



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



CREATE HOPE
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GREENMEADOWS ROTARY HIGH SCHOOL PLATE DEBATE



Rotarians & guests fill the dining room at the Taradale Club ↑



←**The Napier
Girls High
School Team
(in formal
dress)
at their pre-
debate
planning and
tactical
meeting
(and getting
ready to eat)**

About 70 people gathered at the Taradale Club for this annual event (cancelled a few times in recent years though due to covid). The crowd included about 40 members and partners, plus the two debating teams and their supporting principals, teachers and some family members.



The Welcome

Following a lovely buffet meal the guests moved to the next door room set up ready for the big debate. **Youth Director Graeme Muir** welcomed the Debating Teams, Principals, Adjudicators and friends. He told us that the debate began back in 2015, that six had been held and that the score between Napier Boys High & Napier Girls High was exactly even at "Three All."

The appointed Debate Chair John Mackintosh introduced the Adjudicators and Timekeeper Gail Kelly. The Moot was given as:-

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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:

Changeover

Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P,
Lynne G & Steve G – Ongoing;

Website/Club Contacts

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“This house believes that participation in the Arts contributes to society’s wellbeing to a greater extent than participation in sports.”



First speaker for the Affirmative Team was Eliot who sought to define and describe art, stating it was greater than sport giving “Matariki” was an example of this “art experience,” and went on to tell us that our collection of Art Deco Buildings was confirmed in a Harvard Study in 2010 as supporting this.

First speaker for the Negative (incidentally

now dressed in sporting attire) Team Leader Taylor criticized this theory and told us that sport brings people together all over the world, not Art Deco buildings! She said that you can do sport for free, it sends people in the right direction and pointed out the many venues that existed for it.

Affirmative leader Ben challenged many points made and pointed out how sport can be “divisive,” that it puts pressure on players, and caused “mental health” issues. He said how half the people at any event were opposing the team with the ball. Sport causes racism and hostility, and Art contributes positivity he claimed.

Negative Second Speaker (& Head Prefect) Alice refuted the previous speaker’s claims and told us that sport presents “well-being.” She alluded to a Harvard study that pointed out physical activity supports the people playing *and* watching. She gave the example of the Olympics encouraging humanity (like in wartime). Sport saturates our daily lives and contributes to our well-being. Far more people are involved in sport than art.

Affirmative Final Speaker Oliver summed up their argument and opined that “Art is to challenge opinions and ideas.” He said sport costs lots of money (*Challenge – “What about the cost of paintings?”*) causes dementia, and then cited “*The Taylor Swift Effect!*” He concluded with the claim that FIFA was the most corrupt organisation on the planet, that sport causes anger & hate, and that “Art is better!”

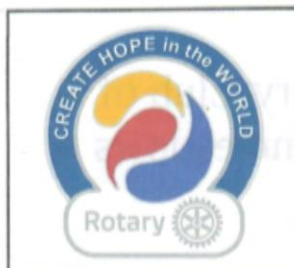
Negative Final Speaker Penelope presented a brilliant (*not just Ed’s view*) rebuttal of the challenges, telling us sport created teamwork, dedication and relationships. She quoted a Massey study (& other scientific reports) that refuted claims of sport damaging mental health and pointed out the greatness of the Olympics & various World Cup events. She sought to aid the adjudicators by adding points after each of her claims!

Team Leaders then summed up with Taylor detailing the Negative Team arguments and rebuttals, told us that some artists aren’t even ethical, and concluded with the fact that sport brings us all together!

Affirmative Leader Ben cited the “discrimination” of sport, the mental health problems caused by sport and the economics of it – e.g. the “Taylor Swift effect.” (*This was lost on the Editor.*) He finished with the claim that “The painting clearly shows that Napier Boys High are the winners!” The Adjudicators retired to consider the outcome.

The Chief Adjudicator Matthew Lawson returned and complimented the teams, then announced that the “Best Speaker” award would go to the third speaker for the Negative, Penelope (who received \$500) and said that she gave some very good “pointers” to all. He then announced that the Girls High Team were the winners and they were awarded the plate for this year plus \$500. The actual presentations were made by Pres. Kelvin who thanked the teams and as well, all those present.





Rotary Club of Greenmeadows



Club President - Kelvin Winnie

Youth Director – Graeme Muir

Chairman – John Mackintosh

Adjudication Panel – Matthew Lawson (chief), Doug Neilson, Amy Reid

Moot:

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AFFIRMATIVE:

Napier Boys’ High School

Eliot Webber - first

Ben Kingsford – second & leader

Oliver Stubbs - third

Coaches:

Luke Buxton

Craig Campbell

NEGATIVE:

Napier Girls’ High School

Taylor-Jade Fill – first & leader

Alice Baker – second

Penelope Fowler – third

Coach:

Bridget West



ROSTER OF DUTIES


Date	June 26th	July 3rd	July 10th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Murray Douglas Te Mata Figs	Firesides	Chris McIvor Ignite Youth Development
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Steve Gillum Jenny Robertson John Mackintosh Judy McKelvie Geoff Bibby Mike Owen	Les Mockford - - Bob Brady Frank Heuser Ross Pinkham	John Mackintosh Neil Smith Bryan Matthews Helen Tattersall - Brian Peplow
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Gill Scarlet Peter Thompson	Wal Drayton John Reid	Edwin Brown Fred Staples

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."*

ROTARY THEME FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE



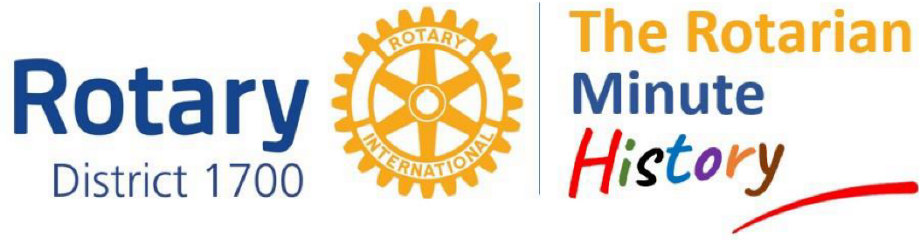


‘Jarmies for June’

LAST CHANCE
NEXT WEEK
BRING JARMIES OR
MONEY!

**Winter pajamas needed
for children 2 – 15
years and for women.
Or \$20 donation to
Jenny. Thank you.**





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1st to discover an aspect of Rotary history

Rotary limits the terms of its leaders

The Rotary limits the terms of its leaders to one year for several key reasons.

This policy encourages renewal and innovation by ensuring a regular rotation of leaders, bringing fresh ideas and perspectives.

It promotes leadership development, offering more members the opportunity to gain and exercise leadership skills, thus enhancing the overall leadership capacity of the club.

Limiting terms also ensures equity and inclusivity, preventing power and responsibilities from becoming concentrated in a few individuals' hands and allowing broader member participation.

Additionally, one-year terms foster accountability and dynamism, motivating leaders to work efficiently and focus on their goals within a limited timeframe.

This approach also helps prevent burnout, as leadership roles can be demanding, and shorter terms help maintain high levels of motivation and engagement.

These principles enable Rotary to remain a dynamic, inclusive, and innovative organization, capable of adapting to change and effectively serving its members and communities.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

***Next Week at the Taradale Town Hall and a “Town Clerk”
will tell us about figs – or something.***

