you by Jenny Robertson.**)

Remember it was touch and go after Cyclone Gabrielle whether we could keep going, but here we are only one month away from our club's EVENT OF THE YEAR.

Yes – that's it, next Wednesday at home for the ArtEx Preliminary

