



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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## PRESIDENT

President Kelvin welcomed 32 members and one guest, Phil Cooper, from the UK.

- Then Kelvin shared a yesterday in history, for February 6th, when former US president Ronald Reagan was born in 1911 and died in 2004 aged 93. He is probably best remembered for his acting career and being instrumental in bringing the Cold War to an end along with former Russian leader, Mikhail Gorbachev. Reagan survived an assassination attempt in 1981 when he was shot outside the Washington Hilton hotel. Although on the margins of death upon arrival at George Washington University Hospital, he underwent surgery and recovered quickly from a broken rib, punctured lung and internal bleeding.



## - WELFARE

- Margaret Hall doing well and Brian Peploe feeling much better and joining us at tonight's meeting

## - ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Firesides meetings - discussion of the Blueprint document
- Funding requests - circulated by Ken. Two students looking to undertake a voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand
- Helen circulated a list asking for volunteers to help at this year's RYPEN weekend, April 5-7. If you missed this and would like to come along and help, let Helen know your availability ASAP.
- Brian Hall - asked members if anyone would be available to assist with security for the ART Deco weekend road closures.
- The NPC and HCC are organising an appreciation day for those who helped during the Cyclone Gabrielle clean up. It is being held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the HB show-grounds. A notice was circulated for those interested in attending.
- Brian asked for volunteers for a Heart Foundation collection at Pak N Save Napier on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February between 8am & 6pm.
- Carol spoke about accommodation for this year's District conference. She and Ken have booked a cabin at the camping ground next door to the conference centre where the conference is being held. She encouraged those members intending to attend to book quickly if they wanted a cabin too, as there are only 5 available.
- Next week - we have 2 guest speakers on the anniversary of Cyclone Gabrielle. Mark Anderson is with us from Australia, along with former District governor Grant Spackman, talking about Rotary Foundation. We also have Rachel Hayden from the National aquarium. Members are asked to wear black and white to show their support for Hawkes Bay.

## 3 minute speaker:

Alan White gave a thoughtful insight into his experience at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. It was touted as the friendly games in an effort to change the world's memories of the previous games hosted by Germany in 1936.

Alan went to support his fellow running friends, Tony Pohill and Terry Manners, who had been chosen to represent New Zealand in the athletics competition. He shared how he

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## Officer Holders 2023-24

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 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
 Directors: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

## Coming Up:

## Leave of Absence

Kevin McCormack, Trevor Powell &  
 Denise Primrose – Ongoing

## Website/Club Contacts

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supplemented his pay from his day job with 3 evening cleaning jobs and a weekend cleaning job to help fund his trip to Munich. A highlight of the games was the 7 gold medals won by American swimmer Mark Spitz, making him the most successful competitor at the games.

The games were marred by what became known as the Munich Massacre. Eight members of the Palestinian militant organisation, Black September, infiltrated the Olympic Village, killing 2 members of the Israeli Olympic team and taking 9 others hostage. They demanded the release of 234 Palestinian prisoners being held in Israeli jails and also the release of the West German imprisoned founders of the Red Army Faction, Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof. West German police ambushed the terrorists, killing 5 of them but the rescue attempt failed and all of the hostages were killed.

While all of this was happening, Alan was unaware of the drama developing due to a lack of English where he was located and it wasn't until later that he saw the news on a live tele-cast.

Alan's friends did themselves proud, Tony Pohill came 9th in the 1500m and Terry Manners came 34th in the marathon.

### • SERGEANT

Brain Anstis relieved members of their hard earned cash with a quiz about the Treaty of Waitangi. President Kelvin seemed to be the most knowledgeable and got most of the answers correct. The raffle was won by Steve Gillum.



### Thoughts for This Week (Jenny Robertson)

Opening

*Alluding to our discussion on the Blueprint at firesides, "The purpose of an organisation is for common people to get together to do uncommon things"*

Closing

*a quote from Groucho Marx "I won't belong to any organisation that would have me as a member"*

### Scribing the Words

This week came from the pen of Helen Tattersall with photographic input from Ross Pinkham.

### ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	February 14th	February 21st	February 28th
<b>Programme:</b> <b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Rachael Haydon</b> <b>National Aquarium</b> Along with Mark Anderson & Grant Spackman on Rotary Foundation	<b>Elephant Hill</b> <b>hosted by Simon Swa</b> <b>General Manager</b>  <b>Details below</b>	<b>Jonathan Bell</b> <b>Rural Support Trust</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Curly Carpenter Kevin McCormack Peter Thompson Edwin Brown - Bob Brady	Steve Gillum Mark Dickerson Frank Heuser Gill Scarlet - Helen Tattersall	Bob Morrison Bruce Martin Geoff Bibby Judy McKelvie - Les Mockford
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Garth Eyles Robert Pearson WEAR BLACK & WHITE	Brian Hall Fred Staples	Graeme Ryan Alan White

### 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.***



## Elephant Hill – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 5.30-7.30pm

### Put the date aside for our special visit to Elephant Hill Winery, Te Awanga

Simon Swa, General Manager at Elephant Hill, will take us on a guided tour of the winery and cellars, followed by a wine tasting presentation and an exclusive opportunity to purchase some of Elephant Hill's premium quality product.

Dinner will be arranged and this is a **partners evening** so the more the merrier..

Numbers will be confirmed at our Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> meeting  
or you can contact President Kelvin directly. Carpooling will also be arranged.

This will be a fantastic evening so look forward to seeing you and your partners at Elephant Hill on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Accommodation needed

In July a visiting Rotarian from India is coming to Napier with his wife. He is the Administrator of the *Rotary Travel & Hosting Fellowship* that Ian is a member of and may be able to address our club on this international travel organisation. (Remember we had the couple from Wales speak to us in December) Ian doesn't have an accommodation capability in his retirement village so is just wondering if any club member might assist for perhaps three nights. *Email Ian if you can assist.*

### Monthly Theme for February

**FEBRUARY IS**  
**PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH**

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson

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### District Conference 2024


**2024 District 9930 Conference Cambridge**

*Good news stories for an optimistic future*  
Mark the dates in your diary, make sure your club gets involved and join us for the world-class speaker line up, great social programme and fantastic location.

Yours truly,  
Bill and Deb Robinson

Save the Date  
17-19 May 2024

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You can get more information by clicking on this link  
<https://www.9930conference.co.nz/registration>

### Cyclone Gabriel Anniversary

As we approach the 1 Year anniversary of Cyclone Gabriel we may take a moment to see how some are faring. A media article reviewing a number of individuals and families may remind us of how long this trauma continues. See this at : <https://www.thepress.co.nz/nz-news/350169943/heartbreak-and-hope-cyclone-gabrielle-one-year>

On Wednesday we will take a moment to recognise the situation of our immediate members who were directly affected, particularly the Cheynes, the Gillums and the McCormacks. And recognise the efforts of the many club members, friends and family who have freely given of their time, expertise and labour in helping those affected

There are also some Official Commemorative events being held.

Details of these can be found at : <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hawkes-bay-together/>

