



Meeting 18 February 2019

Andy Savage
General Manager Recreation,
YMCA

Host: Don Gordon

Thanks: Louise Follett

Top Table: Tom Carter

Sergeant: *Neil Bates*

Meeting 25 February 2019

Club Day Evening
meeting BBQ 5.30pm
at Bason Botanical Reserve

Host: Tom Carter

Thanks: N/A

Top Table: N/A

Sergeant: *Don Gordon?*

Meeting 4 March 2019

Rebecca Grooby – Activity
limb for Whanganui child

Host: Marion Davenport

Thanks: Gil Bycroft

Top Table: Bernard Corkery

Sergeant: *Shirley McDouall*

Apologies:

To Peter Smith please:

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Attendance at Last Meeting:

(11 February 2019)

Present - 25

Apologies: - 8

Silent : - 8

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Men's Care Bags

Donations for Men's Care Bags
to Henry Ngapo.

Items may be left at the
meeting.

PETER BROWN DEVELOPING LAW

PP Dennis Brown introduced his son, PP Peter Brown giving a potted history of Peter's life and connection with the law firm of Horsley, Christie.

Peter came to Whanganui shortly after he was born, was educated here and at Victoria University in Wellington. He worked for some time in Lower Hutt and took an OE which included time as a ski instructor in Switzerland. After Horsley Christie decided to allow family members to work together, Peter came back to Whanganui and has stayed since.

Peter became a bit disillusioned with work in a law office when he discovered that more experienced colleagues did not have the answers to all problems and that younger lawyers were set the task to find answers and solutions. As time has gone by the addition to NZ statute law has continued to balloon – at the rate of approximately 100 new laws each year and around 300 new resolutions. Keeping up with all of these changes is not easy and usually only those about which a question has been raised are consulted in depth. On top of all of the NZ laws, there are the International Treaties and Conventions which can affect clients.

Peter used the example of the changes to the law of distraint. Previously it was possible for a landlord, or his lawyer, to seize property from a tenant who was behind in the rent and sell it to recover the debt. However this changed with the introduction of Personal Properties Securities Act which requires a register to list any claims against a person's assets. Makes getting redress much more complicated.

Peter's concerns fall into two categories – a government's knee-jerk reaction to 'do something' resulting in new laws being enacted; and the rise in bureaucracy for lawyers when things are 'simplified' for clients. He believes that neither of these are likely to change people's conduct and are often punitive in nature. He suggests that it is up to society to change things and move away from the apportionment of individual 'blame' and the increasing first response to 'sue' someone!!!

UCOL Car Park Duty - February

See Warwick Bullen if you are available for

Board Meeting

Thursday 28 Feb at President
Stuart's home.

District Conference 17 – 19 May 2019

See separate page

BOOK FAIR

Please consider giving some time to sort the books received for our monster sale. If the times shown do not suit, contact us to make different arrangements. The sale is only a few weeks away!

Copies of the roster are available from Jo Thomson.

Remember to
Apologise if you are
unable to attend lunch

Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Month

DISTRICT 9940 CONFERENCE – 17, 18, 19 May 2019

(Only 12 weeks to go....Register early – register NOW)!

Be quick to \$\$ave! Earlybird registrations end on 28 February!

The online registration process is very simple...**Please read on....**

- The link <https://rotary9940.org/page/conference2019> will take you straight to the **Conference page**.
- A box on the left of that page is headed **LINKS** and below that are the words **Register here!**
- Click on the words **Register here!** - you will be taken to the **Guide to registering** page; read the instructions on that page.
- then scroll down to the bottom half of that page to start entering your details.
- You will see the option to login to ClubRunner to shortcut the registration process (If you enter your ClubRunner login it will automatically enter your details, but obviously that won't work for non-Rotarian partners, so you have to fill in the fields yourself). You do not have to use the ClubRunner option.
- From here on follow the online instructions giving the required details about the Registrant, option choices, details of payment and other questions.

An alternative to the above is to just go to the District 9940 home page where you can click on **News & Events** at the top and click on **D9940 Conference 2019** and it will take you to the same **Conference page** as above and you follow the same directions and instructions.

Please remember the following:-

- Each person attending Conference must be registered individually; however, payment of fees into the given bank account may be done jointly.
- Please note: The suffix on the bank account is '03' not '00.'
- Choose your options to suit. Note the benefits and timeline of 'Early Bird Registrations.'

'Give it a go' but please don't hesitate to contact me if you need help.

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