



Meeting – 3 Dec 2018

Off Site meeting at Red Lion:
WPS OPUS

River Bank reconstruction

Host: Gil Bycroft

Thanks: Josh Chandulal Mckay

Meal at 12.05 p.m. followed by a presentation, and then a visit to the construction site.

Meeting – 10 Dec 2018

RYE Student Steve Walker

Host: Kate Smith

Thanks: Stephen Lace

Top Table: Dennis Brown

Sergeant: Don Gordon

Meeting – 17 Dec 2018

Club Annual General Meeting

Apologies:

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Attendance at Last Meeting:
26 November 2018)

Present - 20

Apologies: - 11

Silent : - 10

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Men's Care Bags

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

Club Meetings – format and programme

At the Club Meeting on Monday the proposals for the future form of the Club, the meeting format and variations to the speakers programme were discussed. While there was general agreement with the thrust of the recommendations a number of points were made during the discussion which members need to keep in mind as the future form of the Club is considered from time to time. In particular:

While amalgamation of the Clubs in Whanganui to form a single entity would enable Rotary to speak as one voice, concentrate skills into a wider base and so enable a greater range of projects to be undertaken within Whanganui itself, simplify administrative activities and so reduce costs and perhaps have a central home, experience has shown that amalgamations are not easy to actually achieve on a voluntary basis, the new Club format, structure and timing of meetings may not suit some members of each current Club resulting in their leaving Rotary, and larger is not always better. There is greater emphasis on Clubs working together through the cluster grouping and as that develops and becomes more accepted aggregation of the Clubs may evolve as part of a natural and painless progression. Regardless of the number of Clubs the challenge of getting new members will remain.

Fellowship is an important element of the Club, indeed it was one of the original reasons why Rotary was formed, and we should find ways to enjoy those elements more – perhaps have more informal social activities.

The Club should find ways to do more with other groups in the Community and work with them on projects which may be initiated by them or the Club. Interest in membership may flow as a result of that association,

There are a lot of young professionals moving to Whanganui but because of work commitments they cannot easily join a lunchtime Club. They do however have a wish to become part of a group for networking and social interaction particularly if they are new to Whanganui. Perhaps the Club should consider working with the Chamber of Commerce to establish a satellite Club for those people. Some within that age group feel uncomfortable with some of the traditional way things are done within Rotary and don't want to be part of it. A separate entity would allow them to establish their own way of doing things.

The cost of Rotary is a significant factor when people, particularly younger people with family commitments, are considering whether to join or not.

The meeting concluded that the Club should proceed on the basis of the recommendations but remain open to other ways of doing things should it become apparent that such would be good for Rotary in Whanganui, the Club and individual Rotarians.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Attendees please note:

The bus will leave Pac.n.Save Carpark at 6.00 p.m. for a second pick-up point at St Johns Hill shops. It will then proceed to Ashley Park. Please let Ann Petherick (06 3477534 or 027 347 7533) at which pick-up point you wish to be picked up from.

BYO wine or you can purchase wine or beer at Ashley Park.

The cost is \$45 person and can be paid to Jo Thompson or by online banking in to the Club account. If anyone who has indicated that they are going has a change of plan please let Ann know by 5.00 pm Tuesday. Similarly if anyone who has not previously indicated that they would like to go and now wants to please let Ann know by 5.00 pm on Tuesday.

VISIT OF NAGAZUMI ROTARIANS

A Rotary team from Nagazumi will be visiting Whanganui arriving on 2 February and leaving on the 5th. Four are being hosted by Club members and a further four are needed. If anyone is able to help please let Lei Graham know.