



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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Welcome

Vice President Carol welcomed 36 members, guest speaker Niall McCormack. Past Pres Nigel Read and Richard Howell from Taradale .

Special Meeting to amend the Constitution

Graeme Muir outlined the change that is required to amend our constitution in order to comply with the Charities Commission requirements. The following motion was discussed and passed:

That the following be inserted into the Constitution of the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows Incorporated after clause 19. "No addition to, deletion from or alteration of the organisation's rules shall be made which would allow personal financial gain to any individuals, The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document."

We then returned to the ordinary meeting.

Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Don McKenzie will have his new prosthetic leg fitted next week
Geoff Bibby and Jenny are recuperating well
Wal Drayton still recovering

Announcements

PDG Ross Pinkham presented a banner to Past President Kelvin Winnie in recognition of Greenmeadows donating US \$5,500 to the Rotary Foundation. This placed us per capita 3rd place in the 2023/24 Rotary year for our effort and contributions.

Ross is also collecting old reading glasses that can be used in the Eye Care Africa project so please bring any you don't need to our meeting next week. [see below - ed]

VP Carol spoke about a meeting at her place on Saturday 29th March for the incoming 2025/26 year team

A card from The National Heart Foundation was received thanking members who assisted with their collection at Napier PakNSave on Friday 21st Feb. Well done Denise Brown for her superb organisation to make the day successful and Bill Hawkins even scored an ice cream for dog sitting while the owner went shopping. The benefits of being a volunteer!

Sergeant at Arms

VP Carol started with the Raffle - Drawn by our guest speaker Niall and won by --- VP Carol

Carol is responsible for banking notes and coins each week from the Club shrapnel and Sergeant sessions. Over the last few months she has collected quite a few foreign coins so all members who had been to Vanuatu, Indonesia, Canada, England, Turkey Cook Islands, UAE, Australia, USA, Hungary or Fiji were fined . She even had old NZ currency and a Napier Car Wash token which won't help our fundraising!



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.
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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www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

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Apologies:
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Frank Heuser fined Alan White because Al's name badge had been found in a ladies handbag where it had been for several months.

Guest Speaker

Dr Niall McCormack was introduced by Curly Carpenter.

Dr Niall McCormack is an ophthalmologist at the local Health NZ hospital and also the Fred Hollows Foundation that Rotary has been very involved with in the past. Niall has also worked in Fiji at the Pacific Eye Institute.



He set up the Eye Care for Africa providing eye care to East Africa and was instrumental in working with children who had various eye conditions and cataracts. The fundraising enabled him and many other clinical staff volunteers to work in hospitals and orphanages. Challenges included weather events and transport restrictions. Niall also assisted with training local people who became cataract surgeons after 1 year training.

Local children from Hawkes Bay including Taradale Primary wrote letters to the African orphans and Hawkes Bay hospital knitted toys and hats for Niall to take to Africa.

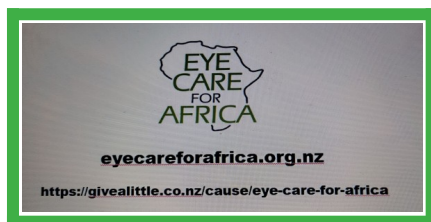
A competition was held amongst Hawkes Bay High School children so one student could travel to Nairobi as an observer. A student from Havelock North was selected and spent two weeks in Nairobi. Niall also did the 3000 kilometre walk of the Te Araroa trail which extends from Cape Reinga to Bluff to assist with fundraising and this hopefully will attract a Rotary Grant to assist with the Eye Care for Africa programme to strengthen the sustainability of the Eye Care programme. Details about donations are below.

Niall also works in Wairoa with Rotarian Peter Manson's wife Vicki who assists him and they are hoping to fundraise for a Vision Bus. Niall was an excellent speaker and his passion for improving the sight of many was obvious.

