



MEADOWS MATTERS

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of Greenmeadows, Napier, New Zealand



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AN EVENING RECOGNISING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND CRANFORD HOSPICE

President Christine welcomed around 50 members and guests (& PHF recipient supporters) as well as Donna Thompson and Catriona Matthews plus the guest speaker, Andrew Lesperance, the CEO of Cranford Hospice. (Wives Mary Ann Eyles and Alison Morrison made a later appearance.)



Welfare

Welfare Officer Stuart, advised that Don McKenzie is progressing ok; on Geoff Bibby he had spoken to Jenny (who is recovering well after her stroke) but Geoff has to have another round of chemotherapy. Stuart had been unable to contact Wal Drayton, but Carol advised us that she had spoken to Alison - he's struggling in the afternoons which is why he hasn't been back to meetings, they are coping okay at the moment and Wal has a LOA until the end of May.



Notices

Gardening Garth reminded members that it's the monthly visit (the first Monday) to The Gap coming up **next week meeting at 9am**. If members wished to come along, bringing a spade, fork and something to sit on. He went on to say that following feedback on the landscaping around our shelter at Awatoto, Garth has approached the council about the club going and doing a working bee the following Monday **12th May at 9.30am** for those interested.



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 to 30th
April. Wal Draton to end of May

Website/Club Contacts

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

Our website
www.greenmeadowsrotary.co.nz

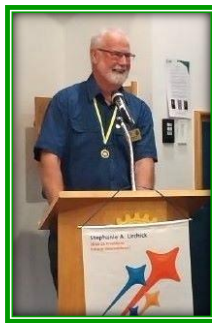
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PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITIONS

Past President Bryan Matthews took the stand and had the honour of awarding not one, but three Paul Harris Fellowship awards! The first recipient was (nonmember) Kylie Marshall for all her hard work in her community following the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle. The club acknowledged Kylie's "service above self" when she stepped up and looked after her local Meeanee/Brookfields community. She looked after everybody's needs and helped to provide or coordinate assistance whether it be for emotional or physical support. She used her cheffing skills to obtain food donations to assist in feeding the locals, including 65 RSE workers based in local orchards. Kylie also organised gatherings to ensure the sharing of information, problems, support and solutions openly in support of the mental well-being for her community. A very well deserving recipient of the award.



Then to our club members, our very own *Mr Welfare*, Stuart, and his able supporter Heather, were also presented with further Paul Harris Fellowship (sapphire) recognitions for their long service to the club in the role of Club Welfare. *Team Cheyne* has been supporting club members for over 14 years, with phone calls, personal visits, flowers and baking as well as checking on members wellbeing, health and care by regularly touching base when needed. This is always done with empathy and a spirit of love and care for the Club's members and families in their time of need.



Sergeant's Session



Sergeant Curly, recognised the recent death of Pope Francis and the upcoming conclave to elect a new Pope. He then sought to test our knowledge and understanding of religion, churches, beliefs and prayers. (*The Editor hesitates to draw any conclusions from our answers, or lack of, in case it results in some of our number being "condemned" in some way.*) Suffice to say the

sergeant achieved a new system of "tithing" to our gathering and we parted with our money.

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



Thoughts for the week (Brian Anstis)

"If voting made any difference they wouldn't let us do it"
(Mrs Twain)

Closing

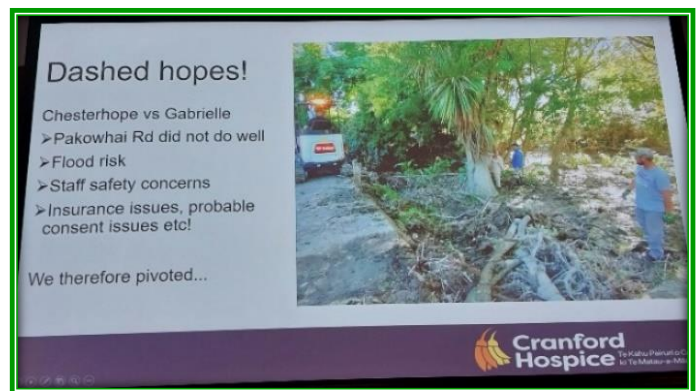
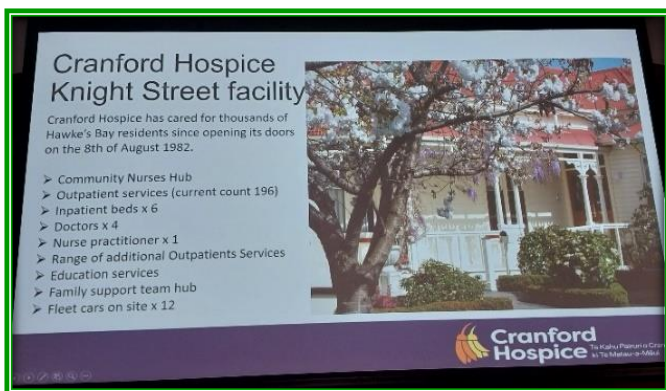
Pondering on Cranford and the Pope' death got Brian thinking about his own mortality and he wasn't sure whether he would prefer to go to heaven for the climate, or to hell for the company!

