

MEADOWS MATTERS

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



IGNITE THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Welcome

Acting President Kelvin, again standing in for President Chris (sunning herself in Europe) welcomed about 30 people who included our guest speaker Chris McIvor and Matt Single who had read of our speaker on Face Book and came to hear him.



This week Kelvin shared some *phobias* - some known and some a bit more challenging, from arachnophobia (spiders) through to hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia (fear of long words!). A couple that found members a bit stumped were barophobia (fear of gravity) and chrematophobia (fear of money).

Welfare

Lynne Smith continues to improve and it was great to have Bob Morrison back at meetings. Bob thanked Stuart and Heather for all the work that they do looking after the welfare of members and their families. He reiterated how Stuart and Heather always go above and beyond with flowers, kind thoughts and visits on behalf of the club, which were always much appreciated.

Announcements

Denise Brown spoke about the parking for Grey Power and that it is now all under control.

"Cap Man" Les Mockford presented Peter Brown with one of the new club baseball caps as a thanks you for the hard work Peter does behind the bar every Wednesday.



Acting President Kelvin reminded members that our Changeover luncheon is on Sunday 21st July at Valley D'Vine, Eskdale, meeting at 12.30pm for drinks and meal at 1pm. The costs are \$50 per person which includes a main, dessert and tea or coffee. Kelvin also read out an update from Alan White, who has successfully crossed the Nullarbor Desert and is now concentrating on reaching Adelaide, some 160km from his then current position.

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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;

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Finally, Kelvin passed on the thanks to the club on behalf of fellow (Sunrise) Rotarian, Clare Connor, whose father recently passed away. She thanked the club for the flowers and appreciated the well wishes from Club members who had known her father.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Brian Peploe relieved members of their hard-earned cash by asking those who have birthdays in July to pay and then got everyone else who has a birthday during the rest of the year and had a mini quiz asking members to guess how many members had been ArtEx directors. The correct answer was 14.

The Speaker

Neil Smith introduced our evening's speaker, Chris McIvor and informed members that Chris played semi-professional football for Napier City Rovers, is married to Jess and has two daughters.

Chris delivered a very interesting presentation about his company *Ignite Youth Development*. He discussed the challenges that modern young people have and how the programme can help them to overcome them. Some of these challenges include social media, dis-



engagement at school, not being able to hold down jobs, not having family support, gangs, drugs, to name a few.



He opened with an inspirational video of the latest cohort of young people who had attended the most recent eight-week programme that his company runs. The programme is aimed at young adults aged 15-24 who are not in full time education, employment or training (NEETS). This is approximately 12.1% of the eligible age group in Hawkes Bay. There is a strong emphasis on soft skills such as speaking to other people, cooking, sport, and learning how to form good habits and routines. The eight-week programme is followed up with six months of pastoral care. Chris has a background in sports management and coaching and he has used these skills to develop the programme which is sponsored by the Ministry of Social

Development and private corporate sponsorship. Eleven programmes have been run since its inception in 2021. Some 117 young adults have completed the programme, with an 85% success rate for employment or education placements and 99 individuals gaining an employment placement.

Chris empathises with many of the young people he helps, feeling that growing up he didn't reach his full potential. He took the concept of sport and the discipline involved and set up his organisation. The progamme uses a RESET approach, teaching habits and routines, helping students to become better versions of themselves and cutting down the "off the rails" time, e.g. time spent on phones in bedrooms.

Chris explained that there are 12 different programmes in Hawkes Bay but not all have the follow up pastoral care that Ignite offers. It is the lengthiest pre-employment programme offered in HB. The vision of Ignite is to be Hawkes Bay's leading youth development service, something it seems they are well on their way to becoming.

Bryan Matthews presented a bottle of wine to Chris as thanks for giving up his time to come and give his very informative presentation to the club.

THOUGHT\$ FOR THI\$ WEEK (John Mackintosh)

Opening

"In the heart of every young person lies the potential for greatness" (Anon)

Closing

"No-one should receive the attention of our government more than our youth. They are our future." (Adapted from Nelson Mandela)

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week came from the health inspired pen of Helen and with some images imposed from the lens of the ever-present Editor

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	July 17th	July 24th	July 31st
Programme: Guest Speaker	Charlotte Matthews Volunteering in a Turtle Sanctury	James Simmonds Webfox Co. Al as a business tool	Scott McKenna Marathons
Host and Thoughts	Mike Owen	John Reid	Ross Pinkham
Top Table introduce Speaker	Bruce Martin	Gill Scarlet	Edwin Brown
Vote of Thanks	Denise Brown	Peter Thompson	Geoff Bibby
Cashier	Helen Tattersall	Judy McKelvie	Fred Staples
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	-
Sergeant	Steve Gillum	Grame Ryan	Graeme Muir
Stewards	Brian Hall	Robert Pearson	Bob Brady
One per table and the	Garth Eyles	Frank Heuser	Les Mockford
named Members to clean up			

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."

A RANDOM RHYME

The second week now and Firesides are done
This week together again to have some fun
Past President Kelvin still guiding the team
PE Chris still away and yet to be seen
But you can guarantee she is getting things ready
As she cruises through Europe on a river so steady



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MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS A BIT MORE ON IGNITE



An ignition story from Steve Gillum

Immediately after Cyclone Gabrielle we were given a 2003 Holden V6 Executive by Dan Waldon, our young ANZ Bank Manager. The car, which we named 'Norm' after his Dad, was surplus to their family needs.

'Norm' has served us well for almost 18 months and we had been looking for an opportunity to pass the Waldon family's generosity on as 'Norm' was now surplus to the Gillum family's needs.

On Wednesday night when our speaker, Chris McIvor of Ignite Youth Employment Services, mentioned that they were looking for a replacement car for their driver training I knew Greenmeadows Rotary could help.

Chris McIvor of Ignite Youth Employment Services is now the happy owner of 'Norm' & we've agreed that he'll sell the car to raise funds towards the purchase of a suitable vehicle.

Our speaker Chris has thanked Steve and Greenmeadows Rotary. He says that his staff will use "Norm" for picking up youth for the programme in the foreseeable future, and then when further funds are put together for a new vehicle, it will have Greenmeadows Rotary "branding" on it.



Don't forget

- ➤ The Choir from Switzerland singing at the Taradale Town Hall on 25 July. (They were on TV this week did you see them?)
- > The banded dotterels workshop at the Bay View Bowling Club on 11 August

Full details in last week's bulletin.



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

The consequences of COVID 19 on Rotary

Rotary has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic.

Club meetings transitioned to virtual formats using platforms like Zoom, and many in-person events were canceled or transformed into online events.

Humanitarian projects needed to be modified to accommodate new health limitations.

New projects were implemented to specifically respond to the pandemic, such as distributing medical supplies, raising awareness about preventive measures, and providing economic support to affected communities.

The pandemic had an impact on fundraising efforts, leading to decreased participation in traditional events.

Maintaining member engagement was a challenge, particularly for those who are not comfortable with digital technologies.

Rotary strengthened its communication efforts, utilizing social media, electronic newsletters, and other digital methods to stay in touch with members and the public.

Rotary quickly adjusted to the new realities caused by the pandemic, while also opening up new opportunities for innovation and engagement.



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

Next week at our home venue and something about turtles!