



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



## LEARN TO RUN – HAVE SOME FUN

**P**resident **Christine** welcomed a total of 37 people who included the speaker (her son from UK) and his wife, plus Donna Thompson, Clive & June Adams, and Wairoa Rotarian Peter Manson.



Then, from the *Miscellaneous Facts Department*, she informed us of two important matters, about football and the American greenback! Did you know each note has the words “*In God we trust*” – introduced by President Eisenhower after WW II. Then she reminded us we are in week 31 of 2024 and today marks 231 days of the year.

## Welfare

**Stuart Cheyne** reported that Hugh Robertson still undergoing tests (thoughts with you Hugh); Bob M. he must be OK as he has out a party before attending Rotary tonight; Brian P back tonight; Don McKenzie struggles in the cold, so is staying home over the winter. From down south, Father Frank is in hospital after a fall, breaking ribs, plus a report is that he has the flu /and / or Covid.

## Announcements

**Past President Kelvin** congratulated Alan White on his momentous Nullabor cycle ride, covering 2,538km of mainly desert. Although Alan had stated it was not a fund-raising ride, some Club Members have “secretly” chipped in at 1c per km, raising \$525.00 (plus more to come), for a Rotary Charity of Alans choosing. [It is not too late to contribute. See separate email direct from Kelvin (No cash as the scribe found out!)]

**Garth** introduced **Peter Manson** from Wairoa Rotary. Peter is a former workmate of Garth’s and unlike most of us still works for a living. When time allows, Peter will transfer to our Club. On behalf of Wairoa President Fenton, their Club thanks us for our \$5,000.00 donation towards assistance with recovery from the flooding. After considering several options, and discussion with a local School Principal, it is likely our funds will assist with a trip away for four schools. This was determined as the most beneficial idea after an earlier provided day trip to Gisborne in February, and which the children still frequently talk about.



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## Officer Holders 2023-24

District Governor	Nick Dangerfield
Dist. Gov. Elect	Ken Smith
Community Leader	Grant Spackman
President	Christine McKenna
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	TBA

## 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:

## Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P ongoing  
Steve Gillum to 21/08  
Bruce Martin to 21/08  
Edwin Brown to 4/09  
Robert Pearson to 17/09

## Website/Club Contacts

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

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Apologies:  
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## Sergeant's Session

**Sergeant Muir** (in an amazing educational presentation) fined us all while at the same time giving us a lesson on how to read the Club Invoices and statements! Using a mixture of overheads, he not only educated us then, but collected fines for our "various infringement's" and misunderstandings! In another surprising Raffle draw, the winner was Jenny who received a meat voucher that she does not have time to redeem (*but will maybe give to Women's Refuge. Ed*)

## Middle-aged Marathon Runner

**Scott McKenna** was introduced by Brian Peplow. Given the topic "Middle-age Marathon Runner," some wag piped up: "How old would you describe his mother?" (our esteemed President)

Scott is a School Principal in a challenged area. His school has no grass. He has been teaching in England for many years.

Following Covid arriving in the UK, and with the ill health of his Father Larry, Scott made a beeline home and described the normally very busy Heathrow Airport as a ghost town. His Children quickly adapted to grass, and damming creeks, feeding pet sheep and other country life style – something completely foreign to them!

Deciding life for his Children would be better in New Zealand, he applied for three teaching positions locally, but missed out.

**S**o back in London, with the encouragement of a friend, Scott took up running. His daily commute of over one and a half hours by train to school, Scott decided to get off a few stations early and run home – in the dark in winter! Starting with a run of 5.67km he built up to his first half marathon (23km in 1 hour 1 minute) raising funds for school books at the same time. Scott used his runs as his mental escape – his "my time." Leading up to his first part marathon (when he did 29.36km in 2 hour 39 minutes) he would run each Saturday morning. Afternoons and Sundays were Family and chore time.

**S**cott's wife is from Slovenia, so visits there provide alternative "tourist" running opportunities. His first marathon was from Nice to Cannes where he was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kiwi finisher - out of 3! 4 hours 8 minutes for 26.2 miles or 42km. His Family was there to support him. Next marathon was Edinburgh, in cold wet summer conditions (14 degrees), he finished in 3 hours 42minutes.

Subject to his wife's approval, he hopes to run the Valencia marathon next. His future tourism trips may feature exploring by running.

**Geoff Bibby** thanked Scott for his "inspiring" talk and provided hm with something to assist with his running rehydration capability.



## THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Ross Pinkham & appropriately run)

### Opening

"The halfway point marks the end of the beginning."

### Closing

"The person who starts a race is not the same person who finishes the race."

## WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week again from the experienced pen of Brian Hall, who also tossed in some images, as did Ross Pinkham and the Editor.

## TOP TABLE THIS EVENING



## MEAL - Cottage Pie



(NB Two members present said this *named meal* was regularly served at the Trentham Police Training School more than 50 years ago. It did not look this good then though!)



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	August 7th	August 14th	August 21st
<b>Programme: Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Firesides</b>	<b>Andrew Watt Tasmania cycle tour</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Garth Eyles - - Curly Carpenter John Reid Jenny Robertson	Brian Hall Mike Owen Brian Peplow Mark Dickerson - Helen Tattersall	Neil Smith Brian Anstis Frank Heuser Graeme Ryan - Bob Brady
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Bryan Matthews Robert Pearson	Lynne Gibson Gail Kelly	Judy McKelvie Peter Thompson

### 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

### A RANDOM RHYME

Down to normal business now, and to create some fun  
The President brought her son along, to teach us to run  
Brought out from England, along with his wife  
His speech on running, you could cut with a knife  
Should we try to run - what would it be like  
Perhaps best to be, with Alan White on a bike

(Kindly Contributed by *Pat the Poet*)

### RANDOM IMAGES FROM OUR GREENMEADOWS EVENING



# Special Message from our Environmental Officer Garth



## Westshore / Bayview and Awatoto Areas

### Interested to become a Volunteer for Banded Dotterels??



### "Save the Dotterels, HB" Workshop - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:glynisfaye60@gmail.com)

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

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# Some Rotary Education



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*1' to discover an aspect of Rotary*

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The organization's core focus areas include promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, supporting education, and growing local economies.

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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 back at home, a short meeting & then to Firesides**

