



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



## AN ACTING PRESIDENT AND A MAN ON BIRDS

**P**resident Elect *Caroll*, covering for President Chris who is sunning herself in South Island, welcomed 36 members and one visitor (Claire Macintosh)



### Welfare

**Stuart Cheyne** reported that Hugh Robertson up in Tauranga, is still not 100%. Jenny sends her kind regards for all the *well wishes* for Hugh. Neil Smith is joining the *hip-op crew* and about to have a new hip.

### Announcements

Stuart carried on to remind members of the upcoming ***Guess Who's Coming to Dinner***. It is scheduled for Saturday 7th September. A clipboard for names will be sent round next week. Stuart also apologised for the fact that the meal clashes with the rugby.

**Denise Brown** reminded members about helping with the parking for Grey Power at St Columba's church next Tuesday at 12.30pm, if any members are available to help, please let Denise know.

We were advised that \$825 has been raised as sponsorship for Alan's epic Australian cycle ride. Half will be donated to the Rotary Foundation and half to Cycling without Age, Alan's charity of choice.

**Regionalisation Project** VP Carol gave feedback about a Zone 8 (Rotary Pacific) Regionalisation *project community meeting* that she, Ken and John Mackintosh attended last week.

Carol shared that it was very interesting. It helped to provide an insight into the project and pilot programme. It is a different way of looking at things. There has been a 20% decrease in membership in Zone 8 and a decrease in the energy of remaining members.

The DG role will remain the same but a major difference is that he or she will only visit a club if invited. This model will use less money to run and the aim is to make Rotary more affordable and to pass on

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District Governor Nick Dangerfield  
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Community Leader Grant Spackman

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Treasurer Graeme Muir  
PE & Club Admin 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:

**"Guess who's coming to dinner" on 7 September.**

### 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

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

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those savings to members at grass roots level. There will no longer be an Assistant Governor but rather a community leader for each local area instead. Ours will be PDG Grant Spackman. Grant will look after all the clubs between Gisborne and Waipukurau.

There will be Rotary Specialists with resources available to assist the whole of Zone 8. This could be for fund raising ideas, for example. More than 100 of these will be available for New Zealand and Australia.

The hope is to encourage clubs to get together and help each other with projects. Our group is focusing on 3 key areas, the environment and sustainability, youth development and community development. By working together, we can achieve more, extend our reach and increase our impact.

There will be another meeting in 3-4 weeks' time. It is hoped that a plan will be produced to co-ordinate goals. A good example of what can be achieved by clubs working together, is the Rotary Pathways Project which has been highly successful in Hawkes Bay.

### Sergeant's Session

Scribe Helen put down her pen and took up her role as Sergeant where she relieved members of their hard-earned cash by celebrating **National Tattoo Removal Day** and musing what tattoos club members might have that they would want removing.

### Speaker – Club Member Ken Hunt

**K**elvin Winnie introduced our evening's speaker, Ken Hunt - not that Ken needed much of an introduction! Kelvin did share an interesting tidbit though. Approximately 60 years ago, Ken met a certain young lady on a bus. They went their separate ways however they later reconnected through Rotary at Greenmeadows. Yes - our very own VP Carol Charman!

Ken gave an extremely interesting presentation about **"The Million Dollar Egg"** a five-year project he was involved with between 2013 and 2018. He shared that back in the mists of time, the inland ranges of Hawkes Bay were home to hundreds and hundreds of burrowing sea birds, which were very important for the development of the plains and a vital food source for the local Māori population. European settlement brought about habitat changes for the birds which now all breed on off shore islands around New Zealand which are predator free.

### THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Brian Hall)

#### Opening

*"The future of life on earth depends on our ability to take action"* (David Attenborough)

#### Closing

*"Everyone likes birds, what wild creature is more accessible to our eyes and ears, as close to us and everyone in the world, as universal as a bird"*  
(Again - David Attenborough)

### WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week were created with the healthy pen of Helen Tattersall and images were provided by Brian Hall.

#### Miscellaneous Pic



Speakers slide



Our visitor Claire



Ken then went on to describe the Poutiri Ao ō Tāne, a multi-agency habitat programme with \$1 million invested with an avian focus. The aim was to re-locate threatened bird species back to the mainland into a carefully located predator free sanctuary behind Tūtira, to establish a self-sustaining population as part of the ecological restoration of the site and the surrounding Maungaharuru Ranges.



The birds selected were Cook’s petrel and Mottled petrel from Whenua Hou, from a small island of 14,000ha off Stewart Island and in a trial, they were taken to Hauraki Gulf. The project was not without its challenges, not the least of which was getting agreement with host Iwi for Whenua Hou, then HB Iwi & DoC, and also without annoying the endangered resident Kakapo who bred in the new area and feed on Rimu seeds. Ken worked out a plan and the trial went ahead with chicks being flown about NZ. It did not go as well as hoped with only 53 chicks surviving. In the next trial some 250 chicks were brought to a new specially created area in HB. It worked – with Ken buying all the sardines available in the Napier supermarkets to feed the chicks!

In total 368 mottle petrel chicks have been transferred to Hawkes Bay over the five-year period and 99% of these chicks are believed to have successfully fledged. Returning adults have been detected at the site and 2nd generation birds are now breeding there. Finally, the plan worked. *(This is a brief summary of Ken’s address, more detailed notes will accompany the bulletin as a separate attachment. Ed.)*

Brian Peploe gave the vote of thanks and presented a bottle of wine to Ken as thanks for giving his very informative presentation to the club.

## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	August 21st	August 28th	September 4th
<b>Programme: Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Kimberley Moody, Communications Manager of Pan Pac</b>	<b>Andrew Watt Tasmania cycle tour</b>	<b>Firesides</b>
Host and Thoughts	Kelvin Winnie	Gail Kelly	Wal Drayton
Top Table introduce Speaker	Brian Anstis	Les Mockford	-
Vote of Thanks	Frank Heuser	Ross Pinkham	-
Cashier	Graeme Ryan	Geoff Bibby	Judy McKelvie
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	Mike Owen
Sergeant	Bob Brady	Garth Eyles	Bryan Matthews
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Judy McKelvie Peter Thompson	Edwin Brown John Reid	Fred Staples Curly Carpenter

### 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



### Membership Month – Have you ever proposed someone?

A RANDOM RHYME

August in Rotary is Membership Month  
Have you brought someone along – even just once  
Recall when you came to your very first meeting  
They probably sang songs, as part of the greeting  
You've forgotten the DG or Club President at that time  
But never the Proposer who put you in the line

(Kindly Contributed by *Pat the Poet*)

### NEIGHBOURING CLUB OF AHURIRI SUNRISE JUST CELEBRATED THEIR 25<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY



PDGs Ian & Ross attended their party last Wednesday. These pictures show their presidents being recycled and their birthday cake.



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*1' to discover an aspect of Rotary*

## **The Brand Center**

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No other organization is quite like Rotary.

By using our voice consistently in all our messaging, we can ensure that our communications reflect our distinct character.

The Brand Center is one of the most important and useful components of the Rotary International's site for all Rotarians.

Indeed, it integrates numerous tools and recommendations relating to Rotary communication.

The home page <https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/> offers several choices within very dense content.

In particular, we find:

- many visuals
- the rules for applying the Rotary brand
- official Rotary logos and how to create your own Club or District logo
- templates for PowerPoint slides, backgrounds, various documents
- tips and templates for media advertising
- photos and videos made available to us

The great richness and consistency of the Brand Center, to be applied rigorously in our Clubs, make it possible to convey a strong and unified image of Rotary.



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 home and learning about Pan Pac***

