



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



## Linden Estate Winery

This the venue for our last “gathering” and where we had a great time out together just before Christmas. Lots happened and we record it here for your information and to get you “warmed up” before our first regular meeting back at our “usual venue” next week.

As the photos below show, a good number of us turned up at Valley D’Vine in the middle of December and most of us accompanied by partners. Some wine was supped, stories exchanged and enjoyment had by all.

## Judy McKelvie receiving a PHF sapphire

A main feature of the day was the “awarding” of a Paul Harris Sapphire pin to Judy McKelvie and in acknowledgement of all the work she has done for our club. It was presented by Denise Primrose who referred to Judy’s involvement with *Women’s Refuge*, sewing bees and volunteering at *Nourished for Nil*.

Of even greater significance though was her invaluable membership of the Artex Committee since 2017. Judy initially collated the Artex catalogue which was a time consuming and exacting task. In more recent years, she has been the coordinator of all art entries for the annual event.

This role is pivotal to the success of Artex (our main “fundraiser” over many years) and requires maintaining extensive spreadsheets, coordinating communications with over 70 artists and 170+ artworks for each exhibition. There have been times over recent years when Judy has had to support family members with significant health



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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:

**First meeting for the 2025 year**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Jan @ Town Hall**

## 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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concerns however she continued to work tirelessly to ensure the work of Artex continued during this challenging time for her. Judy has demonstrated her sustained commitment and contribution to the community over many years and was highly deserving of this further Paul Harris recognition.



Also receiving our appreciation was the Chef who put the meal together for us and this very capably handled by Past President Kelvin.



A view from the winery, of the restored Esk Valley



And we talked and supped wine – or water ↑  
and then we were served a fine meal ↓



## Paul Harris Fellow

Continuing the legacy of our founder, the Paul Harris Fellow program recognises individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1000, to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The honour was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support our Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or an approved Foundation grant.

Paul Harris + 1  
Sapphire (\$1000)



## WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words in this issue came from the memory of the Editor who also captured a few images and was also aided by a passing Real Estate Agent Kelvin W.

## The Food that week

Was as per the usual splendid menu, tasted just beautiful and as reported, the Chef was “commended.”

## Thought; this week (The Editor)

### Opening thought:

*“If it’s true that we are here to help others, what are the others here for?”*

### Closing thought:

*“In the end, it is not the years in your life that count, it’s the life in the years.” (Abe Lincoln)*



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	January 15th	January 22nd	January 29th
<b>Programme: Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Picnic at the Club Rooms</b>	<b>Collett Hall NCC</b>	<b>Nigel Avery Paris Olympics</b>
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Bryan Matthews Lynne Gibson Graeme Ryan Frank Heuser - Kevin McCormack	John Reid Edwin Brown Mark Dickerson Graeme Muir - John MacIntosh
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Robert Pearson Helen Tattersall	Judy McKelvie Gail Kelly	Mike Owen Bill Hawkins

### 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."*

## HALF YEARLY REPORT FROM PRESIDENT CHRIS

Welcome to 2025 and the second half of our "Rotary Year." A Happy New Year to you all.

Let's continue the work and live by the Rotary theme for this year - ***The Magic of Rotary.***

Personally, this has been a huge learning curve for me and sometimes I have not got it all right, but I remain committed to leading this team until June.

I want to thank the Directors, Office Holders and members for their committed membership and their contributions to the work of the club.

At Greenmeadows, we are buzzing with excitement, and I look back on some of the things that we have achieved over the last six months.

- **Membership** has grown by three: Jenny Roberston transferred away, Peter Manson, Bill Hawkins & Clive Adams transferred in, and new member John Waldin joined us.
- **Paul Harris Recognitions:** We have awarded three Paul Harris Fellowships for community service to Jenny Robertson, Mark Dickerson & Judy McKelvie and Ian Holyoake & John Reid have been recognised for their personal contributions to the Foundation
- **The Gap Gardening:** Work at the GAP continued under the leadership of Garth Eyles
- **Speakers:** With a great calendar of guest speakers, we enjoy very successful club evenings.
- **Meals:** Dave our caterer continues to delight with his menu every Wednesday evening.
- **Committees:** Are working hard to take Rotary to the community through visibility, sponsorship, collections and donations
- **Artex:** The Committee are meeting and driving towards a project for 2025
- **General:** Had a summer BBQ; recognised PDG Ross's 40 years with Rotary; obtained a Foundation grant for two AEDs for our area; sent money to Wairoa after their flood; were well represented at the North Island Foundation Awards Dinner; and are contributing to the Regionalisation Project.

***I look forward to catching up next Wednesday evening – with details of the meeting set out below.***



## Details of our “Picnic Meeting” to commence the 2025 year

The meeting will be a variation from what we have usually had at the Dolbel Reserve. We are trying to make it easier and more fun, but also allow for the poor weather we have had in the past couple of weeks!

**The Meal:** The caterer is away so we are having a “Potluck” at the Town Hall. *Bring picnic food to share*, PLUS bring *own plates and cutlery please*

**The Timings:** Start as usual with Fellowship at 5.30pm. Bar will remain open until 6.30pm

At 6.15 there will be a spot quiz as a warmup - until about 6.45

Share food from central table until 7.15

Clean up and claim own plates from 7.20 pm

**Partners:** welcome please BUT please provide their names to [GR.apologies@gmail.com](mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com) **(before 2pm Tue)** So that we know how many chairs to put out!

## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

### A RANDOM RHYME

The Rotary Year seems to have hardly begun  
But six months have gone & look what we’ve done  
Lost one member to transfer, but replaced by four  
On the Rotary Foundation we have opened the door  
The speakers and the meals have all been great  
Let’s meet again each Wednesday – don’t be late

(From *Pat the Poet*)

### SMALL HALL TRAVELS



*Our regular Photo Journalist Brian Hall, has sought to hone his skills and to that end travelled to the other side of the world to meet up with some experts. Sadly, he had to do this in the middle of their winter.*

*Undeterred by the weather, he has caught up with his little teacher Paddington, and his big friends The Beatles. We look forward to the outcome from their teachings.*



## CAMP KAITAWA 2025

Our intrepid team headed to the hills (or the lakes) again this “summer” and, undeterred by the remoteness and the weather, carried out a lot of maintenance work on the camp and for the Trust that we have long been connected with. Pictures shown here record various “activities” that occurred. *(There were a lot of other things that happened – but they cannot be recorded here!)*



This is a very remote spot and can be hard to find. To assist the travellers, one member has gone to some considerable trouble to make a sign to assist our Rotarians find their destination.



The customary “Class Photo” was taken to show just who was there, that they were being well fed, and their state of excitement.

Three “Wise Men” were engaged as consultants/advisers but when asked to assist, it turned out that they could “hear no evil, speak no evil, nor see no evil”. It is uncertain whether this did really assist the project. *(NB I think I have seen some monkeys imitating this pose in a photo somewhere. Ed)*



**Let us continue to consider “The Magic of Rotary” in this coming week with a “Picnic” at our regular venue, the Town Hall**

