



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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## EASTERN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (EIT)

Speaker Glenn Harkness was introduced by Peter Thompson. Glenn is a HB Boy, educated at Taradale High, and then FinTech in Hamilton studying Sports Science.

With donkeys and horses being mentioned earlier, Glenn noted his wife and two daughters are all into horses in a big way. Glenn has worked at EIT for some years in various roles. Now being Director of Operations, the head of EIT under the newish (and soon to be disestablished) Te Pukenga operation, combing 16 Polytech's and 11 ITO (Industry Training Organisations). Staff lost control, with leadership roles decimated and 46 staff being made redundant in 2023.



This time in the role has also seen the challenge of Cyclone Gabrielle impacting on 95% of the buildings – (500 rooms). Immediately, 50 staff not impacted themselves, returned to remove furniture, lift carpet, clear silt and remove wall claddings up to 1m. Contractors were then able to commence remediation. Some 45 leases were taken by July allowing 30% of the Campus to reopen, but there was a substantial drop in EFTS (Equivalent full-time students.) Despite this, EIT still managed well financially, mainly because of their off-campus training in the likes of Hastings, Waipukurau and Wairoa, including the overseas students mainly in Auckland.

Now in 2024, 65% of the buildings have re-opened, concentrating on longer term studies such as Nursing, Viniculture, and Animal health. Student numbers at this stage are ahead of plan. However, the National Government announcement that Te Pukenga will be disestablished, means the future is uncertain. Given EIT's past excellent performance, Glenn believes it will come back as EIT. There will probably be mergers reducing the numbers from 16 to estimated 11 Polytech's.



Top Table Tonight

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### Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson  
Dist. Gov. Elect Nick Dangerfield  
Management of Area Asst.  
Governor Phil Crombie

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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 & Steve G – Ongoing;  
Jenny to 22/5, David & Helen to 5/6

### Website/Club Contacts

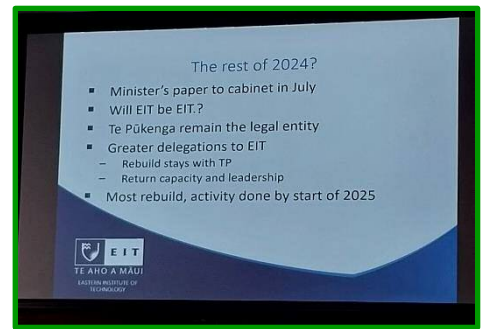
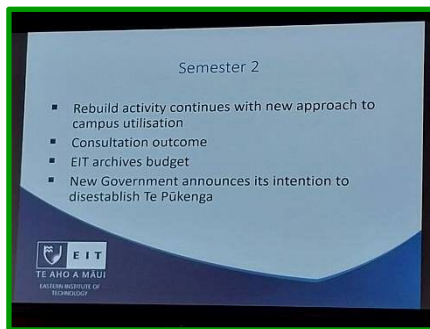
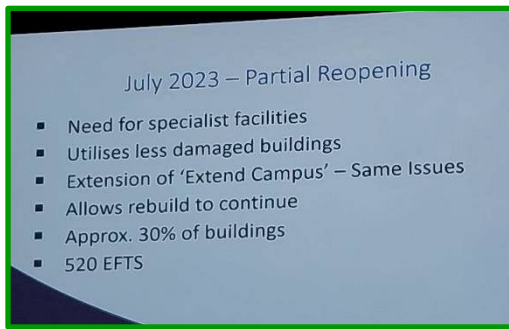
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## Some of the Power Point Slides from tonight

### The Welcome

President Kelvin had earlier welcomed 32 Members and two Guests including Speaker, EIT Executive Director of Operations, Glenn Harkness and City Councillor Nigel Simpson. Nigel had come not as a Councillor, but as a result of him reading our Facebook page which had announced Glenn speaking, and inviting members of the public to attend.

President Kelvin opened the meeting with his usual reminder of this day in history. However, this scribe was too slow to open his book to get the salient facts!

