



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



First Formal Meeting for 2025

Our Christmas break over we held our first meeting for the calendar year and returned to the Town Hall. While some



would claim as it was mid January and we had reached the middle of summer, no one seemed to believe this, and so instead of our usual BBQ at Dolbel Reserve, we came back inside! This may have been due to “climate change”, careful planning or just good old common sense.

President Chris welcomed something like 40 members, partners and the Barman Pete. – and Don!!

Welfare

Almoner Stuart orchestrated a report that included a life like update and special good news from Don McKenzie who was present with his wife and wheel chair driver Raewyn. It was marvellous hearing from and seeing Don after so long.

Stuart advised that Jenny Roberston reported no



change on Hugh; Geoff Bibby had advised of Jenny having had a stroke but was progressing; Denise Brown (personally) reported on her “looking younger”; and Ian Holyoake advised that he had been speaking to Bob Brady who was in hospital unexpectedly and being “tested”.

Announcements

Mary Ann Eyles was commended for her honours from the King in the New Year awards.

Gardening Garth brought us back to reality with a request for us to return to “The Gap” to help him with the weeding. He needs many more helpers. Please email him with your offer!

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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: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Watch this space.....

Leave of Absence

Trevor P, Denise P & Jenny R -
ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

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The Meal

With no apparent organisation other than the words “*bring a plate*” (plus cutlery & food) a magnificent spread had appeared on the table was was pretty much devoured by those present.



The Quiz

Anxious to test that we had not lost our minds or memory over the holiday break, President Chris had arranged for Past President Kelvin to test us with a quiz. Six or seven tables appeared to compete with each other and a range of prizes were won. (*Despite being at what appeared to be a very clever table, the Editor was only able to win one chocolate!*) We all went home happy, but exhausted, and now look forward to another year of **Rotary Magic**.



We listened, paid attention, proffered our answers and were judged as appropriate.



ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	January 22nd	January 29th	February 5th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Collett Hall NCC	Nigel Avery Paris Olympics	Firesides
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	Steve Gillum - - Brian Peploe Bill Hawkins Bob Morrison
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Judy McKelvie Gail Kelly	Mike Owen Garth Eyles**	Ross Pinkham Alan White

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

Great to be back and with all my friends
The magic of Rotary never ends
What will we do for the rest of the year
Probably work on the projects we hold dear
But each Wednesday I'll make the trip
To the Town Hall and enjoy Rotary fellowship

(From Pat the Poet)

File Note from the Editor

The Editor is on the road in his RV and has put this issue together with a degree of difficulty. Apologies for any errors or embarrassments!



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation, established in 1917, is the charitable arm of Rotary International.

Its primary objective is to promote world peace, understanding, and goodwill through humanitarian efforts.

The Foundation focuses on seven Rotary's strategic areas: peacebuilding and conflict prevention, disease prevention and treatment, water, sanitation, and hygiene, maternal and child health, education, community economic development, and supporting the environment.

One of its flagship initiatives is PolioPlus, launched in 1985 to eradicate polio worldwide.

This program has mobilized resources, funding, and volunteers to immunize billions of children and raise awareness about the disease.

Through partnerships with organizations like the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Bill & Belinda Gates Foundation, PolioPlus has made significant strides toward a polio-free world.

Global Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Peace Centers are also major areas of focus for The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation exemplifies the spirit of service, striving to create lasting change and improve lives globally, making it a cornerstone of Rotary's commitment to humanitarian service.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

Next week back at our regular venue, and with a speaker!

