



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESTSHORE

President Chris, welcomed 37 members and guests who again included Rotarian Phil Cooper from the UK, our "inwards" RYE student Alice Wender and of course the Speaker Andy Walker from Westshore.



Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Geoff Bibby was awaiting further chemo and that Jenny is still making good progress. He further advised that Wally Drayton is home from hospital but struggling; that Brian Peploe, after another hospital visit was home and awaiting further medical tests. It was also noted, with some good cheer, that Bob Brady was back with us for the first time in some weeks.



Announcements

Catering Curly reported recently visiting Brookfields Winery and found they had a very good \$38 special lunch on a Saturday and wondered if anyone was interested in going there. There seemed to be interest and something might be organized for March.

Pres. Chris reminded Directors of the Board meeting later that evening and asked if any of them had reports to give before that meeting. None did so we carried on with....

Program Organiser Alan speaking further on the possible visit to Hamish Lack's boat building factory, possibly in mid-March. He then went on to advise that speakers were pretty much confirmed through February & March with him still working on April.

Pres. Chris repeated the advice on the District Conference in May which is combining both 9920 & 9930 district. She also reminded us that one of the keynote speakers was Ashley Bloomfield and that she would meet briefly with our club attendees after the regular meeting.

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:

Visits to Hamish Lacks boat shop
and the Brookfield winery.
District Conference in May.

Leave of Absence

Denise P & Jenny R - ongoing

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Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Les sought to go “traditional” and asked for confessions (& cash) from those who had birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month – and failed. He got one “late arrival” fine and then, in deference to the speaker, took money off everyone left – for swimming at Westshore (before the beach disappeared!)

GUEST SPEAKER ANDY WALKER

Curly Carpenter introduced Andy Walker, saying he was born in NZ of South African parents, lived in Westshore and was married with six children. While Andy’s talk was listed as dealing with “erosion” he had offered an addition about Neighbourhood “Watch” in his area. He described how the Westshore residents had “come together” to fund and setup their own CCTV cameras in their area and hoped for amazing results.

Then moving on to his original subject, Andy told us of the continuing erosion of the beach at Westshore and especially at the southern end. With the use of his power point he demonstrated how this erosion had continued to increase and he used such terms as *Sea Level Rise*, *Sacrificial Wall*, *Lack of Education* and *Working with Nature*. He told us that this sort of thing happened all over the world (e.g. Holland) and actions that had been taken to deal with it (think Holland again!). He told us that various attempts to save the beach had been taken but never resolved the issue. He showed an example of a Senegal beach recovery, saying we need huge amounts of sand – and we could get it. Andy believes there is a solution and he hopes that the Regional Council are taking this aboard.

Neil Smith thanked another great a speaker (and we secretly thanked our Programme Organiser!)



WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the Editors own police notebook and photographs were captured by a couple of police cameras carefully secreted in the room!

The Food this week



Honey & soy glazed chicken

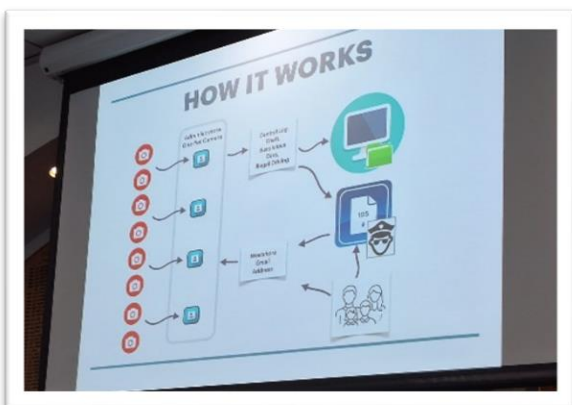
Thoughts for the week (Gail Kelly)

Opening:

"The ocean and nature can live without us, but humanity can't live without nature."
"We must address the climate crisis, if we're going to address the ocean."

Closing:

- "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." – Margaret J. ...
- "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – ...



