



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



ON YER BIKE & NEW MEMBERS NIGHT!

The Welcome

Around 35 Members and one Guest were greeted by President Kelvin, who also made a special welcome to two transferring Members. They were Mike Owen, 20 years in Rotary, starting and finishing in Upper Hutt, with a sojourn in Milson,



Palmerston North. Mike has just finished as President at Upper Hutt. He joined Rotary after his Daughter went on a Rotary Exchange. (Welcome also to his Wife Penny.)



John Reid (JR) has transferred after 22 years with Taradale. John is also on the District Foundation Committee and involved with RFE. (Welcome to John's Wife Ruth.)



Welfare

Stuart reported that Robert is recovering well from his hip replacement (9th May).

Sergeant's Session

In a sudden and impromptu move, Sergeant Kelvin stood in for Neil Smith who could not attend due to Lin breaking a rib playing pickle ball. (Maybe we should not have had that pickle ball speaker! Ed.) It was a short sharp session, the theme of which was lost by your scribe due to the tears in his eyes and sympathy for Lin & Neil. The raffle was won by Ross.

Announcements

A fading memory (or a fading cap) caused *Les Mockford* to obtain a very good quote from HB Embroidery for a new cap, embroidered with the Rotary wheel and our Club name, at \$20.00 per item (later corrected to \$22). Volunteers could wear them on projects, and street collections. Your order to Les please.

Secretary Ken reported a phone call from Barry Keating indicating that he and Christine are loving life in a retirement complex in Auckland. Barry asked for his best wishes to be passed on to all Member's.

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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 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: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd 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

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Cyclist White briefed Members on his next cycling adventure. On the 5th June he flies to Perth where he will meet with the *Cycling Without Age Group* to compare notes. Then he starts his first leg of 721km from Adelaide to Norseman. (Seven hours 57 minutes driving or 721 km according to Mr Google). From there to Adelaide across the Nullabor Desert -2,800km approx., then possibly on to Melbourne – another 600km. (NB He seems to be going the wrong way here! Ed) Alan has had two new wheels built for the adventure. Accommodation will mainly in a tent at truck stops, and occasionally a motel. When asked if there is anything our Club can do to support him, he responded that this was a personal journey.



John Mackintosh & Ian Holyoake provided a brief synopsis of District Conference last weekend at Karapiro where eight members and three partners attended. A sort of *pictorial record* of this is reproduced below.

Pres. Kelvin advised that in two weeks (5th June) we will be hosting the ART-X SPONSORS. There will be a two course meal, cost \$30.00. Wine on the table will be sponsored by Elephant Hill – and also told of Our Club Changeover - 23rd July at Esk Valley

E-BIKE SOCIAL RIDERS HAWKES BAY

Our Speaker Charlie Davidson was introduced by Garth. Charley emigrated from Middleborough UK in 1973, to work in heavy engineering. In 1985 he became an Inspector of oil tanks – those large tanks you see near the Port. This involved spending a lot of time away from home.

Retirement brought new vision though and Charlie, with the support of his wife, started one of the first E-bike Groups in NZ, the *E-Bike Social Riders HB*. (You can refer to their Facebook page.) After a strong learning curve, he made the decision to split the Group into *Two Rides*, Tuesday for the stronger confident riders, and Thursday for beginners/less confident riders. These Members do about 15km each ride. Riders join each Group at different places aiming for one of 18 cafes they regularly use. Charlie also organises rides in other parts of NZ, and these have proved so popular, it is by invitation only.

In 2023 they organised 90 events, individuals who rode one or more rides totalled 139, and covering a combined 91,000km. Their group is now 50/50 women & men after initially being predominantly women. There is no costs to the riders. Les, as a fellow e-bike rider, thanked Charlie.



THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Edwin Brown)

Before he made his quote, Edwin explained his unusual appearance (wearing a cap). Too much exposure to sun over the years resulted in the recent removal cancer growths. And he said - encourage your Children and Grandchildren to wear hats when in the sun! (And buy a Rotary one for yourself! Ed)

Opening

"In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing to do, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do - is nothing." (Theodore Roosevelt)

Closing

"Life is like a camera, just focus on what's important, and capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don't work out, just take another shot."

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words & images came from the pen and lens of Brian Hall, with Ross Pinkham and the Editor chipping in with further photos



ROSTER OF DUTIES

| Date | May 29th | June 5th | June 12th |
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| Programme: Guest Speaker | TBC | Sponsors Night | Jenny Herring Rotary Fdn Endowment |
| Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant | Wal Drayton Fred Staples Graeme Ryan Peter Thompson - Bob Morrison | All members on duty Tonight - Judy McKelvie | Neil Smith Ross Pinkham Bruce Martin Gail Kelly - Bob Brady |
| Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i> | Brian Peplow Brian Hall | | Garth Eyles Bryan Matthews |

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 IMAGES



The Top Table tonight ↑
& their meal ↓



Garth introduces
the speaker →



Pres. Elect Chris at Conference ↑
receiving good advice from her
Aide/driver and a Rotary Partner.



ROTARY DISTRICT 9930 CONFERENCE 2024 AT KARAPIRO



CONFERENCE SYNOPSIS

A great MC in the form of PDG John Prendergast and World President's Rep Johnny Yu from Philippines. The general conference theme of "Sustainability" was emphasised by TV star Miriama Kamo & Professor Jacqueline Rowarth and they taught us about worm gardens, berm gardens, zero waste, buying local & bokashi bins! With a Rotary flavour we picked up on RYLA (begun in 1971) *Kids in Need*, Satellite Clubs, Usborne Dictionaries, and *Days for Girls* projects. Mahi Drysdale finished out the main speakers with details of his rowing career (right outside our windows) and his just announced bid (that morning) for the Tauranga Mayoralty.

Next year's conference was announced as a Joint one with District 9920 and on the 16 – 18 May 2025 at the *Energy Events Centre*, Queens Drive Rotorua.



Rotary
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The Rotarian
Minute
History

#15 – October 03, 2023

1' to discover an aspect of the history of Rotary

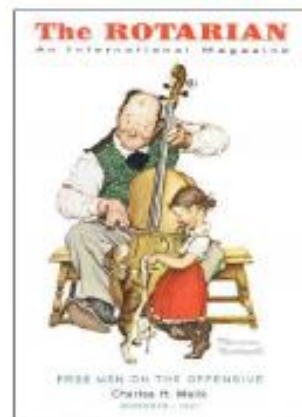
The history of The Rotarian magazine

The Rotarian magazine was founded in 1911 by Rotary International founder Paul P. Harris and Secretary Chesley R. Perry. The magazine was initially intended to share information with a growing number of Rotarians, but as the organization expanded globally, it became a platform to highlight Rotary's work and mission.

The magazine has covered a wide range of topics over the years, including business ethics, character development, membership growth, and the effects of war. It has also featured contributions from well-known critics, authors, artists, and photographers.

Today, more than half of Rotarians worldwide receive a regional magazine instead of The Rotarian. The Rotary World Magazine Press publishes more than 30 officially licensed Rotary regional magazines, which are produced independently by Rotarians and distributed in more than 130 countries in more than 20 languages.

The Rotarian magazine has played an important role in connecting Rotarians around the world and sharing the stories of their service projects and impact. It continues to be a valuable resource for Rotarians who want to learn more about the organization and its work.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to lamminute1700@gmail.com.

Next Week at our regular venue and – a surprise presentation!

