



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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MINI SPEAKERS & FIRESIDE MEETINGS

President Christine, welcomed 33 Members and there were no visitors this week. She was only able to do this welcome after imbibing a whiskey and hot water to drown her flu bugs.



Welfare



Stuart Cheyne reported that Neil Smith was progressing well; that Hugh Robertson was struggling; and that Father Frank has had a setback. Craig Skeet (son of our Stew) has had a stroke.

Announcements

Gardening Garth circulated a list asking for the day(s) of the week you could **volunteer at "The Gap"** - that is, the day(s) that you would normally be sitting at home twiddling your thumbs. If you were not at the meeting, contact Garth to give him an indication what day you would prefer to work/drink coffee and swap stories.

Garth told us that 10 Club members volunteered at last weekend's successful beach cleanup and that our club had the most Members participating. *Well done those involved.*

Garth also mentioned an advertisement in the *Hawkes Bay Today*, NCC advertised an upcoming community recycling programme. Details sparse, but it may be an opportunity for the Club to be involved in a Community Service project.

Garth concluded with the mention of an "proposed" **Dolbel weeding 9.00am next Monday**, followed by a debrief at a local coffee shop. **(NB Now postponed a week due to Gardening @ The Gap on Monday instead)**

Catering Curly advised that 43 Members were participating in the **Guess who is coming for dinner**, and that, if for any reason you will be delayed arriving at your Hosts, please ring them to give an arrival time. BYO drinks. You will be phoned Saturday afternoon advising where you will be dining.

There was mention of **Napier City to soon be celebrating its 150th Anniversary**. Can you suggest a suitable Guest Speaker to tell us what is happening. Also - any other ideas on how we can mark the occasion and perhaps be involved and raise some money?

Les Mockford distributed a list for **Multiple Sclerosis Appeal** coming up on Friday 14th September. Contact him to add your name.

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
PE & Club Admin 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:

"Guess who's coming to dinner" on 7th September. Our Christmas Function @ Linden Estate 15th Dec.

Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P & Jenny R - ongoing
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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www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

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Apologies:
GR.apologies@gmail.com (**before 2pm Tue**)

Three Minute Speaker

Steve Gillum provided a very interesting insight into his and Di's recent trip to Sri Lanka and Kashmir. Involving horse riding, being Bollywood actors, (Cost 350 rupees [NZ\$7] for a local entrepreneur who took a video of them and emailed it through). Soldiers in sandbagged fortifications did not deter them – in fact they had photo evidence of cuddles with two moustached uniformed fellows. So, there was high security, but it was also relaxed. They were based in Sonamarg in Kashmir, with the horse trek through what Steve called the Switzerland of Asia. Amazing mountains and scenery showed in his photos. See the road sign photos (shown below) and note the spelling.



Sergeant's Session



Sergeant Bryan held an amusing session based on the traditional ideas from yester-year. No matter how well members tried to hide themselves, they were all caught and paid up.



Membership Session

Lynne Gibson spoke of the Rotary Membership month that had just concluded and told us that there are now many different types of ways people can be part of the Rotary organisation apart from the traditional clubs like ours.



- **Passport Club** which is for people who travel frequently and enjoy trying a variety of club experiences as long as they attend a certain number of meetings in their own Club.
- **Alumni-based** where a majority of members have in the past participated in Rotary programmes including Rotaract.
- **Interest-based** where Club members focus on a particular hobby or interest (e.g. Motorhomes, Flying, Environment.)
- **Satellite Club** has its own meetings projects, bylaws and board but run in collaboration with its sponsor club
- **Corporate Club** where a company nominate three active members and pay one annual subscription. Several companies could be involved.

THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Wal Drayton)

Opening

"Philosophy - A route of many roads leading from nowhere to nothing."

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 were provided by Scribe Brian Hall who also added photos, as did Ross Pinkham.

Meal Menu

Lamb Meatballs



ArtEx Project

In a final announcement, President Chris advised that she will be meeting with Bex Tacon to discuss where we go with ArtEx, and other possible fund-raising ideas.

