



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



## LOOKING TO THE HEAVENS

### Welcome

**President Elect Carol** chaired the meeting and welcomed some 30 people who included the Guest Speaker and also Lynne Trafford from the Ahuriri Sunrise Rotary Club (but also a Board member with the Planaterium).



### Opening thought (Bob Brady)

**“KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE STARS  
AND YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND.”**  
*- Theodore Roosevelt*



### Welfare

**Stuart Cheyne** reported that Bob Morrison had been sick but was well again and said that he had nothing further to report.



### Announcements

**PE Carol** reminded us that she was still looking for spectacles that could be repurposed and sent to people in other lands. She also told us that the Directors had been discussing resuming our “combined” meeting with Wairoa (abandoned during Covid) but it could not happen before February due to venue difficulties. As well a funding request for suicide prevention had been turned down.

A plug was also made for the Sunrise fundraiser, the “*Little Miss Sunshine*” show on 30 October.

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### Officer Holders 2024-25

**District Governor** Nick Dangerfield  
**Dist. Gov. Elect** Ken Smith  
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**Service Projects** Denise Brown  
**Youth** Gill Scarlett  
**Foundation** Ross Pinkham  
**ArtEx** TBA

### 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:

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

### Leave of Absence

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

### Website/Club Contacts

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

Our website  
[www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz](http://www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz)

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**Ken Hunt** mentioned the Science Kit for Schools that we had funded (this is different to the Summer Science School that we have sponsored students to). A manual with pictures was passed around. Ken told us that the kit stays with a school for two weeks and is then 'stocked up' and forwarded to another school. (See images below.)

**PDG Ross** reminded us of our polio programme next week (noting that Fred had dressed up early for it!) thanked those for donations already made, and pointed out that TRF forms and information was on the table for all to read. He also said he was looking for a "Biggles Book" (for some reason) and warned that those not dressed appropriately next week would be painted purple.

**Catering Curly** provided an early advice of a club BBQ on 16 November – further details to come.

**PP Kelvin** told of his being contacted by Charlie from HB Life Saving. They have now shifted to Harding Road and had sought permission to use our \$5,000 donation for use in that "setting up." (No one opposed this.)

### Sergeant's Session

**Brian Anstis** named Alan White as winner of the raffle but then fined him and Kelvin for being extremely well dressed. (A qualification was immediately given – that all our lady members were well dressed – but not fined, necessarily). Then is a series of statements covering singers in 1976, cricketers in 1984 and a famous actour (Rusell Crowe) resulted in us all giving up our money to some worthy cause.



### THE STARS IN THE SKY & HOW TO SEE THEM

**Brian Pelpoe** appropriately perhaps, told us that Rocket Lab would have a special launch on Saturday evening and then introduced our guest speaker **Bruce Ngataierua**, a secondary school teacher with a long-time interest in space and who was going to tell us about his Texas Eclipse Tour in April this year – and other associated matters.

With words like miraculous, wonderous and a series of slides, Bruce said he was a Director of the Planetarium and which he regarded as "Taonga" and wanted us to visit it sometime. (It opens again next month with a new roof.) He also mentioned a comet that is currently visible (to some) in our skies and then went on to describe his tour to Texas. While his group went around the State, their prime aim was to witness an expected solar eclipse (shown to us in slides). They visited NASA, "Houston Space City," the National Science Museum, Houston Astros (baseball team) San Antonio, "Cowboy Day," The Alamo and used other terms that were only dreams to most of us. On the 8<sup>th</sup> day they witnessed the eclipse between 12.30pm – 3pm with 4 ½ minutes of total black-out. (Birds stopped chirping and the stars came out). We can next see it here in NZ in 2028 – but best viewed in Otago in mid-winter! (Or wait until 2037 for a view in HB.) After Texas the tour went to Florida and of course Cape Canaveral, and there saw a "Starlink Launch"



### WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words this week came from the blunt pencil of the Editor himself and the images from a detective mate with a camera!

### The Food this week



Lamb & Feta Lasagne

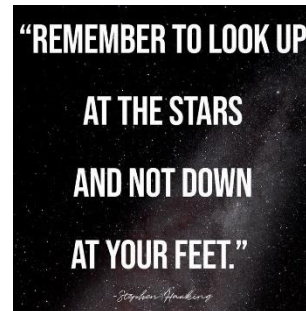


But it's not all meat & veges!



