



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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FIRESIDE (COMMITTEE) MEETING WEEK

President Kelvin welcomed about 30 members and then called in our caterer Dave and offered condolences on the recent death of his Father in the UK. Dave will be flying home in a couple of weeks to provide support for his Mother.

For an **Opening Thought**, Brian Peplow got the meeting off to a bright start by giving not a thought, but rather reminding us of our member's song, written by our late Past President Brian Ford. Those "Older" (or longer serving GM fellows) then sang the song with great gusto. The song was sung at the start of every meeting for many years. (Your Editor was old enough to remember singing the song and had – for it had also reminded him of a song he sang to the same tune back at school 70 years ago "On Ilkley Moor Baht 'at" – the 'unofficial Yorkshire anthem' of some many years ago.)



WELFARE

Stuart advised that Past Wairoa Rotarian (then one of the "three Mafia" who retired to Napier and joined our Club) Garry Vincent, had died recently in Hamilton. He also said that Loretta was progressing well and Judy mentioned that Doug Neilson reported being very grateful for the work our Club did tidying his section after his delayed return from Australia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ian Holyoake spoke on "Rotary Beyond Wednesday Evening"-

Speaking first on the upcoming District Conference – where seven members and two partners have so far indicated attendance, he urged others to come (& register and book accommodation) to learn more about the Rotary World.

Ian also pushed the Rotary *International Travel and Hosting Fellowship* (ITHF) mentioning the recent very interesting couple from Wales who were hosted by members and spoke at our meeting at Christmas. He said he had an Indian couple visiting in July (the overall 'world organiser' of ITHF) who could speak to us but we may need someone to "host" the couple while here. Anyone possibly interested in hosting them, please talk to Ian. *He concludes – Rotary is bigger than just Wednesday night. Have a look at it!*

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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 McC, Trevor P, Denise P & Lynne G – Ongoing;
Carol/Ken to 20/03, Les M & Mark D 27/03, Neil S to 01/05

Website/Club Contacts

Our website

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Secretary:

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Apologies:

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

Club Catering: With Caterer Dave returning to the UK, we may be without a caterer for about four weeks. Dave may have someone to cover, but if not, President Kelvin asked for ideas to be discussed at Firesides, as to how we could handle the meetings and meals.

THREE (x 3) MINUTE SPEAKER

Brian Anstis pretended to be nervous, not a public speaker and completely unsure how he could fill in the three minute spot. He went on to mention *the power of friendship*, and how one time, after being introduced by a neighbour, and a bottle of wine swapped for the opportunity for a swim in Brian's pool, a friendship developed with another couple living in the Isle of Mann. This endured for many years, with the couples meeting in various countries of the world (and he took us to them!)



SERGEANT'S SESSION

Sergeant Wal managed to keep his session well under three minutes, charging those who have benefitted from the free prescriptions or those with Gold cards. Then Graeme Ryan picked up the raffle.



Closing thought from Brian Peploe: He stuck with nostalgia and concluded with - "I hope you enjoy your Fireside Meetings" (and a word your scribe couldn't spell.)

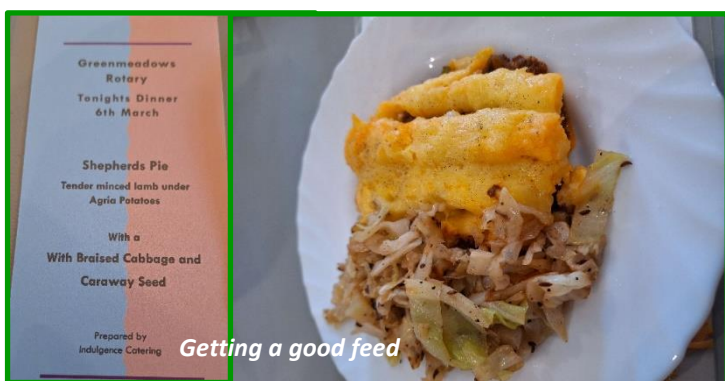
Some Random Pictures – from around the room



Advising the speaker



Advising everybody



Getting a good feed



The back room boys

WORDS & IMAGES

The words this week came from the ball point pen of Brian Hall who, together with Ross Pinkham, clicked off a few pictures to give you an impression of what you might have seen and heard (or what you missed if you were absent).



