



MEADOWS MATTERS

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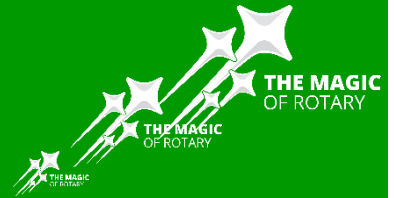
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“FIGGIN” IMPORTANT STUFF

The Welcome

President Kelvin welcomed 28 people and gave a special greeting to ADG Phil Crombie and guest speaker Murray Douglas.

Kelvin reminded members about the Changeover luncheon at Linden Estate on Sunday 21st July.

He also referred to our member Alan White riding his cycle solo across the Nullabor Plain in Western Australia at the moment.

Kelvin also thanked caterer Dave for another wonderful meal.



Welfare

Stuart told the members that Lyn Smith is making slow progress, and that Bob Morrison is in hospital with fluid on his lungs.

He also mentioned that Colin Clarke was in hospital, and not faring too well unfortunately.

Robert Pearson thanked all the members for their kind wishes and support after his recent sojourn with a hip replacement.

Budget (2024-2025)

Treasurer Elect Graeme Muir informed the members that the incoming 2024 – 2025 budget had been accepted by the incoming directors. It has been circulated and no queries have been received from members. They have budgeted on the basis of 45 members at 45 meetings with 75% attendance.



He also said that the bar prices will remain the same and that a new laptop will be purchased for the club for \$1,500. A deficit of \$489.00 is anticipated and we will end the year with \$34,000 and with no Artex but there will be a scaled down fund raiser pre-June 2025.

Rotary Foundation will receive 10% of our revenue at \$2,310 and ‘Youth’ will be our emphasis for 2024 – 2025.

Graeme concluded that the club funds are looking healthy and that the figures will be discussed at the next firesides and adopted at the AGM.

Bryan Matthews asked what was to be done with the \$34,000 and suggested it should be distributed to the community.

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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Bill Robinson
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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:

Changeover Linden Estate 21 July

Leave of Absence

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

Website/Club Contacts

Our Facebook site
<https://www.facebook.com/greenmeadowsrotary>

Our website
www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

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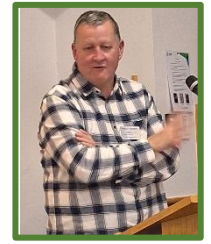
Secretary:
administrator@greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

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Announcements

President Kelvin acknowledged the good job done by our ADG Phil Crombie in his two years of office and Phil then spoke to members. He said he had always found the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows a very friendly place to come to, and then announced that Grant Spackman would be taking over the coordinating role in the new “Regionalisation trial.”

Also discussed was the local Rotarians who are to be hosting Swiss choir members from the World Choir Games and that 21 of the 25 places have been finalized but more hosts are needed. They will be here 25th – 26th July and they will perform a mini concert on 25th. They will be touring Hawke’s Bay on 26th and then off to Whakatane.

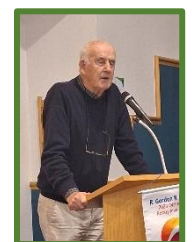


Kelvin reminded us of fireside meetings next week and that members will soon be informed of their committees (see final page below.)

He also told us of a new report from our Rotary Exchange student and a photo of her holding the flag for the New Zealand contingent. Among other things she has even met up with the Rotary World President.

Three Minute Speaker

Geoff Bibby reminisced on the “past” and related some of the strange nicknames that he and his classmates were known by in the school days. ‘Slug’ managed to get himself in both ends of the school photo and ‘Big A’ had to go to enormous lengths to receive his much beloved marmite and nut sandwich. Brian Peplow added that a boy at a CHB school was called ‘Dunny Brush’ due to his reasonably strange hairstyle.



Sergeant’s Session



Sergeant Ross Pinkham then pretty much fined anyone who happened to be breathing! He discussed the Rotary Pathways and their various landmarks. He then jumped to people born out of New Zealand, and then to Razor’s new All Black Team!! A merry mixture but he managed to extract a fair few dollars with his fruit salad of fines! Examples were Carol Charman, John Mackintosh and Ian Holyoake for having “Royal Honors”, and also those Past Presidents who could not recall who was the Rotary World President the year that they reigned as President of this club.