Security Cameras at Westshore



Erosion effects at Westshore

ROSTER OF DUTIES

Date	February 19th	February 26th	March 5th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Jo McDougal Experience in Antarctica	History of Artex Brian Peploe	Firesides
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Edwin Brown Steve Gillum Lynne Gibson Gill Scarlet - Mike Owen	Gail Kelly Kelvin Winnie Helen Tattersall Judy McKelvie - Kevin McCormack	Graeme Ryan - - Fred Staples Brian Anstis Garth Eyles
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Curley Carpenter Frank Heuser	Bill Hawkins Bryan Matthews	Peter Thompson Peter Manson

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

If you happen to live down by the beach
You never know how far the waves will reach
Living out at Westshore the sea is near
And creates for homeowners a lot of fear
But working together things can be done
And surely residents will have the battle won
(From Pat the Poet)

UPDATE ON A "DONATED CAR"

Members may recall that one of our first speakers this Rotary year was Chris McIvor of **Ignite Youth Employment Services**. He told us of programmes they used to assist youth gain employment and one of those was "learning to drive." Having vehicles to do that was something of a problem and our member Steve Gillum had a 'spare car' that had been donated to him by his ANZ Bank manager after Cyclone Gabrielle 18 months earlier. Steve then 'redonated' that car to Ignite Youth. *[Ignite Drive has provided 113 youth with over 1300 hours of driving lessons and 89 licenses achieved. Uptake of the service has increased by 82% from 2023 with key partnerships with Tamatea High, Taradale High and Napier Boys.]* Well, they have been using the "ANZ/Steve car but have now updated it for a newer car (to be their second on the road) and to be used with their programme at Napier Girls and Sacred Heart College. As shown here, it has been "branded" to recognise Greenmeadows Rotary.



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.

Rotary
DISTRICT 9920 & 9930



BETTER TOGETHER
**ROTARY
CONFERENCE**
16 – 18 MAY 2025
Rotorua, New Zealand



A LIFE OF SERVICE

*A tribute from Wellington North Rotary Club President Elect Roy Ferguson,
former NZ Ambassador to Washington*



Roy & Dawn Fergusson with Lorna & Bill Boyd

I was fortunate to be at the Salt Lake City Conference when Bill became President of Rotary International for the 2006-07 year. Bill started Rotary in Wellington South Club. The theme for his year as World President was “*Lead the Way*” or, as he put it, “This will be my theme and an affirmation of my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time. As Rotarians, we are not content to stay the way they have always been in our clubs or in our communities.

We are not content with the status quo, and we do not look at a problem only to say someone else will solve it. We are the ones who ask, ‘why not us’. We are the ones with the skills and the desire to build a better future. And we are the ones who must *Lead the Way*.”

The 2007 International Conference had a real New Zealand flavour with a local kapa haka group welcoming Bill and Lorna and Dame Malvina Major entertaining more than 500 delegates (of whom Morris Robertson, Tony Fryer and others attended from Wellington North.)

Editor’s Note

*I extracted this tribute from the newsletter of the **Wellington North Rotary Club**. I belonged to that club (twice in fact) and they keep me in touch with their newsletter. While I do not know the previous US Ambassador, I appreciated the comments he made about the Convention at Salt Lake City Convention which I (and your ‘proof reader’) attended with District 9930 members – but also spent some time with my previous Wellington North colleagues from District 9940.*





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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

Understanding the Four-Way Test

The **Four-Way Test** is a fundamental ethical guideline for Rotarians, helping them evaluate the integrity and morality of their actions and decisions.

Created in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, this simple yet powerful test applies to everything we think, say, or do:

1. **Is it the truth?**

This question promotes honesty, transparency, and trust in all actions.

2. **Is it fair to all concerned?**

It emphasizes fairness and equity, ensuring just treatment for everyone involved.

3. **Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**

It encourages actions that strengthen relationships, foster understanding, and create collaboration.

4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

This principle ensures that decisions bring positive outcomes for all parties, supporting sustainable progress.

Beyond being a practical guide, the Four-Way Test reflects Rotary's commitment to ethical leadership, service, and building trust in communities worldwide.

It challenges individuals to align their actions with universal principles of truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit, fostering a more just and compassionate world.



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

Next Week, regular venue and - we visit the Antarctic!