### Welfare

Stuart said that Loretta was okay but Robert was heading in for a hip replacement the next day (9<sup>th</sup> May) Geoff's wife Jenny still has two broken fingers, and Geoff is making slow progress after hospital stay.

### Announcements

Reminder of the **Salvation Army Collection 9<sup>th</sup> May** at Countdown, the next day.

**Garth as our Environmental Officer** reminded Members to be aware of **H&S matters** at Rotary events. He briefed his fellow two volunteers for last Monday's Dobel working bee to be aware of wasps (and slippery slopes)! Garth was prepared with the appropriate anti "whatsit" for wasp stings. One volunteer shortly afterward managed to attract 15 wasp stings (or thereabouts), beating Garth's eight stings the previous week.

Garth then went on to talk of his meeting with fellow Environmental representatives from some other HB Rotary Clubs identifying possible projects. These included "The Gap" near the airport, where we can weed on a regular basis, previous plantings. Beach clean-ups. Government funding is/has been obtained for a "Protect waterways in HB." Watch this space.



**Question to Members from Garth:** Would Members like to be involved in our own projects, or combined Club projects?

And... a few of our Club Members have been assisting the House of Science sorting boxes of science equipment and delivering them to schools. **Contact Garth if you are interested in being involved.** (See separate appendix covering much of Garth's reports this evening.)

The Board Meeting was announced - hosted by Graeme Ryan and Meagan.

Pres. Kelvin quoted a letter of thanks from HB Surf Life Saving following our recent substantial donation.

Brian H sought volunteers for a **Clean-up project near the PGA next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am. Gather front PGA carpark near the river bank.** **H&S:** Bring gloves and stout shoes. Rubbish bags will be provided.



## Sergeant's Session

**Sergeant** Alan with a theme relating to *World Donkey Day* tested us all with rather quaint facts about donkeys (it seems they are braver and brainier than horses) and our inability to answer is questions resulted in our pockets being lightened. As the Sergeant concluded Pres. Kelvin told us of the town of *Oatman* on *Route 66* in the US where donkeys come to town at 10.30am each day to get carrots from tourists! (OK – the Editor assisted with this story – for he has been there too. Donkeys shown here, following this lady looking for carrots ↓)



Route 66 Oatman, Arizona US 2007

### THE THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Graeme Ryan)

#### Opening

*"Apathy occurs when you aren't interested enough in your own life, to be the Chief Influencer of it."* (A. Brandon Trean)

#### Closing

*"Fear is better than Apathy because fear makes us do something."* (Emiliano Salinas)

Greenmeadows  
Rotary  
Tonight's Dinner  
8th May

Tomato and Basil Pesto  
Lasagne  
topped with new season  
Spinach  
and  
Smoked Salmon

Prepared by  
Indulgence Catering

The Caterer is back.  
Look at the feed!

## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	May 15th	May 22nd	May 29th
<b>Programme:</b> <b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Katie Nimon</b> <b>National MP</b>	<b>Charlie Davey</b> <b>E Bike Social Riders</b> <b>Hawkes Bay</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Gail Kelly Bryan Matthews Bob Brady Frank Heuser - Curly Carpenter	Edwin Brown Garth Eyles Bruce Martin Denise Brown - Neil Smith	Wal Drayton Bob Morrison Geoff Bibby Peter Thompson - Ross Pinkham
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Les Mockford Judy McKelvie	Fred Staples Mike Owen	Brian Peplow Brian Hall

### 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."*

### WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words came from the pen of Brian Hall who tossed in a photo or two but there was also photographic input from Ross Pinkham and the Editor himself.

**STOP PRESS: Don't forget those Member Suggestion Forms. Complete and send to John Mackintosh**



## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS



← Velos wheelchair tricycle which received both Club and Foundation monies has just arrived. CWA will train Pilots in the operation of the tricycle over winter and it will be introduced to Napier's elderly in spring of this year.

