



# MEADOWS MATTERS



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

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## THE LEGEND BEHIND THE SEAT!

### Welcome

President Kelvin welcomed 39 people and gave a special welcome to partners: Roz, Margaret, Heather and Donna. He also welcomed Past President Frank back to the club and to Hawke's Bay, and thanked Les for standing in on bar duties in Peter's absence.



### Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart asked Judy to give us an update on Ian McKelvie's health and Judy said that post pneumonia he is progressing slowly.

Brian and Margaret then announced that it was President Kelvin's birthday. Kelvin said he was 43 plus GST, and that left even the mathematicians wondering!

### Announcements

**Projects Director Brian Hall** reminded the members that the Napier City Council **Christmas Cheer** collection is on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He also told of the collection for **Riding for the Disabled** on November 7<sup>th</sup>. A clipboard seeking volunteers is circulating.

**Jenny Robertson** gave the club an update on the Regional 'Lifting the Lid on Youth Suicide' project.

- In the past 6 months 'Lifting the Lid' funding has been used for 14 students from schools across Hastings and Napier.
- Post cyclone Gabrielle two members of the 'Lifting the lid' committee met with school counsellors to present a well-received presentation on the concept once again.
- Several local clubs are now fundraising for this cause and there have been no suicides at secondary school level in 2023 in Hawke's Bay to date.

She also informed the members of the work that has been done at the **Napier Women's Refuge** in the last few months with gardens being created, concrete being removed, and general tidying up and sorting to upgrade the facility. She asked for volunteers for a monthly working bee on the first Wednesday – commencing 1<sup>st</sup> November from 9am – 12 pm.

### 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
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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Apologies:  
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**Artex Director Steve** announced that the recent ArtEx had been successful. He said that 173 people had visited the event, but that sales were down on last year. He acknowledged the hard work of all club members with a special mention of the Artex committee and in particular Bryan Matthews and Judy McKelvie for the hours of work they had put into this event.



**Catering Curly** sought an indication of interest in a Christmas lunch at the Mission and there was a good response.

**Pres. Kelvin** showed a book from the Waikato Rotary Clubs called 'Taste Waikato'. He has copies at \$30 each for those interested. We also learned of Denise Primrose promoting the *Hawke's Bay Helicopter Trust Raffle*. Tickets are \$50 each, prize is an electric Mustang. (Separate email has been sent to you direct.)

*Pakowhai School* has invited Greenmeadows members to morning tea as a thank you for the money the club donated to the school post Cyclone Gabrielle. Gail and Carol will attend.

Kelvin also announced that next week's meeting is a special program on 'Polio' and to bring notes not coins for the Sergeant's session. (See later notes on colour coding!)

He also wants members to become better informed about the proposed Rotary Regionalisation. He added that nothing will change at ground level for Rotarians, but the managerial hierarchy will be in three levels and that there will be Rotary Specialists who will be more accessible for ground level Rotarians to go to for advice and information.

He then showed us a Bronze Medal which has been awarded to the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows for the \$100,000 which has been donated to Rotary Foundation by this club over the last few years.

## Sergeant's Session

Pete Thompson won the meat raffle, and then Graeme Ryan asked a series of Rugby World Cup questions which cost those of us not so knowledgeable in World Cup history a fair amount of money!!

## THE HISTORY OF DOLBEL



At this point we got to the three to five minute speaker Garth Eyles - who was actually standing in as the main event, complete with power point. He gained his knowledge and love of the land from his childhood on the Takapau Plains which was built on sludge and silt, and then in the Wairarapa where he learnt about landforms and slips. But he spoke to us about the history of the Dolbel Reserve.

He said that in the 1970s three blocks of the Dolbel Estate was sold to a developer. Eighteen hectares of this were unsuitable for residential development so it was gifted to the Napier City Council. In 1972 the Taradale Rotary Club were assigned the job of developing this piece of land into a reserve, which they proceeded to do. In 2008 our club was asked to assist with the development of the Bell Block. In 2014 we began the development of the area between the Colenso and Bell Blocks and in 2019 the development of the area between the Colenso and Bell Blocks above the path [known as Wim's Forest].

