



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

District 9940



ROTARY CLUB OF PARAPARAUMU

Chartered 1953

PO Box 199, Paraparaumu 5254
New Zealand

Meets Mondays: Fellowship, 5:45 pm. Meeting, 6:15 pm.

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- Reminder that apologies for non-attendance or bringing a guest to Club meetings must be received by 10.30am Friday prior at Email: kmco@kennedymaher.co.nz or Tel: (04) 902-6148
- Some duties may have changed from the last Bulletin please check below.

Notices

- **Our caterer needs to know attendance numbers by the Friday prior to each Monday meeting so please advise apologies and guest details to Kennedy- Maher by 10.30 Fridays. Contact details above.**
- The raffle was won by entry number 36 Kay McCauley
- Rotary Youth Driving Academy on Wednesday May 9th. All year 13 students from Paraparaumu College in 6 groups will attend all 6 differing lectures throughout the day. A free lunch is offered as a bribe to volunteers. Location is Southwards Car Museum, hours 9am to 3pm approx. Bob H, John K, Peter K, Marion P, Dave M and Richard R have volunteered to help.
- After a recent dangerous experience Ian Ayson warned members to “bubble test” gas appliances before using them. A video on <http://www.elgas.com.au/blog/505-bbq-gas-leak-test-gas-grill-barbecue> shows how easy it is.
- The Kapiti College Performing Arts Centre will be the beneficiary of this year’s Art Show. A major sponsor is sought.
- Chris Dentice reminded members that Entertainment Books are available and can be bought by anyone not just members.
- Club extra activities. Wed 9 May visit to Waikanae Rotary Club night and Sunday 27 May Car Rally trip to Pohangina Valley.
- Changeover will be Sat 23 June at the Otaihanga Boating Club.

Guest Speaker

Neil MacInnes - Meadowcroft Garden, Otaki Gorge Road.

Neil has been developing the garden for 30 years since his wife bought the bare paddock without consulting with him. An extra area of steep hill was subsequently purchased. Neil admitted to making many mistakes such as planting shelter belts which grew too big and hit power lines, building a zig zag path 3 times and digging a cattle stop so that visitors could not leave. Neil has planted over 1000 trees, built stone walls over 100 metres long, dug many ponds, and built lookouts.

Neil noticed a large increase in bird life following 1080 poison drops.
Neil aims to die young at an old age!

A Club Trip to visit the garden in late spring is on the cards.

Member Talk

Peter Kennedy

Peter spoke of his journey from Lower Hutt to Kapiti via Miramar, Lyall Bay, USA, Canada, UK, Europe and Perth. After Rongotai College Peter worked for MLC Insurance and studied accountancy part time at Victoria University. Extensive overseas travel followed and on his return Peter finished his study. Moving to Kapiti Peter worked for Ray Spackman (a charter member of Paraparaumu Rotary) but then left to become a commercial painter. As painting was even more boring than bean counting Peter set up as an accountant on his own account in 1974 before joining with Nick Maher to form Kennedy - Maher. Peter married Judy in 1974 and they have a son and daughter whom they are very proud of. Peter runs half marathons and enjoys biking and hiking trips.



Judy meets Peter on a blind date.

Sergeant

Chris Dentice fined tar babies, ANZAC non-attenders, those who had not been to Kapiti or Stewart Islands and Fletcher Building share owners.

Parting Thought

Delivered by Jack Leslie (who would know!)



Speaker Programme - Send your ideas to Chris Dentice and Dorothy Matheson

Leave of Absence - Advise the President and the Secretary

Notices - Please give a hard copy to/or email the Bulletin Editor.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| Wed May 9: | Visit Waikanae Rotary Club night |
| May 14: | Rob Kofoed - The Hump Ridge Track |
| Sunday 27 May | Pohangina Valley social trip |
| May 28: | Wayne Severn - Scenttech |
| June 11: | Jim Webber - Kapiti Island |
| Sat June 23rd: | Changeover at Otaihanga Boating Club |

Apologies and notification of guests must be made by 10:30 am on the day of the meeting or earlier to the Kennedy Maher office or to the Secretary. Guests are welcome to attend any meeting. Apologies can be made several days before meetings.

- Email: kmco@kennedymaher.co.nz Tel: (04) 902-6148

Note: The club has to pay for your meal if you do not apologise. Those who are absent and do not apologise will be asked to pay for their meal.

List of Member Duties

Note:

- ▶▶▶ Some duties may have changed since the last *Bulletin*. ◀◀◀
- If you are unavailable to carry out the duties allocated, please arrange a replacement and inform the President.

Duty roster	Mon. 14 May	Mon. 28 May
Cashier and badges	Bob Hamilton	Bob Hamilton
Welcome and look after visitors	Ian Ayson Reg Barlow	Chris Dentice Daryn Dore
Sergeant	Alf Fairbairn	Richard Robertson
Lance Corporal	Edith Hall	Cliff Daley
Introduce speaker	Ian Little	Reg Barlow
Thank speaker	Dave Muirhead	David Blair
5 to 10 minute member talk	Richard Robertson	Ian Ayson
Parting thought	Ross Vessey	Don Clapcott



Aerial view of Meadowcroft Garden