



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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TRIPLE THE SPEAKERS & DOUBLE THE PROGRAM!



Pres. Christine welcomed 37 members; DG Nick Dangerfield and his wife Maria, Rotarians Richard Howell, Robert Patello & Stefan

Berger, plus guests Emily Lloyd and Kyah Ingram from Tamatea High School along with Monique Goodson, their Head of Science.

Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that he had no contact with Geoff Bibby this week, that Wal Drayton is still struggling and no change with Don McKenzie



Announcements

Lynne Gibson (on behalf of Stats NZ) thanked all members who helped with the census. She spoke of attending a meeting recently and shared that there are tools on stats.govt.nz website to look at all the statistics gained from the census. She had a "handout sheet."

Gardening Garth: Reminded members that we are visiting Murray Taylors plant nursery, at 46 Omarunui Road, next week in lieu of a meeting at the club rooms. Meet at 5pm in the car park for "carpooling." Apologies by Sunday please. Dave's food truck will be providing our meal and BYO to drink.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Garth Eyles relieved members of their cash by asking questions about famous female scientists, such as two times Nobel prize winner, Marie Curie; and the first registered female doctor in NZ, Kathleen Curtis, Lady Rick. While we were paying, he concluded with the fact that '*statistically speaking, birthdays are good for you - the more you have the longer you live!*'

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

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SUMMER SCIENCE SCHOOL SPEAKERS

Youth Director Gill introduced our first two guest speakers, Emily Lloyd and Kyah Ingram, Year 13 students from Tamatea High School, nominated by our club and who both attended the 2025 Rotary Science & Technology Forum, a two-week science school held at Auckland University, in conjunction with AUT and Massey.

Emily and Kyah shared an amazing presentation about their time at the science school, held in January. Both girls are now inspired to aim high and apply to study at university. Emily is hoping to do a BSc in Health Science and will be the first member of her family to attend university. Kyah is hoping to study BSc in psychology and will also be the first member of her family to not only attend university but also to complete 13 years of education. Emily and Kyah attended different modules with subjects ranging from robotics, chemistry and physics to biomedical science, biology and psychology. The modules were a mix of lectures and hands on experiments. There were also tech visits to the Liggins Institute, the Biomed Imaging Research centre and the Cancer research Centre for Brain research. The girls got to do things like dissect and sex mussels, dissect a human heart and learn about the use of plasma thrusters to move satellites in space.

It wasn't all about academia though. There was an equal balance between learning and social, with opportunities to try rock climbing, play volleyball and attend a disco with the theme of gender bender where the male attendees wore dresses and the females male clothing. Both Emily and Kyah were very grateful to the Club to be able to have the opportunity to attend the science forum.



A total of 168 students were successful in being selected to attend from across the whole of NZ. Going to the science forum has had a huge impact on both girls and has inspired them immensely. Emily has now applied and been accepted, to attend a science forum **in the UK** in

July with applicants from all over the world! She will spend time at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Emily has to raise \$10,000 to attend this prestigious event and has already managed to raise \$5000 towards her trip.

Alan White thanked both Emily and Kyah for sharing their amazing and life changing experiences at the science forum. He commented that they embody what Rotary is all about - they have embraced the opportunity and changed as a result.



WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the pen of Helen and photos came from to non-forensic photographers we were present.

The Food this week



Slow cooked beef cheek

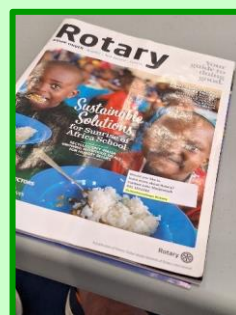
Thoughts for the week (Mike Owens)

Opening

"Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts; it is acquiring understanding." (William Arthur Ward)

Closing:

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world" (Albert Einstein)



RDU mags - Give these to Ross

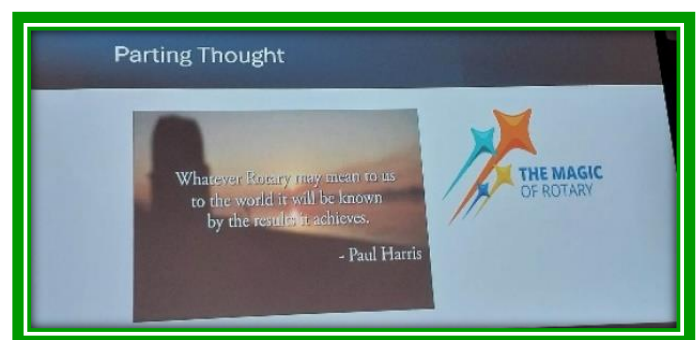
DISTRICT GOVERNOR NICK DANGERFIELD

Our second speaker DG Nick Dangerfield was introduced by Ross Pinkham. Nick, an accountant in his day time employment and married to Maria for the 11 years, is a member of Tauranga Te Papa Rotary club and has held a number of roles at district level including the training portfolio which he passed on after becoming DG. Nick talked about this year's theme – ***"The Magic of Rotary"*** and explained where International Rotary President Stephanie A Urchick got her inspiration from. He asked members what the opposite of success is. Not failure as many of us thought, but *giving up*. Nick suggested that clubs should do less - not spread ourselves too thinly, and so be more successful.