The Speaker

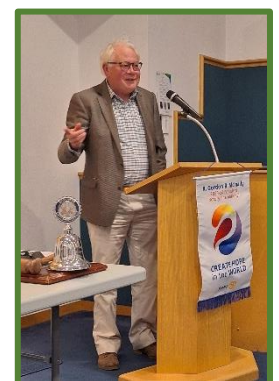
Ian Holyoake introduced Murray Douglas and recalled first knowing Murray 30 years ago when he was the Town Clerk in Dunedin (actually really the CEO for the city) a role he later took up in the city of Sydney. In recent years though he has been in “The Bay” with roles in the HB Chamber of Commerce and then “in politics” as a HB Regional Councillor. He concluded with the fact that Murray had been in some “figgin” important roles and would perhaps tell us now – “*whether the fig was a flower or a fruit?*”

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Murray began with a story about old mates Tom and Old George who went duck shooting together and discovered that one of the dogs could walk on water mainly because it couldn’t swim!

He then began his tale about figs – how they last 800 years and that there are 900 different cultivars. When he was setting out on this journey, he couldn’t find any research or any history in Hawke’s Bay about figs. He said that in a fig there are 150 flowers, that it is the branch – and that it isn’t actually a fruit.

New Zealand figs are not pollinated. There are 900 edible figs and 30,000 inedible figs worldwide. The Rubber Plant is a form of fig. He went on to tell us that 60 of the 900 edible figs need pollination, and that each of the 900 varieties has its own wasp. A fresh fig only lasts 5 days.



In the beginning of his “fig journey” the Farmer’s Market hierarchy was dubious about him selling figs – as they didn’t think Hawke’s Bay people would buy them. Murray now has 15,000 trees and has given up golf! When he made his first fig jam, he sent it off to the World Jam Awards and it came second. He makes fig molasses in a huge cauldron, and the Chinese thought a teaspoon a day would be good for their children; it turns out it is an aphrodisiac and so now the Chinese want it in larger bottles! Figs are very good dried as they are so high in sugar. He finished by saying, “there are lots of layers of ideas in the world of figs.” When asked “How do you multiply your trees?” He replied, “You take a foot off the top, cut it and put it in the ground.”

Asked about diseases, he stated that he never ever has to spray. He also said that the returns are similar to those of Kiwifruit Gold. His fig salamis go all around the world and New Yorkers especially love them.

Conclusion

John Mackintosh then thanked Murray for his humorous and entertaining speech.

Pres. Kelvin closed by thanking all the members for their support over his presidential year as this was his last meeting in the Rotary Year, but said we would still see him at the rostrum until PE Chris returned from overseas and formally takes office at our forthcoming Changeover later next month.

THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Steve Gillum)

Opening (Greek Hero Epictetus)

“No greater thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.”

Closing (George Washington)

“I am once more seated under my own vine and fig tree and hope to spend the remainder of my days in peaceful retirement, making political pursuits yield to the more rational amusement of cultivating the earth.”

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week came from the pen of the world travelling scribe Jenny, with images supplied by (also world traveller) PDG Ross Pinkham and as well from our archives.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	July 3rd	July 10th	July 17th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Chris McIvor Ignite Youth Development	Jenny Robertson African Safari
Host and Thoughts	Les Mockford	John Mackintosh	Mike Owen
Top Table introduce Speaker	-	Neil Smith	Bruce Martin
Vote of Thanks	-	Bryan Matthews	Denise Brown
Cashier	Bob Brady	Helen Tattersall	Judy McKelvie
Three Minute Speaker	Frank Heuser	-	-
Sergeant	Ross Pinkham	Brian Pelope	Steve Gillum
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Wal Drayton John Reid	Edwin Brown Fred Staples	Brian Hall Garth Eyles

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

Rotary Theme for the month of June



JUNE DESIGNATION IS

A photograph of four men in a room, one holding a folder. A large yellow gear with the text "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" is overlaid on the right side of the photo.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

Photo by Monika Lozinska © Rotary International. Design layout by Gilbert Thien.

"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."

Paul P Harris, 1935

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TAKE ACTION: rotaryfellowships@rotary.org

NB: A small presentation was planned to deal with Rotary Fellowships this month but the pressure of major activities, keynote speakers and technological problems meant this did not happen. We will reschedule this for July. Watch this space.



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The Brand Center

No other organization is quite like Rotary.

By using our voice consistently in all our messaging, we can ensure that our communications reflect our distinct character.

The Brand Center is one of the most important and useful components of the Rotary International's site for all Rotarians.

Indeed, it integrates numerous tools and recommendations relating to Rotary communication.

The home page <https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/> offers several choices within very dense content.

In particular, we find:

- many visuals
- the rules for applying the Rotary brand
- official Rotary logos and how to create your own Club or District logo
- templates for PowerPoint slides, backgrounds, various documents
- tips and templates for media advertising
- photos and videos made available to us

The great richness and consistency of the Brand Center, to be applied rigorously in our Clubs, make it possible to convey a strong and unified image of Rotary.



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, a brief meeting before departing to our Fireside meetings (new committees – see below)



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