

MEADOWS MATTERS



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

Opening Event for 2024 - Annual Summer BBQ

President Kelvin, looking relaxed after returning from Vietnam, welcomed 32 members and their supporters.

The weather remained kind, dry and not too hot, with the now large trees at Dolbel providing welcome shade.

Special mention to the people behind the scenes who made it happen. Stuart and Heather for organising the food, and transporting the BBQ's and tables. Curly and Chris for organising the evening, Carol for "doing the numbers" with I



presume Ken the accounting work. Garth arranged and collected the key with Curly, Peter, Ken and Hugh performing as chefs. Then Chris, Donna and Jenny as *serving wenches* setting up the BYO food. (If the scribe has missed any others who were involved, he apologies.

As you can see though, it was a real Greenmeadows Team effort. Thanks to the above, and all for the delicious food.



Members swap stories

Cooking commences →
with great concentration from
the long and short of it ↓





Meanwhile plans are formulated



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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
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:

Leave of Absence

Kevin McCormack, Trevor Powell & Denise Primrose – Ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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←Bar planning for the year is undertaken

And "serving wenches" begin to lay out the dishes→





← A rear view is captured – to round off the images

Your scribe shows off the cork hat he got he got in Vietnam – or somewhere →



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Programme: Guest Speaker	January 24th Laura Vodanavich MTG Director	January 31st Rachael Haydon National Aquarium	February 7th Firesides
Top Table introduce Speaker	Brian Peploe	Kevin McCormack	-
Vote of Thanks	Steve Gillum	Peter Thompson	-
Cashier	Fred Staples	Bruce Martin	Judy McKelvie
Three Minute Speaker	-	5	Brian Anstis
Sergeant	Mark Dickerson	Bryan Matthews	Alan White
Stewards	Neil Smith	Chris McKenna	Frank Heuser
One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.	Graeme Muir	Helen Tattersall	Gail Kelly

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.

CAMP KAITAWA

While the year for most of us, began with the BBQ gathering referred to above, a small group of our members went out even earlier in January to capture the Rotary mantra of "Doing Good in the World." They were at Camp Kaitawa up near Lake Waikaremoana and taking part in another annual event that our members, some from Taradale and the Camp Kaitawa Trust are involved in. The activities of these erstwhile members are recorded in the pictorial record below.

Words & Photos This Week

Photo Journo Brian Hall and ever present with camera, Ross Pinkham. They created the words and images you see here today.



← The team & some of their gear →





←The old & The revived→



But it was not all work



←There was eating & There was relaxing→

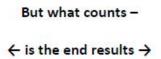


Actually, quite a bit of relaxing













MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024

It is just four months to the annual District Conference and it is important for us all to consider our position in relation to this event. Over the years Greenmeadows has had a great presence at these events, often all getting dressed up to a theme (and winning the "prettiest team prize") enjoying the fellowship of each other for a weekend as well as expanding our Rotary knowledge at this great event. So don't just leave this for the president or president elect to attend in some sort of official fashion, let's make up a group and go together. Ian Holyoake is "coordinating" the attendance of our members. Advise him of your intentions. Some details from the District Governor's recent reminder appear here. (Should we go as "magicians?" see below. Ed)

Deb and I invite you to register for our District 9930 conference to be held in Cambridge 17th to 19th May 2024. Registrations are now open and you can do this using the following link.

https://www.9930conference.co.nz/registration

We are excited about the programme being developed by the committee so we hope you can join us.

We would like to see some of the Honorary members to come and join us also. This will probably be the last solely District 9930 conference.

Our committee are also encouraging clubs to bring prospective or non-member friends to come and experience the buzz of a Rotary conference.

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2024-25 ANNUAL FOR THEME ROTARY REVEALED

Each year the incoming Rotary World President chooses a theme for his/her year. That has just happened – as shown here.

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie
Urchick announced the 2024-25 theme, *The Magic of Rotary*, at the International Assembly on 8
January. The assembly is Rotary's annual learning event for incoming governors and leaders. Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray,
Pennsylvania, USA, called on members to use the magic of Rotary to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives. She also called on them to make their Rotary clubs "simply irresistible." Read more and see the theme speech



And for next week, back at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening with our regular caterer and we will learn about "our" Napier museum + What's Up with What's App!