



MEADOWS MATTERS

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DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD



There was no “official meeting” this week, with our regular caterer still being away overseas. As it was the beginning of a new month, Committees were given the opportunity to arrange their regular monthly meetings in their own time and place.

The Rotary Foundation Committee, lead by PDG Ross Pinkham were led to the Thai Lotus Restaurant in Taradale, primarily because Ross had worked in Thailand for five years back around the turn of the century and so he is able to speak Thai and interpret the Thai menu at such places.

The Administration Committee, led by Director and Vice President Carol Charman, also went to the Thai Lotus. Put together (some 15 members) we had about half of our regular club attendance.

There were numerous discussions and on a variety of topics, but the noise level was such that the scribe (who is hard of hearing) could not effectively record what was being said. Some wonderful ideas (reflecting the Foundation moto of “*Doing Good in the World*”) came up for consideration though, and will undoubtedly be ‘written- up’ and acted on in due course.



Officer Holders 2024-25

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Youth Gill Scarlett
Foundation Ross Pinkham
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Meetings

Weekly: Taradale Town Hall
Wednesday 6.00pm
Fellowship 5.30pm

Firesides: 1st Wed
Directors: 2nd Wed

Coming Up:

Plate Debate – 18 June
Changeover Valley d’Vine – 29 June

Leave of Absence

Denise P & Bruce Martin - ongoing
Don McKenzie to 30th April. Wal
Draton to end of May

Website/Club Contacts

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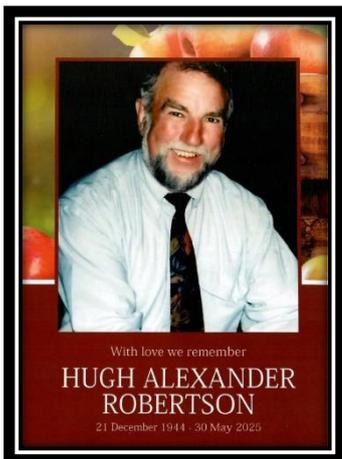
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HUGH ALEXANDER ROBERTSON



On a sad note, a large number of GM members gathered at Beth Shan Funeral Home on Friday to be with Past President Jenny Robertson (now of Tauranga) where we celebrated the life of her husband Hugh. Known to pretty much all of us as a passionate supporter of our Greenmeadows Rotary projects, we learned a lot more about Hugh and his life 'in the orchard' and the wonderful family that he and Jenny raised. It was a very large gathering and the 'rains of heaven' came down on

Hugh (and us) as he left on his final journey.

Welfare

Past member Hayley Gibson advises us that her mother (Pres. Elect Nominee Lynne) has had her knee surgery and that it went REALLY well. Lynne is being really well looked after in Royston Hospital – managed by our member Denise Primrose and the amazing staff! Lynne looks forward to getting back to Rotary ASAP and thanks to everyone for the nice messages and support she has received in the lead up to surgery!

Editor Ian reports that their son Darryn was flown back to Hawkes Bay Hospital by Air Ambulance on Thursday after his 'successful' open heart surgery in Wellington last week. He is beginning to show signs of improvement – though has a long way to go yet.

Announcements

Youth Director Gill advised that this year's Plate Debate is at the Taradale Club, on the 18th June. Meal 6pm, debate 7pm. It is a partners night and the attendance sheet will be circulated at this week's meeting for the final time (Buffet meal \$35 which will be charged to your Club account). Otherwise contact Robert Pearson to be added to the list by 11th June.

She also advised that Tamatea Tertiary Scholarship awardee Kaylee Kleynhams, will be at our next meeting to receive her scholarship having completed her first semester of study in Auckland.

Acting Programme Organiser Pete advises that our speaker for the 11th June is Meg Rodel speaking on how her organisation **CanInspire** can assist people with illness & trauma. Part of the therapy is working with beads. **So, please** - if you or your wife have any cosmetic jewellery surplus to requirements, bring that to Rotary next week as Meg will make good use of it.

