



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

A SHORTENED MEETING FOLLOWED BY FIRESIDES

Welcome

President Kelvin greeted about 28 people and these included past member Hayley Gibson up from Wellington visiting us (and her mother).



Presidential Announcements

President Kelvin reminded us that next week we are meeting at Tamatea High School and that you should advise him if you have not yet put your name on the list.

He also asked Directors to collate the “volunteer hours” that members were doing on projects. (Steve said he would collate the ArtEx numbers himself.)

A plea was made for suggestions for Guest Speakers – advise your Director or Alan White direct.

Kelvin also told us of the results of the recent elections for the Rotary Regionalisation Board.

Welfare

Stuart advised that our Barman Pete was doing well after his operation and was grateful for the visitors who had called on him. He also reported that Graeme Muir’s wife has covid.

Other Announcements

Brian Hall spoke about *Riding for Disabled* and said a list was going around – for something!

He also made a plea for scribes to help him and the team to produce the bulletin. *You could help?* Tell the Editor.

Helen Tattersall brought up the RYPEN programme and asked members to discuss the relevance of it for today’s youth and, if we do decide to continue with RYPEN, do we need to tweak it. She also mentioned the need to attract help for the weekend from members of other clubs to assist us.

Bob Morrison spoke about the Dolbel Reserve event (**Time now corrected**) Tuesday, 7 November - - Dolbel Street, main gates to reserve, 9.30 am - Blessing – optional; 10.30 - Official Opening. If the weather is bad, defer to the following Tuesday, 14 November.

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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson
Dist. Gov. Elect Nick Dangerfield
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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: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Tamatea High School – Next week!
Plate debate TBA

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

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Ian Holyoake in a follow up from last week's suggestion of guest speakers not getting a present but a donation to the Foundation being made in their name, told us of UK Rotarian Phil Cooper a regular visitor to our club in our summer. He said that Cooper had given talks back in UK about Cyclone Gabrielle and that one club had made a (\$100) donation to our flood relief (through Red Cross) in payment for Phil's talk!

John Mackintosh gave a detailed presentation (with power point) on the Greenmeadows Rotary Blueprint for 2024. He talked of the steering committee work, the "Think Tank" of eight, Kerry Marshall and his four focus groups (nearly every club member attended these!) Key words were Recommendations, Problems, Opportunities, Best Kept Secret, Background, Objectives, Being Smart and Succession. Members were urged to discuss this paper at their Fireside Meetings.

THREE MINUTE SPEAKER

Jenny Robertson gave an amazing account of their 19 year old grandson who, through his school years at Taradale High School "transitioned" from being a male to a female – culminating in him/her wearing a green velvet outfit to the school ball. Family worried about the likely comments. (Jenny & Hugh worried even more) There were none! Elliot is now Lucy, is studying law at Victoria University and loving it. They visit her there and she thanked them for their understanding. They lost a grandson but gained a granddaughter. *(There was perhaps more to this story but the Editor's vision became somewhat obscured towards the end!)*



Thoughts this week (Mark Dickerson)

Opening:

"Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this Earth."

Closing:

"We as a nation should strive to be the best FOR the world, not the best IN the world."

Words & Photos This Week

Came from the pen and imagination of the Editor himself. (Perhaps you can tell that!) As well he is "on the road" and trying to do this from his laptop and small screen and without the aid of his home comforts. He may even be late finishing this!

Sergeant's Session

Fred Staples tested us on the recent Rugby World Cup, the scores, highest & lowest, number of one point wins, number of games and the likes. Although we may have watched it avidly, our knowledge seemed rather limited and eventually we all lost money.

LATE BREAKING NEWS - PAKOWHAI SCHOOL PROJECT

Carol Charman has reported on the recent visit by her and Gail Kelly to the Pakowhai School where they received an update of the students who our club sponsored to go on a school camp using \$3,910 of the Riccarton Gabrielle funds donated to us, for allocation to children/schools. They had morning tea and spoke to the Principal Time Rice and the students

The kids all loved the camp including quite a few parents who also went along. The Headmaster and teachers were very grateful to us for making the camp possible.

Tim then took Carol & Gail for a tour of the school to see the wonderful vegetable garden that the kids enjoy looking after and are able to take the produce home to their families. An area has been planted in fruit trees as well. A new playground has been developed with wonderful equipment including swings and climbing frames, this was funded by their insurance claim. The front gardens have all been refreshed and planted.

(See photo below.)



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	November 8th	November 15th	November 22nd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Visit to Tamatea High School	The Rotary Foundation Ross Pinkham	AGM
Host + Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Helen Tattersall Frank Heuser Edwin Brown Robert Pearson - Peter Thompson	Brian Peploe - - Judy McKelvie - Geoff Bibby
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>		Lynne Gibson Judy McKelvie	Garth Eyles Steve Gillum

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



This photo shows kids from the Pakowhai School who benefited from the Cyclone Gabrielle funds given to us by the Riccarton Rotary Club

ARTEX CORRECTION

In our weekly bulletin that reported on the Art Exhibition back in October, we inadvertently reported that some 173 people visited the show out at Elephant Hill Winery. In actual fact that number was a “typo” and the real number of visitors was 713 – like more than four times our reported figure!

To all involved – your writing team apologizes for this error.



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**The Rotarian
Minute
History**

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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

Presidential themes

President Percy C. HODGSON was the first to propose a guideline under the title "the objectives of our team for the year 1949/1950".

Percy and his immediate successors published these goals as a list of several recommendations.

From 1955, with one or two exceptions, presidential themes had to be limited to a short and punchy slogan.

All the Presidents of Rotary International then published a short specific theme intended to stimulate and renew the activity of the Clubs.

Whatever the linguistic origin of the President, this slogan is formulated in Anglo-American.

Its translation into other languages, and in particular French, is sometimes difficult and strives to preserve the general meaning that its author wanted to give it, often deviating from the literal translation.

For example, the theme of the year 1978/1979 from the Australian Clem RENOUF: "Reach out" was translated in French as "Go towards others".



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The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

***Next week is our annual visit to the Tamatea High School
for a dinner prepared by the students.
Is your name on Kelvin's list?***