And - The Rotary Theme for the month of May is shown here →



## Rotary District 1700 The Rotarian Minute Essentials

#26 – May 6, 2024

*1' to discover an aspect of Rotary*

### The conferences in the Clubs

The conferences organized by the Clubs are interesting in more ways than one:

- they are a cultural enrichment for each of our members
- they promote the loyalty of Members by giving an attractive character to statutory meetings
- they encourage inviting non-Rotarians to introduce them to Rotary with a view to possible recruitment

Their success requires prerequisites:

- the Club must appoint a Conference Manager
- the choice of themes is important
- the location chosen and the equipment made available to the Speaker must be appropriate

Finally, it is important to choose the Speakers carefully:

- among those who have already intervened in other Clubs
- or those proposed by Club Members
- without forgetting the conferences on Rotarian themes, generally given by District Managers as part of the training



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

**Next week at our home, another great meal and our MP Katie Nimon**



## APPENDIX TO GM BULLETIN FOR 8 MAY 2024

### MATTERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT & SCIENCE FROM GARTH

**From the: Combined Napier RC's Environment Group** (who met recently).

It was thought to be a good idea for Napier RC's to share their service projects with other Napier clubs. (Fund-raising projects are usually kept within the individual club). If your club has a service project you are willing to share, please let it be known to the other Napier RCs.

**Te Taha / The Gap** – is a project at The Gap, the Esplanade, Westshore overseen by Biodiversity Hawke's Bay. This long-term project aims to restore the area to the five indigenous plants originally found in that area. Biodiversity HB have sectioned off six areas A-F so different community groups may be assigned an area. Ahuriri Sunrise RC have taken on the responsibility of section F. Weeding sessions are on the first Saturday of the month from 9am. Propagated plants are planted once a year in winter. All Napier Rotarians are welcome to be involved with this project – if necessary, Rotary can also be assigned section E. This is a long-term project with enough weeding there to last us all a lifetime! Lynne Anderson (Ahuriri RC) has a 3-5min power point on The Gap and is very happy to show it to clubs. If interested, please contact Sunrise Club or Lynne (contact details below).

**New Partnership Empowers Clubs to Protect Waterways** Peter Edmead, Sunrise RC, shared this article from the Rotary Leader, March 2024. The article calls on clubs to restore, protect and monitor local waterways or wetlands. This could be an inter-club project – to find a water way or even an area of coast that all Napier RCs could 'adopt'. There are various 'drains' around Napier that could be contenders. Maybe something for your board to discuss? If interested or have ideas about this suggestion – please contact Peter at Sunrise or Lynne.

#### **Beach Cleans:**

**The Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society** has an estuary clean-up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1.30pm – meet at the Humber Street shelter. All welcome.

**Sustainable Coastlines and Hirepool** have organised a 'Big Beach Clean-up' on - Sunday 19 May - 9am meet at Waitangi RP carpark. Please register for this event:

<https://sustainablecoastlines.org/event/hawkes-bay-hirepool-big-clean-waitangi-regional-park/>

**"Save the Dotterels, Hawke's Bay"** – will be having a Beach Clean at the Westshore monitoring site before nesting begins in August – date tba – we would really appreciate help from Rotary – please watch this space! (If interested to be involved with this project, please contact Lynne)

Lynne Anderson (RC Ahuriri) [autumntrees8@gmail.com](mailto:autumntrees8@gmail.com) 027 241 8124

## HOUSE OF SCIENCE

This organisation has 20 branches throughout NZ and supports more than 700 schools.

Its vision is to enable every child in NZ to be scientifically literate.

**By:** providing teacher professional development and offering relevant, comprehensive resource kits with all the material need to carry out engaging science lessons.

**How:** each branch delivers kits to schools that have signed up to a subscription based library system. The schools 'order' what they want to use.

### What is needed in HB?

- **People are needed to sort the resource boxes before and after distribution to schools. A couple of hours once a fortnight in Taradale (every 2nd Thursday).**
- **Relief delivery drivers are needed in Taradale /Napier. Mileage is reimbursed. Deliveries are on school term odd week Mondays at 9am. Collections are even week Wednesdays after 1pm.**

Term 2 has started with a hiss and a roar with 34 kits in schools already and another CHB school signing up.

**Contact Megan Port:** [megan.port@houseofscience.nz](mailto:megan.port@houseofscience.nz)