Over the years Brian Hall has taken 75 kowhai seedlings which he raised at home, up to Dolbel and these have all been planted in what is now known as 'The Hallway'. As reported last week, 'Wim's seat' was concreted into place overlooking all this Greenmeadows Rotary work. This very sturdy and beautiful seat, crafted by Wally Drayton, was carried up the hill by Mark Dickerson (alone – though there were eight supervisors!)



In 2023 the Greenmeadows Rotary members retired from their work in the Dolbel Reserve as they reckon they're all getting 'too old'. The jury is out on that one!

Graeme Muir thanked Garth not only for his informative presentation, but for all the hard work and supervision he has put in over the years into this very worthwhile project. Wim was then toasted by all the members with a shot glass of Square Gin (and shouted by Roz.) Some members couldn't handle it, so others had more than one!! Thanks Wim!



President Kelvin culminated the evening, and thanked members for coming. Robert Pearson made a special vote of thanks to Roz for sharing Wim's Square Gin with us. A special treat – enjoyed by many.



### Thoughts this week (Bob Morrison)

#### Opening

Team Work: *"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."*  
(Henry Ford)

Closing (not actually delivered but recorded for us)

**TEAM** stands for: **T**ogether – **E**veryone – **A**chieves - **M**ore

### Words & Photos This Week

From the pen, pad and memory of Jenny Robertson (how does she manage this with all her other tasks!) and the imagination of the editor – who also sneaked some photos in.

## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	October 25th	November 1st	November 8th
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>The Foundation Committee presents "Eradicating Polio"</b>	<b>Firesides</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Host + Thoughts	Gail Kelly	Bob Morrison	Helen Tattersall
Top Table introduce Speaker	Committee	-	Frank Heuser
Vote of Thanks	Committee	-	Edwin Brown
Cashier	Alan White	Kevin McCormack	Robert Pearson
Three Minute Speaker	Committee	Jenny Robertson	-
Sergeant	Committee- (Note Changes)	Fred Staples	Peter Thompson
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the</i>	John Mackintosh Brian Peplow	Bryan Matthews Neil Smith	Lynne Gibson Judy McKelvie

### 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



Packing up from ArtEx 2023 – wrap the pictures, carry them out & fold the fences

## NEXT WEEK – POLIO ERADICATION

TOGETHER, WE  
**END POLIO**

It's been going for years. What is it? Why are we doing it? What's it cost? "Are we there yet?"

World Polio Day is on 24 October. We meet the following day. So -our Greenmeadows Rotary Foundation Committee has looked this up and are going to do a presentation to advise us just what this is all about and where we are with it.

Recognising that the Rotary advertising on polio seems to be predominately in red and purple, members are urged to dress appropriately – and to bring some "folding money" so that, instead of a Sergeant's Session, we can make a personal donation to go towards this amazing Rotary International Project.



**WORLD POLIO DAY**  
24 OCTOBER #EndPolio | endpolio.org





# The Rotarian Minute Essentials

#4 – February 3, 2023

*1' to discover an aspect of Rotary*

## Wearing the Rotary emblem

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The Rotary badge, commonly known as "the Wheel," is worn, usually on the lapel or similar position by all Rotary members around the world.

This badge is officially presented on the day of induction of a new member.

Honorary members are also allowed to wear it.

Its role is twofold:

- show membership in Rotary and pride in being a Rotarian
- identify other Rotarians at random at professional or friendly meetings

Note that wearing the PHF pin does not exempt one from wearing the Rotary badge. Indeed, the PHF pin is a distinction that can be awarded to any deserving person. It does not necessarily mark membership of Rotary

Rotary-approved suppliers can provide badges in various sizes.

Some are magnetic and helps wearing them on various types of clothing.



The Rotary Minute is a creation of District 1700, France. Please send any comments or suggestions to [laminute1700@gmail.com](mailto:laminute1700@gmail.com)

***Next week back at our regular venue with our regular caterer and we learn about polio eradication***

