



MEADOWS MATTERS

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



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GREENMEADOWS VISITS OTHER CLUBS.....



East Pier Hotel,
venue for Ahuriri
Sunrise Rotary Club
who meet there
every Wednesday
Morning.

Welcome

President Chris, as she appeared at the Sunrise Rotary Club that she visited with the Administration Committee this week. One has to ask, how did our members handle this getting up early to go to a meeting, well knowing that they also had to get up early again for ANZAC day on Friday?



The Guest Speaker at Sunrise was Nick Flack, *Chief Executive Officer, Hawke's Bay Airport*. He commenced this role in February, having previously been GM Assets & Safety at Christchurch Airport and earlier held management positions at Lyttleton Port and Centre Port. Among other things, he covered the Hawke's Bay Airport using the latest high performance lighting technology to upgrade its runway lighting system. The new system has some interesting features including pilot activated lighting, which allows for approaching or departing aircraft to activate the runway lighting when flying after hours.

Our Program This Week

This week our program was an "away meeting" i.e. instead of being at the Taradale Town Hall, we did our annual visits to other clubs in the Hawkes Bay area. Of the seven other clubs, the three who meet on Monday were obviously not available due to it being Easter, and of the rest, one club was having a special "administration meeting, another was not meeting this week, so the options were very limited. It seems very likely that we will take great care over future planning for this "away 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.
District Conference in May.

Leave of Absence

Denise P & Bruce Martin - ongoing
Neil Smith, Don McKenzie & Ross
Pinkham to 30th April

Website/Club Contacts

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Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart, reporting quietly from his orchard in Meeanee, advises that there are no new reports of “sick and wounded” – hence we must conclude that the club is in good health and spirit.



Traveling Rotarians

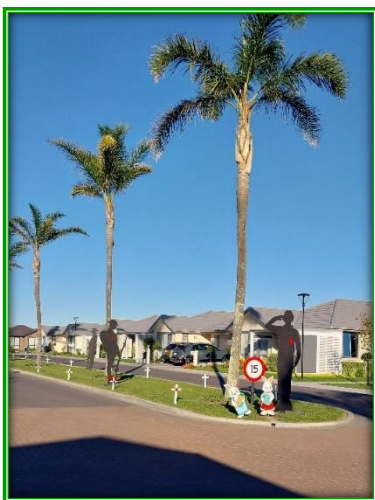
While most of us were here in Napier trying to find a club to visit, we seemed to have a number of club members travelling at the moment. Denise Brown, Bob Brady and Judy McKelvie are, or have been, in Australia – although not a lot is known of their travels.

Not so in the wider world though, for our member and PDG Ross Pinkham, as we have previously reported, has been on “official” business in Chicago, the birthplace of Rotary. We had some information last week of his work at the *Council of Legislation* and what they actually do there. Ross also supplied a number of photos. Since the Editor ‘made up’ some of the titles for those pictures, Ross has supplied more in the hope that they might be more easily recognized.



The picture shown here really does show the front entrance to the Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Chicago. It truly is an awe-inspiring building (*your Editor has been there to*). Lots to see and do there.

Next up Ross has moved on to another of his interests, namely IPA (the International Police Association.) He is shown here having a planning meeting as he got ready to move on from Chicago. He truly is “international.”



Easter in Te Awa

And for those of us who had to stay home here in Napier, we show here a view of the main driveway for an “old people’s home” out at Te Awa where ANZAC soldiers are seen guarding easter bunnies and easter eggs, along with crosses to also mark the occasion – “lest we forget.”

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

This week the words came from the wandering mind and pen of the Editor. (In other words, he made most of it up!)

The Food this week

Some of us ate at home and a few ate at the Sunrise Rotary Club. However, it is doubtful that anyone got a meal as good as we get from Indulgence Catering.

Thoughts for the week (From the Editor)

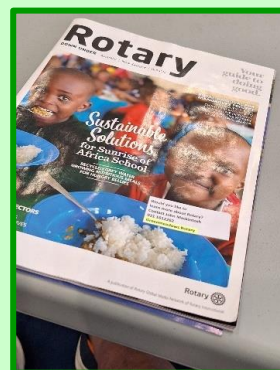
Opening

“Doing business without advertising, is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing but no one else does!”
(Unknown)

Closing

“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter!”
(Mark Twain)

RDU mags - Give these to Ross
When he returns from his trip which Council on Legislation in Chicago and some other random holidaying.