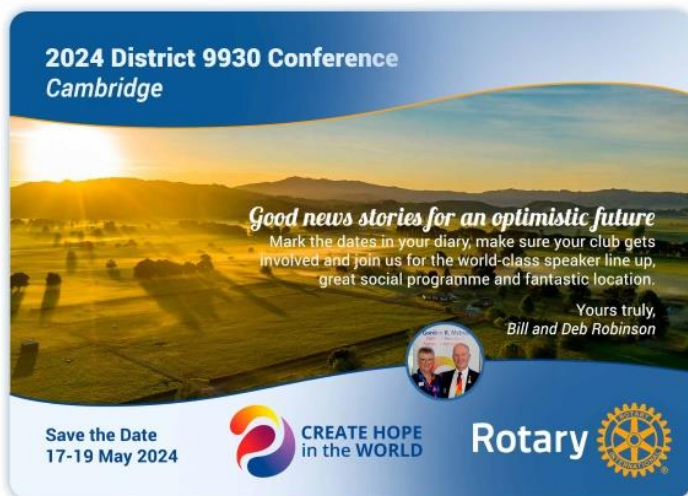
ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	March 13th	March 20th	March 27th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Jo Ann Young Napier Port	Brian Peploe Rotary – Past & Present	Napier Coastguard
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Brian Anstis Garth Eyles Frank Heuser Gill Scarlet -- Graeme Ryan	Chris McKenna Bob Morrison Alan White Gail Kelly - John Mackintosh	Wal Drayton Bryan Matthews Jenny Robertson Geoff Bibby - Graeme Muir
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Fred Staples Judy McKelvie	Brian Hall Robert Pearson	Steve Gillum Helen Tattersall

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



District Conference 2024

We have pretty good numbers registering and/or booking accommodation. Ian Holyoake will continue to update on this – **so give up and come with him!** It's looking like a pretty smart event. Don't leave it too late to declare your interest though.

More information by clicking on this link
<https://www.9930conference.co.nz/registration>

The Rotary Club of Greenmeadows, New Zealand

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Our Club has a Facebook page. Here's the link for you to join- up and be aware of Club and Rotary activities. <https://www.facebook.com/greenmeadowsrotary> If you are on Facebook – please support the page. Should you have any item to post – touch base with Frank or Ross to assist with preparation and posting. Generally the posts relate to Club activities, projects – photos, stories and matters of public interest.

and - Please Support The Rotary Foundation



The Rotary Foundation is our Charity of Choice. Donations to The Rotary Foundation and the End Polio Now campaign can be made to the 9930 District Foundation bank account.

This can either be a one-off payment or an ongoing monthly contribution.

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Payments made before the 31st March 2024 - provide a tax refund. A receipt will be issued showing the date in which the donation was banked.

Foundation Administrator contact: rotaryfoundation9930@gmail.com

Payments to the Foundation made prior to the 11th March are at the exchange rate of \$1.64 - \$NZ1640 = \$US1000.

The exchange rate from the 1st April is yet to be published – this takes into account payments made after the 11th March and prior to the end of the Tax Year – 31 March 2024.



March is Water & Sanitation Month



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1' to discover Rotary news

March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month

There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water.

Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water.

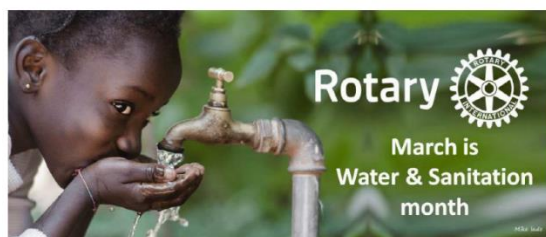
When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change.

SDG encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency.

Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities.



Next week at our regular venue with a speaker on the Napier Port