



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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FIRESIDE EVENING AT GREENMEADOWS

This month's first meeting was in the hands of "**The Young Ones**" – otherwise known as the Youth Committee, from whence Director Graeme Muir acted as meeting chair. He welcomed about 30 people including the again visiting Rotarian Mike Owen, plus two "really youthful" guests in the form of **Izzy & River** from Tamatea High School.

Barman Pete joined in at this point and commented on the "now difficulty" of providing change at the bar in the light of current drink prices!



WELFARE

Once again Stuart reported that all was good with club members other than Loretta Pearson who had had another fall and injured herself even more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Kelvin wished Caterer Dave the best for his travels and then outlined the proposed meetings/venues for the coming weeks. (*Then as days passed, these changed a few times and the "new or latest" list appears later in this bulletin.*)

Green Garth advised that next Monday there would be some sort of Dolbel Reserve activity and to be at the end of O'Dowd Rd at 9am if you can assist.

Past Pres. Helen reporting on the RYPEN cancellation, explained the problems, hoped for a better situation next year and said the Youth Committee were evaluating the position. She also mentioned that *we did* have a candidate for the (the other youth) RYLA program though.

The Directors then announced the venues for their Committee Meetings later in the evening, Brian Hall made a plea for more "street collectors," and **ArtEx Director Steve** said he was going to the South Island!

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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

Website/Club Contacts

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YOUTH COMMITTEE PROGRAM



Graeme began his committee’s program with a three minute video from a 2012-2013 District 9930 IYE student and this showed why this program is so good. (NB Hosts are desperately need to keep this program going. Ed)

Then the program moved on with Gill  introducing the two Tamatea students, **Izzy** who intends studying “Teaching” at Otago or Massey, and **River**, who wants to study “Film-

ing’ at Massey and go to the US. Then these two then took over the “**Sergeants Session**” and, using their smart phones (as such people do) dredged up current information that we should have been aware of (but weren’t!). Slogans and letters were bandied about: LoL, GTG, BRB, FB, ILY, TYL. Broken into teams and equipped with a check sheet, we entered our vague thoughts on what these things meant. Oddly enough, one team claimed to have got 10 out of 10 and they won lots of chocolate. (It is speculated that this team had a direct phone link to some “Rotaract” members to help them. Ed) Not surprisingly, and whether we won chocolate or not, we all seemed to pay up, at least our loose change. (Thought – maybe this should be given to Pete the barman!)

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Fred Staples – on youth)

Opening thought

“The only way to keep your health is to: Eat what you don’t want; Drink what you don’t want; and do what you’d rather not.” (“By the Mark Twain”)

Closing thought

“To have a good life is up to your liver!” (Oscar Wilde)

WORDS & IMAGES

From the quivering pen and shaky lens of the editor himself.

Hoping again that the bulletin is “perfectly formed.”

Have your say, improve the quality, join the writing team yourself and help put the words together.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	April 10th	April 17th	April 24th
Programme: Guest Speaker	George Massingham NZ Prisons Military	Visit to Fred Staples home	OUR ANNUAL VISITS TO OTHER CLUBS
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks	Brian Peploe Mark Dickerson Gill Scarlet	Help out as appropriate	
Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Les Mockford - Garth Eyles		
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	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

REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS

April 10th- Club meeting 5.30 for 6pm start.

Guest Speaker: **George Massingham**- Ex RAF and Military Speaker Followed by

Dinner 7pm at Duke of Gloucester- **Please reply to Ken/Kelvin if you would like to attend dinner.**

April 17th – Fred Staples property – 133 Silverton Rd, Poraiti

Fred will supply a burger and salad and we will have a tour of his “off grid” home. **Directors meeting after**

Please confirm at next week’s meeting (or email Fred) so they know numbers for catering.

April 24th. Annual visits to other clubs – **NO meeting this week**

May 1st. Club meeting 5.30 - 6pm. Membership meeting and firesides. Meal TBC



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 going to dress up in Art Deco for Saturday Dinner.*)

More information by clicking on this link
<https://www.9930conference.co.nz/registration>

A “Fill in story” from a Traffic Chief

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to major crossroad. The stop light was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "*I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light.*"

After a few more minutes, they came to another major junction and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

At the next junction, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "*Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!*"

Mildred turned to her and said, "*Oh! Am I driving?!*"



