



MEADOWS MATTERS



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

LIFE IN EDUCATION & ROTARY – AS HE KNOWS IT

Probably the most senior member of our club (in age or years of membership) Brian Peploe was introduced by Garth. Born in Dannevirke, in the same house as Brian Ford, in his younger days had been an international badminton player and had taught with Garth's father back in the day.



The theme of Brian's talk was the changes in his life and Rotary over some 40 years.

Firstly he told how he and Pat had moved to Taradale in 1968, just after the Wahine maritime disaster. He had taken up a teaching post as the first assistant at Bledisloe No. 1 School which, with 150 pupils, was, at the time, the largest in Hawkes Bay. (Bledisloe No 2 School was on Guppy Road and this became Arthur Miller primary school.) A young teacher, known to us as Jenny Robertson, worked at the school and they were horrified to learn how many pupils had never seen the sea, despite living so close to the coast. Pupils used to be taken for picnics in the Mission grounds, walking along Meeanee and Church Roads (only part of which was tar sealed) and through farmland and market gardens.

This was just after Taradale Borough Council had merged with Napier Council. Taradale council's only assets were the town hall and the car park surrounding it. Brian has fond memories of seeing the milk being delivered by horse and cart and also recalled the Lee Road extension and the number of car accidents that happened as a result of the changes to the road layout.

Taradale Rotary were very keen to get Brian to join their club but he managed to resist and joined Greenmeadows Rotary at the invitation of Brian Ford, and so started his long association. After seven happy years in this area they moved south to Ruahine School, a small rural one near Dannevirke. He there joined Dannevirke Rotary, where he was a member for four years. He spoke about the then dress code – you would get fined if you didn't come to a meeting in a suit and tie, and of course there were no female members of Rotary at that time. The subs were only \$50 and also, each month the secretary had to submit the member's attendance records to District. If a member missed three consecutive meetings without good reason you got struck off. You were expected to make up missed meetings by visiting other clubs. (See today's attendance information below. Ed) All clubs had occupational classifications with only one member per classification. Dannevirke club had a membership of 48, 10 of which were farmers and 4 teachers. This was 'achieved' by being creative

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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:

Plate Debate – 19 June

Leave of Absence

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

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with the classifications – Brian was in *Rural Education*, and there were also *Principal, Primary education* and *Primary education special*.

While at Dannevirke Club, the members and partners (the Rotariannes as they were known) were invited to Greenmeadows club in 1978 to celebrate the charter of the Inner Wheel for wives of club members. He remembers meeting Stuart and Heather Cheyne, and a rather strange Dutchman – Wim Snjeider!

Brain helped Dannevirke Club to celebrate its 50th Jubilee. The guest speaker was Sir Keith Holyoake, who was an honorary member of the club. He served as New Zealand's 26th prime minister from 1960-1972 and as Governor General from 1977-1980. He is the only politician to have held both positions. In his speech, he gave anecdotes of his times meeting the Royal Family.

Brian thoroughly enjoyed his time in the Dannevirke Club, where at the Dannevirke Domain, they created a lake complete with bridges and plantings out of the existing dirty pond. He remembers the wind and frosts of Dannevirke and that they had two years of drought out of four. Brian has enjoyed all his years in Rotary and all the roles he has held. His most enduring memory of Rotary though, is the friendships that he has made. He has done *make up's* all over the world. At one meeting in Wisconsin in the US, he met a member who exclaimed that he had met Brian before in NZ at a tour of the Mission Winery! His son had been on exchange to New Zealand, based in Hamilton and his parents had visited him there.

Alan White gave the vote of thanks and presented Brian with a bottle of wine.

Earlier President Kelvin welcomed 25 members and then shared his *day in history* from 1916 when Albert Einstein first presented his theory of relativity (and then Chris picked this reference up in the opening thought)



WELFARE

Stuart reported that the club is in good health currently. He passed on thanks from Doug Neilson who was very grateful for the work that members did in his garden while he and Linley were in Australia. Fred Staples was happy to report that his thumb is healing well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Garth reported that very few plants at Dolbel had died over the summer. A working bee is to be organized to set up for winter.

