



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

IN THE PRESENT BUT LEARNING OF THE PAST

MTG HAWKES BAY

Our speaker was Laura Vodanovich, the director of the MTG Hawkes Bay and she has been in post for nine years. Her vision for the museum is *“a connected and engaged community – with open minds and open hearts”*



She gave a synopsis of the last four years at the museum, starting with the onset of the Corona Virus and mandated vaccinations, mask wearing through to Cyclone Gabrielle and the impact that these events have had on the MTG. The museum also had to close for six months as a result of issues with the sprinkler system in the building. There have also been highlights though – the redoing of the Maori gallery which is now called Koru Taonga – voices of Kahungunu. This is an exhibition of the history of people and places of Ngati Kahungunu and has helped to re-engage Iwi locally.

Linda shared how the numbers visiting the museum have increased since the entry fee was waived and how museum staff assisted in the local communities when the Cyclone closed the museum last year. When it reopened, the staff placed messages of hope in the front window along with a big heart and Kia Kaha. Members of the public have been encouraged to add to this with their own messages for Hawkes Bay.

Laura is keen to remind everyone that the museum is a regional asset not just under the auspices of Napier council, and touched on the current building project taking place in Hastings. This space, the former Briscoes building, will become an archive space and a place for staff to work and for education. A \$9 million-dollar grant from the government is funding this project but there is still a shortfall of \$1 million for which the museum is fund raising.

Current and forth coming exhibitions include *Purakau o Te Whenua* – stories of our land, the legends of Hawkes Bay, such as Pania and *Te Mata Peak, Eye Spy* – curious stories using our five senses, *Silver Shadows* – the story of Marineland, *Pictures & other words* – celebrating 10 years of the MTG Foundation, a group who have raised, donated or bequeathed funds to help purchase artwork for the museum and *Waka Korero Maori* which encourages learning the Maori alphabet by pronouncing the names of the Kaharehe animal treasures on display.

Laura is also keen to affect a name change for the museum as she feels MTG does not fully reflect what the space represents and would also make it more marketable. She answered numerous questions.

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District Governor Bill Robinson
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Secretary Ken Hunt
Treasurer Graeme Ryan
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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

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President Kelvin had opened the meeting and addressed the guests at six tables! He firstly acknowledged visitors (Phil Cooper, annual visitor from the UK) and guest speaker Laura Vodanovich, director of MTG Hawkes Bay. Then, as is his habit, Kelvin commented on this day 50 years ago – it was the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch. NZ won 35 medals, nine of which were gold. He then shared a story about an incident which occurred during the men’s marathon race. Christchurch’s police inspector noticed a man not in athletic clothing, running towards the Queen’s stand in the stadium. He appeared to be holding something in his hand. While most people’s attention at the time was on another race taking part at the other end of the stadium, the suspect was considered a danger and tackled. He turned out to be a university student who wished to present a petition to the Queen.



WELFARE

Stuart reported that Margaret Hall was incapacitated with a broken ankle on one leg and a broken foot on the other, and that Brian Peploe has had a recent stay in hospital and was pleased to be able to be at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A number of thank you cards have been sent to the club. One from Family VIP (*The Women’s Refuge*) to Jenny and all the members of the club who have helped them. Also, from the *Life Education Trust*, thanking Greenmeadows Rotary club for our help and support with our recent donation.
- *Dressed For Success* (who came to talk to the club last year) are having a fundraising event at the MTG on 29 February. Tickets cost \$103.
- Carol (with Ken) is away from 14 Feb to 14 March and requested the help of members to carry out her duties while she is absent. Judy has kindly offered to look after the apologies and liaising with the caterer, however, we need a volunteer to collate the money from each meeting, noting where it has come from, raffle, shrapnel, sergeant’s session etc. and to bank the money. If you can help with either of these please let President Kelvin know.
- Brian Hall thanked the members for their help and support while Margaret is incapacitated.
- Alan, via Pres. Kelvin, acknowledged the members help in recommending speakers for the program.
- Ian, our Conference Champion, reminded members that this year’s district conference is being held on 17-19 May, at the Sir Don Rowlands Centre, Cambridge. Hosted by our DG, Bill Robinson. The theme is Sustainability. Registration is now open via the website, \$350 per person, \$300 for spouses. Greenmeadows Rotary has a great track record for members attending and winning prizes at the Saturday evening dinner. Contact Ian with your intentions – so we can coordinate accommodation
- Graham Muir thanked members for another successful working bee up at Camp Kaitawa. A Rotary District grant was successfully applied for in 2021 for the Camp to use for painting, spare equipment etc. Members spent their time painting, clearing vegetation, cleaning and had a little downtime to explore this beautiful area.

