



Rotary Club of Whanganui - Bulletin 11 : 10 Sept 2018

Meeting – 10 Sept 2018

Russell Simpson

Himalayan Adventure

Host: Dick Mitchell

Thanks: Don Gordon

Top Table: Max Restieaux

Sergeant: Kate Smith

Meeting – 17 Sept 2018

Club Fellowship Meeting

Host: Stuart Hylton

Thanks:

Top Table

Sergeant:

Meeting – 24 Sept 2018

Clive Aim

Driving Miss Daisy

Host:

Thanks:

Top Table

Sergeant:

Apologies:

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Attendance at Last Meeting:

(3 September 2018)

Present - 27

Apologies: - 4

Silent : - 13

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Men's Care Bags

Donations for Men's Care Bags

to Henry Ngapo.

Items may be left at the

meeting.

Katy Newton

Welcoming Communities Project

Katy returned 'home' to Whanganui last year after travelling extensively overseas.

Her current position is the Co-ordinator of Welcoming Communities for the District Council. Whanganui is one of five councils nationwide running this 2 year pilot programme – 2018/19 - through Immigration NZ.

A standard has been developed to set benchmarks against which councils can measure the outcomes of their local plan. The standard has eight elements, including civic engagement, welcoming public spaces, equitable access and inclusive leadership.

Katy began by describing recent migration movements. Internationally more people currently live outside their birth country – some 3% of the world's population – often as the result of economic, political, social or environmental disruption. This programme will add to any existing programmes for immigrants which are providing benefits for all concerned.

In NZ, the population has increased from 3.5 million in 1991 to 4.8 million today, of whom some 25% are foreign born. The estimates for our population by 2068 vary between 5 and 8 million. Newcomers to NZ include those here for up to 5 years, refugees and international students. However, the programme will also benefit those who choose Whanganui from other NZ centres. The aim is to provide support, share experiences, understand and appreciate the advantages newcomers bring to the community.

In Whanganui, the population has decreased lately but some growth is expected until 2043. The demographic mix is changing with the 50-65+ age group increasing while 15-50 group is below the national average. The ethnic grouping still favours European, but the Maori population is increasing.

Katy would welcome any new ideas or contributions to the local programme to build on what is already happening in Whanganui.

Be Polite.

Follow the 4 Way Test

Apologise if you are unable to attend a meeting.

Tree Planting at Hospice

19th September from 1.30-4.30pm.

If any members would like to assist it would be much appreciated. You will need to bring your own spade and make sure that you are wearing gumboots (or old gardening shoes).

September is Rotary

Basic Education and Literary Month