



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

## OPENING (At a venue without a Caterer)

President Kelvin welcomed 36 Members and five Guests who included John Mackintosh's wife Claire, their friends Paul and Glenda from Alberta, Canada (1° there recently) and our speaker, George Massingham.

## Opening Thought(s)

Brian Pelpoe set the relaxed tenor of the meeting with quotes from two weather forecasters: "Rainy rain", and from Roger Gascoigne, "Snow down to ground level", plus a special one from Geoff Bibby's Father (when a teacher in Waipawa). On taking his class to the beach for lessons, one boy made the comment "Mr Bibby, I have found an octopus with 8 testicles." (Your Editor refrains from comment!)

## WELCOME

President Kelvin, after our failure last week on (teenager's) acronyms, sought to test members again with ones that we should know: AM and PM – from Latin - *Post meridiem and anti meridiem*,

RSVP – from French, *Repondez S'il vous plait*. And of course, the Yanks have POTUS, FLOTUS *Mr President & First Lady*, plus SCOTUS - the *Supreme Court of US!*

More familiar – an Aussie beer, XXXX (they can't spell) – which according to a Club expert (Curly) does not taste all that good.

## & Welfare

Handled by Kelvin who reported that Loretta is doing well, and then it was added that Geoff's wife Jenny had fallen & broken two fingers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lynne Trafford** from Ahuriri Club asked us to assist with the Salvation Army Collection 9<sup>th</sup> May at Countdown, corner Munro and Dickens St, Napier. Eight collectors required.

**Denise** seeking three for the Grey Power meeting 12.30 – 1.30 next Thursday. Worth \$100.00 to the Club.

NEXT WEEK – MEET AT 133 SILVERTON ROAD- THE HOME OF FRED AND VIV STAPLES. Car pool, if possible, please. Fred will cook burgers for us. BYO DRINKS AND TUMBLERS ETC.

DIRECTORS MEETING – next week, hosted by Chris McKenna

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## Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson  
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Governor Phil Crombie

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Secretary Ken Hunt  
Treasurer Graeme Ryan  
ClubAdmin&PE Chris McKenna  
Membership, Image & Foundation  
John Mackintosh & 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:

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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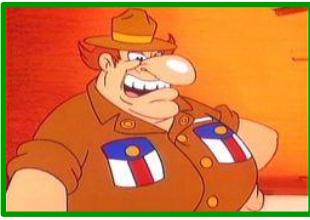
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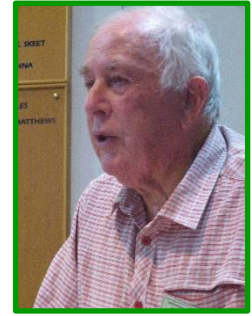


## SERGEANT'S SESSION



With the evening's speaker coming from the local jail, Sergeant Bob Morrison appeared to be trying to find if we (or our ancestors) had come to NZ (or Hawkes Bay) as Prisoners!

Ken proved to be the only "born and bred HB original" present, four others came from the UK, none from Aussie but six from the north of HB, and 10 from south of HB. Mainlanders numbered six. (Yes, the figures don't add up. Some members were clearly concealing their origins.)



## GO TO JAIL – DO NOT PASS GO, DO NOT COLLECT \$200

Speaker George Massingham was introduced by Mark Dickerson. George has been at the HB Prison for 16 years, with his title recently changing to General Manager (but he wears Superintendent's epaulets). Prior to this prison he was in the RAF. He has a BSc with honours, specialising in Sports Science.

George joined the Army at school as a reservist at age 18 years, doing weekend training, three years as a reservist, then into the RAF as an infantryman. He served in the Falklands, (on very short notice) after training for service in the then troubled Northern Ireland.

Returning from that, and with further training to serve in Northern Ireland he was, on short notice again, sent to Afghanistan where he guarded an airport.

