



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
In the WORLD

GUARDING THE COAST!

We know a fair bit about *HB Surf Life Saving*, because we have raised \$120,000 for them, but what do we know about the *HB Coastguard*? Well, this was the night to find out!

Introduced by Bryan Matthews (preempted a little Pres. Kelvin) our speaker *Skipper Henry van Tuel*, is widely recognized in the community and has been made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM). He has been



with the local Coastguard since 2007 and in Wellington for five years before that. He is a former President of the NZ Coastguard Board.

He told us that the Coastguard goes back 100 years, and has been in Hawkes Bay since 1940. It began in the Napier Sailing Club. He referred to several well-known local names as being involved.

With a power point presentation he reported on the 1992 "first designed rescue boat" and then an updated one in 2000. He spoke of their beginnings in a derelict building in Meeanee Quay in 1997 and turning it into a "state of the art" rescue centre. Land SAR & Police also work from the building instead of going to the police station. Their current boat is an 11 metre one with a 250 nautical mile capability. It cost \$1M dollars - helped by a "deceased legacy." They have done 425 "assists" in the past 15 years, plus 150 "police required tasks", and all this within their 12 mile "capability limit."

Henry went on to describe "May Day Rescues" in The Bay and reminded us that unlike on land, you *die quick in the sea* (ladies last longer though!!) He showed us photos and videos of some of the more dramatic rescues, of once taking 20 minutes, to take three persons off a boat (because of the high seas); of being out all night; and five out of the seven coastguard members being sick on one such trip. Another rescue along Marine Parade took from 4pm to 12mn before towing into the sailing club; and then one about a boat outboard catching fire after a pizza lunch.

He described the "body recovery" practice procedure and also talked about what they did in Cyclone Gabrielle. They sometimes spot seals and dolphins (but none had stopped them sailing). In a financial perspective, he advised that they do receive some compensation and grants. He concluded by

answering many, many questions from his enthralled audience, before being thanked by Jenny Robertson. "We" concluded that they do indeed guard the coast!



Coastguard Hawke's Bay

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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson
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Management of Area Asst.
Governor Phil Crombie

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Treasurer Graeme Ryan
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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: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Plate Debate – 19 June

Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P &
Lynne G – Ongoing; Neil S to 01/05
Bob B to 24 April

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WELCOME

Earlier Pres. Kelvin had welcomed probably around 35 people (the scribe forgot to count them!) and they included John Reid from Taradale Rotary, Donna Thompson and more importantly, Mike Owen from Upper Hutt Rotary but who has shifted here and looking to transfer to a local club. Mike spoke briefly about his club's member – *our* Father Frank, who sent us his best wishes. (He had also briefed Mike on visiting all the local clubs and how to select the best one!)

As is his tradition, Kelvin then switched to the significance of the date (27 March) and told us that Beethoven and Putin had done something and then taunted the Editor with a reminder of the Trades Hall bombing 40 years earlier that has not yet been solved. (Ed did not work on it but knew the D/I who did – and sympathizes with him.) Photographs were taken to show Father Frank and we then got on with the meeting.

WELFARE

Stuart reported that all was good as far as was known but offered a special confirmation of that in relation to Loretta Pearson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenny described a "contact card" she is having printed for handing out to people we know who may be interested in Rotary and so that they know how and who to contact for information. (Later emailed by her.) She also thanked the three ladies for their help this week.

Garth spoke of needing help for "fixing boxes" on the next morning (so I hope we did!)

Brian Peploe was given two minutes to add a "punch line" to his address last week. He told us of an international connection with a Swede in Germany and whom he had earlier met at a winery in HB and that they have continued visiting each other for years.

Pres. Kelvin advised we still had our caterer for next week and arrangements were in hand for the future.

SERGEANT'S SESSION

Graeme Muir had two shots at drawing the raffle (E12 & E23) but no one claimed the prize!! He then fined those who were nautical, had used the coastguard, been sea-sick, had capsized, couldn't swim 100m, caught illegal fish – or never caught one! We ALL paid.



