



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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SHORT MEETING & OFF TO "FIRESIDES"

Acting President Carol welcomed 35 Members with no visitors this week – and then sought advice on our "wellbeing."



Welfare



Stuart Cheyne welcomed back Neil Smith after his operation and told us that Stewart Skeet has reported that son Craig was making reasonable progress – not quite as fast as expected, but still improving.

Neil then personally thanked the Club Members who had been in contract with him, and also for the bouquet of flowers he received from the Club.

VP Carol read an email received from Claire Connor thanking the Club for the support & flowers following the recent death of her mother, and so soon after her father passed. (Reproduced below)

Announcements

VP Carol told us that **Shelter Boxes** have been distributed in Lebanon and is it perhaps time we looked at sponsoring further boxes?

On **Eyewear** she said if you have old eyewear not being used, bring it in and she will deliver it to Havelock North Rotary who clean, refurbish, and then forward them to Tanzania

PDG Ross told us of 24th October being World Polio Day, so at our meeting on the 23rd, we will fundraise for this project. You will wear something red or purple and if you do not wear these colours, Carol will paint your nails purple! We will have a polio sufferer speak to us.

Technical Support Meeting this coming Sunday, 6th October at the premier Resort in Hawkes Bay – *Summerset in the Palms*. Meet Ian with your laptop at the main building entrance at 3.00pm. You will be directed to the training room where three professional tutors will teach you how to use *Club Runner* and access Rotary sites, social networks and *WhatsApp*.

Three Minute Speaker

With the rostered Speaker Mike Owen away fighting a fire in Wairoa, stand-in Ken Hunt expanded on a previous talk about mottled petrels. Petrels are tube nosed, meaning they drink sea water, extracting the salt through the tube. Some 28% +/- of world petrels breed in NZ.



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:

Polio Day on 23-24 October
Our Christmas Function @ Linden Estate 15th Dec.

Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P & Jenny R - ongoing
Robert Pearson to 17/09

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They live for 40 years, commencing breeding at five years. When feeding their chicks (or maybe afterwards) the two parents fly to the Antarctic, a round trip of about 2,000km, taking about seven days. Pre egg laying, the parents arrive in NZ within 5 – 7 days of each other. He knows these things because GPS trackers on the legs record water temperature and sunrise, allowing researchers to track the birds within 20km.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Fred Staples had a short and sweet session based on the recent Bledisloe Cup Rugby contest. First challenged in 1931, with results: All Blacks win 125, 8 draws, Aussie win 45 – the last time they won was 2002. Les provided info on the size of the Cup; drawings for the design were given in cm, but the makers made it in inches. It will hold several bottles of beer – of whatever size!



Thankyou from Claire

Dear Stuart, President Chris, fellow Rotarians and friends,



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that you delivered after my Mum's recent passing.

We never expected to lose both parents within 3 months of each other and it is during times like these when we are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and friendship.

Joining Rotary has shown to me on so many occasions, that we are all

part of a wider Rotary family, looking out for each other and being there in times of need. To you all at Greenmeadows Rotary, thank you, and I look forward to seeing you again soon,

Yours in Rotary,
Claire Connor (Sam & Chris x)



Unofficial Speakers?



THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK (Bryan Matthews)

Opening

"I like a long walk, especially when they are taken by people that annoy me." (Noel Coward)

Closing (two)

"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day". &

"Do not take life too seriously, you will never get out alive."

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week came from Brian Hall who also provided some images, as did two old detectives with their secret cameras!

Meal & Menu



Grilled Fillet of Blue Moki

Coming up soon



Wear red or purple or you will be painted!

Being fireside meeting, there was no official speaker, hence members felt free to mix and mingle to a greater degree and speak quietly among themselves. Those images are captured above.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	October 9th	October 16th	October 23rd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Juliet Mawley Health & Disability	Bruce Ngataierua Napier Planetarium	Polio Survivor
Host and Thoughts	Garth Eyles	Bob Brady	Wal Drayton
Top Table introduce Speaker	Geoff Bibby	Edwin Brown	Frank Heuser
Vote of Thanks	Helen Tattersall	John Reid	Les Mockford
Cashier	Lynne Gibson	Gail Kelly	Peter Thompson
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	-
Sergeant	Mark Dickerson	Brian Anstis	Curly Carpenter
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Brian Hall Judy McKelvie	Alan White Robert Pearson	Kelvin Winnie Graeme Ryan

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

This week President Chris was away
 And Vice President Carol lead on the day
 The Three Minute Speaker was caught out by fire
 So, Ken Hunt described, the petrels in his shire
 Then we quickly packed up and got outside
 To head off to - our respective Fireside

(Kindly Contributed by *Pat the Poet*)



OPERATION DOLBEL – IT FILLS MONDAY MORNINGS



We often hear talk of the Dolbel project and I guess pretty much everyone has been up there at some time. Some though, cannot get that far up the hills anymore, so just to show you what is happening, we record photographs of recent activity and the blooming of the Kowhai. This section is three years old - note the great growth over this short period. This nicely in flowering area is known as "Avenue des Garths" (for we who failed SC French – Garths Avenue) the pathway leading on from Wim's seat.

OCTOBER IN ROTARY, IS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT MONTH

That may seem rather remote from us but here is an example of what Rotary is doing in about this in some other part of the world.



Sewing Machine Distribution to Needy working people.

Rotary Club of Rangpur organized Sewing Machine Distribution Program at Rangpur Rotary Center on 27 October 2022 among disabled women & also poor girls, shown here with club members.

ALSO – ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE



On June 21-25, 2025, Calgary, Canada, is the host city for the Rotary International Convention. For Rotarians seeking the experience of attending a Rotary Convention, this will present the ideal opportunity. To travel to Calgary, attend the Convention plus add a time to travel in North America.



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

Interact and Rotaract

In the 1960s, Rotary International launched two youth programs: Interact in 1962 and Rotaract in 1968.

Rotaract targeted young adults aged 18 to 30, providing opportunities for personal and professional development.

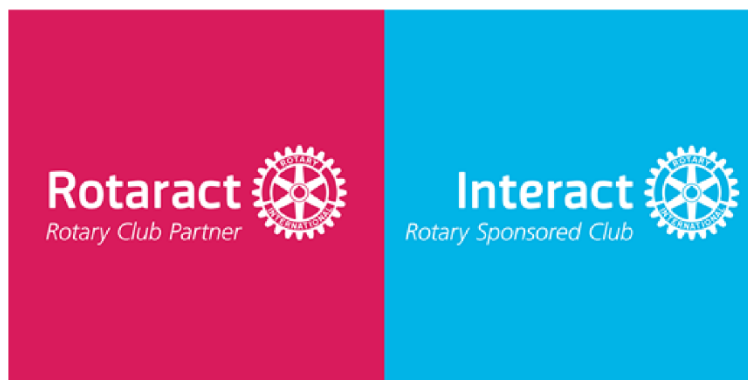
Interact, for young people aged 12 to 18, aimed to develop leadership and a spirit of service among high school students, and quickly became international.

Thus, Interact and Rotaract have broadened Rotary's influence and introduced new ideas and energies into it.

They have enabled Rotary to remain relevant in a context of rapid social change and youth activism.

They also contributed to the sustainability of Rotary by attracting future members, requiring internal adaptations such as the creation of specific committees and new directives.

These programs have rejuvenated Rotary's image, encouraging young people to engage in community service and internationalism projects.



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Next week at home and learning about health stuff

