



# MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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## The Welcome

President Chris welcomed 36 people including our regular summer Rotarian visitor Phil Cooper from the UK. And speaking of UK, it was nice to see Brian Hall back from his lovely trip there with his brother. Of special note though was the presence of Trevor Powell, returned from Leave of Absence



The Top table this evening and which included the President, the Speaker, plus the "Introducer" (and scribe) Lynne.

## Welfare

**Welfare Officer Stuart** reported that Geoff Bibby is waiting for results, Bob Brady is still in Hospital (after a week) receiving tests and treatment that could take another six weeks.



He then advised that Graeme Muir had come off his bike and is recovering at home with facial and hand injuries and that Garth Eyles has a fractured wrist after falling at Dolbel Reserve

Pres Chris thanked the Club for the lovely flowers she received after having some surgery last week

## Announcements

**Service Projects Director Denise** asked for volunteers to assist with Art Deco weekend traffic and people management on 13th-15th February 2025. Parking arrangements for 2025 *Grey Power* parking is yet to be confirmed for St Columba's.

## 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:

**Special caterer next week.**

## Leave of Absence

Denise P & Jenny R - ongoing

## Website/Club Contacts

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

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Heart Foundation are looking for Collectors for Saturday 22nd February - details of collection points and list to be confirmed next week.

**Foundation Director PDG Ross Pinkham** (but wearing his “workman hat”) updated members about the wonderful work that had been done at Camp Kaitawa with 17 people assisting with maintenance, painting, gardening and putting up new curtains from the Red Cross Curtain Bank. The driveway also had some repair work done with shingle assisted by a Rotary Grant. He also alluded to the Three Rotarian Monkeys visit and whose photo appeared in last week’s bulletin.

Then with his PDG hat on, Ross also reported on the recent passing of Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd who held significant roles both in NZ and as RI President in 2006-2007. He visited Hawkes Bay several times in his capacity as RI Rep and helped with many projects including the dictionary project. *(More on this below. Ed)*

Ross concluded by confirming that two Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) have been purchased by our Club with Rotary Foundation District Grant assistance. They are awaiting Napier City Council approval to place them at Taradale Hall/Rotary Lounge and Four-Square superette at Greenmeadows

## Sergeant at Arms

After that extensive report from Ross, the raffle was drawn and (appropriately perhaps) he won it!

Pres Chris then acted as Sergeant and fined members who use fossil fuels as this according to experts, has caused temperatures to rise. Hybrid owners only had to pay half. Members who have travelled to Europe or who are going away this year were also fined.



## WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the pen of Lynne Gibson (who also looked after the speaker) and the Editor contributed the photographs.

## The Food this week

(Supporting local business)

## Fish & Chips



## Thought for the week (Bryan Matthews)

From Oxford Dictionary and describing what Rotary is about.

*“A team is a group of persons working together.”*



## The Meal

As is common at this time of the year, the caterer is away and we enjoy a meal of “fish & chips.”

← Carefully laid out & then gobbled up →



## Guest Speaker

Lynne Gibson introduced Colette Hall who is the current Neighbourhood Support (NHS) Advisor employed by the Napier City Council (NCC). Our NHS is one of 70 Support Groups throughout NZ and has 200,000 people signed up nationwide.

They are partnered and sponsored by Police, Fire & Emergency (FENZ), Civil Defence, & St. John Ambulance. The aim is to know your neighbours by supporting them in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Locally NHS are looking at several projects currently including safe care for multicultural residents, crime awareness and smoke alarm placement in homes. NHS liaise with street coordinators to organise street events including BBQs and maintain the member database which is free of charge to join. Crime prevention locally is also linked to Brent Smith who is our Community Constable.

Following Cyclone Gabrielle and a review, Emergency Hubs are now being set up rurally identifying where to meet and there will be satellite phones to communicate with Emergency Management as issues arise. Roger Morrison is the Greenmeadows advisor and can be contacted at NCC. NHS have a Facebook page that is continually updated.

Colette has previously worked with London Fire Brigade, EIT, Health HB and now our Council as Community and Project Advisors. It was very interesting to see what is happening with Neighbourhood Support and updated progress post Cyclone Gabrielle. She is also a volunteer with Fire and Emergency.

Ian Holyoake pointed out the Greenmeadows Rotary “connection” with NHS for our own Brian Hall held the same (or similar) role to our speaker many years back. Graeme Ryan thanked the speaker.



## ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	January 29th	February 5th	February 12th
<b>Programme:</b> <b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Nigel Avery</b> <b>Paris Olympics</b>	<b>Firesides</b>	<b>Andy Walker</b>
Host and Thoughts	John Reid	Steve Gillum	Peter Thompson
Top Table introduce Speaker	Edwin Brown	-	Graeme Ryan
Vote of Thanks	Mark Dickerson	-	Neil Smith
Cashier	Judy McKelvie	Brian Peploe	Robert Pearson
Three Minute Speaker	-	Bill Hawkins	-
Sergeant	John MacIntosh	Bob Morrison	Les Mockford
<b>Stewards</b> <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Mike Owen Denise Brown**	Ross Pinkham Alan White	Peter Waldin Brian Hall

### 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.”***





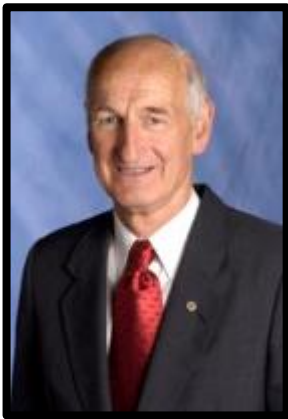
## MISCELLANEOUS MEADOWS MATTERS

### A RANDOM RHYME

Great to update on Neighbourhood support  
From the new Coordinator we got a report  
Looking after things in the community  
A lot like us with the “Magic of Rotary”  
The “class” for the speakers has been set  
Creating a high standard to be met

(From *Pat the Poet*)

### THE PASSING OF A PAST ROTARY WORLD PRESIDENT



Expanding on the report from PDG Ross Pinkham above, we record here the peaceful passing (here in Napier) of Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd on the day of our meeting (22 January 2025). Some of his history is set out here.

Bill Boyd served as President of Rotary International during the 2006-2007 Rotary year. His dedication to Rotary spanned over three decades, during which he held numerous significant roles, including:

- Rotary Foundation Regional Coordinator for Australia and New Zealand (1989-1991)
- Chair of the Regional Magazine Editors Conference (1992 and two subsequent occasions)
- Member & later Chairperson of the Rotary International Communications Committee (from 1993)
- Rotary International Director (1998-2000), serving as Treasurer in 1999-2000
- Trustee of the Rotary Foundation (2008-2012), serving as Chairperson in 2011-2012
- Chair of the Branding Committee (2012-2014)
- Chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (2012-2018)
- Chair of the Peace Programmes Overview Committee (2018-2019)

In recognition of his outstanding service, Bill received the Rotary Foundation’s *Distinguished Service Award* and *Citation for Meritorious Service*, as well as a *Distinguished Service Award* from *Rotary Down Under*. He was honoured with the *Queen’s Service Order* for Community Service in the 2007 New Zealand New Year’s Honours List, and was made a *Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit* in 2013. Both Bill and Lorna were awarded the *Royce and Jean Abbey Foundation award* in 2024. A dedicated Rotarian, Bill was also a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

#### **Editor’s Note:**

*Bill was a Rotarian first in Wellington and then later in Auckland. He was only the second New Zealander to hold the office of RI World President. By coincidence he had shifted from Auckland to Napier in this past week to be closer to family members, and was about to move into Summerset Palms Retirement Village. Now his wife Lorna will do that alone. Were he to have survived, perhaps he would have joined our Club!*

[Memorial service: Thursday, 30th January, 2:00pm, St Columba Presbyterian Church, Botany, Auckland]



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*1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history*

## **The creation of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912**

The creation of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912 was a milestone in the history of the movement.

This decision followed Rotary's rapid expansion beyond its original borders, with the founding of clubs in Canada and Britain.

The Association was established at the convention in Duluth, Minnesota, bringing together representatives from 50 clubs.

This formal structure aimed to unify and coordinate the activities of existing clubs, while facilitating the creation of new clubs internationally.

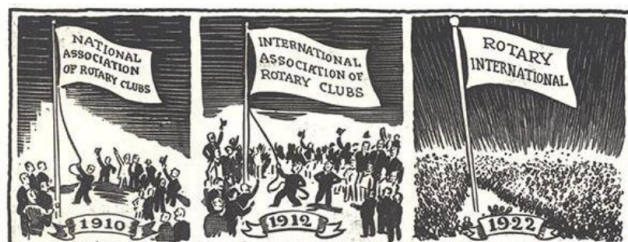
Chesley Perry, appointed secretary of the Association, played a key role in its development.

Under his leadership, Rotary has established common standards and procedures, strengthening its identity and cohesion.

This internationalization has required adjustments, particularly in the governance and representation of non-American clubs.

The Association has faced the challenge of maintaining unity while respecting the cultural diversity of its members.

The creation of the International Association laid the foundation for modern Rotary.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to [laminute1700@gmail.com](mailto:laminute1700@gmail.com)

**Next Week at the Town Hall but we'll take you to the Paris Olympics!**