



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

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TAKING US TO GREAT HEIGHTS – UNDER THE SEA!

President Kelvin welcomed 35 Members and guest Quentin Bennett. Kelvin then, in line with Quentin's topic Ocean photography, provided a brief synopsis of Jacques Cousteau. War hero, wrote 50 books, 120 TV Documentaries, including three that won Oscars. Invented the aqualung and numerous other underwater equipment / cameras.



Welfare

Stuart. All's good, although Wally's wife Allison is not well and maybe taken to hospital that evening.



Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Edwin first up congratulated Brian Peploe - now 89 years old and with 49 years in Rotary! (*Imagine what we will be doing this time next year. Ed*) The raffle was won by Stu Cheyne and then Edwin had a theme based on his recent family travel when he and Cathy's spent a month in Tasmania (highly recommended as a travel destination) and the need for travel insurance was highlighted.



Announcements

Jenny seeks volunteers next Wednesday 6th December 9.00am for work at the **Women's Refuge**. Contact her and she will provide you the address. Work includes painting a fence, gardening and sorting clothes – sounds like something for everyone.

Denise – gifts and funding for Salvation Army Appeal please. Position more dire with the deep freezers failing losing all the food stored.

Christmas Lunch at the Mission 12.00 this Sunday. 34 attending. (Be there with Curly.)



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: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Christmas Lunch @ Mission – 3 Dec.
Summer BBQ @ Dolbel – TBA Jan

Leave of Absence

Trevor Powell & Denise P. – Ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our website
www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

President: kelvin.winnie@tremains.co.nz

Secretary:
administrator@greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

Apologies:
GR.apologies@gmail.com (**before 2pm Tue**)

Elephant Hill wine special deal. Alan took orders – (but it closed on Thursday 30th – before you read this!)

Tamatea High School have eight students who were affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. They are on a special programme. We have donated \$2,000.00 to assist with costs.

ArtEx Summary

Peter Thompson reported the very real challenges this year following Cyclone Gabrielle. The change of venue saved \$5,000.00 in fees, with Elephant Hill providing the venue for free. Following the loss of substantial items in the Cyclone, and Insurance claim was lodged and \$6,641.00 paid out. This allowed new lights and easels to be purchased costing \$7,930.00.

Profit before GST \$37,469, and net after GST \$34,571.00, with \$20,000.00 paid to HB Surf Life Saving.

Peter commented that it was very successful given the challenging conditions. Special thanks to:

Steve – given his own circumstances, fantastic job as Manager, and arranging for four artists to donate the painted paddles.

Judy as Art organisation. **Denise Primrose** obtaining the art. **Jenny** pack-up organiser, **Bryan Matthews**, the lighting. **Bex** – background organisation.

Kelvin keen interest throughout the year. **Members, wives, Partners** who assisted when required.

Steve then thanked Peter for his contribution. And even better, Steve commented: "I am in it for another year!"

Guest Speaker

Curly introduced Hawkes Bay born and bred, retired optometrist Quentin Bennett. Quentin has dived all his life, all around New Zealand and as well, throughout the World. He has dived with world famous divers, including the Cousteau Family.

His under-water photographs are world class, with new species and very rare species

recorded. Just too much to record for your spellbound reporter. Quentin commented the climate change has majorly impacted areas such as around Tasmania, and the Solomon Islands.

Neil in his vote of thanks noted - *"The stunning evening had taken us to another world."*



Thoughts this week (Helen Tattersall)

Opening:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." (Nelson Mandela)
NB. This day Nov.29 1877 – The NZ Education Act passed into law establishing free compulsory education.

Closing:

Mahatma Ghandi: *"Live as if you were going to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to love forever."*
(From Mahatma Ghandi)

Words & Photos This Week

The Words and photos this week are attributed to our photo/journalist Brian Hall

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

**The box will be at our meeting next week. Please bring stuff for Denise to process. Failing that, bring her money – or a mixture of both if you like!
It is really important this year. Let's help as much as we can.**



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	December 6th	December 13th	17 January
Programme: Guest Speaker	Student Exchange Bianca Ching & Parents Firesides	Fish and Chips Dr. Mike Goodfellow- Smith from Wales	TBA
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Fred Staples - - Lynne Gibson Bryan Matthews Frank Heuser	Bob Morrison Garth Eyles * Ian Holyoake * Jenny Robertson	
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Gail Kelly Bob Brady	Judy McKelvie Peter Thompson	

