



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



FIRESIDE MEETING NIGHT

The Welcome

Acting President Kelvin, standing in for President Chris, welcomed 30 Members on his first official meeting as *Past President*.

Kelvins opening words related to famous Birthdays and events e.g. Judith Durham from the Seekers (anyone old enough to remember her? – and how much has your hair style changed since then?) Kelvin also reminded us that it is American Independence Day 4th July. (I wonder if President Biden remembers this?)



Welfare

Lynne Smith is recovering well and Bob Morrison was discharged from hospital on Monday. Stuart and Heather delivered flowers Wednesday morning – Bob was quite “chipper”.

Announcements

Acting President Kelvin read a card from Napier Girls High Principal Dawn Ackroyd thanking the Club for the Plate Debate and funding received. “We will see you in 2025 to collect more money”.

Ian Holyoake was congratulated by Kelvin, for being first runner up in District 9930 for our Newsletter. Well done Ian – onwards and upwards for 2024-25!

Kelvin also asked members to consider at Firesides this evening how and if we can spend surplus funds held in our Club account. Also, how can we help Wairoa Club given the recent flooding devastation in the town.

Jarmies Jenny – PJ Collection for Women’s Refuge. Over \$1,000.00 worth of pyjama’s donated by our Club Members including 20+ pairs children’s pj’s, 10 ladies pj’s and 10 warm dressing gowns. Thanks to our members who donated p’s and cash for this cause.

Rotary Fellowships - Ian Holyoake spoke of the immensity of Rotary and of the more than 100 fellowship organisations that have been created around the world and covering members occupations or interests. He showed a brief one-minute video emphasising this and provides some links below if you want to know more.

Youth Choir from Switzerland got a further “promo” - full details on this event on 25 July are shown below.

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Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Nick Dangerfield
Dist. Gov. Elect Ken Smith
Area Management Grant Spackman

Acting President Kelvin Winnie
Secretary Ken Hunt
Treasurer Graeme Muir
Club.Admin & PE Carol Charman
Membership & PI John Mackintosh
Service Projects Denise Brown
Youth Gill Scarlett
Foundation Ross Pinkham
ArtEx

Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm

Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Changeover, Valley Devine 21 July

Leave of Absence

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

Website/Club Contacts

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<https://www.facebook.com/greenmeadowsrotary>

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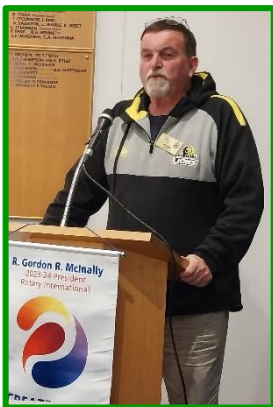
Three Minute Speaker



Past President Frank covered selected highlights of his career. With some time in hospitality after school, when he was 20, Frank left on his OE and landed up at the Grand Hotel Brighton. His role as Trainee Manager hobnobbing with the famous, including attending to Margaret Thatcher over two days at the Tory Conference. After a period, Frank went on to visit many countries in Europe, guided by his father's advice to always travel Euro-train first class – that way you had a “free” sleep and food. Transferring his skills from attending to people, Frank then spent six months attending to the Kings Forest Nursery in Germany. One task was to dig out trees and transplant them to private gardens. Arriving at one home, the hausfrau came out at 7.00am with a tray with schnapps and glasses – a local tradition. Frank also had his first experience with Indian curry there. It was an enlightening experience in more ways than one.

On his return to NZ, Frank commenced his wine industry career working at Vidals.

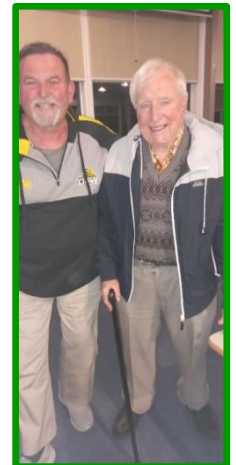
Sergeant's Session



Sergeant Mike Owen in his first Greenmeadows session started at the top – fining Past President Kelvin for impersonating President Chris who was on a bus heading to Vienna with Curly. Using info from Mr Google – most of which was well out of date, Mike fined Members on some Rotary statistics.

Mike also told us that he met with Father Frank at his “Make-up” in Upper Hutt on Monday. All good with Frank who asked to pass his best wishes to our Club. A photo of that “meet-up” here →

Raffle winner was Carol – a deserving winner.



Conclusion

Acting Past President Kelvin then added a reminiscence of a trip to Portugal 20+ years ago. Kelvin and Kathryn were in a VW Combi getting lost on their way to Porto. They stopped and asked a fellow mowing his lawn, for directions to “Porto”. With a language breakdown, the fellow took off inside and came back with a bottle of Port and glasses – much to their delight. They did eventually get to Porto.

Venues for the **Fireside Meetings** were then announced by the Directors and at 7pm we moved out to them.

Extra Announcement

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS; If you are referring people to the Club seeking funding, please get them to use our **Funding request form**. A copy of the form comes as a separate attachment to this Bulletin.