Projects Director Denise reports that she delivered 88 pairs of pyjamas and two pairs of socks to the Salvation Army this week, and they were received with surprise and gratitude. What a generous bunch of Rotarians are the Greenmeadows Rotary! (Photo below)

WORDS & IMAGES THIS WEEK

This week the Editor just made it all up. (Some would argue that this is not uncommon in some areas of news publication!)

The Food this week

That which we know of had a definite Thai flavour and was in various levels of spice and hotness.



Thoughts for the week (The Editor)

Opening

To err is human, but to really foul things up requires the use of a computer!

Closing

Never argue with an idiot – they will draw you down to their level and then beat you with experience.

Pres. Elect Carol advises that Rotary is coordinating a cause to see if we can collect one million cans between the 9th and the 16th June. Could you all bring some cans to our meeting next Wednesday on the 11th and these will be delivered to a local food bank for delivery to families in need. More details and the type of food are listed in the flyer published below.

Roster of Duties

	June 11th	June 18th	June 25th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Meg Rodel from CanInspire	Plate Debate	Alicia Brazil Exchange Student
Host and Thoughts Top Table introduce Speaker Vote of Thanks Cashier Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Frank Heuser Richard Howell Bob Brady - Bryan Matthews		Neil Smith Helen Tattersall Peter Thompson Kelvin Winnie - Brian Peploe
Stewards <i>One per table and the named Members to clean up at the end.</i>	Brian Anstis Judy McKelvie		Bill Hawkins 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

No formal meeting this week but we still got together
We were not deterred by the weather
It changed from summer to winter in just a few hours
And some of us got caught out in the showers
So even though no real meeting was held
We still helped each other and did *good in the world*

(By Pat the Poet)



The car boot of Denise was overflowing with pyjamas!





ROTARY CANS FOR A CAUSE

Many families across New Zealand are struggling to put enough food on the table for their whānau and are in urgent need of support.

The Rotary Clubs of New Zealand are committed to collecting 1 million cans of food to support local food banks in our communities.

You can help!

Donate your food items between 9th – 16th June to help us collect a million food items.

Items most in need:

- Canned fish
- Baked Beans and Spaghetti
- Canned veges
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Diced tomatoes
- Spreads
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cereals

BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY NEXT WEDNESDAY



Letter of Thanks from Havelock North Rotary

31 May 2025

Dear Ross

I am writing to express my thanks for the part you have played in collecting disused spectacles for the Eye Care for Africa initiative. Thanks to your efforts, and the efforts of other Rotary clubs and individuals, Havelock North Rotary Club has successfully collected over 3,500 spectacles.

Our club undertakes the meticulous work of cleaning and assessing the prescriptions of each spectacle before forwarding them to Shinyanga, a city in Tanzania. There, the spectacles are stored at the eye clinic funded by local Hasting's optometrist Niall McCormack. They are repurposed and distributed to impoverished children and adults who cannot afford the cost of commercially marketed eyewear, making a profound difference in their lives. It's worth noting that Niall raised funds for the construction of this clinic during his Te Araroa trail walk in 2024.

In providing eye care services to the people of Shinyanga Niall identified numerous cases of vision impairment caused by cataracts and felt the need to expand the clinic's operations to include cataract surgery. Arrangements are being made with a visiting ophthalmologist, who will undertake cataract surgery at a modest cost per operation.

On the last day of Niall's recent visit to Shinyanga, he was asked to see a lady who could only see light in one eye and hand movements in the other. She had to be brought in whilst being held by a family member. Eye Care for Africa paid for her surgery, which was a huge success and a milestone being the first cataract surgery Eye Care for Africa has been directly involved with.

True to his determined spirit, Niall is already preparing for his next fundraising endeavor. Shortly he will commence walking the length of the United Kingdom, from Lands End to John O'Groats, to gather the necessary funds for this cause.

Niall has indicated he will be sending video footage of his walk, and I will update you with the YouTube link once this has been organised.

Your continued support in collecting spectacles is deeply appreciated, and together, we are making a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need. Spectacles can be forwarded to me.

Warm regards,
Peter Mayne
Director of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation
The Rotary Club of Havelock North
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***Next week back at base. BUT remember to
bring your beads & your cans.....***

