



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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Welcome

President Chris, welcomed 37 Members and visitors who included Richard Howell from the Taradale Rotary Club, plus Penny Owen (wife of Mike) and the guest speaker (their son) Sam Owen.



Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart reported that Don McKenzie was doing well and now has his new prosthetic leg. Ian Holyoake reported on recently visiting Jenny & Hugh Robertson in Tauranga. *(More on this below.)*



Announcements

Gardening Garth reminded members that the monthly visit to the Gap is on the first Monday of the month meeting at 9am if members wished to come along. *(See photo below revealing the work!)*

Sergeant-Session

Sergeant Graeme Ryan relieved members of their cash by asking questions about South Island, following his recent visit there. He caught a lot of us out. *(Perhaps, that we should all go there soon! Ed)*

Guest Speaker

Mark Dickerson introduced the guest speaker Sam Owen, the son of our own Mike and his wife Penny. Born in Palmerston North, Sam has a background in the ambulance service as a paramedic and holds a bachelor degree in health science. He lives in Parklands with his wife and eight-month-old son.

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
Neil Smith, Don McKenzie & Ross
Pinkham to 30th April

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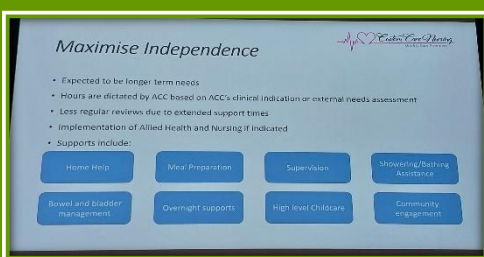
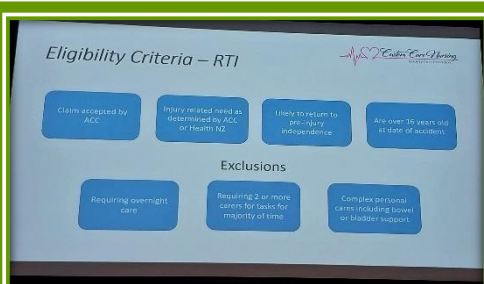
Sam is the Operations Manager for *Custom Care Nursing*, a wholly NZ owned company dedicated to provide the highest quality of client care with compassion, respect and the highest ethical behaviour from their dedicated team of professional, highly skilled Support Workers and Registered Health Professionals by supporting clients to reach their fullest potential and highest quality of life. CCN provide services through ACC home and community support and ACC nursing services. Sam emphasised that the majority of individuals who have an accident claim accepted by ACC are unaware of the range of help and support that they might be entitled to.



Return to independence (RTI) services range from help with meal preparation, extra support around the home and assistance with personal cares such as bathing or showering. Referrals come directly from ACC or from the hospital. These services are usually short term, from 6-8 weeks to two years. Regular check ins and reviews ensure that individuals get the help they require. The eligibility criteria are that the claim is accepted by ACC and that the individual is over 16 years of age at the time of the accident.

Maximise independence (MI) is for assistance following life changing injuries. These are expected to result in long term needs. The hours are dictated by ACC and can be used to give a family member the means to be able to take paid time from work in order

to help look after the injured relative. Services can include personal cares, home help, meal preparation and high-level child-care. The company can also assist in community engagement for the injured party so as to reduce the effects of social isolation that can arise following a life changing accident or injury.

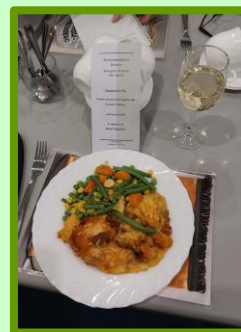


ACC nursing services are also offered by the company. This can include wound management, catheter management and longer-term support for chronic wounds. Staff can attend clients at their preferred location (within reason), which can reduce the need for a client to have to travel considerable

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

Words this week came from the medical pen of Helen and the photos were captured by the Editor - & Gardening Gillum.

