



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

ART EX LAUNCHING – or something like that

WELCOME

President Kelvin welcomed 51 Members and guests. They were: Paul Greenfield from Mammoth Printing; James Laver and Michael Peterson from Waimarama SLSHB; Charmaine Soanes and Sam Robertson from Ocean Beach SLSHB; Debbie Moody from Westshore SLSHB; Harry Machiela and Jess Bennett from Pacific SLSHB; then Bex Tacon from Planit Events, Greg and Donna Millar from Valley D’Vine. Supporting Denise Primrose were husband Mike and her sister Michele Dank. Also present were Kathy Nelson, Heather Cheyne, Mary Anne Eyles, Di Gillum, Catriona Matthews and Ross Pinkham.



President Kelvin gave a brief history of the ArtEx, saying we are into the 41st year, and have raised over M\$1 in that period. SLSHB as the main benefactors over the past four years have received \$80,000.00. Two paintings from this year’s Exhibition were on display. Eyes of the beholder by Mark Greenfield, and Boats on the deep blue by Nicholas Hayter.

Paul Harris Awards

Kelvin then gave a short description of what a PHF is, noting the Club has presented 54 PHF’S over some 47 years.

Denise Primrose was called up (in the belief that she was going to assist with a PHF presentation) and was then asked to welcome guests at the door – husband Michael, and her sister Michelle! Then (to her surprise) Bryan Matthews presented **Denise with a Paul Harris Fellowship** noting Denise joined Rotary in 2011, and in 2013 joined the ArtEx committee. Initially tasked with producing the Catalogue, a huge and challenging task, Denise brought in Royston Hospital as a major sponsor. In 2013 Denise took the role of choosing the Art, and managing the hanging at the Exhibition. More recently Denise provided, through Royston, community support for Cyclone Gabrielle victims. In response, a somewhat startled Denise thanked the Club for the Award and said she was *“Hugely humbled by such a Team event – Awesome Team.”*

Denise Primrose introduced **Rebecca (Bex) Tacon**, owner / Director of Planit Events. Bex joined the ArtX team three years ago – 24th September 2020, bringing new energy, ideas, sponsorship, and the Childrens Art competition. Bex attends every Fireside and ArtEx meeting and goes beyond the norm to improve and run the Exhibition. Bex is also heavily involved in the post Cyclone Puketapu Hub, supporting the community and providing meals.

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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

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Denise Primrose, as a brand new Paul Harris Fellow, then presented Bex with a PHF. Bex commented she was “Blown away - did not expect it and loved working with the Team. Thankyou”

Michael and James from Waimarama SLSC then presented President Kelvin with a photo of the RIB purchased with the funds from last year’s ArtEx funding. They thanked the Club for the ongoing support.

First Speaker

Jess Bennett, a 25-year veteran of Surf Life Saving Hawkes Bay then spoke. Jess is HB Volunteer of the Year 2023. Jess is the Search and Rescue Coordinator for SLSHB and lead the RIB teams involved in rescues throughout and after the Cyclone. These Teams spent six days on the water and up to 16 hour days. The SAR squad comprises 25 – 30 senior HBSLS Members, and they assist SAR and the Police covering the area from Mahia to the southern beaches, plus rivers up to and in the local ranges. In the cyclone, the RIB’s were stranded by silt in the Esk Valley, with local contractors then clearing the way for them to move to rescue people in the Pakowhai area. Graphic video was presented showing scenes of devastation taken from the RIB’S and drone.

The RIB’s their motors and props were “thrashed” by the silt and debris in the water. Some compensation is paid for time on the water. To date, there has been no debrief by the multi-Agencies involved, although Jess is pushing for this.

Second Speaker

Greg Millar, owner of Valley D’Vine Restaurant, and leader of the Esk Valley post Cyclone Hub. Greg was raised in Flaxmere, and after various jobs went to EIT chef training for one year, followed by a year at Kermadec Restaurant in the America’s Cup year. He then opened and ran an Auckland restaurant, which then failed. He was severely depressed, but good mates pulled him through. He then researched and discovered that through the Government Agency funding Children’s counselling, for every \$400.00 granted, only \$30 - \$60 funds actual counselling - the rest is administration. Greg then teamed with Mike King and his “*I am Hope Foundation*” Every dollar raised *goes on counselling*. The monthly cost of running the Foundation is now \$500,000.00 – of which every dollar is spent on counselling. Much needed, as we lost 110 children to suicide last year.

