



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FIRESIDES

President **Christine** welcomed 36 Members and with no visitors this week. She told us that we are in week 32 of 2024, and that the day marked 220 days of the year. (*And the scribe notes even better stats: Only 2 weeks until the official end of winter and 140 days until Christmas!*)



Welfare

Stuart Cheyne reported that Hughs' medication appears to be helping him, feeling better. Bob M and Brian P – good to see them both back with us at the meeting and Neil Smith is soon heading in for a new hip. Father Frank remains in hospital after a fall, breaking ribs, plus a report is that he has the flu and/or Covid. His body may be struggling, but his mind is said to be as bright as ever.

Announcements

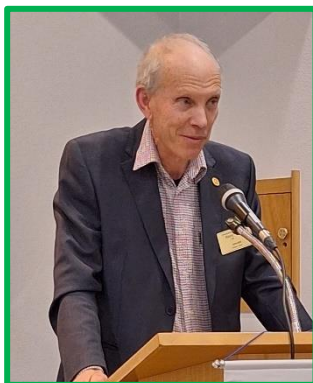
President Christine thanked Jenny Robertson (in her absence) for the brightness she brought to Greenmeadows Rotary, and her huge contribution in so many ways to the success of the Club. **Jenny, you will be missed.**

And the scribe adds: Jenny and Hugh – our best wishes for your health and wellbeing and new adventures in Tauranga.

Google Maps shows your new (and we hope temporary) abode will make a wonderful stopover for Club Member's visiting Tauranga - Member's take note!

Three Minute Speaker

John Reid a newish and recently transferred member gave us an outline of his life and background. He came to Napier in 1982 as a graduate in *Valuation & Property Management* from Lincoln University. (Later Mastered in Property Studies.) First working for the Valuation Department, he then worked in his own company (& others) and has continued in this field with many amazing jobs, not the least of which was being involved in the Cyclone Gabrielle aftermath! He also outlined his Rotary career which currently has him as District



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Officer Holders 2024-25

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: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Watch this space

Leave of Absence

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

Website/Club Contacts

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Foundation Committee Chair. (His Bio was so good Scribe obtained a full copy and it is forwarded as a separate attachment.)

Sergeant's Session

In the absence of the *rostered member*, **Acting Sergeant Ian** was hastily called in. (Preparing his notes during the Three-minute talk above he vaguely recalled having done the exact same thing at the request of the **absent member** - during the Tokyo Olympics three years ago!) And so went to Paris & picked his teams: His NGHS K4 Paddlers included Denise, Chris, Helen and Judy, sprinters were Bob M, Les M & Skooter Skeeter. Ross had a diving team (Carol, Gail and Gill) with him in the pool, while Peploe & Bibby did the pole vault. There were more teams (but their names disappeared) and then those not named already were called up for Alan White's Nullarbor Velodrome team and not unsurprisingly – everyone poled, paddled, peddled and paid! Finishing up in a “record time” the Sergeant was about to stagger from the finishing line when reminded to do the Raffle Draw. Jokingly calling out his own number (88) he then reached into the tin and pulled out that very number! He was immediately disqualified and a new number drawn by an “independent judge” and a true winner was awarded the gold medal (or voucher).



THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Garth Eyles - on sport)

Opening

Isn't it great to have two weeks of positivity on the screen. Watching elite sportspersons from different countries support each other even when loosing, and to be so enthusiastic, is really stimulating and gives us confidence that the next generation will succeed. May the games go on for ever! (Of special note, these words were composed by Garth, not Mr Google!)

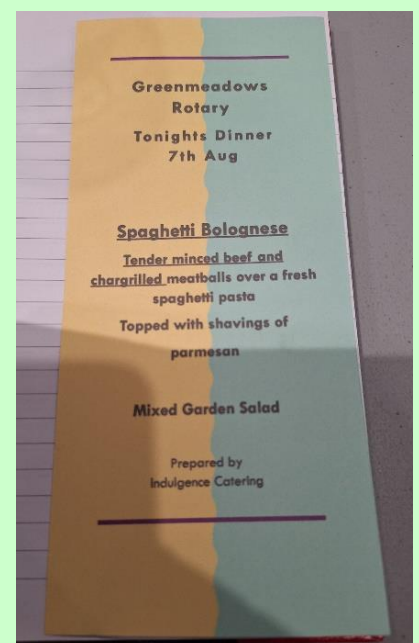
Closing

The most important lesson we can learn from the Olympic Games is not the winning, but the taking part that's important. The essential thing in life is not conquering but making a positive contribution to our family, our community and our nation.

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.

MEAL – Spaghetti Bolognese



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	August 14th	August 21st	August 28th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Ken Hunt Chatham Islands	Kimberly Moody Pan Pac Recovery	Andrew Watt Tasmanian Cycling
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Brian Hall Mike Owen Brian Peplow Mark Dickerson - Helen Tattersall	Kelvin Winnie Brian Anstis Frank Heuser Graeme Ryan - Bob Brady	Gail Kelly Les Mockford Ross Pinkham Geoff Bibby - Garth Eyles
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Mark Dickerson * Gail Kelly	Judy McKelvie Peter Thompson	Edwin Brown John Reid

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

One month of the year gone, we are well under way
Fireside meetings again and so much to say
Plans are being formulated, and projects begun
Whatever does happen, will really be fun
Let's make the weather change so it will be spring
Can Rotary do that, now that's a great thing

(Kindly Contributed by *Pat the Poet*)

SPRING KOWHAI AT DOLBEL



HEARING IMPAIRED

Three Rotarians, all a little hard of hearing,
were standing by the bowling green.

One remarked to the other
"Windy, isn't it?"

"No" the second man replied, "its Thursday".

The third man nodded in agreement:
"So am I. Let's have a cup of tea"





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1' to discover Rotary news

Sangkoo Yun selected as President 2026/2027

Sangkoo Yun, from the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, has been selected as the Rotary International President for 2026-27.

His nomination will be confirmed on 15 September if unchallenged.

Yun holds degrees from Syracuse University and an honorary doctorate from The University of Edinburgh.

He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp. and President of Youngan Corp., with significant involvement in civic organizations and cultural heritage preservation.

A Rotary member since 1987, Yun has held numerous roles including director, trustee, and RI learning facilitator.

He co-chaired the Keep Mongolia Green Project for eight years and served on several RI committees.

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and honors from Queen Elizabeth II and the presidents of Mongolia and Korea.

He is a Republic of Korea Army veteran and an elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his wife, Eunsun, are major Rotary donors and have two children.

Learn more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/sangkoo-yun-is-selected-to-be-2026-27-rotary-international-president>



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Next week back at home – or maybe the Chathams!

