

A night in the life of two shepherds, Broadmeadows, Wellington, NZ

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- Shepherd 1: Does anyone else but we know that Broadmeadows is neither broad, nor a meadow?
- Shepherd 2: No, but then we only have six sheep. They fit fine on this empty section.
- Shepherd 1: Yes and they're good old girls. Most days they don't give much trouble.
- Shepherd 2: **Mostly.** (*looks out to sea*) Nice view of Soames. "It's a clear day, you can see forever."
- Shepherd 1: Hey, have you seen that new couple next door?
- Shepherd 2: Yeah! She looked about to pop! (*gestures as if she is pregnant*).
- Shepherd 1: She looked tired.
- Shepherd 2: I remember when I was that stage. It's no fun, especially travelling.
- Shepherd 1: Wonder if its twins?
- Shepherd 2: He looks like a practical bloke. I think I saw a toolbelt come off the quad bike.
- Shepherd 1: Wonder how that old donkey of a thing went on the motorway. The traffic's so slow getting up the Gorge, don't know if anyone would have noticed the difference!
- Shepherd 2: (Startled) What's that? Lightning? Thought we'd got over spring thunderstorms
- Shepherd 1: Could be a quake. Remember that blue green light people saw for the Kaikoura one?
- Shepherd 2: Don't be daft! (*listens*) Oh no! Listen! That teenager next door should turn it down!
- Shepherd 1: (*listening too*) It's Adele!
- Shepherd 2: No, it's the Glamaphones.
- Shepherd 1: "No, I've never heard an angel", but something's going on!

Shepherd 2: It's coming from near that new couple's house.
What did you say their names were?

Shepherd 1: Jo and Mo I think he said – from Kaikoura,
earthquake refugees.

Shepherd 2: Let's go and check they're OK. See if they need
anything.

Shepherd 1: Who will mind the sheep?

Shepherd 2: Remember it's neither broad nor a meadow. They
can't go far. Anyway will keep them in line.

Shepherd 1: Alright then. Let's welcome Jo and Mo to the
neighbourhood. (*they set off*)

Shepherd 2: We might find out when that baby is arriving.
Looked like soon to me.

Shepherd 1: Wish all that singing would stop. Anyone would
think something earth shattering was
happening! Don't they know this is a residential
area?