Greg then spoke on his experiences through and after the Cyclone. When word came through that the water had peaked at 21M at the “Top Bridge”, he knew the Valley would be inundated. However red tape and H&S meant official help was substantially delayed. Some 32 rescued locals were delivered to Valley D’Vine where for three days Greg and his Wife Donna, housed and feed them. Subsequently, Greg and Donna have continued to feed locals and others in rural areas impacted by the Cyclone. Knowing that mental health would be a major issue post cyclone, Greg and Donna organised a major fund-raising dinner raising \$300,000.00 for “*I am Hope*”

Bryan Matthews then reappeared and presented **Greg Millar with a Paul Harris Fellowship** in recognition of his community support.

Other Announcements

John McIntosh as Club Membership Director, urged our visitors to consider joining Rotary and spreading the message to friends and relatives to join Rotary.

Jenny Robertson asked Member’s to review their commitments and fill the **vacant spots on the ART EX ROSTER** – which was passed around (and since updated to you by email. Add your names!)

Steve Gillum urged Members to “cross the rivers” and take ARTEX posters to shops & businesses in Hastings, & in particular Havelock North where it is rumoured people have lots of money to spend on Art.

President Kelvin closed the meeting thanking all Guests and congratulating the new Paul Harris Fellows’.



Thought; this week (Jenny Robertson)

Opening thought: *“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.”* (Albert Einstein)

Closing thought: *Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.* (Margaret Mead)

The Writer This Week

Was our Photo Journalist Brian Hall and what a great job he has done – with both words and photos. You’ve seen the former above and can look at the latter below (also with contributions from Jenny)

Drinker; Beware

The Board has considered the costing of the drinks at the Club meetings and it was shown that the wine was costing money. It was resolved that while the beer and spirits costs would remain at \$5, the price of a glass of wine would increase to \$8 and soft drinks increase to \$2. The price increase will take effect from the meeting of the 27th of September (next week).

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	September 27th	October 4th	October 11th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Johnny Dryden Te Kuiti Rotary Club	DG Bill Robinson & Firesides	TBC
Host + Thoughts	Kevin McCormack	Neil Smith	Bob Morrison
Top Table introduce Speaker	Alan White	-	Bryan Anstis
Vote of Thanks	Bob Brady	-	Fred Staples
Cashier	Curly Carpenter	Gill Scarlet	Judy McKelviie
Three Minute Speaker	-	Edwin Brown	-
Sergeant	Garth Eyles	Denise Brown	Graham Ryan
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end</i>	Robert Pearson Helen Tattersall	-Lynne Gibson Les Mockford	Bruce Martin Mark Dickinson

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.

HOLD ALL TICKETS

Due to the interest and excitement in the meeting, our regular weekly raffle was not drawn. This may have concerned some members and certainly aroused the interest of those who have knowledge of the *Gaming and Lotteries Act*. All is not lost. “To be fair to all concerned” the draw will take place next week so keep your ticket and bring it with you. You may still win!!! We will draw last week’s raffle and next week’s one.



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

Editor's Reflection

The sheer enormity of Cyclone Gabrielle was brought back to us with what we heard at our meeting. Our support of the local Surf Life Saving Clubs is well known, as is the obvious fact that, when needed, they go out to sea in their little boats and save people from drowning. But in February those clubs went inland instead, with their little boats and rescued, from the roofs of houses, people who would otherwise have drowned! And then, in the middle of one of those areas (Esk Valley) a Chef whose restaurant was slightly above the high water mark in a "munted" vineyard, opened up his premises so that those little boats just referred to, could bring their passengers to him for shelter, food and counselling. Doesn't it make you feel proud to be a Rotarian and have perhaps somehow played a small part in this disaster.

Photos from Wednesday



← Old lights after the flood.

New lights (eyes/art) →



Two new PHFs Denise & Bex with Pres. Kelvin →

Chef Greg (& Donna) with A PHF from Bryan ↓



No awards, just glamour ↓



Team Primrose →



Next week home for Membership District Chair John Dryden