GUEST SPEAKER – Andrew Lesprance

The CEO of Cranford Hospice, was introduced by President Chris. In previous times she and Andrew had worked together at the HBDHB. Andrew is originally from Toronto in Canada and met his Kiwi wife when they were both nursing in Vancouver. He claimed he was a souvenir from her OE!

Originally a registered nurse specialising in cardiology and intensive care, Andrew has held various leadership positions since. Notable among those were his stints as Hastings Health Centre CEO and general manager of funding and planning at HBDHB.

Andrew gave a very informative presentation about the current plans for Cranford Hospice which has out grown its current site in Knight Street, Hastings. He dealt with the originally selected site becoming unsuitable due to Cyclone Gabrielle flooding and then, having to examine a whole new range of sites. One, pretty much right in Hastings is now being finalized. Cranford has provided palliative care and support to countless Hawke's Bay families since its inception. *(Pretty much every one of us in the room could claim a personal connection with this building project and perhaps our club and all the others in our area, will want to be involved in helping in some way or another. Ed)*



Countdown to Rotary District 9920 & 9930 Conference 16 – 18 May 2025. 2 Weeks to Go!

The countdown is officially on — **only 14 days** until the **Rotary District 9920 & 9930 Conference** kicks off in beautiful Rotorua!

We are thrilled to announce that this year's conference will be truly international! We have Rotarians joining us from New Zealand, Fiji, Cook Islands, Independent Samoa, American Samoa, our RI rep from America and of course, our incredible **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students from across the globe.**

This is shaping up to be a truly vibrant celebration of Rotary across our Pacific communities — and we can't wait to welcome everyone to Rotorua. You can still register



Roster of Duties

	May 7th	May 14th	May 21st
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Scott Moge	Hamish Saxton H B Tourism
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Mark Dickerson - - Kevin McCormack Peter Manson Kelvin Winnie	Clive Adams Alan White Steve Gillum Judy McKelvie - Gill Scarlet	Bob Morrison Bryan Matthews Garth Eyles Mike Owen - Mark Dickerson
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Les Mockford John Waldin	Bill Hawkins Robert Pearson	Curly Carpenter 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

A RANDOM RHYME

We recognized some with Paul Harris awards
Noting that so doing, put money towards
The Rotary Foundation doing good in the world
Recognizing the views that we have long held
But back at home we learned of palliative care
With Cranford Hospice for we've all been there
Keep this project at the front of your mind
Rotarians will continue to help and be kind

(By Pat the Poet)

Big night – seven tables



Further Rotary Information

(Reproduced in part from a recent Foundation Newsletter)

Beyond the pin: the true spirit of Paul Harris recognition



By Nerrissa J. Persaud, President, Rotary Club of Montego Bay, Jamaica

I recently received my first [Paul Harris Fellow recognition](#) pin and certificate in the mail. I held it in my hands, expecting to feel a sense of pride, maybe even excitement. After all, this recognition stands as a symbol of giving – of contributing to a foundation that has changed lives across the globe. Yet, as I looked at it, a deeper realization settled in.

This recognition, while significant, is not about the individual – it is about the impact. It is a reflection of what we choose to support, the lives we help change, and the future we help build. Too often, we shift our focus to the recognition itself – but it's important to remember that it is just that – recognition of supporting something bigger.



The Rotary Foundation: Why it matters

[Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905](#) on a simple but profound principle: bringing people together in service to create lasting change. That vision evolved into one of the most impactful humanitarian organizations in the world, leading efforts in polio eradication, clean water initiatives, education, disaster relief, and healthcare access.

[The Rotary Foundation](#) exists not to create prestige but to fund solutions to real-world problems. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is not a prize; rather, it is a symbol of commitment – a way to honour those who contribute to ensuring the Foundation's work continues for generations.

Recognition matters. It inspires and demonstrates appreciation. It acknowledges recipients and shows that they are valued and that their contributions and service matters. But let's remember not to let it overshadow the mission itself.

When recognition becomes the goal

In my Rotary journey, I have seen conversations that revolve around *who is more deserving* of recognition, rather than *how we can strengthen the Foundation to expand our impact*. Let's work together to foster a culture where we give because we believe in the mission. And let's not let recognition become a status marker, and keep in mind that it's a reflection of service.

We must ask ourselves:

- Are we giving because we believe in the work of The Rotary Foundation, or because we seek acknowledgment?
- Are we investing in sustainable impact, or are we focusing too much on the recognition process?
- Are we strengthening The Foundation's ability to serve, or are we measuring our success in terms of pins and certificates?

Recognition celebrates giving but does not define it.

A call to strengthen both the mission and the recognition

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is a prestigious honour, but its true power lies in what it represents – the ability to transform lives through service and generosity. Let us preserve its meaning, and keep the following in mind:

- Celebrate recognition, but prioritize impact. Recognizing those who give is important, but it should never take precedence over the act of giving itself.
- Encourage a culture of philanthropy over prestige. Let us inspire Rotarians to give because they believe in the cause, not because they seek an award.
- Refocus on The Rotary Foundation's mission. Every conversation about recognition should also be a conversation about growing the Foundation and ensuring its future strength.

The best way to honour the legacy of Paul Harris is to ensure that more people understand the power of giving and feel compelled to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Next week a brief meeting and then off to Firesides