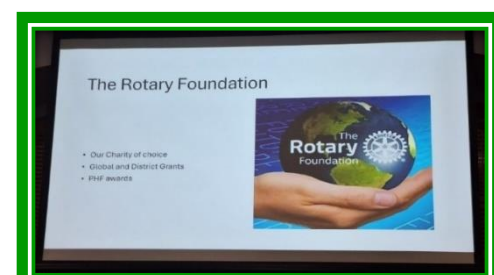
We need to get the Rotary brand out there in the community and have an action plan. The first priority on the plan should be to increase our impact, the second to expand our reach. Thirdly we should be enhancing participant engagement - ask members what THEY want to do - ask what people's passions are and talk together as a club, having good conversations. And fourthly increase our ability to adapt. Nick acknowledged that Rotary has a retention problem and we need to adapt to change or we will become irrelevant.

Nick also talked about Regionalisation. A big change to how Rotary operates and a chance for us to change Rotary, an opportunity to create and form our own type of Rotary experience here in the South Pacific. The new model is club focused with access to resources which empower members to get their own answers. The focus is on more flexibility and less hierarchy. The aim is to increase our impact and reach by working collaboratively with other clubs in our area. We have to try these things to see if they work. He explained that the role of DG is to continue to support the clubs in the district, promote and support Rotary Foundation, reminding members that with its district and global grants, this should be the charity of choice for clubs.

Nick touched on the district conference, to be held in Rotorua in May, and also spoke about this year's DG charity of choice ***Think and Be Me***. This charity is a Rotary supported programme aimed at providing a robust fence at the top of the cliff instead of an ambulance at the bottom for mental health in primary aged children, bringing preventative skills to address issues before they become a problem, giving children coping mechanisms and strategies. He finished with a quote from Paul Harris, ***"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves"***



Some of Nick's power point slides



	March 19th	March 26th	April 3rd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Visit to the Plant Nursery	Hearing Therapist	Firesides
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant		Clive Adams Curly Carpenter Bob Brady Judy McKelvie - Kevin McCormack	Frank Heuser - - Bryan Matthews Peter Manson Steve Gillum
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>		Brian Anstis Edwin Brown	John Mackintosh Mike Owen

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

Some Clubs struggle to get a speaker
And often that makes them seem weaker
Not so for us, for this time we had three
Each of them great, for us to hear and see
Girls on Summer Science, slides shown here
Then our visiting Governor for us all to cheer

(By Pat the Poet)



HB Plant Nursery - Travelling next Wednesday 19th – Where & How



Meet at the Taradale Town Hall to *car share* if needed. Otherwise drive past EIT, over the river, past the golf course & turn right into Omarunui Rd. Some 400 metres down this road there is a big sign on the right-hand side that **says 46** with a Kaka beak above the number (← see the photos →) Turn right over the drain and then up past the large building on the left where there's plenty of parking. The Caterer will be there but BYO drinks. If you are not attending your apology MUST be in



to GR.apologies@gmail.com by Sunday pm or you will be charged.



Chairty Golf Tournament Supported by Havelock North Rotary

If you're into serious inter-club competition, I suggest you put a Club team in to this event. Havelock North have four top golfers who will be entered as the Havelock North Rotary Team, and they plan on taking out the main prize. If you think you can beat them, your Club might like to enter a team. It will certainly be a fun event for a brilliant cause. **Is there a GM Team?**

Kevin Longman, President, Havelock North. Click this link for full details →



Golf tournament
2025 A4 poster.pdf

The Great Debate 2025

The Youth Committee are searching for a subject for the next debate. Can you provide a “moot?” Contact Youth Director Gill or Mike Owens with your ideas.

A Ten-Minute Speaker

A recent Board Meeting decided that we should have a “Ten-minute” speaker on our “Fireside Evenings” to provide an opportunity for members, especially new ones, to outline who they are and what they do, etc. The following notes are provided to assist members with that duty when their name comes up on the roster.

Suggested Check List for 10 min speaker

- Keep speech to 10 min please
- Outline of Family
- Occupation – past and present
- Brief history / places lived, interesting moments etc.
- Interests
- Reasons for joining Rotary

Saturday lunch photo



Next week – an “away meeting” at the HB Plant Nursery

