



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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BACK ON THE BIKE – THIS TIME IN TASMANIA

President Chris welcomed 30 members, plus the Guest Speaker Andrew Watt, a Rotarian from the Waipukurau Club and arriving fresh from an evening ride in Bay View!



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>

Our website
www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

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Welfare



Stuart Cheyne reported that Neil Smith has “hip- Opp’d” and is home and recovering while Hugh Robertson, now with Jenny up in Tauranga, continues to make slow progress.

Announcements

President Chris reported briefly on the recent Board Meeting telling us that the finances were okay; that PDG Ross had been working on a District Grant – with success; that the future of ArtEx was being further considered by a sub-committee; that the RYPEN format will change and that MPs and others can be invited to join us as “friends.”

Gardening Garth told us of the Board approving our “gardening at the gap” – the land out near the airport and combined with other clubs. Our area is close to the toilet (for some reason) and his Mary Ann has already propagated some plants to put there.

Garth then went on to remind us of getting as many as possible together at the **National Aquarium at 9.55am this coming Sunday** for the “cleanup” project, followed by the sausage sizzle. High vis jackets will be supplied but wear your GM Rotary caps.



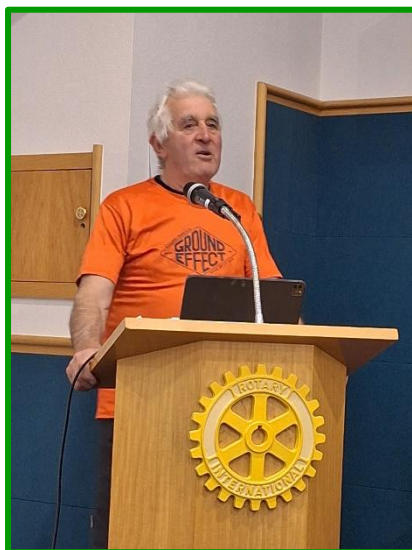
Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Garth – but still with his gardening hat on, fined those who did not have gardens or lawns, were going to watch the Paralympics or were just some of those silly old drivers who kept to the left, continually drove slow, obeyed all the rules and contributed absolutely nothing to the traffic fine revenue in our country. (See item produced below) On a brighter note he drew the Raffle ticket No. 44 which was held by the Editor!



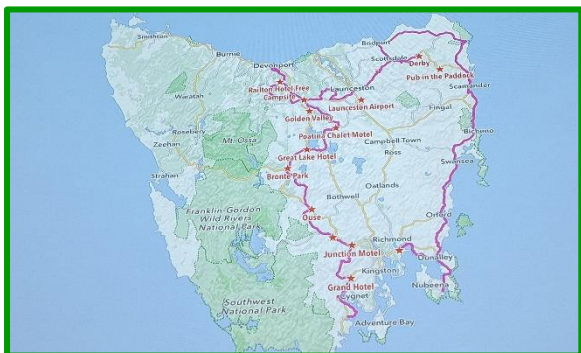
Tasmanian Cycle Tour

Introduced by Brian Anstis, Andrew Watt told us of his Rotary background, first with Rotaract and then Waipukurau Rotary, he now lives in retirement in Bay View. He talked of "his project" – the Pukeora Hill down near Waipukurau and Rotary putting \$20,000 into it. His topic though, was about a Tasmania Cycle Tour that he organised in recent times and included about seven friends. His amazing overhead pictures demonstrated the sheer enormity of this particular adventure. Rather like Cape Reinga to Bluff (but over a smaller space.) He talked about several "local rides" they undertook as they went and described visiting Derby (rather like our Reefton) and Port Arthur (Prison Colony in the 1800s and scene of multiple shooting in the 1990s). While they stayed at "old hotels," they carried tents with them for when such luxury was not available.



There were rugged days on the Tasmanian Trail (creeks, trees & crossings shown in pictures) but there were also several wineries, areas for growing opium and hops, many lakes and power stations, a boat building town (special local wood used) and some amazing views. Needless to say, they carried very light loads (but including a can of peaches) and he concluded with the advice that he only wore his raincoat once and that opossums were protected over there!

We noted that for an address organised by a biker (Alan White) he was thanked by another biker (Ross Pinkham) was provided with a bottle of wine (to perhaps replace his emergency can of peaches) and surely for rehydration purposes.



THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Gail Kelly – On Cycling)

Opening

"Life is like riding a bike. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." (Albert Einstein)

Closing

"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy a bike, and that's pretty close!"

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week came from the blunt pencil of the Editor himself, with he and Ross also contributing the images.

