



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

DISTRICT GOVERNOR – BILL ROBINSON

This was the evening for the annual visit by our District Governor Bill Robinson who is a member of the Cambridge Rotary Club (50+ members). His background however has a Hawkes Bay connection and after growing up here, he “wasted” a lot of time at university – studying drinking and the like. With that learning he sought further experience in Australia and Europe, spent some four years as a tour bus driver, met his wife Deb on a bus in Greece and pursued her to London. The rest is history! They have two daughters, one overseas and the other in Cambridge (with a baby & a husband who catches and relocates kiwi!) One of their daughters was an exchange student to Aussie and they have hosted IYE students in Cambridge. Bill himself was club president in 2011 and the District RYLA Chair for many years.



Much of Bill’s life has been as a farmer, first in Gisborne and then later Waikato where he managed a deer farm for some 22 years. He acknowledged the contributions to the district by the Past Governors (Ian & Ross) and also Carol Charman for her long history with RYPEN. He described his meetings with the current World President (Gordon McInally from Scotland) learning his theme “Create Hope in the World” and with the benefit of slides told us how that theme came about and what it meant.

His slides went on to deal with Membership and the Rotary Foundation, reminding us that 50% of our donations were returned to our district after three years, for use how we wished. He also referred to the Foundation money that came to our own area after Cyclone Gabrielle and as well other money from NZ & Aussie clubs also came to us – demonstrating the enormity of our organisation. Bill covered our club highlights, Regionalisation and its benefits, and spoke of his personal theme “Let’s be sustainable.” (He added that a Cambridge sustainability scheme saved 37 tons of e-waste going to the dump last year.)

He concluded with a very clever video promoting his district conference in Cambridge next year and the difficulty they had trying to find the Don Rowlands Centre to hold it. *(Your Editor assured him that we were all coming to it!)* He concluded with an apology for the length of his address but appeared to pay for that with a very large package for the Women’s Refuge which was presented to Jenny. (Photo below)

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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor	Bill Robinson
Dist. Gov. Elect	Nick Dangerfield
Management of 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 @ Elephant: 13th – 15th October
Plate debate TBA
World Polio Day – 24 (25) October

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing
Pete Thompson to 4/10

Website/Club Contacts

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WELCOME

President Kelvin had welcomed around 40 people who included the DG & Deb, and Assistant Governor Phil Crombie. He also called on the DG to formally present our recently transferred member PDG Ross Pinkham, with his formal Greenmeadows name badge.



Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart was not present (but illness or injury was not mentioned in relation thereto). It was said though that Carol has returned from her overseas travel but was “isolating” and Ken was scared!

Announcements

Garth, referring to next Wednesday (11th) when we cannot have our regular meeting as the Caterer is not available, announced that those who wanted could meet at Dolbel Reserve at 4pm for the unveiling of “Wim’s Seat.” We could have some thoughts and go home – or maybe go out to a restaurant. A subsequent suggestion and then email from Jenny suggested *Thai Lotus* BUT tell her so she can book the table(s). It was also said that Roz might shout us (maybe a gin) the following week, and a power point show was mentioned!

ArtEx Steve told us that some members had yet to “volunteer” for the project, especially for packing up on Sunday or Monday. Check the Roster and tell Jenny. There are also posters still that to be put out and please bring your family or wealthy friends to the Soiree on Friday 13th. (Tickets on the website – see below). **Brian M** continued with a thanks for the multi boxes and showed a power point, told us the venue looked stunning, that there were some sculptures, and magic underground cellars. Rooms have been named after the sponsors and that Elephant Hill gave their rooms (and soiree wine) free! He referred to a number of sponsors and their help, told us of the kid’s competition, the painted surfboards and the three meter sculpture by Glen Colechin. There is an 8.30am start for setting up on Thursday and Conroys bring the paintings at 10.30am. He concluded - *“This is different. It will be a great show!”*

Sergeant’s Session

In the interests of time saving (I think) there was no actual sergeant’s session however the President ordered all members to *“just drop their money directly into the box”* (& the security cameras recorded that most did!)

Thoughts this week (from the mind of Mark Twain and through the lips of Neil Smith)

Opening thought:

“It is better to deserve honours and not have them, than to have honours and not deserve them.”

Closing thought:

“Aging seems to be the only option to living a long life.”

The Writer This Week

Was your bumbling Editor himself, struggling to hear what was said and with even greater difficulty writing it down. Perhaps you can tell that. Why not join up with the writing team and try and improve this overall presentation?