Our meeting concluded with the Directors giving their various "Fireside Venues" and members moved off to the respective committee meetings.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	September 11th	September 18th	September 25th
Programme: Guest Speaker	John Bongiovanni Bonsai	Linda Bainbridge Knowledge Bank	Pip Taylor Prisoner Rehab
Host and Thoughts	Alan White	John Reid	Gill Scarlet
Top Table introduce Speaker	Helen Tattersall	Bob Brady	Frank Heuser
Vote of Thanks	Brian Hall	Peter Thompson	Curly Carpenter
Cashier	Garth Eyles	Brian Anstis	Ross Pinkham
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	-
Sergeant	Lynne Gibson	Edwin Brown	Kelvin Winnie
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Mark Dickerson Bruce Martin	Graeme Ryan Gail Kelly	Les Mockford Judy McKelvie

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

No speaker this week so what could we do
Sit quietly in our chair and gaze at our shoe
But then we went on a recruiting ride
With Membership Lynne by our side
And before we could take off in our car
Steve took us on holiday to Sri Lanka

(Kindly Contributed by *Pat the Poet*)

Royal Society 150 Anniversary Dinner - Saturday 14 Sep 2024



Come celebrate the 150 Anniversary of the Hawkes Bay Branch of the Royal Society of NZ. Guest Speaker is Julia Rotham, Director of Mahia Launch Site, Rocket Lab. Promises to be a memorable night!

When: Saturday 14th September 2024 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm

Where: Magdalinos Room, Havelock North Function Centre, 30 Te Mata Road, Havelock North

Call Lynne Trafford on +64 21 302-261. (NB Separate Attachment with email)

[Email Lynne T.](mailto:lynne@royalsociety.co.nz)

ROTARY AND OUR TECHNOLOGY – ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH IT?

For the past couple of weeks, we have asked on this page, whether you are interested in gaining knowledge about the technology connected to Rotary and things like our club website, our Facebook page, the District or RI website, My Rotary, Club Runner and many others?



A number of members have expressed an interest and we now wish to determine the best way of handling this. Since the information has something of an international flavour, the Foundation Committee have taken this project on board.

Initially thinking of a presentation at a regular club meeting, we have now come up with the idea of maybe doing a sort of “Sunday Afternoon” session, perhaps at the **Summerset Palms Retirement Village** (where two committee members live) and doing a session that could involve speakers with a big screen but also allow members to bring their own laptop computers (or perhaps smart phones) go online as we watch, and actually “participate practically” in the learning lesson.

So that we can arrange appropriate space and technical connections, we will tentatively aim at Sunday 6 October. *Please email ianholyoake@xtra.co.nz (by the 20 September) if you are interested so that we can decide if this is viable and book the venue. **So let us know what you think - REPLY NOW EVEN***

A FURTHER SLIDE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION BY LYNNE

Rotary FEATURES and BENEFITS....SELL THEM LOCALLY

7 areas of ROTARY SERVICE – Peace and conflict Prevention/Resolution. –Disease Prevention and Treatment. – Water and Sanitation. – Maternal and Child Health. – Basic Education and Literacy. –Economic and Community Development.- Environment

ROAD SIGNS CAPTURED BY STEVE GILLUM ON IS RECENT TRAVELS





#30 – September 6, 2024

1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

Why could you join Rotary?

Joining Rotary is a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on both local and global communities.

As a member, you'll connect with like-minded individuals who are committed to service above self.

Rotary provides a platform to contribute to meaningful projects that address pressing issues like clean water, education, and disease prevention.

It's also a fantastic way to expand your professional network and develop leadership skills.

You'll find a strong sense of camaraderie and support among members, who share a passion for making a difference.

Additionally, Rotary's global presence means you can engage in international projects, broadening your perspective and understanding of diverse cultures.

By joining, you'll be part of a respected organization that has a tangible impact on the world, all while forming lasting friendships and growing both personally and professionally.

It's an enriching experience that truly transforms lives, including your own.



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

Next week at home and we learn about "little trees"