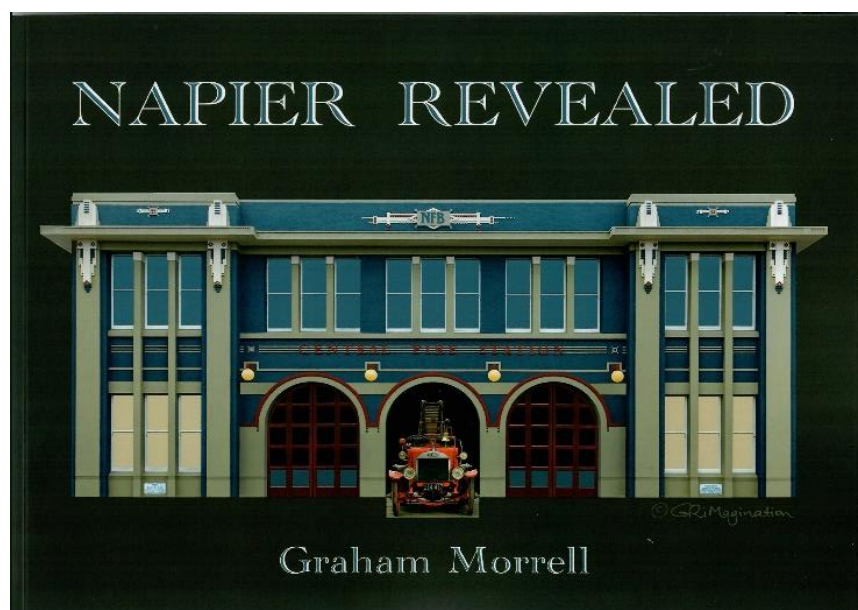
UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY?

***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

THE BOOK ON ART DECO NAPIER

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/napiers-art-deco-buildings-enhanced-through-the-lens-of-an-ex-police-photographer/KUHBDYFKHFABJI4ISDYJV6GL5U/?fbclid=IwAR3msZEViSUjN2Z964zOtFEZjDP_8z4XzqGhJ4GT6NNKW7TPdB9P1WodByw



NAPIER REVEALED: \$45 (plus postage)

Graham can be contacted via email on grim.ali.nz@gmail.com if you wish to purchase a copy (would make a great Christmas gift!!!)

[This is good. I've read mine and bought two more! Ed]



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

As the Rotary Foundation Month of November comes to an end, we reproduce here a page from our recent **Rotary Down Under** magazine which provides details of the grants made in the past year, and also details of the “rating” that our Foundation received from *Charity Navigator* in the US. As it points out, TRF received the highest four star rating for the 15th consecutive year!

2022-23 Grant Summary

473

district grants

324

disaster
response grants

1092

global grants

1

programs of
scale grants

\$28m

program awards

\$15m

program awards

\$68m

program awards

\$2m

program awards

Our all-star charity

FOR the 15th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating - four stars - from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the US.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

“We are delighted to provide The Rotary Foundation with third-party

accreditation that validates their operational excellence,” said Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. “The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organisation can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that Rotary is able to accomplish in the years ahead.”

Charity Navigator assesses nonprofit performance based on four key indicators,

including the impact of the charity's program relative to cost; the organisation's governance and financial health including its transparency, efficiency, and sustainability; a charity's leadership capacity, strategic development, and ability to adapt to internal and external changes; and its overall culture and connectedness to its constituents and the communities they serve. ^{***}



Charity Navigator

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**The Rotarian
Minute
Essentials**

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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

The Rotarian year

Why does the Rotarian year start on July 1st and end on June 30th?

The origin of this division dates back to the very early years of Rotary history.

Indeed, between 1905 and 1912, the development of Rotary in the United States took place gradually, without a global organization.

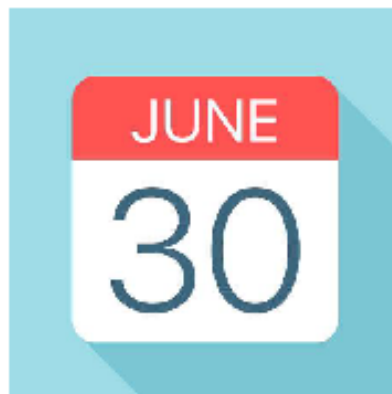
On August 18, 1910, the 1st Convention was held in Chicago. This date marked the beginning of the following Rotary year

In 1911, the Convention was held on August 21, with the same effect

An audit of the finances of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, requested by the Rotary Board of Directors in August 1912, recommended ending the fiscal year at June 30

In 1913, Rotary International was established, and that same year the Executive Board made the decision to end the Rotarian year on June 30.

From 1913, it is therefore on this date that the calls for contributions and the sending of workforce figures were launched.



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

Tomorrow, Sunday - at the Mission for our Christmas lunch and then next week at our regular venue with a Youth Exchange Speaker and Firesides

