



Meeting 4 February 2019

**Rotarians from Nagaizumi Cho, Japan**

Host: Shirley McDouall

Thanks: Stephen Lace

Top Table: Warwick Bullen

Sergeant: *Martin Visser*

Meeting 11 February 2019

**Peter Brown – Developing Law**

Host: Dennis Brown

Thanks: Max Restieaux

Top Table: Gil Bycroft

Sergeant: *John Henderson*

Meeting 18 February 2019

**TBA**

Host:

Thanks:

Top Table:

Sergeant: *Neil Bates*

**Apologies:**

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**Attendance at Last Meeting:**

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**Present** - 24

**Apologies:** - 4

**Silent :** - 19

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**Men's Care Bags**

Donations for Men's Care Bags to Henry Ngapo.

Items may be left at the meeting.

**Mayoral Party from Nagaizumi Cho, Japan.**

**Sister city 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Our visitors were introduced and welcomed by President Stuart prior to lunch. President Stuart, through the interpreter, related the history of the sister-city relationship which is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As well as a civic relationship, the ties with Rotary have also been strong. President Stuart told us that the founder of Rotary in Japan is buried in Nagaizumi and that he was a friend of Paul Harris.

There have been 30 official visits and many educational exchanges over the years. Some 16 teachers from here have gone to Nagaizumi to teach English. Between 1991 and 2014, there was the Friendship Centre in Duncan Street, Wanganui East, which was staffed by officials from Nagaizumi. The Tea House was relocated to the Bason Botanical Reserve when the house closed.

The city, and several groups, have also benefitted from many very generous donations. Sincere thanks were offered.

Mayor Ikeda, replied in English, that the delegation were delighted to be in Whanganui. He also noted the very close relationship between the two cities. The actual anniversary was celebrated in Japan last August and reference was made to the good times had by our people attending, including Mayor Hamish and PP Shirley McDouall. He expressed the wish to co-operate with the club to expand the sister-city relationship.

Gifts were exchanged at the end of the meeting

**Visit by Canadian/American Rotarians**

Hosts are needed for 6 couples who will be in Whanganui, 22-24 March.

See President Stuart if you can assist.

**UCOL Car Park Duty - February**

See Warwick Bullen if you are available for duty.

**District Conference 17 – 19 May 2019**

Registrations are now open on the website for our District Conference in Whanganui. <https://www.rotary9940.org/page/conference2019>

Register and take advantage of Early Bird prices before 28 February.

**Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Month**

**Photos from visit of Nagizumi Cho Mayor and party.**



Mayor Osamu Ikeda



Presenting gifts



Thank you, Interpreter, Kohei Yamakawa

## Book Fair News 2019

Book Storage Hours of Attendance ( Public Holidays not open)

Contact outside these hours please phone Jo Thomson 022 353 1651

	Mornings	Afternoons
Monday	9.30 -11.30 Jo	
Tuesday	9.30 -11.30 Henry	1.30 – 4.30 Kate
Wednesday	9.30 – 11.30 Jo	1.30 – 4.30 Lei
Thursday	9.30 -11.30 Martin	1.30 – 4.30 Jo
Friday	9.30 -11.30 Kate	1.30 – 4.30 Lei
Saturday	9.30 -11.30 Jo	

All assistance welcome

The **Book Fair 2019** will be open at the following times:

Thursday 28, Friday 29, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 March

**And**

Friday 5, Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April

In the old Farmers Building – same as last year.