Roster of Duties

	April 30th	May 7th	May 14th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Andrew Lesperance Cranford Hospice	Firesides	Scott Mogey
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Brian Anstis John Mackintosh Edwin Brown Graeme Ryan - Curly Carpenter	Mark Dickerson - - Kevin McCormack Peter Manson Kelvin Winnie	Clive Adams Alan White Steve Gillum Judy McKelvie - Gill Scarlet
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Robert Pearson Frank Heuser	Les Mockford John Waldin	Bill Hawkins Helen Tattersall

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

A joy of Rotary is visiting other clubs
And finding out what they do
It's not just having a drink at pubs
But getting new ideas for me and you
That's what our club set out to do this week
But Easter happened to intervene
And "open" clubs were hard to seek
Thus, our members could hardly be seen

(By Pat the Poet)

Rotary
DISTRICT 9620 & 9630



BETTER TOGETHER
ROTARY
CONFERENCE
16 - 18 MAY 2025
ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND



Rotary District Conference

Combining with another district and a great speaker program, this will be a great event. So far, we only have six going from our club. Give this some serious thought. Speak to Chris More details below.



OUT OF TOWN WITH EXCHANGE STUDENT ALICE

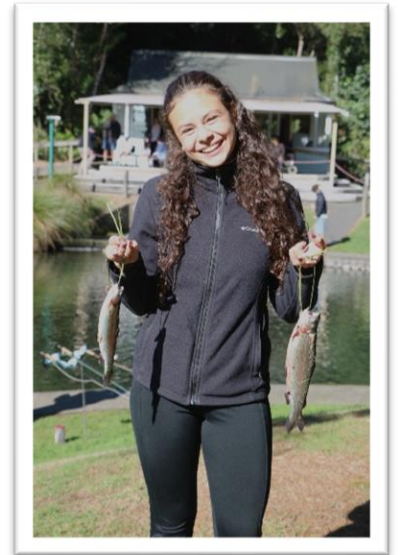
Doing a special “away visit” Brian Hall, along with Margaret and their Jessica, took our Exchange Student Alice on a little trip to show Alice another part of NZ. They did three days around Taupo and Turangi.

On the way they watched the Aratiatia Gates open with water flowing through the rapids, then took a slow boat trip up to the Huka Falls.



They did swims in Tokaanu Hot Pools and De Bretts, caught two trout at Turangi Hatchery (not quite legal size, but the smoked fillets were amazing). Then they did horse trekking at Turangi, 10 pin bowling in Taupo, had NZ style picnics, and did sight-seeing.

An enjoyable journey for all, with literally hundreds of photos taken between Alice, Brian and Jessica. Lovely clear days, but a kind of pity to have no snow on the mountains. If any club member is heading up that way in winter, they could maybe show Alice a different view and different experience - so consider taking Alice with you.



Also, if you have access to a boat in Taupo you could take her out and catch a regulation size trout. (Mind you, she caught her first trout within a minute of putting her fly in the water - hard to beat.)



Next week back at base and a speaker on Cranford



27 Days to Go Until: District 9920 & 9930 Conference 2025
Rotorua, New Zealand
Conference Dates: 16–18 May 2025



Introducing Debbie Sorensen – Keynote Speaker

We're honoured to welcome Mrs. Debbie Sorensen ONZM, C.C.T, CMInstD, NZRPN to our speaker lineup. As CEO of the Pasifika Medical Association Group and Pasifika Futures, Debbie is a tireless advocate for Pacific health equity. She brings over 30 years of transformational leadership across health, governance, and community development. Her perspective is sure to challenge and inspire us all.

New Initiatives to Celebrate: The Peace Pou Installation

We are proud to announce a special Peace Pou will be installed as part of the conference programme — a meaningful symbol of unity, legacy, and the Rotary commitment to peacebuilding in our communities.



Social highlights

Don't miss the **Welcome Function** and **Island Night Conference Dinner** — a colourful celebration of culture, connection, and good fun! It's your chance to reconnect, make new friends, and enjoy the best of Rotorua's hospitality.

Flexible Attendance Options: Day Registrations Now Available!

Only available for part of the weekend? No problem!

- **Saturday Day Pass | \$150 pp**
Includes access to conference sessions and exhibitions on Saturday
- **Sunday Day Pass | \$100 pp**
Includes access to Sunday sessions, including keynote and closing
- **Full Registration | \$400 pp**
Includes Welcome Function, all sessions, and the Island Night Dinner

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Book Now – Rotorua Awaits

Rotorua is calling, and the programme is packed. Don't miss your chance to be part of an unforgettable weekend of learning, laughter, and leadership.

Need Help?

Registrations: Teleios Papuni – registrations@hpce.co.nz

Sponsorship & Exhibition: Vanessa Huntley – events@hpce.co.nz

