



Meeting – 29 Oct 2018

**Andy Lynn – Drones, Friend
or Foe**

Host: Ian McGowan
Thanks: Ed Boyd
Top Table: Jo Thomson
Sergeant: *Dot McKinnon*

Meeting – 5 Nov 2018

**Jennifer Taylor-Moore
Whanganui Women**

Host: Charlotte Harding
Thanks: Gil Bycroft
Top Table: Martin Visser
Sergeant: *Jim Callaghan*

Meeting – 12 Nov 2018

**Michael Fagg – The Polio
Story**

Host: Bob Smith
Thanks: Jo Thomson
Top Table: Neil Bates
Sergeant: *Ian McGowan*

Apologies:

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**Attendance at Last Meeting:
15 October 2018)**

Present - 25
Apologies: - 5
Silent : - 14
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Men’s Care Bags

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

ELLEN YOUNG

MAIN STREET REJUVENATION

Ellen came originally from Waihi and has a contract with Whanganui District Council from January 2018. She had already been a volunteer at Castlecliff, which proved great experience for her current job.

Ellen recognises that belief is essential; the ability to ‘see’ alternatives. The town’s soul is worthy of developing further.

Several current projects were shared as well as the video from the Conversation Station on the Avenue. This ‘parklet’ is a temporary structure which can be moved around when necessary. Seating is arranged to promote conversations and in the video, technology is used to give those who sit down, prompts for starting a conversation. Consultation with affected shopkeepers saw them giving their approval, and only one car park was lost! Four areas have been identified as suitable for a conversation station.

The container outside the Tram Shed is going to form a part of a practical fence, with a mural on its side, and some glass insulators in a wooden frame.

Another container is being used as a Coffee Cart on Ridgway Street .where young people will be given on the job training. Other activities may be added around it. Several of the alleyways in the Avenue have been given a quirky paint job, in keeping with the uses of the buildings. The longer term intention here is to make them part of a tour of Whanganui’s history with an app under construction to provide commentary. Planning is in progress to hold a street art festival. And more lighting is to be provided around town.

Ellen is keen to hear from any member with a quirky idea for revitalising our city centre.

District International Service Committee

Our International Service Committee is getting a bit thin on the ground. A recent resignation and 2 members have taken up the presidency roles in their own clubs. Committee Chair Nick Hurley is in Samoa until early December, working by remote from there. He is keen to recruit some new members to the International Committee.

Are you a potential committee member??

Please consider this carefully and if you are interested, contact Nick on nickhinbrisbane@me.com if you need more detail.

Tomato Growing Competition.

Plants available, \$5 each, at lunch today. Pay Treasurer Jo. Let’s see who can grow the best ‘Tumbling Tom’

UCOL Car Park duty

November is our month. PP Warwick will be taking names for both sessions for Saturday 3 November. 9 - 11am and 11 – 1 pm

Members enjoyed two outings last week – the Polio BBQ at Virginia Lake, and a Night at the Dogs. From all accounts, everyone had a great time.

October is Rotary **Economic and Community Development**