Pres. Elect Chris gave feedback regarding the Rotary Regionalisation Project and how it is hoped that this will help to lift membership. The 11th May is the District Training Assembly – Chris is attending with her directors. She is also looking at reorganizing the Public Image/Membership/Foundation committee as it is felt that this is a big task for a single director - so watch this space. She is also going to contact all club members for feedback about what works well in the club, and what doesn't.

President Kelvin asked members to dig deep and to look for a successor for Chris to take over as President in 2025. He spoke about the immense support that the members give to the incumbent president which was thoroughly endorsed by Past President Helen.

Dave, our estimable caterer, will be away for 4 weeks and President Kelvin asked members for ideas about what we can do for meals over that period. Suggestions have been to bring forward our committee visits to other clubs or having takeaways.

SERGEANT'S SESSION



John McIntosh relieved members of their hard earned cash with an aviation theme, following the recent American Boeing Dreamliner that plummeting 500 feet in midair following an instrument failure. He fined Ross Pinkham, who was dubbed in for his misdemeanor of leaving his bread maker and *walkie talkies* at Camp Kaitawa following his recent trip up there.



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Chris McKenna)

Opening thought

"We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them" (Einstein)

Closing thought

"Faith is the art of holding on to things in spite of your changing mood and circumstances" (C.S. Lewis)

WORDS & IMAGES

Today the words came from the pen and remarkable memory of Helen Tattersall (and developed in great detail) with photographic images coming from the lens of Ross Pinkham.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	March 27th	April 3rd	April 10th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Henry van Tuel Napier Coastguard	Firesides	George Massingham NZ Prisons Military
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Wai Drayton Bryan Matthews Jenny Robertson Geoff Bibby - Graeme Muir	Peter Thompson - - Edwin Brown Curly Carpenter Garth Eyles	Brian Peploe Mark Dickerson Gill Scarlet Les Mockford - Garth Eyles
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Steve Gillum Helen Tattersall	Frank Heuser Judy McKelvie	Brian Anstis Denise Brown

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY or an ABSENCE COMING UP

*If you cannot perform a rostered duty, YOU must arrange a substitute and advise the President of this.
If you are going to miss a meeting, email the apologies link and if you have a long term absence planned, write to the Secretary seeking "Leave of Absence."*



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. (*We are thinking of dressing up in Art Deco for Saturday Dinner.*)

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.

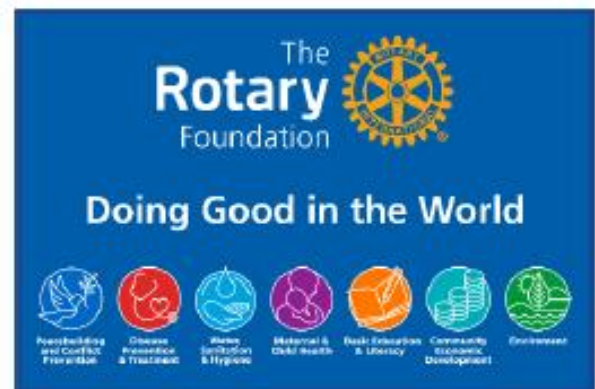
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If you need further help contact Ross Pinkham.



Rotary Theme for This Month



NEW PRESIDENT ELECT

President Elect Chris still looking for a President to succeed her (i.e. to be the President for the year 2025-26). It is vital that we get this organised so that we have succession for the coming years and commence the learning/training ready for that period. Please consider taking your turn and helping our club. Please speak to Chris or Kelvin if you can



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**The Rotarian
Minute
Essentials**

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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

Attending meetings is an opportunity, not an obligation

Traditionally, attendance for a Rotary member had meant participating in a regular weekly meeting at the member's club or at another club.

Exceptions were granted only for those who attended the Rotary International Convention or were on official RI business, such as a board or committee meeting or a district conference.

Participation in special club meetings, roundtables, informal gatherings, and service activities could not be counted as attendance.

Recent Rotary research shows that rigid attendance rules and policies are a barrier to attracting new members and engaging current ones.

Further, they exclude young professionals who have developing careers or are starting families.

In response, Rotary International has stipulated that any Rotary club wishing to try a new approach can do so by amending its bylaws.

Clubs are encouraged to relax attendance expectations or not have them at all.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

***Next week at our regular venue and we will learn about the
Sea around Napier and the Coastguard***

