



Rotary Club of Whanganui - Bulletin 1 : 1 July 2018

Meeting 6 July 2018

Informal Social Function

5.30 p.m. at Kingsgate.

Speakers from last year and prospective members have been invited – come along with your partners and make them feel welcome.

Meeting 9 July 2018

Greg Anderson and Nicola Williams – The Sarjeant

Host: Dennis Brown
Thanks: Ian McGowan
Top Table: Charlotte Harding
Sergeant: Dot McKinnon

Meeting 16 July 2018

Felicity Spencer & Noeline Barron - WDHB Oral Health Campaign

Host: Annie Gilroy
Thanks: Bernard Corkery
Top Table: John Worthington
Sergeant: Stephen Lace

Apologies:

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Attendance at Last Meeting:

Present	- 22
Apologies:	- 9
Silent :	- 15
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Men's Care Bags

Donations for Men's Care Bags to Henry Ngapo. Items may be left at the meeting.

Jennifer Churchouse – Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

Jennifer is the Head Girls at Whanganui Girls College and spoke about her participation in the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum held in Auckland early in the New Year. She applied for a position at the Forum, her Application was successful, and she along with 183 other science students from throughout New Zealand took part in the two week long Forum. As someone who had a strong interest in science at school, she appreciated the opportunity to be with others with strong science interests and backgrounds after being at school where students following non-science courses tended to dominate.

The Group was divided into 7 groups and programmes for each day were set out a Whiteboard which became the directory for the duration of the Forum. Each day started with a fitness "regime" at 6.00 am each morning with the participants having a choice as to what they wanted to do but they had to do it. Daily programmes exposed the students to many aspects of science and technology and gave the clear impression that science pervades and is an integral part of most aspects of our lives today. Jennifer noted that she got the opportunity, as did 183 others, to dissect a heart from a lamb – the first time she had been able to see the valves, which are integral to it, in place. Sessions on robotics, sensory research (where they found that taste is affected by temperature, you can't taste jellybeans with your nose blocked and some restaurants give their patrons ears muffs to listen to waves breaking while they eat a fish dish, and that as colour increases so does flavour), that everything living things do can be understood in terms of jiggling and wriggling of atoms, and what amazing things can be manufactured using 3D imaging on computers. Science programmes were interspersed with visits and it was concluded by the participants there is no doubt that Science is a Roller Coaster with new knowledge often changing the way things are thought about and done. In particular they learnt that "don't do easy", "be willing to questions what you read and hear", and "that there is no such thing as a negative result in science". On top of that she had time for a visit to the Sky Tower and to play volleyball with her group coming 3rd out of the seven groups. Overall Jennifer was grateful for the opportunity to make some good friends and to experience so much. While she has not made up her mind as to which the direction she wants to go when she leaves school she is now aware of so many more opportunities.

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Rotary offers many opportunities to connect with others in your club, district and worldwide who share similar passions. The fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni who share a common passion. These groups range in interest from tennis to wine, marathon running to cooking, scuba diving to recreational vehicles, jazz to computers, and more.

Currently, Rotary International officially recognizes 78 Rotary Fellowships. The groups reported a combined membership of 82,218 people in more than 150 countries in 2016-17.