



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

PORT OF NAPIER

President Kelvin welcomed about 30 members, our guest speaker Joanne Young and also a special guest Duncan Morrison, Bob's brother visiting from Langley, Canada.

Then, instead of dealing with the significance of the date as he usually does, Kelvin's "Little bit of information" covered Ports and discussed the busiest ones in the world with Shanghai and Singapore in the top two places.



WELFARE

Almoner Stuart advised told us that Loretta Pearson is now up and well, and then, dealing with the "obvious wounded" handed over to Fred (arm in a sling) who told us how he had been cutting firewood with a drop saw and nearly cut his thumb off. He was sent to Wellington where they sewed it back on and then put leeches on him to enjoy their 'last supper' and get his blood moving again. He may not be 'thumbs up' for a wee while yet though!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenny thanked Gill, Gail, Judy, Brian Hall and Alan for their just completed assistance at the Women's Refuge working bee, and went on to inform the members that the education room which they converted is being used regularly for workshops, which was good to hear.

Graeme Muir informed the members that the Plate Debate is happening on June 19th, 2024, and he was requesting ideas for suitable moots.

Alan gave the club an update from exchange student Bianca Ching in Switzerland. She related in a recent letter that she is having a wonderful time and is picking up German very quickly.

SERGEANT'S SESSION

Graeme Ryan talked about March being the *Rotary Water and Sanitation* month and advised of his extensive research into water around the globe, telling us 2.5 billion people lack sanitation, and 748 million people don't have clean drinking water. We could not match his knowledge and paid up. He then moved on to Rotary merchandise and Steve won the meat raffle.



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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson
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Treasurer Graeme Ryan
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John Macintosh & Geoff Bibby
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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:

Plate Debate – 19 June

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

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GUEST SPEAKER on – the port, the ships, the containers!

Garth then introduced our guest speaker Joanne Young from the Napier Port. She was born and bred in Hastings and has worked in communications all her working life. She is married with an 18-year-old son and her husband is coaching skiing in Switzerland.

Joanne then told us that she has been at the Napier Port for four years when the CEO suggested she should become their Corporate Affairs Manager, she feels privileged to work there. She shared two very interesting videos with us, one from two years ago and a more recent one post Cyclone Gabrielle.

She related how the cyclone put a stop to everything and how the port became a response hub for Hawke's Bay. She told us about the 25-metre waves that came over the wharves, but no damage was done. They had generators to keep the food chilled and these generators also helped out in the community.

The army set up camp on the new wharf and visitors who came looking to see what they could "acquire" at the port, were frightened off by the army!

She went on to say that the port is resilient and now back up and running at full capacity. The booming cruise industry is helping that happen and they are receiving the best customer service results that they have ever had. She related that Napier Port is 160 years old and that there are 13 ports in New Zealand with Napier being the fourth largest.

She described to us the three main trades for the port being Cruise, Containers and Bulk freight. As far as the export of logs goes, we are the second largest in the country with 75% of our logs going to China.

The logs are debarked with all the bark going to BioRich for composting.

With all the extra produce now coming through the port she related how the rail and road network is going to hold the port back unless it is upgraded. They can't rely on just roads alone, they need rail as well.

She described all the wharves and their uses:

- 1] Logs
- 2] Cruise ships
- 3] Small cruise ships
- 4] Large container ships
- 5] Larger container ships



A question was asked about the large mountains of containers which seem to be accumulating in Napier. She answered by saying that the port is really a glorified car park and that they all move around. If the containers are empty, they are stacked six high, if they are full, they're stacked four high. (*The Editor believes if you leave these stacked up like this, in the dark of night – they breed. Hence the increase in numbers!*)

In October through to December all the empties come in ready for pre booked produce to go out.

Frank thanked Joanne for her interesting talk and related how he sees the port from a tour operator's perspective.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY from the mind of Brian Anstis
(these were 'concealed' initially but eventually revealed)

"Be yourself as everyone else is already taken" Oscar Wilde

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent the night with a mosquito" African Proverb

WORDS & IMAGES

The words this week came from the quill and teaching experience of Jenny. Together with Ross Pinkham, they clicked off a few pictures to give you a pictorial impression of what might have happened.