(from a special floor in their hotel). He showed pictures of him at Kennedy Space Centre (KSC). He concluded by telling us that “Space is a lot closer than we think”, that a planetarium is a simulation of the night sky and that an observatory (I think) is a *real look* at the night sky and one is coming to near the EIT. He would like us to visit these things and then maybe think about a donation!

John Reid thanked the speaker and gave him some local wine to get him back to earth and ..... **Bob Brady gave the Parting Thought** →



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	October 23rd	October 30th	November 6th
<b>Programme Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Warren Polio Survivor</b>	<b>Ruth Spicer Field Worker</b>	<b>Firesides</b>
Host and Thoughts	Wal Drayton	Bruce Martin	Bryan Peploe
Top Table introduce Speaker	Ross Pinkham	Frank Heuser	-
Vote of Thanks	Les Mockford	Steve Gillum	-
Cashier	Peter Thompson	Judy McKelvie	Edwin Brown
Three Minute Speaker	-	-	Geoff Bibby
Sergeant	Curly Carpenter	Garth Eyles	Alan White
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Kelvin Winnie Graeme Ryan	Bryan Matthews Gill Scarlet	Bryan Matthews Lynne Gibson

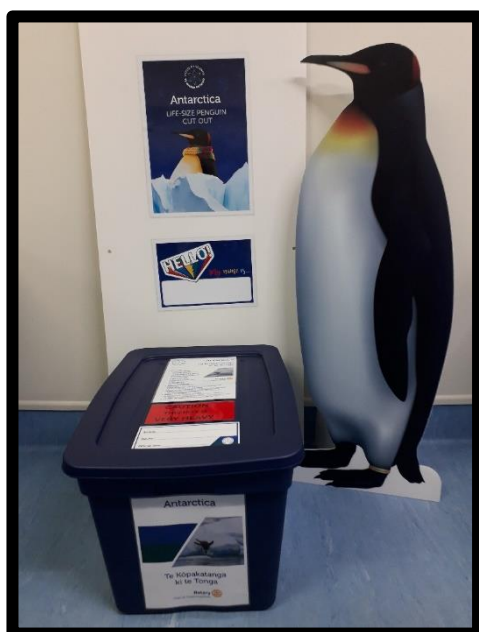
### UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTY or an ABSENCE COMING UP

*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

### The Science Kit that we have donated



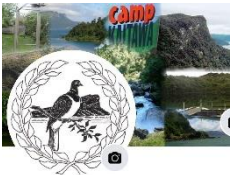


## A RANDOM RHYME

This week we looked up at the stars  
In a figurative sort of way  
A lot better than being in bars  
And easier to have something to say  
But note the magic Rotary theme this year  
And see “Rotary Stars” that we hold dear

(From *Pat the Poet*)

## CAMP KAITAWA – YOUR NEW YEAR BREAK



Camp Kaitawa

The **Camp Kaitawa Work Week** is to be held from Sunday 5th to Friday 10th January. This January Work traditionally sees a few extra jobs to be done - painting, clearing of vegetation, checking on maintenance and equipment. It's a fun week and there is even time each day to relax and enjoy the surroundings of the Urewera National Park. Please add the dates to your diary and if you are keen to find out more about it, or keen to attend – contact Graeme Muir or Ross Pinkham.

## POLIO NEWS AS WE PREPARE FOR POLIO DAY



*At our meeting next week our local Polio Survivor & Speaker Mary Ellen Warren has donated this picture, which will be auctioned on the night as a special contribution to polio eradication →*



## Rotary commits funds to polio outbreak response in Gaza

The recent detection of variant poliovirus type-2 isolates in environmental samples and the confirmation of a 10-month-old child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere. [Learn what Rotary and our partners are doing to respond to the situation in Gaza.](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services.

A humanitarian pause allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign to begin in Gaza. The first round was successfully implemented from 1-12 September 2024 and vaccinated 559,161 children, or an estimated 95% of eligible children at the governorate level, according to independently conducted post-campaign monitoring.



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*1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history*

## **Interact and Rotaract**

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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.



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 a polio lesson***