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Wal Drayton)

Opening thought (*Not actually revealed on the night*)
"You don't stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing". (George Bernard Shaw)

Closing thought (which was read out)
"Retirement = No job, no stress, no pay".
(No known source, perhaps meant to titillate our sense of humour rather than being philosophical)

WORDS & IMAGES

From the pen and lens of the editor himself.
It might not be good but hopefully the bulletin is "perfectly formed."
To improve the quality though, you can join the writing team yourself and help put the words together.



The skipper is guarding the coast (left) and showing us their original naiaid in 2008→



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	April 3rd	April 10th	April 17th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	George Massingham NZ Prisons Military	Visiting the home of Fred Staples
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	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>	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

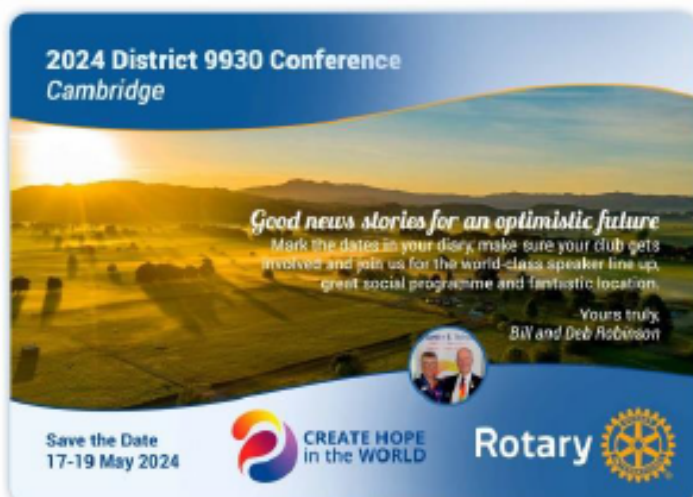


Past President Helen thanked everyone who offered to help at RYPEN this year. Unfortunately, due to a number of factors, we are going to have to cancel the RYPEN weekend this year. We didn't manage to get enough student nominations to make the weekend viable, both from a financial perspective and the numbers of students needed to be able to run the programme. She has contacted the clubs that supported RYPEN with sponsoring nominated students and will contact The Guthrie-Smith Outdoor Centre and also sort out a date for next year.

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 **A DAY** 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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Particulars: Your Name
Code: Your Rotary Club's name
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If you need further help contact Ross Pinkham.



Rotary Theme 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



A Detective story to fill in a gap on the page

Sherlock Holmes in his Tent

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip. After eating their dinner around the campfire they retire to the tent to go to sleep. A few hours later Sherlock wakes up. "Watson, are you awake?" He asks. "Yes, sir. What is it?" Answers Watson. "Look up and tell me what you see." Asks Holmes. "I see billions of stars," says Watson. "And what does that tell you Watson," asks Holmes. "Well," says Dr Watson, "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow." "Why? – What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes is quiet for a moment then says: "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

Rotary's archives

Rotary's archives, situated at its global headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, meticulously preserve the organization's rich history.

They encompass official documents, illuminating decisions, and the individuals pivotal in shaping Rotary and its initiatives.

The archives encapsulate both significant milestones and everyday occurrences that have propelled Rotary into a premier humanitarian service entity worldwide.

Collections within the archives span administrative records of the Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation boards, publications spanning Rotary's history, writings by founder Paul Harris and other members, correspondence of notable Rotary figures, as well as multimedia documenting projects and events.

Rotary encourages donations to enrich its archival holdings, inviting individuals to contribute relevant materials.

The Heritage Communications team assists researchers and curious individuals alike in exploring Rotary's history.

Access to the archives is available by appointment, accommodating both Rotary members and the public, facilitating engagement with Rotary's legacy.

Advanced scheduling of appointments is advisable, allowing for a seamless visitation experience.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to jarrinusa1700@gmail.com

Next week at our regular venue, a shortened meeting and then we move off for our Fireside Meetings.