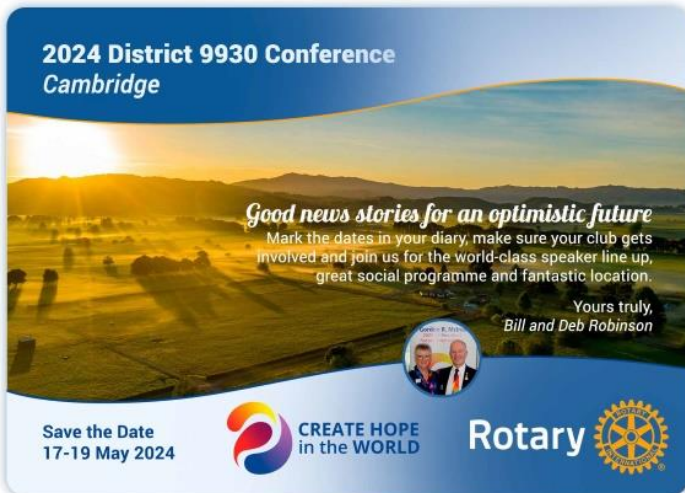
ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	March 20th	March 27th	April 3rd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Brian Peplow Rotary Past Present & Future	Napier Coastguard	Firesides
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Chris McKenna Bob Morrison Alan White Gail Kelly - John Mackintosh	Wal Drayton Bryan Matthews Jenny Robertson Geoff Bibby - Graeme Muir	Peter Thompson - - Edwin Brown Curly Carpenter Garth Eyles
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Brian Hall Robert Pearson	Steve Gillum Helen Tattersall	Frank Heuser Judy McKelvie

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 Foundation

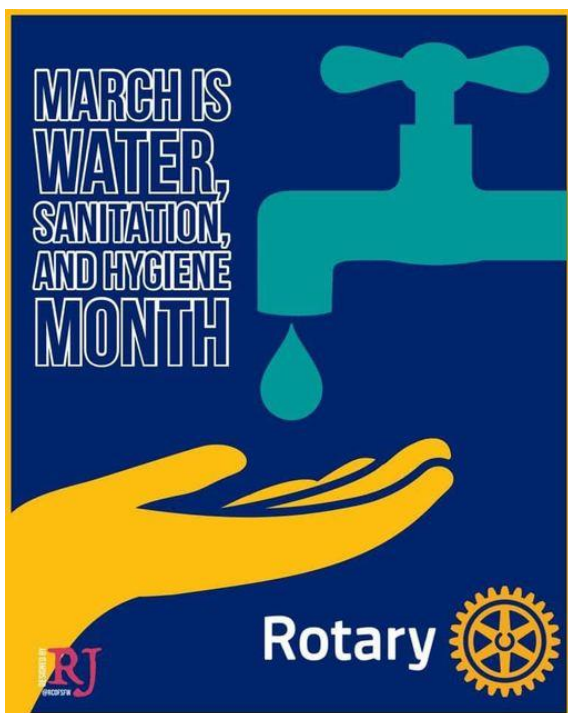
We are only two weeks away from the end of the financial Year. If you wish to claim a tax rebate for the current year, make your donation now.

District Account: 03 1552 0121120 001
Particulars: Your Name
Code: Your Rotary Club's name
Reference: Foundation or Polio

If you need further help contact Ross Pinkham.



Rotary Theme for This Month



And some examples of what have we are doing

Guatemala

Rotary clubs in Guatemala improved conditions for as many as 1,793 children in 10 schools in the town of Escuintla by providing toilets, washing stations, water tanks, and training.

Papua New Guinea

Rotary clubs partnered with local organizations to install a rainwater harvesting and distribution centre for 4,000 people in Papua New Guinea. They also delivered training programs for women in the community and students in 35 schools.

Tanzania

A dozen Rotary clubs collaborated with local partners to establish a water supply and delivery system for 1,500 people in the village of Kigogo, Tanzania. They also taught the community how to maintain the systems and provided hygiene education.

Rotary
District 1700



The Rotarian
Minute
Essentials

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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

The annual international Convention

Rotary International holds an annual convention during the last quarter of the Rotary year, inviting Rotarians from around the world to attend.

Cities with sufficient infrastructure to accommodate several tens of thousands of participants can apply.

The objective of these Conventions is to motivate and inform Rotarians to help them develop Rotary in their Clubs and Districts.

It is also a great opportunity to meet and celebrate friendship between Rotarians from all countries.

The program includes plenary sessions and specialized workshops

Entertainment and conviviality play an important role

It is strongly recommended that every Rotarian participate at least once in a Convention, and thus become aware of the international nature of Rotary.

The election of leaders for the following year is carried out: President, Board of Directors and Governors.

**Next week at our regular venue with a Keynote Speaker taking us from
"The Olden Days" of Rotary to the present.**

