



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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Welcome

President Christine welcomed around 32 people who included Steve Gillum's wife Di, Kevin Joyce (visiting Rotarian from Upper Hutt) and the new Tamatea High School Principal Jesse Te Weehi.



Visitor Kevin Joyce reported that our previous member Father Frank, had now left their area as the area of the "home" he was in had been turned into a housing development. He is now at a Home of Compassion and in good spirits.



Headmaster Jesse told us that while he had come to Tamatea from Hamilton, he was actually

born in Napier (1979) and that his Mum had taught at Tamatea High School. He had spent 20 years (in different positions) in a Hamilton High School before being presented with the chance to come "home" to Tamatea.

Tour of the Bush

After half an hour of "fellowship" the principal took us out into the grounds and down to an area of "native bush" that (as I recall) we had helped to plant at the school some years back. The difference in growth from when we last visited two years ago is shown here →↓



Officer Holders 2024-25

District Governor Nick Dangerfield
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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
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Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm

Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Christmas Function @ Linden Estate
15th Dec.

Leave of Absence

Trevor P, Denise P & Jenny R - ongoing

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The Meal & the Students

Returning to the buildings we were ushered into a beautifully set out dining area and were greeted by music teacher (& Year 13 Dean) Josie Burden who gave directions on the dining and how we would be looked after by the students.



After the main course Josie returned and (eventually) got all the "working students" out into the room and conducted a clever "interview" with each of them. From this we learned of their adventures, problems, solutions in the current year & (in some cases anyway) their aspirations for the future. We heard about such things as



a Tongariro crossing trip; a student going to the Rotary Science & Technology course; a boy who worked (part time) in the local pharmacy, one who wanted to travel the world (and make an impact); one who only came here part way through the year (but had been a naval cadet); to one it had not been a great year - but she had tried her hardest; to another it had been 'amazing'; one would study business law and finally - that exams all seemed finished.



Out the back
and preparing
the meals



Out the front and getting ready
to serve the meals →



WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Although he struggled, the words and images came from the pen and camera of the Editor himself. (It probably shows!!)

The Food this week

This was prepared and served by the students who seemed to be in years 12 & 13 – with none of them indicating an interest in pursuing catering as a future occupation. (They should be able to do the cooking around the house though!)

Roast pork and chicken with appropriate vegetables and salad accompanying them, and then later capped off with a chocolate brownie (from a secret recipe) and accompanied by cream.

The new Principal of Tamatea High School Jesse Te Wehi



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	November 27th	December 4th	December 11th
Programme: Guest Speaker	AGM	Firesides	Christmas Meeting "Secret Santa"
Host and Thoughts	Geoff Bibby	Curly Carpenter	Fred Staples
Top Table introduce Speaker	-	-	-
Vote of Thanks	-	-	-
Cashier	Steve Gillum	Judy McKelvie	Alan White
Three Minute Speaker	Ian Holyoake	Denise Brown	-
Sergeant	Peter Thompson	Mike Owen	-
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Helen Tattersall Robert Pearson	John Reid Gill Scarlet	Kevin McComack Kelvin Winnie

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

Rotary Foundation "*doing good in the world*"
A charity that, in high esteem is held
Collecting hundreds of millions every year
So that we can support those we hold dear
While supporting charities at home is a breeze
This is a way of helping at home **and** overseas

(From Pat the Poet)

Secret Santa

Members were reminded that when attending the last routine meeting of the year on December 11th, we are to bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$10 for our annual "Secret Santa" event.

Thoughts for the Week (Gathered by the Editor as he wandered about the school campus)

*It takes half of your life to realise that your father was right – and in the next half your son is telling you that you are wrong!
It would be nice if life's problems could hit us at 18 – when we know everything!*

But most importantly:

One of the most important things in life, is not where we stand, but it's what direction we are heading!



Well – what are you going to come up with next?



Some Rotary Foundation Information



By Steven Sundstrom, Regional Grants Officer
(extracted from the RDU magazine)

← PICTURE: *The Rotary: Give Every Child A Future* (RGECAF) project was supported by 23 separate global grants, made possible because of the grassroots understanding of the participating communities.

Many Rotary Down Under readers will be familiar with Rotary: *Give Every Child A Future* (RGECAF), which aimed to immunise the most disadvantaged children in the South Pacific against rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and HPV, and strengthen the local health systems to create a sustainable vaccination program for the future.

The first round of applications for RGECAF was approved in March 2020, but planning had begun years earlier. Rotary members had been discussing the program with UNICEF Pacific, which became the cooperating organisation to implement the projects.

In November 2018, I had my first phone call with James Allen, of the Rotary Club of Sydney, NSW, who became the project director. He told me then that the project would take place in nine Pacific Island nations and take place over a span of about three years.

I received information collected in partnership with UNICEF and the local health offices in each nation about the children, and the willingness of families and health workers to participate.

Rotarians from the islands where the project took place were on the host sponsor committee, and a full plan designed on national policies, regional strategy, local needs and capacity was put together.

In the end, 23 separate global grant applications were approved, each with respective details on the country where the project was taking place. This strategic series of projects was only possible because of the grassroots understanding we had of the communities participating.

At present, I've received final reports on 22 of the applications, and a final project – continuing HPV vaccination in Kiribati – remains active today. The hard work at the drawing board paid off, and these nations now have the capacity to purchase, transport and administer these life-saving vaccines in a sustainable fashion going forward.



The Rotary Foundation – Annual Fund & Polio

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Reference: Your name

Code: Foundation or Polio

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So next week – back at Base and our AGM