The Food this week



Shepherd's Pie

Thoughts for the week (From Bill Hawkins)

Opening

***"May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your
back, the sunshine warm upon
your face, the rain falls soft upon
your fields, and until we meet
again, may God hold you in the
hollow of His hand"***
(From Ireland)

Closing

***"I will build a car for the great
multitude, constructed of the
best materials, by the best men
to be hired, after the simplest
designs that modern engineering
can devise. So low in price that
no man making a good salary
will be unable to own one and
enjoy with his family the blessing
of hours of pleasure in God's
great open spaces"*** (Henry Ford
1922)

distances in some instances to hospital outpatient clinics to GP practices. These services are free to the client as long as they meet the eligibility criteria. A claim can be accepted by ACC where a condition cannot be reasonably managed by a GP or a client is unable to attend a GP or has no GP.

The vote of thanks and a “medically certified” (& ACC approved) bottle of wine was delivered by Brian Peploe.

Roster of Duties

	April 16th	April 23rd	May 7th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Bill Hawkins & the car that defied Gabrielle	Visiting other clubs	Firesides
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Garth Eyles Helen Tattersall Bob Morrison Peter Thompson - Neil Smith	Brian Anstis John Mackintosh Edwin Brown Graeme Ryan - Curly Carpenter	Mark Dickerson - - Kevin McCormack Peter Manson Kelvin Winnie
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up</i>	Fred Staples John Reid	Robert Pearson Frank Heuser	Les Mockford Gill Scarlet

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

Having an accident and being on ACC
Took on a new meaning for you and me
Injured and you don’t know what to do
There’s help on hand for me and you
The Owens brought along their son
To tell us all, just how it is done.

(By Pat the Poet)



The Gardening
Gap Gillums
(& others) @
The Gap



Further Notices & Space Fillers

Brian Hall, longtime scribe and regular photographer (with a real camera even) has moved on to other club duties and we are looking for new writers – for perhaps once a month “scribing.”

Can you step up and be part of the Team of Scribes.

Easy as – just take notes and type them up for Editor to pull it all together for the Bulletin.

OUR ANNUAL VISIT TO OTHER CLUBS - 23 April

Are you ready for this? Check with your Director/Committee to make sure you are going to the correct place. We also need to tell them we are coming so they can cook an extra sausage!

Check this out with your team next week.

Past President Jenny

The Editor (and his “Proof Reader”) recently did a motorhome tour to the north, visiting friends, relatives, Rotarians and cops. During that tour and while in Tauranga, they visited previous club member Jenny Robertson and husband Hugh.

Jenny & Hugh are minding the home of their family who are working overseas for a while. Our Welfare Officer Stuart has reported that Hugh has not been in the best of health and so Ian & Eleanor called to see them. Hugh has cancer, is not at all well, however he has morphine to calm the pain but gets very tired. That said, he was bright and cheery for our visit, and we all enjoyed catching up.



IRISH JOKES

Reilly went to trial for armed robbery. The jury foreman came out and announced, 'Not guilty.'

'That's grand!' shouted Reilly. 'Does that mean I can keep the money?'

A tourist asks an Irishman: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which the Irishman replies: "Well if they fell forwards, they'd still be in the bloody boat."

Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink.

Quinn thinks he's very lucky because his own wife makes him walk.

Mrs. Feeney shouted from the kitchen, 'Is that you I hear spittin' in the vase on the mantle piece?'

'No,' 'but I'm gettin' closer all the time.'

A RANDOM RHYME

**An evening when we became quite wise
We learned about specs and eyes
We also found out about AEDs
So, we can handle hearts with ease
And just like bees collecting honey
We're noted for our Foundation money**

(By Pat the Poet)

NB: This poem was written for Bulletin No. 36 (26 March) but put into the Editors letter box and not that of Bob Brady who was then acting as Editor.

It is published here now so as not to upset the writer – and to fill out page four!



No. 31 – April 6, 2025

1' to discover an aspect of Rotary history

The Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award

The award is presented annually to a Rotary member who has actively promoted the advancement of women in Rotary.

It is named after the first female Rotary club president who went on to change the status of women around the world through Rotary.

A group of Rotarians launched the award in 2017.

The Rotary Board decided in 2021 to make it an official Rotary International award to support the goal of increasing the number of women in Rotary, particularly in leadership positions.

There was no recipient for this award that year.

Nominations are open from August 1 to 31 each year.

Rotarians and Rotaractors may nominate any member in good standing, regardless of gender or seniority in Rotary.

The award symbolizes Rotary's commitment to women's equality and leadership.



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

Bill Hawkins, his Model A car & Cyclone Gabrielle