Vote of Thanks was given by Bob Brady

Donation opportunities outlined by Niall

Niall's African Charity is:



And the NZ fundraising detail – click on the links below



The givealittle page on his NZ Journey

[Eye Care For Africa - Te Araroa 2023 - Lejog \(Lands End to John O'Groats\) 2025](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/eye-care-for-africa)

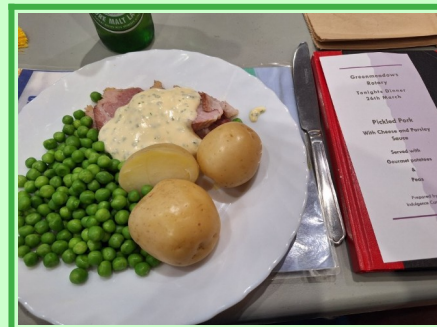
And watch one of the days on his youtube channel

[Te Araroa - Day 108. Stone Hut to Roundhill \(Stag Saddle\).](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the pen of Lynne Gibson and photos came from Ross Pinkham and the editor.

The Food this week



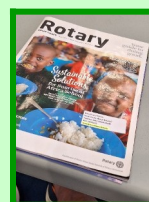
Thoughts for the week (presented by Clive Adams)

Opening

Hearing is listening to what is said.
Listening is hearing what isn't said.

Closing:

You have to hear what you don't want to hear
To know what you don't want to hear



RDU mags - Give these to Ross

From President Chris

Calling All Golfers

See the attached posters promoting the Re-Source Charity Golf tournament.

Can Greenmeadows get a team together?

Havelock North Rotary is entering a gun team who intend to win the top prize. If you have members in your Club who might be up to Havelock's standard, you should enter them. The Havelock North team will be very visible in their Orange Rotary vests.

Roster of Duties

	April 2nd	April 9th	April 16th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	ACC – Custom Care Nursing	Alice our exchange student
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Frank Heuser - Bryan Matthews Peter Manson Steve Gillum	Bill Hawkins Mark Dickerson Brian Peplow Judy McKelvie - Graeme Ryan	Garth Eyles Helen Tattersall Bob Morrison Allan White - Neil Smith
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	John Mackintosh Mike Owen	John Waldin Les Mockford	Fred Staples John Reid

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

DONATIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Rotary District Governor Nick Dangerfield presented the Greenmeadows Rotary Club with a 2023-24 Foundation Banner for their ongoing contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Greenmeadows were placed 3rd in the District "in per capita Annual Fund giving to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International".

With 47 members and over \$US5500 donated, the Club has supported the good work the Rotary Foundation achieves throughout the world. In return the Rotary Foundation also provided \$NZ80000 to assist with those communities affected by Cyclone Gabrielle (2023), and the Wairoa Floods (2024).

The 2023 24 Foundation Committee Director Geoff Bibby supported the Foundation ideals, knowing that the Club's contributions have helped others – not only in New Zealand but throughout the world.

Receiving the banner on behalf of the Club current Director, Ross Pinkham, said that the Foundation was Rotary's Charity of Choice and the Club was honoured to have received the recognition.



AEDs In Taradale

Recently the final chapter came with installing the 2 x Greenmeadows rotary Club sponsored AED machines thanks to Ross and Clive Adams.

The purchase was as a result of a District Foundation Grant - \$4000 and the Club matching funds of \$4000.

The First one went beside the kitchen door of the Taradale Town Hall, facing the car park. 8 Meeanee Road.

The best place for public better access/view of the box.

The Second one went on the wall at the Gloucester Street entrance of the Greenmeadows Four Square, in the Greenmeadows shopping area. 30 Gloucester Street.

Both have locked doors with codes to open them.

Both machines have been registered with St John; and the AED location web page www.aedlocations.co.nz has been advised.

When a call is made to 111 they will provide the code, and also alert St John.

The other machines available nearby 24/7 in Taradale are outside the Hohepa shop in the main street; and the Z Service Station in Lee Road.



Next week –Is cosy firesides time...