A RANDOM RHYME

A new Rotary Year and what will it bring
Both in the world and our in our club
I've got a feeling there will be songs to sing
But my voice is not good, now there's the rub
Not to taking part at all, would be rather tragic
So let's get together and make Rotary Magic



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	July 10th	July 17th	July 24th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Chris McIvor Ignite Youth Development	Charlotte Matthews Volunteering in a Turtle Sanctuary	TBC
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	John Mackintosh Neil Smith Bryan Matthews Jenny Robertson** - Brian Peploe	Mike Owen Bruce Martin Denise Brown Helen Tattersall - Steve Gillum	John Reid Gill Scarlet Peter Thompson Judy McKelvie - Grame Ryan
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Edwin Brown Fred Staples	Brian Hall Garth Eyles	Robert Pearson Frank Heuser

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."*

THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Les Mockford)

Opening

(Given that it is the start of our new Rotary year)
"You can get excited about the future. The past won't mind." Playwright and Author Hillary DePiano

Closing

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new." - Socrates

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week came from the pen of the Photo Journalist Brian Hall. (His lens did not work however, but the ever-present Editor snapped off a couple of images – just in case!)

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotary members who:

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

How do Rotary Fellowships operate?

- Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Membership is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- Fellowships must have an international scope, with active members in at least three countries.

What are the benefits of Rotary Fellowships?

- Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member

www.rotary.org/fellowships

Contact details & Web links to over 100 Rotary Fellowship here: [More Fellowships](#) | [Rotary International](#)



MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

New Rotary World President – and what makes this “chick” tick.

The 2024-25 Rotary World President Stephanie Urchick is an avid sports fan.

She is well-positioned to light the lamp, clear the bases, and split the uprights. Whatever the sports metaphor, she’s destined to keep Rotary in the winner’s circle. This year, Urchick is urging Rotary members to look at their clubs and find ways to make them “simply irresistible.” Peace will also be a significant focus of her presidency. She will lead a special presidential peace conference, Healing in a Divided World, in Istanbul, Türkiye, 20-22 February 2025.

[Read Rotary magazine’s profile of Urchick](#) and [learn more about the peace conference.](#)



And – how did she come up with the “magic” theme

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is *The Magic of Rotary* & called on members to recognize & amplify the organization’s power to save lives.

“Don’t misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words,” Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. “It’s up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member.”

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.



“One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, ‘Show me the magic again,’” she said. “Obviously, the water filter wasn’t magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life.”

Next Week at our home venue and hearing about Igniting Youth

(more below about things coming up)





Westshore / Bayview and Awatoto Areas

Interested to become a Volunteer for Banded Dotterels??



“Save the Dotterels, HB” Workshop - Sunday 11th August 1-4pm

Held at : The Bayview Bowling Club, 42 Onehunga Road, Bayview.

Banded Dotterels / Pohowera nest all along Napier’s coast from August to February – their threat status is At Risk / Declining.

We are looking for more volunteers to help protect these birds.

Volunteering involves working in pairs identifying and monitoring nests, counting birds, recording, talking with the public and if you like, helping out talking to schools and community groups.

If interested to help out this breeding season, please contact Glynis Cooper 022 650 8061 / glynisfaye60@gmail.com

You may also wish to attend just for interest to learn more about the birds. Please register attendance with Glynis.

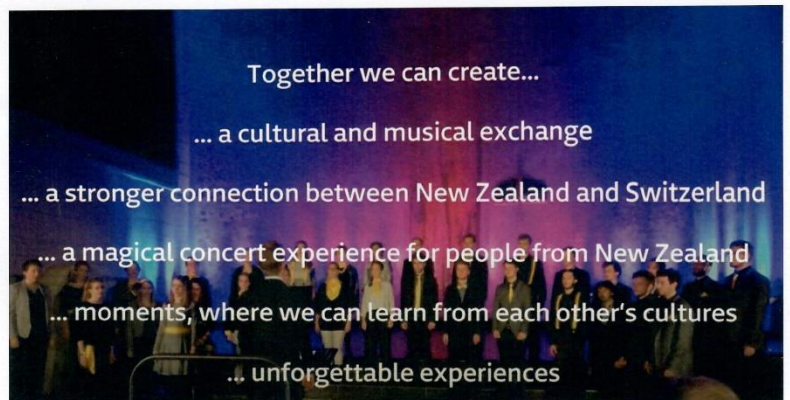
We look forward to seeing you there!

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DOTTEREL VISITS

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“**Consonus vokalensemble** is a young choir from Switzerland, conducted by Mauro Ursprung, with an unbridled passion for singing – together, harmoniously and at the highest level!”- World Choir Games

“breaking the boundaries of choral repertoire”, Argyle said. – RNZ

CHOIR SINGING

THIS MONTH →

NAPIER CONCERT

THURSDAY 25TH JULY 6PM START

TARADALE TOWN HALL

GLOUCESTER STREET

TARADALE

TICKETS \$34 which includes buffet meal (no door sales)

Tickets available from:

picrombie@xtra.co.nz 027 487 7293

Payment to: Rotary Club of Ahuriri Sunrise Charitable Trust account

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