



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



## Welcome



The evening started well with a “shout” from Helen – for her Birthday. (*Thanks Helen, much appreciated.*)

Then, with Pres. Chris away at an Area meeting, **Acting President Carol**, welcomed

35 Members – and one visitor, Rotarian Peter Manson transferring from Wairoa. There was a special welcome back to Kevin McCormack (from LoA following cyclone recovery).



## Opening thought

**Brian Peploe** passed on greetings (& a thought) from Father Frank, who (in his words) is still in the home “For people waiting to die”.

## Welfare

**Stuart Cheyne** told us that Don McKenzie was due in for surgery on his “good” leg on 11<sup>th</sup> October; that Jenny reports no change with Hugh. It was good to see Geoff Bibby back with us – and he thanked the Club for the flowers.

Wally back – has left his Covid at home.



## Announcements

**PDG Ross** told us that from the World Polio Day activity last week the Sergeant’s session, raised \$343.00 for Polio. Ross also thanked Geoff for the further \$100 paid for the photo, and acknowledged that other members had also donated to the Foundation.

He went on to advise that about 40 Rotarians from around the NI attended the Monday evening Foundation Dinner at the War Memorial Conference Centre and that included seven members from our club. He particularly acknowledged attendee Edwin Brown and Gemco and thanked them as sponsors the dinner. Among the awards recognised were Ian and Eleanor acknowledged as Level One Major Donors and the pins and Chrystal were presented to them by the visiting World Chair of the Rotary Foundation Mark Maloney (previously World President in 2019-20). Ross advised that there was an excellent meal and great entertainment from singer Peter Tihema. (*Further details/pictures below*)

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## Officer Holders 2024-25

District Governor Nick Dangerfield  
Dist. Gov. Elect Ken Smith  
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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: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
Directors: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

## Coming Up:

Club BBQ @ Cheyne Estate 16 Nov.  
Christmas Function @ Linden Estate  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Leave of Absence

Kevin McC, Trevor P, Denise P &  
Jenny R - ongoing

## Website/Club Contacts

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

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

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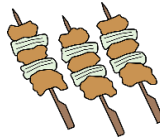
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Carol commended Ross for his excellent job as MC at the dinner.

Ross further explained that next week we have 12 Rotarians with us on a Friendship Exchange from Wisconsin, US. They will be accompanied by their local hosts from the Ahuriri Sunrise Club. Our partners are most welcome to attend – BUT advise numbers by Monday. The Sergeant's session that evening will raise funds for Rotary Foundation. **WEAR YOUR PAUL HARRIS AWARDS**

**BBQ Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.30am is being held at Cheyne Estate. \$15.00 per head for meat. Please bring a chair, utensils, drinks and salad to share. **Ensure that Curly has your confirmation.** Next week is your last chance in booking your place. Any change, please contact Stuart.



**Acting President Carol** expressed her concern that we now have **no fund-raising projects** on the go. She asked Committees to discuss ideas that evening – anything large or small. Graeme Muir had sent a list of ideas – research these.

**Youth Director Gill** sought volunteers to help with packing science materials for schools (9.00am the next morning!) They were very short of volunteers. (*The scribe can recommend this for when it next occurs – interesting, and wouldn't it be fun to experiment ourselves with some of the research products being sent to Primary schools!!*)

### Ten Minute Speaker Mike Owen

Mike was born in Gisborne and has three grown up sons. His Father was a Volunteer Firefighter for 40 years. Whilst at school, he badly wanted to be a Traffic Officer – riding around Gisborne on motorbikes “doing nothing” ..... But as he was too young, he went to Waiouru and joined the Army. There he specialised in firefighting, transferring through Burnham, Linton and back to Waiouru. Flying into Christchurch the day after their earthquakes, Mike described the scenes as a picture out of George Orwell's books. In Chch he managed 120 full time staff and 160 volunteers.

Mike has been through three Rotary Clubs, initially Upper Hutt, then one in Christchurch (Otokaro), back to Upper Hutt, and now Greenmeadows. He is a Past President and Paul Harris Fellow. Mike enjoys fishing, and look for the glow in the sky at Christmas - as he decorates his property with Christmas lights.

*Note: A 10-minute slot has been scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, (primarily for new Member's to introduce themselves.) Speakers will be reminded at nine minutes with the bell being rung, and the bell will again be rung at 10 minutes. Please respect these times.*

### Sergeant's Session

**Sergeant Ross** rewarded our Speaker with Mike winning the raffle. Ross then went to his theme of Guy Fawkes – who was born 1605 and died by jumping off the scaffolding just before he was hung. This and other various facts about this “terrorist” resulted in us losing our well-earned cash (or pension money)



### WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

The words and pictures this week came from Photo Journalist Brian Hall and Ross Pinkham (& The Editor) added in some from the Foundation Dinner.

### The Food this week



**Closing thought:** (Headmaster Peplow again) School mottos. His old school, West Shore “*Sharing and Caring*” – OR, shown on the rear of a country school boy’s toilet near Bunnythorpe “*Aim High*”.

## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	November 13th	November 20th	November 27th
<b>Programme: Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Foundation Speaker Ross Pinkham &amp; Wisconsin Rotarians from Ahuriri Sunrise</b>	<b>Tamatea School Visit and Dinner</b>	<b>AGM</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Graeme Ryan Ross Pinkham Bob Brady Les Mockford - Garth Eyles		Geoff Bibby - - Steve Gillum Ian Holyoake Peter Thompson
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Fred Staples Judy McKelvie		Helen Tattersall Robert Pearson

### 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

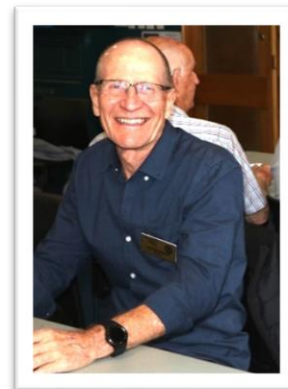
In November we celebrate Foundation Month  
Encouraged to donate – and maybe more than once  
Whatever is given will help to enable  
Just as we received after Cyclone Gabrielle  
Doing “*Good in the World*” is what it’s about  
So that is something for Rotarians to shout

*(From Pat the Poet)*



← Peter Manson transferring from Wairoa.

Kevin McCormack returning from LoA following Cyclone Gabrielle rebuild →



**MONDAY EVENING (4 NOV) AT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER**



*Ross greets the RF World Chair earlier in the day*



*Guests finish their meal and MC Ross takes over to begin the Foundation business*



*Pres. Elect Carol & Pres. Chris prepare for their dinner*



*Club member (& Sponsor) Edwin Brown & Kathy also ready to eat*



*PDG Ross calls the meeting to order and introduces various officials*



*Singer Peter Tihema made a wonderful break in the evening with his very great singing.*





*Officials World Chair Mark Maloney from US & Major Gifts Coordinator Mark Anderson from Australia, with their wives*



*World Chair for The Rotary Foudation commences presenting awards to Rotarians from around the North Island*



*Ian & Eleanor Holyoake receive their pins & a chrystal for reaching the "Major Donor" level, recognising their donatons to the Foujndation over many years*



### The Rotary Foundation – Annual Fund & Polio

The Rotary Foundation is our Charity of Choice

Donations can be made to the 9930 District Foundation bank account.

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Reference: Your name

Code: Foundation or Polio

Donations to the Foundation and Polio are eligible for a Tax Refund. A receipt will be issued showing the date in which the donation was banked.

**Next week at home with visiting Rotarians from Wisconsin US**

