



# MEADOWS MATTERS



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

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## Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor	Bill Robinson
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President	Kelvin Winnie
Secretary	Ken Hunt
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan
ClubAdmin&PE	Chris McKenna
Membership, Image & Foundation	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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
**Directors:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

## Coming Up:

World Polio Day – 24 (25) October  
Plate debate TBA

## Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing

## Website/Club Contacts

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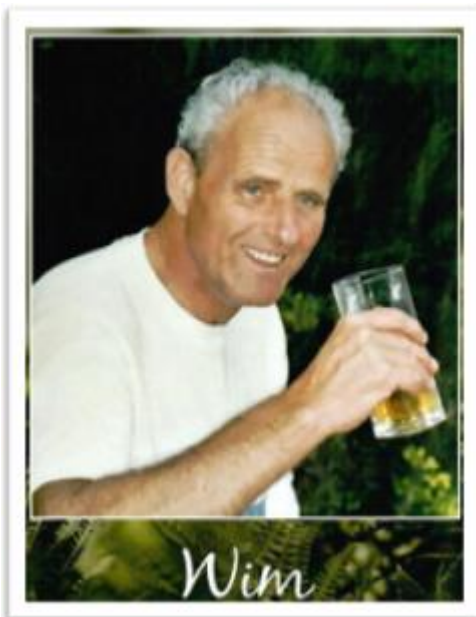
## SITTING ON WIM'S SEAT AND WATCHING ARTEX!!



We did not have a regular meeting this week as our caterer was not available. Good use was made of the time though when a dozen or so went “up the Dolbel” to finally unveil the memorial seat for our late member Wim Snijder.

Meeting there late afternoon, President Kelvin welcomed members, past and present, and thanked them for making the “rather physical” effort to reach the top the hill. He then described the history of the area and Wim’s leading role in it since 2005, with the development of the southern portion of the park. (NB Full details of this project and our club involvement in it will be revealed by our Environmental Officer Garth Eyles at our next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.)

Following that ceremony a number of members went to Thai Lotus Restaurant in Taradale to reminisce on the day and the man. No photographs are known to have been recorded.





These photographs come from the lens of Brian Hall and show -

- The seat in all its majesty
- The members making their way to the top
- Having a sigh of relief at making it there
- Family unveiling the seat
- Key project members sitting and reflecting



*That meeting may have been brief, but it was very significant in our club history. Not content with that for a meeting though, we really stepped it up with the rest of our effort. A great number of us went to Elephant Hill Winery for 3 – 5 days for our major fund raising event for the year. Read on fellows.*

### **ELEPHANT HILL – WINE & ART**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Thoughts this week**

Our thoughts were with the “artists” who created the art on display, the club members who laboured away putting the exhibition together, the sponsors for their fine support, the funds that can be raised from our efforts, and the HB Surf Lifesavers (& others) that we can help for this fine project.

#### **Words & Photos This Week**

Came from Brian Hall, Garth Eyles, Denise Primrose, Jenny Robertson, Kelvin Winnie and the Editor’s imagination.





Club members, friends, helpers, sponsors and surf life savers assembled at the Elephant Hill Winery from 6pm on Friday evening (after much preparation through Thursday & Friday) and examined the art pieces, paintings and sculptures while talking to each other and tasting wine and splendid food. Eventually President Kelvin was able to capture their attention and welcomed everyone to the soiree. He thanked those who had produced the amazing artwork, the sponsors (old & new) in particular Harcourts and Elephant Hill, and the club members for the many thousands of hours of voluntary work they had put into this project. In thanking the Hawkes Bay Surf Life Saving Clubs he stated that this was our fifth year of fundraising for them and with \$80,000 raised previously, he hoped this year would bring that up to \$100K in total.

### Paul Harris Fellowship

Kelvin then called on Denise Primrose to come forward and she presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Jess Bennett. Denise told us that Jess's long association with HB Surf Clubs began in 1999 when she first gained her Surf Lifeguard award. She has been a member of the HB Search and *Rescue call out squad* for the past seven years, the past four years as Co-ordinator. We recognised her though for her recent work with Cyclone Gabrielle. When weather warnings started to circulate Jess had already started planning for what might be. She coordinated her Search & Rescue Team, creating a database of their availability and location. Squads were allocated into teams and assigned a Team Leader. Every pair of hands she could get hold of from the four surf clubs were identified, should the need arise.

On Tuesday 14 February Jess left her capable partner Shayne and her young family for the next few weeks while she managed the largest scale Search and Rescue response that Surf Lifesaving NZ has ever seen. SAR members exceeded 30 for this event, with 15 IRB being used to do sweeps of the Bay and rescue efforts up rivers, across flooded areas. Denise congratulated Jess on being awarded SLSNZ Volunteer of the Year for 2023 and then went on to make the Rotary Paul Harris award to her for having done something significant for others within our community.



### Auction

We then proceeded to the auction of the painted surfboards and sculpture with Harcourts superb auctioneer Brayden Coldicutt calling the shots. He was brilliant and raised thousands! Meanwhile other guests wandered about, examined art and in some cases, made their purchases. It was a good start.

### Some Random Photos of what went on at Elephant Hill





Members, guests and buyers gathered, chatted, tasted and viewed the art.



Speeches were made, discussions held, art examined and wine and food was tasted.



The Auctioneer stepped up (protected by his security staff) painted surfboards fetched a few thousand dollars each, and then the amazing sculpture finished the evening's bidding with the buyer Trevor Taylor receiving his prize from the creator Glen Cole. (If you were there you surely enjoyed it. If you missed out then we hope these photos give you some idea of the fun that was had and the money that was raised.)



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date		October 18th	October 25th
Programme: Guest Speaker		<b>TBC</b> <b>The Story</b> <b>Behind Dolbel</b>	<b>Rotary &amp; Polio</b> <b>How did we</b> <b>Get there</b>
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
<b>Stewards</b> <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.***



### ROTARY THEME FOR THE MONTH

**Also, don't forget the godwits  
on Sunday 22nd October, 2023.  
Be at Westshore at 1pm**

***“Rotary Minutes” will return next week***

**Be ready for this – World Polio Day.  
A special presentation from our  
Foundation Committee coming up  
on Wednesday 25 October.**



***Next week, back at our regular venue, with our regular caterer  
and a surprise presentation***

