



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



Christmas Decor

## Welcome



Pres. Elect Carol,

standing in for Pres. Chris who was unwell, welcomed about 55 members, partners and some special guests. These included from the UK, Mary Roast, the mother of our caterer, Dave Roast and also our Honorary Member Doug Neilson and his wife Lynley.

## Welfare

**Stuart Cheyne** advised that there was no change with Hugh Robertson and also thanked Peter Brown for having the initiative to create a card for members to sign with best wishes for Don McKenzie. ON receiving this, Don was extremely moved by the touching gesture and thanked everyone, particularly Peter.

## Announcements

**Secretary Ken** in reminding everyone that the ethos for Rotary is about volunteering, told us that our top table guest Mary, *had been singing in the same choir for 76 years!*

**Catering Curly** reminded members that the last social event for the year is on this Sunday 15th December at 12pm. **(Full details below)**

**Project Director Denise** thanked members for all their donations of cash and items for the Salvation Army, which will go a long way to help give those less fortunate than ourselves a bit of Christmas cheer.

**PE Carol** then called the caterers out to the main hall and presented Christmas gifts



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## 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed  
Directors: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed

## Coming Up:

Christmas Function @ Linden Estate  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Resume 15<sup>th</sup> Jan @ Town Hazll

## Leave of Absence

Trevor P, Denise P & Jenny R -  
ongoing

## Website/Club Contacts

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<https://www.facebook.com/greenmeadowsrotary>

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to Dave and Sue Roast to thank them for the wonderful meals they have served to the members over the last year.

**Community Leader Grant Spackman** presented John Reid with a Paul Harris award in recognition of his ongoing support for the Rotary Foundation. A Paul Harris "recognition" is given for each \$1000 US donated to TRF. Well done, John. *(Photo below.)*

## Sergeant's Session

No formal session was given but the raffle was drawn and won by the Editor. The cash was still collected though - from members overflowing with Christmas spirit.

A delicious Christmas meal was then enjoyed by all.



## PASS THE PARCEL



The main entertainment for the evening was our regular **Christmas Pass the Parcel**, this time led by Helen Tattersall. Reading a Christmas story, she tested our hearing capability and cognitive skills. She then had the members tying themselves in knots trying to remember their *rights* and their *lefts*. At the end of the tale, we all had one parcel **left** in front of us that we opened with joy and **right** excitement,

electing then to keep it or donate it to the Salvation Army table in the distance.

**PE Carol** concluded the meeting by reminding members that the first meeting of 2025 will be on January 15th. The Caterer will be away and we will be having an "indoor picnic" at the club rooms (as opposed to Dolbel reserve). The bar will be open AND we need to bring food to share AND our own plates and cutlery. Partners very welcome

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the sanitised pen and paper of Helen T with photographs contributed by a passing Real Estate Agent Kelvin W.

## The Food this week



## Thoughts this week (Fred Staples)

**Opening thought**

***Fred philosophized about why we celebrate Jesus's birth on December 25<sup>th</sup>, suggested a number of other relevant dates – and it got quite complicated!***

**Closing thought:**

***Recognizing that it is the season to be jolly, Fred wished goodwill to all and hoped that we might find peace on earth in 2025.***



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	January 15th
Programme: Guest Speaker	<b>Picnic Meeting But inside</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	<b>We will all pitch in</b>
<i>Stewards</i> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	<b>TBA</b>

## TOMORROW

### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

**Sunday 15th December at 12pm, at Valley D’Vine for our Christmas lunch. \$50 per head. Over 60 members and partners will be in attendance and Linden Estates will be doing a “special - special” wine promotion for members, with 6 bottles of sparkling rosé for \$70.**

## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

### A RANDOM RHYME

What a wonderful year we have had  
Dealing with good and with some bad  
Hopefully done good in the community  
Rotary Magic gives us that opportunity  
Now sit back with family and friends  
And enjoy their love as year 2024 ends

*(From Pat the Poet)*

## Random Images from Wednesday Evening



**John Reid receiving PHF sapphire**



**Wise old men planning for next year**





Behind the scenes making it all happen



Around the edges but making it all come together



Considering "The Magic of Rotary"

Tomorrow Sunday @ Valley D'Vine, Linden Estate, Esk Valley

