



MEADOWS MATTERS

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of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand



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Full House



President Chris, welcomed 52 Members and visitors, occupying some eight tables. In addition to wives/partners, we had special guests David Peploe and Hamish Alexander. The evening commenced with President Chris thanking Claire Connor for stepping in at the last moment to cater for us. (*More on this later. Ed*)



Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported no change with Don McKenzie and no news from Jenny on Hugh's situation. He then advised that Bob Brady is home (after two weeks) but that Wal Drayton has taken over his position in hospital. He also noted that it was good to see our "Wrist Guys" Garth Eyles and Graeme Muir back with us, albeit sporting casts of different colours. It was also observed that Ross Pinkham has damaged a knee and was sporting a black knee brace.



Announcements

Project Director Denise Brown reported that **Art Deco** will happen, with hopefully shorter times on duty. She also circulated a list for **Heart Foundation Appeal @ Pak N Save Napier, on 21st February**. *Contact Denise if you can assist.*

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:

Not sure – perhaps more injuries to members!

Leave of Absence

Denise P & Jenny R - ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

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Gardening Garth thanked members for their contact after his *tumble* and then reminded us of **GAP WEEDING next Monday morning 9.00am**. *Contact Garth if you can help (he clearly needs "support."* Ed)

Helpful Helen then advised that our Rotary Exchange Student Alice arrives this Sunday. Remember to include her in an activity you may be doing.

Rotary Gin & Tonic

John Waldin advised that when clearing his Father-in-Laws home recently, he found four Rotary engraved glasses celebrating the 50th anniversary of Rotary in NZ (1921 - 1971). He sought interest in these from members and the Foundation Director Ross has suggested they go up for auction as a fundraiser. Watch this space.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant John based his session on Members' knowledge of the "Mainland." There was shame, joy and laughter evident as this progressed. Great questions John.

The Raffle was then won by our Bulletin editor – reward for his editing skills (*and adding to his collection of meat vouchers!*)



GUEST SPEAKER NIGEL AVERY

Introduced by Bob Morrison, Nigel had spoken to us in August 2023, when preparing for the Paris Olympics, and now returned to update on the outcome. Nigel is an Olympian himself, five-time Commonwealth Games medallist, and was the New Zealand closing ceremony flagbearer at the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games.

Now a *Chef de Mission*, Nigel commenced with statistic's showing that these Olympics were the most successful NZ has participated in. As a result, (presumably!) Nigel has again been appointed *Chef de Mission* for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, and 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

At Paris, some 20 gold medals were won and, when "teams" were taken into account, they went around 45 member necks. He said 80% of the gold medals were won by females! Over the past six games, NZ has won either the same or better medals each time. Overseas teams are looking at NZ for inspiration on how they can improve themselves.

He told us that 150 support staff travel to the event. Many are past Olympians who support athletes, especially those attending their first Olympics. The support team is broken into eight areas; Athlete support, Operations, Psychology, Media & content, House & hosting, Security (2), Health (54), and Preparation & Recovery.



WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the pen of World Traveller Brian Hall (who is with us for a brief period) and photographs were contributed by a couple of old detectives who were present.

The Food this week



Probably called Chicken Lasagne – but definitely delicious!

Thought for the week (John Reid)

Opening: *The most important thing in the olympic games is not winning but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.* (Baron Pierre de Couberten, founder of modern olympics)

Closing: *Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.* (And don't follow the example shown by Aryna Sabalenka, after losing the Australian open final last week. JR)

[NB John & Ruth are now travelling in the South Island, aiming to do better in the next Sergeant's Session on "The Mainland". We wish them well.]

Every team Member has an official welcome with haka on their arrival, with many of the teams responding, and each member receives a pounamu carving, recognised as *a treasured symbol of heritage and identity*.

Nigel described *many highlights*, especially with him being present for Lydia Ko's tee off and final hole. As a result, Lydia's sister welcomed them, was given a NZ flag for Lydia, and those supporters were all brought to the front for the medal presentation.

Two negatives; food didn't have enough protein, and not cooked properly. It took 10 days to get it right. The Canadian drone incident flying over the women's football training was a major setback for not only the team, but also for Nigel and his support team. Considerable time taken up negotiating with the Canadian team, and the Olympic Committee. In the end, both the Canadian Coach, Assistant coach and one other were sent home.

Apart from that, Nigel commented that the Olympics were run very well. However, arriving home and receiving positive feedback from the Public was a real highlight.

Mark Dickersen proposed the vote of thanks.

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	February 5th	February 19th	February 19th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Andy Walker	Jo McDougal Experience in Antarctica
Host and Thoughts	Steve Gillum	Peter Thompson	Edwin Brown
Top Table introduce Speaker	-	Graeme Ryan	Steve Gillum
Vote of Thanks	-	Neil Smith	Lynne Gibson
Cashier	Brian Pelope	Robert Pearson	Gill Scarlet
Three Minute Speaker	Bill Hawkins	-	-
Sergeant	Bob Morrison	Les Mockford	Mike Owen
Stewards <i>One per table and the</i> <i>named Members to clean up</i>	Ross Pinkham Alan White	Peter Waldin Brian Hall	Curley Carpenter Frank Heuser

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

CATERER CLAIRE CONNER

The regular Caterer on holiday can bring a moan
But the first week we decided to just "bring our own"
The next week with the problem, we really came to grips
Reverting to our annual night - of good old "fish & chips"
But this week was one you really had to see
The double A effort from a Claire – with a Triple C

(From Pat the Poet)

TOP TABLE TONIGHT



Bob & Chris seek advice on their next Olympic challenge!

Farewell the Godwits!



Farewell the Godwits / Kuaka!

Hear about these incredible birds and the long migratory journeys they make; followed by a guided walk to view the birds.

When: 2pm, Saturday 22nd February, 2025

Meet: The Carpark, opposite The Beach Inn, Meeanee Quay, Westshore.

Bring: Binoculars (if you have some), sunhat, water bottle, suitable walking shoes (gumboots as maybe wet under bridge). Children accompanied by an adult please.

Weather: Cancelled if wet. Alternative date if wet: Sunday 23rd Feb, 3pm

RSVP: Please RSVP aeps.hb@gmail.com (cancellation by email)





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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary

10 criteria for recruitment

When recruiting new Rotary members, it's essential to identify individuals who embody the values of service and integrity.

Here are 10 key qualities:

1. **Community Engagement:** A strong desire to contribute positively to society.
2. **Unwavering Ethics:** Commitment to strong moral principles.
3. **Service Mindset:** Genuine willingness to help others.
4. **Leadership:** Ability to inspire and organize effectively.
5. **Collaboration:** Strong team-working skills.
6. **Open-Mindedness:** Acceptance of cultural and ideological differences.
7. **Communication Skills:** Ability to share ideas clearly and respectfully.
8. **Reliability:** Dedication to participating in club activities.
9. **Creativity:** Offering innovative ideas for projects.
10. **Local Connections:** Networks that enhance the club's reach.

These qualities ensure committed, impactful members who can strengthen Rotary's mission through meaningful local and international initiatives.



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Next Week an early finish and off to "Firesides."