Two Hercules aircraft were based there, one set up as a front line first aid centre (with surgeons), the other to evacuate severely wounded back to the UK within 24 hours of arrival at the base. Wales was next, then Kenya. One days' notice for this, he was in charge of 34 troops.

This was followed by another stint in Afghanistan where this time he worked with Gurkha's. Finally, George had two trips to Canada for training in chemical and biological warfare, using live chemicals. The arrival of his first born helped with his decision to leave the RAF and move to New Zealand.



***Well – we never really got to jail. But what an interesting speaker. Maybe we have to get him back for Part II***

The time was about 7pm (or 1900 hours on the Speaker's *Warriors Watch*) and about 20 of us adjourned to the nearby Duke of Gloucester Hotel where we chatted quietly among ourselves and consumed a very nice meal.

## APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH. In an associated Report

### First Polio Case of 2024 Reported from Pakistan



**Islamabad, March 14, 2024** – A child has been paralyzed by wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in Dera Bugti district of Balochistan, marking the first polio case of 2024. The Regional Reference Laboratory at the National Institute of Health notified on Thursday that the virus was detected in stool samples collected from a 30-months-old boy from Sui tehsil of Dera Bugti.

The child had onset of weakness in both lower limbs on February 22, and the isolated virus belongs to the imported YB3A cluster.

## WORDS & IMAGES

From the well inked pen and polished lens of Brian Hall – & "back-up" from the Editor



## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS



← Listening intently but wondering where the meal is.

They have found the meal – at the Duke of Gloucester →



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	April 17th	April 24th	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Programme:</b> <b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Visit to Fred Staples home</b>	<b>OUR ANNUAL VISITS TO OTHER CLUBS</b>	<b>Membership Presentation &amp; FIRESIDES</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks  Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Help out as appropriate		<b>TBA</b>
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>			

### 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."*





## District Conference 2024

The numbers are creeping up. Starting to look good. Ian Holyoake will continue to update on this – **so give up and come with him!** It's looking like a pretty smart event. (*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>

## REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – Fred Staples property – 133 Silvertown Rd, Poraiti**

Fred will supply a burger and salad and we will have a tour of his "off grid" home. BYO drinks and glasses.

**You should be "booked in" for this already. Directors meeting after Chris McKenna's place**

**April 24<sup>th</sup>. NO Home meeting this week. Annual visits to other clubs. Check with your committee.**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>. Club meeting 5.30 - 6pm. Membership meeting and firesides. Meal TBC**

## "Fill in Stories" from a Retirement Village near you

### OLD FRIENDS

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me... I know we've been friends for a long time but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her.

Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

### And Then

80-year old Bessie bursts into the rec room at the retirement home. She holds her clenched fist in the air and announces, "Anyone who can guess what's in my hand can have sex with me tonight!!"

An elderly gentleman in the rear shouts out, "An elephant?"  
Bessie thinks a minute and says, "Close enough."





# The Rotarian Minute *Essentials*

**#3 – January 25, 2023**

*1' to discover an aspect of Rotary*

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## **Why become a Rotarian in 2023?**

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By becoming a Rotarian in 2023, you can enjoy many benefits.

Rotarians are community leaders who meet regularly to exchange ideas, establish professional connections, and plan service projects in their community and around the world.

Joining a Rotary club allows you to work with people in your community to improve the lives of others and make a positive impact in the world.

Additionally, Rotary members have access to a wide network of professional contacts and can benefit from personal and leadership development opportunities.

Rotary is a great way to give back to the community and make a difference.

Joining Rotary also allows you to connect with like-minded people, create new relationships and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Rotary also provides its members with a platform to share their knowledge, skills and expertise to make a positive impact on the society.



The Rotary Minute is a creation of District 1700, France. Please send any comments or suggestions to [laminute1700@gmail.com](mailto:laminute1700@gmail.com)

***Next week, remember – we are at Fred Staples home. Read about it above.***