ArtEx connections

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

Ticket Sales: <https://nationalartexhibition.co.nz/opening-night/>

GO ONLINE RIGHT NOW AND GET YOUR TICKETS



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	October 11th	October 18th	October 25th
Programme: Guest Speaker	No Caterer No Meeting Dolbel @ 4pm If you want	TBC	TBC Could be about polio
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Bob Morrison Bryan Anstis Fred Staples Judy McKelvie - Graham Ryan	Gail Kelly Garth Eyles Graeme Muir Alan White - Bob Brady
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>		Bruce Martin Mark Dickinson	John Mackintosh Brian Peploe

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Kelvin of the change.

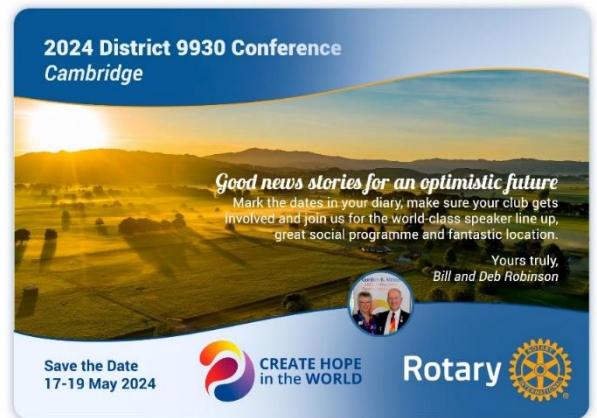
It's not too hard, is a courtesy to our president and assists the smooth running of our meeting. If you are going to be absent in the future – let the Apologies Member know or seek Leave of Absence so that necessary amendments can be made to the roster.

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS



Not only did he come and update us on “Matters Rotary” he also came “Bearing Gifts.” DG Bill brought a box of wrapped children’s gifts (one of three that he had obtained from a club in District 9910 and given at their “changeover” to distribute in our area. Jenny gratefully received these items to go to the Women’s Refuge, with whom she (and we) are assisting at the moment. (See more below)

Okay – and he also asked us to go to his District Conference in May. →



**Ready for this – World Polio Day.
Watch this space**



ROTARY THEME FOR THE MONTH



Celebrate Community Economic Development

Rotary and Rotaract members are passionate about finding sustainable solutions to the problem of poverty. By supporting projects that focus on creating employment opportunities and generating income, we can reduce poverty. During Community Economic Development Month, consider how you can address community needs and challenges. These Rotary resources can help you start a local project or support an international one:

- Contact your district international service chair, who can connect you with other local experts, such as members of the [District Resource Network](#).
- Contact a [Rotary Action Group](#) to get expert advice on planning and implementing a project and help finding partners, funding, and resources. Many of these groups, for example, the action groups for [community economic development](#), [disaster assistance](#), and [food plant solutions](#), focus on economic issues.

You can involve community members in your work:

- Sponsor or work with a [Rotary Community Corps](#), which can engage members of the community where you're working and help a project become sustainable by empowering local leaders.
- Contact your district community service chair, who can advise you about developing local projects to address your community's needs. The service chair can also connect you to local organizations, district committees, and other Rotary groups that focus on service.

You can increase your impact by working with one of [Rotary's service and project partners](#):

- [Ashoka](#) helps find creative solutions to social problems.
- [Habitat for Humanity International](#) provides safe and affordable homes to families in need.
- The [Peace Corps](#) promotes peace and community development.
- [ShelterBox](#) responds to disasters and emergencies with community assessments, temporary shelter, and essential aid.

Visit our Rotary Service in Action blog for [stories about members and participants supporting community economic development](#) that will inspire your next project.



Greenmeadows Rotarians can be found everywhere. Some of them have been caught by our secret camera – at the Supermarket collecting for MS → or around at the Women’s Refuge doing a “Makeover.”

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And finally - world air travel has opened up post Covid – see below



Yes air travel around the world has opened up to levels almost equal to those before Covid-19 hit. Much is being made of the cost though, with not many airlines offering any bargains just yet.

However the group below have maintained their 12000km route from Alaska to New Zealand and at very little cost – as we know it.

THE GODWITS HAVE LANDED



Welcome the Godwits / Kuaka!

When: 1pm, Sunday 22nd October, 2023.

Meet: The Carpark, opposite The Beach Inn,
Meeanee Quay, Westshore.

Bring: Binoculars (if you have some), sunhat, water bottle, suitable walking shoes (gumboots as maybe wet under bridge). Children accompanied by an adult please.

Weather: Event cancelled if wet

RSVP: Please RSVP aeps.hb@gmail.com (cancellation by email)

***And for us next week – no caterer, no meeting at home.
Go to Dolbel at 4pm and then maybe Lotus Thai***

