



Meeting 25 March 2019

**Lauren Tamehana
Age Friendly Cities**

Host: Josh Chandulal-Mackay

Thanks: Warwick Bullen

Top Table: Gavin Doyle

Sergeant: *Dennis Brown*

Meeting 1 April 2019

**Louise Follett
Who Am I?**

Host: Stuart Hylton

Thanks: Lei Graham

Top Table: Stephen Lace

Sergeant: *Denis McGowan*

Meeting 8 April 2019

**Guy Le Quesne: Walk from
tip NI to tip SI**

Host: Ann Petherick

Thanks: Don Gordon

Top Table: John Henderson

Sergeant: *Ian McGowan*

Apologies:

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Attendance at Last Meeting:

(18 March 2019)

Present -26

Apologies: - 6

Silent : - 9

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Men's Care Bags

Donations for Men's Care Bags to Henry Ngapo.

Items may be left at the meeting.

MARK WARD – WHANGANUI AND PARTNERS

Mark has recently been appointed CEO of Whanganui and Partners. He sees great possibilities for the city if we are open to them. Transforming rather than growing the local economy is his aim.

We are small enough to be flexible and reach national significance in many areas, but a clear vision is needed along with good leadership. He added that we all have a part to play, especially by being careful about what we say and say to others – it can make a big difference.

There is already growth locally although we might aim for higher value opportunities. Current growth can be used as a foundation for the future – as an investment in sustainable activities. Relationships can be strengthened to provide motivation for deeper and wider future growth.

Mark feels that the heartland is rising again. In this context, branding is very important from the older 'Anchor', to the newer 'Zespri' and 'Coastal Spring Lamb'. What will be next? Making better use of high value soils with digital technology and use of drones are possible. Infrastructure projects such as the Sarjeant redevelopment, the velodrome and the port are examples of potential growth. A more active port could become part of the Golden Corridor – a western seaboard economic zone from Taranaki to Marlborough – giving even greater opportunities for new industries such as pre-fabricated homes.

Let us recognise what strengths we have and build on them.

BOOK FAIR IN COUNTDOWN PHASE NOW!!

Many thanks to all those who have contributed in the last few days to get us closer to being ready for the sale – beginning Thursday 28th March.

The preparation work continues and your time and effort will make a difference – so come along and join in our setting up.

ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL?

Can Steve come along, too???

He still has some items on his NZ Bucket List to complete....

A reminder Henry will deliver another lot of Men's Care Bags to the hospital soon. Can you contribute?

Remember to Apologise if you are unable to attend lunch

District Conference 17 – 19 May 2019

Have you registered yet??

Water and Sanitation Month