



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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BRIEF MEETING THEN OFF TO FIRESIDES



Welcome

President Chris, welcomed 31 Members and thanked caterer Dave for another good meal.

Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Don McKenzie has been to Wellington for measuring up for his new right leg prosthetist and is looking good and also advised that Wally Drayton is OK.



Sergeant at Arms



Sergeant Brian Hall, demonstrating a diversity of tasks (*for the evening, he was also scribe, table set-upper and cash handler*) sought more “volunteers” for the pre-meeting table set-up and bulletin scribing (*and with some success*).

He then set about a sort of tourism lesson and fined us for visiting or not visiting places in our country and corresponding places in some other country. The Raffle was won by PDG Ross – with ticket No. 48 →



Announcements

President Chris asked for members to discuss two issues at the evening Firesides meetings, namely Fund raising and Membership.

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 & Bruce Martin - ongoing

Website/Club Contacts

Our Facebook site
<https://www.facebook.com/greenmeadowsrotary>

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On District Conference, she advised that five or six members have registered so far for this event at Rotorua. She emphasised that it was a top-quality programme and said to talk to her or Ross if you are interested in attending or require further information.

Cranford Supporter Steve advised \$3,000.00 had now been donated to Hospice as a result of Stu Skeets' bikeathon. In return **Stew** thanked Steve for his expertise in managing the fund raising. He said they had visited the Hospice and the donation was warmly received.



Gap Gardener Garth reported on the recent 1½ hours of enjoyable sitting, weeding and chatting at the gap, and followed by further discussions at the amazing secret Café. Contact Garth if you can help at this (allegedly) *easy on the body* project.

Garth also reminded us of the **visit in two weeks (19th March) to Marie Taylors native plant nursery**. The largest native plant nursery in HB. Caterer Dave will have his vehicle there to provide meals. BYO fluids.

Catering Curly circulated the Board for **lunch at Brookfields on Saturday 15 March**. Contact Curly if you wish to attend. (*He's getting pretty anxious as he consults his list and ponders on the deposit that he has paid for this event.*) →



President Chris then reminded members of the excellent programme next week with the Summer Science School Students (from Tamatea HS) reporting on their recent experience and as well, District Governor Nick Dangerfield also in attendance at our meeting. (*Bring partners – but book them in!*)

A RANDOM RHYME

A brief meeting but there was much to do
We were updated, on the cycling by Stew
Also learned of gardening at The Gap
At the behest of the environment chap
Next week it will be, science to see
And also, a visit by our Rotary DG

(By Pat the Poet)

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the pen of Brian Hall who also contributed images and so to did Ross P & the Editor.

The Food this week



Roast Breast of Chicken
With white wine, herb
And cream sauce

Thoughts for the week
(Bob Morrison)



Warmed up by telling us it was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent - thus Easter is just six weeks away. Then said:

Opening:

*Success is the sum of efforts,
repeated day in and day out.*

Closing:

"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

ROSTER OF DUTIES

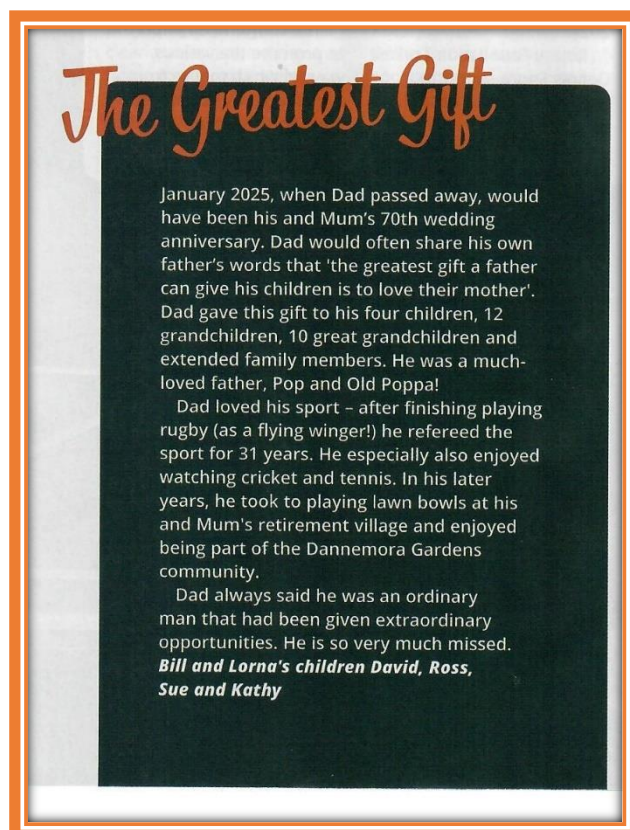
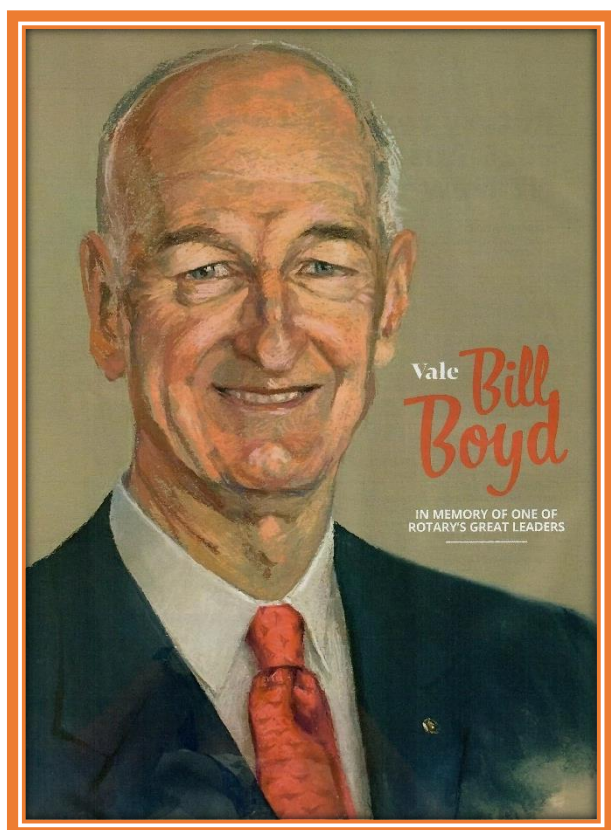
	March 12th	March 19th	March 26th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Kyah & Emily Tamatea HS Summer Science Sch	Visit to Plant Hawke's Bay Nursery Waiohiki	Hearing Therapist
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Mike Owen Gill Scarlet Alan White Gail Kelly - Garth Eyles		Clive Adams Lynne Gibson Bob Brady Denise Brown - Kevin McCormack
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Steve Gillum Ross Pinkham		Peter Manson Judy McKelvie

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

To fill this half page gap, your Editor began with a funny story – and then found this further acknowledgement of the late Bill Boyd, copied from the latest issue of RDU (which some of you may have already read.) We took some pride in showing it to his widow in our village last night (and she immediately went to her letter box to see if her copy had arrived!) **RIP: Rotary International President – RIP: Rest In Peace**



Some more Rotary Information for you

How to find my Foundation individual giving record

1. Create a login (if not already done) and sign in to <https://my.rotary.org/en/login>

1. In the home page, select the Membership and Foundation Reports (you *may* be prompted to sign in again)



2. Click Donor History Report dropdown



3. Click on second, blue, Donor History Report



4. Your report will open in a separate tab. Note, there are two tabs *bottom left* of the page. Click the second tab for a full 'statement'.



Any problems with access please use the Contact Us facility in MyRotary. If your record does not match your expectations (remember figures are in US dollars) please contact Ross Pinkham and/or speak to your club Treasurer if you donated through your club.

THANK YOU for supporting the work of The Rotary Foundation



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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

The Rotary Peace Centers

The Rotary Peace Centers, established in 2002, represent Rotary International's commitment to fostering global peace.

These centers offer master's degrees and professional development certificates in peace and conflict studies at leading universities worldwide.

The initiative stemmed from Rotary's long-standing dedication to international understanding and conflict resolution.

By providing rigorous academic training and practical experience, the centers aim to equip individuals with the skills to become effective peacebuilders.

Since their inception, the Rotary Peace Centers have expanded to include eight locations across the globe.

They have produced hundreds of alumni who are now working in various fields, including government, non-profit organizations, and international agencies, contributing to peace efforts worldwide.

The centers' impact is evident in the graduates' diverse contributions, from mediating conflicts to advocating for human rights, demonstrating the program's success in cultivating a network of global peace leaders.

Recently a new Rotary peace center was open at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.



The Rotarian Minute is a creation of District 1700. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminate1700@gmail.com

***Next week - Summer Science School Report
and also, a visit by the District Governor***