SERGEANT

Mark Dickerson announced the Greenmeadows Rotary “dream” cricket team and explained all those fielding positions that no one (apart from Phil Cooper) understands, such as *silly mid-on*, *sweeper* and *third man*. (We all paid up!)

He closed the session with a reminder about what we did before computers, when a *hard drive* meant a difficult journey, a *mouse pad* was where a mouse lived and *memory* was something you lost as you aged.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	January 31st	February 7th	February 14th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Lisa Smith Incontinence Nurse	Firesides	Rachael Haydon National Aquarium
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	John Mackintosh Lynn Gibson** Les Mockford** Bruce Martin - Bryan Matthews	Jenny Robertson - - Judy McKelvie Alan White Brian Anstis	Curly Carpenter Kevin McCormack Peter Thompson Edwin Brown - Bob Brady
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Chris McKenna Helen Tattersall	Frank Heuser Gail Kelly	Garth Eyles Robert Pearson

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.***

DON'T FORGET – TELL IAN ABOUT YOUR INTENTIONS IN RELATION TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE



You can get more information by clicking on the link below

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

ROTARY BANNERS

Our Rotary visitors from Wales at the end of last year, presented our club (and their hosts) with their “banner” from the Rotary Club of Llanelli. Did you happen to wonder what that was all about? Read on below

Thoughts for This Week

(From the Dalai Lama
via Gill Scarlett)

Opening

“It is more useful to be aware of a single shortcoming in ourselves than it is to be aware of a 1000 in somebody else”

Closing

“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito”

Scribing the Words

This week came from the pen and the memory of Helen Tattersall

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

Rotary Banners

A long standing tradition in Rotary has been the “exchange of banners.” This happens when members from one club visit another club – usually when travelling overseas. Clubs used to stitch these to very large wall banners and hang them around the venue for their meetings. Not so much done these days, in Greenmeadows we have “copied” these into table mats. A history of banners is set out below.



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

Rotary Club banners

One of Rotary's vibrant traditions involves the exchange of club banners among its members.

During meetings and district events, clubs proudly showcase their decorative banners, and Rotarians traveling to different countries often carry these banners to swap with the clubs they visit.

These banners frequently feature symbols or images representing a club's town, region, or country.

Some depict local cultural traditions or showcase artistic elements such as leatherwork, weaving, embroidery, or hand-painted designs, turning many banners into genuine works of art.

The popularity of banner exchanges led the Rotary International Board of Directors to express concern in 1959 about the potential financial burden on clubs, urging members to "exercise discretion, moderation, and measured judgment in making provision for such exchanges."

Despite these concerns, the tradition persists as a means for clubs to express friendship. Rotary's archives house around 20,000 banners, reflecting clubs' hometown pride and their connection to Rotary International.



And a little more from the *Rotary General Knowledge Bin*, it will not be generally known – but the wide reach of Rotary made it to the recently COP28 Conference in UAE. Yes, our members were there, assisting with the climate change debate and *creating hope in the world* - in keeping with our annual theme this year. See the news clip below.



Rotary leads sessions at UN climate conference

Rotary experts hosted two dozen sessions at the 28th United Nations climate conference in Dubai, also known as COP28 (short for Conference of the Parties, now in its 28th year). The sessions addressed how the changing climate intersects with health, poverty, and other issues Rotary is passionate about. Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally discussed how climate-linked disasters affect mental health. It was the third year that Rotary has taken part in the climate conference.

Read more on this by clicking on this link [Rotary at COP28](#)

And for next week, our second meeting back at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening with a speaker on "incontinence." (Please do not distract members making notes on the address – they may be scribes "practising" for their later deployment)

