



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

PRESIDENT

President Kelvin welcomed approx. 42 people and gave a special welcome to guests Mark Anderson and Grant Spackman Rotary Foundation, to Heather Cheyne and to Rachel Hadyn our guest speaker.

- Then Kelvin congratulated the members on their black and white attire and acknowledged this day February 14th as a year on from the day the tropical cyclone Gabrielle hit Hawke's Bay, leaving some people lucky and some people unlucky. He stated how some people are still recovering a year on, and described the community as one full of love, aroha and bravery.



- WELFARE

- Stuart said how good it was to see Brian Peplow and Bob Morrison back with us and looking good after illness. He also asked Robert to give us an update on Loretta's health after her bike accident. Robert said she has had 13 stitches and will need more surgery later. He wanted to pass on her thanks for all the Get-Well messages that they had received. Brian Hall stated that Margaret is doing well.
- President Kelvin then congratulated Lynne Gibson on securing a job in Wellington with the organization, "Yes for Success".

- ANNOUNCEMENTS

- John Mackintosh told us that we need to keep a look out for likely RYLA candidates as there is room for us to send three people. He said to let him know asap as the applications close February 28th.
- Bob Morrison told us about a meeting to be held on February 27th in the Town Hall downstairs. An information evening on the developing subdivision behind the Mission Estate. Organised by the Taradale Residents' Association.
- Brian Hall also reminded members that there was a roster for ART DECO assistance this coming weekend. He told them to take a chair, and requested that we put our names into more than one slot please.
- Helen had previously 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.
- A Reminder for those who have volunteered for a Heart Foundation collection at Pak N Save Napier on Friday 23rd February between 8am & 6pm.
- And remember about accommodation for this year's District conference. Carol 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.



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District Governor Bill Robinson
Dist. Gov. Elect Nick Dangerfield
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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

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• SERGEANT

Frank won the meat raffle.

Bob Brady recognised the Cheynes, the Gillums and the McCormacks for all they'd been through in the past year. And recognised the support given by the whole club.



Rotary Speaker: Then Kelvin introduced Mark Anderson from the Rotary Foundation over from Australia to visit New Zealand clubs. Ours was the fourth club he'd visited this week.

He gave us some facts about Rotary internationally:

- The Rotary Foundation does charity work.
- 23rd February is Rotary's birthday.
- In 1957 the Paul Harris Fellowship was founded
- In 1985 polio ended
- 1977 was the last case of polio in New Zealand
- October 24th is World Polio Day
- All bequests gratefully received.
- District 9930 is part of Zone 8, and this is paired with Zone 10
- Every district can apply for grants.
- Rotary has Peace Centres all around the world, the most recently opened is in Istanbul.
- GRC is rated at No 62 – we are doing well.
- RF needs \$1,500 from our club this year for polio.

Speaker:

Then Denise introduced Rachel Hadyn from the National Aquarium.

Rachel said she was from Waipawa originally and spent her childhood chasing eels in creeks – hence her interest in working at a place like an aquarium. She also started snorkeling at a very young age and has a great love for science. She spent 18 years working in zoos and aquariums overseas.

She told us they are accredited on animal welfare programmes and that they house a range of native and exotic species. She said the talented team know the necessity to be embedded in animal conservation which is tantamount to the job they do.

She related how penguins are a huge story to be shared with the public and that they get votes from all around the world for 'Penguin of the Year'.

She said the staff are guided by a plethora of sustainability projects and conservation educational programmes. They are in partnership with Biodiversity Hawke's Bay.

Peter Thompson then acknowledged our two guest speakers, and President Kelvin made the comment as to how they were both very passionate about their product.

Phil thanked us for our hospitality to date.

Thoughts for This Week (Curly Carpenter)

Opening

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."

[Henry Ford]

Closing

"To improve is to change, to be perfect is to change often". [Winston Churchill].

Scribing the Words

This week came from the pen of Jenny Robertson with photographic input from Brian Hall.

RECOGNISE THESE ----->

A pair of sunglasses were left in the Rotary Lounge after last Wednesday's meeting. If they are yours, Alan White will have them at next week's meeting at Elephant Hill.



Elephant Hill – Wednesday 21st February – 5.30-7.30pm

Next week is 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..

Any apologies or guests please advise directly to Judy McKelvie - judy.mck180@gmail.com

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

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	February 21st	February 28th	March 6th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Elephant Hill hosted by Simon Swa General Manager	Jonathan Bell Rural Support Trust	Firesides
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Bob Morrison Bruce Martin Geoff Bibby Judy McKelvie - Les Mockford	Brian Peploe - - Peter Thompson Neil Smith Wal Drayton
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Duties not required	Graeme Ryan Alan White	Gail Kelly Brian Anstis

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.

Gabrielle Appreciation

A report from Brian Hall

9 members from our Club attended the "thank you" for volunteers who assisted through and following Cyclone Gabrielle. Held at the Tomoana showgrounds, we were entertained by singer Wynne Drabble, and 2 opera singers from Prima Volta. Speakers included the 2 mayors, plus Regional Council Chair. Two Government Reps also spoke: The Prime Minister, and Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery.

A relaxing event with free food and drinks. A beeline was made for Rush Munros ice-cream, before a cold beverage followed by yummy rare beef burgers. This meant we were too full to sample what Indulgence catering was offering. In the photos below the observant may notice (a) an earpiece on the secret service(?) guy Curly was nudging up to, and the bulge on his right hip - was Curly attempting to pocket the revolver?



A report on the very worthwhile activity undertaken by some club members. - Brian Hall

With Doug and Linley delayed in Australia due to ill health, their gardens had become overgrown. Carol and Ken arranged a working bee to ensure they arrived back to a tidy section.

Attached images from the team cleaning up the gardens at Doug's home, Saturday afternoon. Thanks to the 10 Rotarians, Barman Peter and Allison Morrison for their hot hard work.



Two fellows missing from the photos - can anyone guess who is wearing the crocks bottom left of the Men's group? The foot belongs to Ken - sorry Ken, the image would have been better with the bright blue shirt to add colour. And the photographer stayed behind the lens!

Activities like this makes one proud to be a Rotarian.



And some 'Hot off the Press' shots of Art Deco activity.

Another Report from Brian Hall

Please record my thanks to the 22 volunteers who gave up time to volunteer for the Art Deco event. Regretfully, many of them had their times / places canceled or changed at late notice.

The City Council provided the Security contractors with 4 year old maps, and the many changes to the CBD roading over that period, it resulted in 11 positions being either canceled or changed. Also, the residents of the social housing near Browning St were causing concerns, meaning a road block there was altered for the safety of volunteers.



The feedback from everyone was that it was a fun event. Many questions were asked of us, from where can I get a hat pin, where is a shop selling knitting wool, where can I get postage stamps, pharmacy, plus many asking directions, and about the programme.

A supervisor from the contractor took a photo of our roster and stated she would ensure we were paid for the hours we had submitted. (\$25.00 per hour). So, my sincere thanks to those impacted by the changes, not one grumble from any of you.

Denise and I will get together and see how we can work with NCC next year to improve the system.

