A SPOKE IN THE WHEEL

Rotary club of Taieri PO Box 195 Mosgiel

Meeting: Mosgiel Railway station Wednesday 5.45pm

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Apologies and Additions

Please Phone Taieri Amcal Pharmacy Ph: 489 5171 Before Noon Wednesday.

Or give Graeme Brown a call until Linz returns from gay Paris.

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Gail's Gabble

You will notice that this is the third version of the Title portion of our Bulletin. District Governor Dave and Annette invited us to go on Tuesday night, to waiting for Gateaux at the Fortune Theatre .The topic of bulletins came up and apparently we shouldn't put anything on or in the Rotary Wheel Logo. So hence, version three. The play by the way was really funny. Did you know that laughing is like jogging on the inside? We got a lot of exercise!!

♫Happy Birthday ♫♫

☺ Happy Birthday to: **Hartley** 22 July and

Russell 23 July

They are both the same age as well. How old? That's a secret!

Our Guest Speaker

Originally from the UK Murtle the Turtle, also known as Murtle Pearce now aged 89 gave us a run down on how she hitch hiked her way to Takaka in April this year. Having lived in Dunedin for 4 years she wanted to go and visit friends from her home town but as she gives generously to the Hospice had no money. So hitch hike it was and she started out at 4am in the morning and we were entertained by her explanation of her 'hosts' from her first outside Brown's second hand store on Crawford Street to meeting her friend Joyce. A sign saying "Murtle the Turtle going North, Proceeds to the Hospice" had zero response so she resorted the tried and true 'thumbing for a ride'. Her escorts on this trip were a rugby playing young lass Rosie, Brennan the surfer, a workers bus, Micheal a born again Christian, an Insurance lady from Timaru, and an elderly man who had had three wives got her as far as Ashburton. Murtle seemed pleased to be dropped off at that stage as she didn't want to be wife number 4! She continued her journey with a kayaker to Kaikoura and then two teachers to Clarence and finally two ladies one of whom was an acupuncturist got her to her sisters in Blenheim. Her sister of course was not expecting her but she at least had a bed for the night. The next rides seemed very interesting, one with a passenger who was a pot smoking 15 year old prostitute, a Swiss doctor who got her to Mapua a nurse to the Kaiteriteri turnoff and finally a man of Greek origins who took her all the way to Takaka. Having no money she used photographs of herself skydiving at aged 85 as 'payment'.

No mean feat at all and certainly a journey that many of us would not even contemplate at our age let alone in our 80's. The return trip was a ride to Christchurch with her friend from Takaka and then again she hitch hiked but was lucky enough to score a ride home by a train enthusiast Alastair and his wife Marilyn who lived in Mosgiel.

Murtle is certainly a lady of substance, who doesn't drink as that is putting money down the toilet, doesn't smoke because that is money going up in a puff of smoke, doesn't use make up (she didn't need to) as it is too expensive and uses sunlight soap as it is cheaper. What a gal!!!

Duties

Date	19 July **TONIGHT**	26 July	2 August
Speakers	Club night – Drew in Charge	District Governor Dave Preston	Debbie White
Badges	Barbara Cooper	Ross Gold	John Whitaker
Host	Russell Heckler	Lindsay Strong	Neil Hodgkin
Vote of thanks	Tim Robertson	Bill Botting	Bill Sim
Grace	Gail Williams	Geoff Kloogh	Ross Gold
3 Minute Talk	Mel Jack	Chris McKay	Chris Saxton
Thought for the week	Robert Reid	Chris Saxton	Colin Brown
Bar Duty	Alan Briesman	Nancy Stewart	Noel Davie

Notices

- Meeting of the Community Service Meeting, at Chris Mckay's, 98 Morris Road after the meeting on 19 July
- International Committee had a meeting after the meeting finished on 12 July.
- PMT Hotline: Anyone wanting to 'dob' someone in for a fine can contact PT at pt300@xtra.co.nz

Thought for the week

Cherish your visions and your dreams, as they are the children of your soul, the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.

3 Minute Talk

Mel Jack lamented the joys of car ownership with survival from an accident at Cargill's corner and a successful insurance outcome following the writing off of his car. Another joy followed 18/12 later when in icy conditions he had to abandon his car on Scrogg's hill only to return to find the ODT van had slid in ice, hit the car and shunted it into another. This car promised to a son during his visit to Dunedin required some repairs which when duly performed the insurance company advises that this car is also written off!!

Your weekly dose of PMT.

A swifter session this week but still very few survived.

Brian Stevenson is playing host to several early lambs that should not make their appearance until September. Nancy, once again received the fine of the week by ending up in the wrong theatre at the movies and wondered why it hadn't started. David Rudd was seen at the '**Young** Farmer's' ball. Hank and Lew played telephone tag much the Lew's frustration. John Knight went to buy a cheap meal and a cheap beer and came out with the best beer and a can of cat food. Drew working for CRT claimed he was researching alpine pasture but actually skiing. He was

also late putting on his beads. Sapper sold his house for $300,000 less than he thought it was worth. Shaun got fined as he had nothing to be fined for. Paul M printed the directory but doesn't know his alphabet. H comes before I !! A blanket fine was for all those who got up to see either the All Blacks or the soccer world cup.

Raffle

Mel Jack picked out the 4 of Hearts. The kitty is now capped at $800. OK joker you can give up now.

Queen Bee's Travel Trivia

The longest ever airline ticket measured 12meters and was issued to Bruno Leunen from Belgium in Dec 1984 for a 85,263 km round trip, using 80 airlines with a total of 109 stopovers.

Now that would be a headache for any travel agent.

The Debenham Diary

The Tikeys and the Debenhams have met up and are now heading to Tunbridge Wells for the second wedding. The Debs are still catching up with relatives – must admit there does seem to be a few and have also met up with folk they first met at the first Tikey wedding. (I note the word tired comes into the correspondence a bit but anyone would get a little weary with the timetable they seem to be keeping – Ed). They have found bits of England that remind them of 'home' especially around Cornwall and Devon. They have certainly had the Kiwi bbq – in the rain. Jenny's road map skills are improving and Linz is coping with the motorways.

In a lighter vein

There was an archeologist Throstle

Who unearthed an unusual fossil

He could tell by the bend

And the knob on the end

Twas the peter of Paul the Apostle.

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