Meal Menu

Greenmeadows Rotary

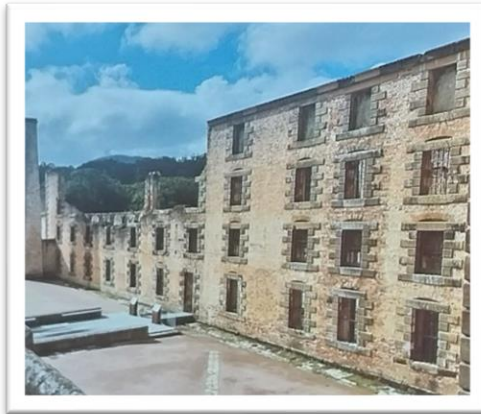
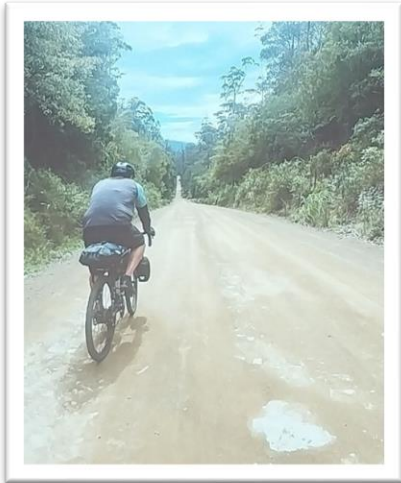
Tonights Dinner
28th August

Bangers 'n' Mash
Grilled Lamb Sausages
with an onion gravy over
mashed Agria potatoes
Served with a
Medley of Vegetables

Prepared by
Indulgence Catering



**Cycling in
Tasmania and
(Port Arthur -
"Going to Jail
without passing
Go or collecting
\$200")
Or being a slow
driver! ↓**



(Acknowledging HB Today →)

It is about time authorities did something about older drivers on our roads.
For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits (even at road works) and stop at stop signs causing great inconvenience, and often causing others doing whatever they like.
Another major concerns is that avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of New Zealand, therefore placing further burdens on young drivers.
Until older drivers can prove they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, or doing burn outs, they must be banned from holding a driver's licence.

MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

A RANDOM RHYME

The speaker this week took us on quite a hike
But once again we were riding a bike
Not here in New Zealand but overseas
He made it sound like just a breeze
Does Alan not know we aren't fit
We need to rest our body a bit

(Kindly Contributed by *Pat the Poet*)

District Governor Visiting Hawkes Bay

His schedule in this coming week

Monday 2nd September - evening - Waipukurau

Tuesday 3rd lunch – Hastings

Tuesday 3rd evening – a combined meeting with Stortford Lodge, Havelock North and Hastings Karamu

Wednesday 4th – breakfast meeting with Ahuriri Sunrise.

Then on to Wairoa Wed. evening & Gisborne Thurs. evening.

If members would like to hear his presentation or require further information, touch base with PDG Ross – 027 2428089



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	September 4th	September 11th	September 18th
Programme:	Firesides	John Bongiovanni	Linda Bainbridge
Guest Speaker		Bonsai	Knowledge Bank
Host and Thoughts	Wal Drayton	Alan White	John Reid
Top Table introduce Speaker	-	Helen Tattersall	Bob Brady
Vote of Thanks	-	Brian Hall	Peter Thompson
Cashier	Judy McKelvie	Garth Eyles	Brian Anstis
Three Minute Speaker	Steve Gillum	-	-
Sergeant	Bryan Matthews	Lynne Gibson	Edwin Brown
Stewards	Fred Staples	Mark Dickerson	Graeme Ryan
<i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Curly Carpenter	Bruce Martin	Gail Kelly

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."*

CONSERVATION WEEK – FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER



Rotarians from all local clubs are going to kick off this event by doing a beach clean-up along Marine Parade on *Sunday 1 September*, and meeting at the carpark behind National Aquarium at 10am. *Environmental Garth* will coordinate our club contribution.

ROTARY AND OUR TECHNOLOGY – ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH IT?

Do you crave for more knowledge about the technology connected to Rotary and desire to learn more about things like our club website, our Facebook page, the District or RI website and logging into My Rotary, Club Runner and many others? These pages have an immense amount of information about Rotary. But do you know how to access and use them?

Some particular links include our District page <https://www.rotary9930.org/> where you can find other clubs, their meeting times, their members.

On the My Rotary international page there is a wealth of world-wide information about how Rotary is '*Doing good in the World*'. My Rotary <https://www.rotary.org/en> As well the Learning Centre has a wealth of information, courses and qualifications that are available to all members and the Brand Centre has information on how to create and use our own special Rotary Graphics.

Perhaps you just want to find our Greenmeadows Rotary website: www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/greenmeadowsrotary>

Also, Past President Kelvin has set up a communication group with a phone application called **WhatsApp**. If you aren't on WhatsApp and want to be kept up to date with Greenmeadows short messages and reminders – then you can learn how to set this up on your Smartphone.



PDGs Ross and Ian (no doubt with other assistance) are looking at ways we can assist our members to become more familiar with these technologies. We need to determine whether we run some learning activity at a regular club meeting or perhaps at a separate venue and time. **TELL US WHAT YOU THINK.....**



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

The first international Club: Winnipeg, Canada

The establishment of the first international Rotary Club in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1910 marked a turning point for the movement.

Expanding beyond the United States, Rotary began its journey toward becoming a truly global organization.

Chesley Perry, secretary of the Chicago club, played a key role in founding the Winnipeg club, where local businessmen embraced Rotary's ideals of professional networking and community service.

This international expansion brought challenges, such as adapting Rotary's principles to different cultural and legal contexts, but it also demonstrated the universal appeal of its values.

The success of the Winnipeg club encouraged further international growth, first across Canada and then to Europe and beyond.

This expansion broadened Rotary's vision, emphasizing its potential to promote international understanding and peace.

Ultimately, the Winnipeg club laid the foundation for Rotary's multicultural and global character, marking the beginning of a new era for the organization.



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

Next week at home and then our monthly Fireside Meetings

