



# 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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### Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor Nick Dangerfield  
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Club.Admin & PE Carol Charman  
Membership & PI John Mackintosh  
Service Projects Denise Brown  
Youth Gill Scarlett  
Foundation Ross Pinkham  
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### Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall  
Wednesday 6.00pm  
Fellowship 5.30pm

Firesides: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
Directors: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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### THOUGHTS FOR THIS 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
<b>Programme: Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Charlotte Matthews Volunteering in a Turtle Sanctuary</b>	<b>James Simmonds Webfox Co. AI as a business tool</b>	<b>Scott McKenna Marathons</b>
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
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Brian Hall Garth Eyles	Robert Pearson Frank Heuser	Bob Brady Les Mockford

#### 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



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Register today at [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org)



## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS A BIT MORE ON IGNITE



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### 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 Mclvor 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 Mclvor 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<sup>st</sup> to discover an aspect of Rotary history*

## **The consequences of COVID 19 on Rotary**

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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.

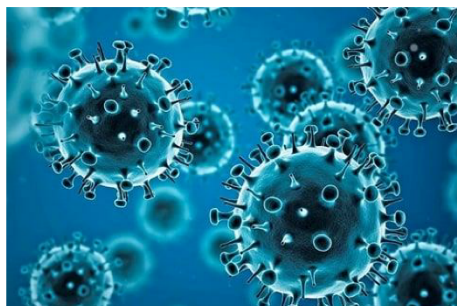
New projects were implemented to specifically respond to the pandemic, such as distributing medical supplies, raising awareness about preventive measures, and providing economic support to affected communities.

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](mailto:laminute1700@gmail.com)

***Next week at our home venue and something about turtles!***

