



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*

Meeting 15 April 2019

**Denis McGowan – Whanganui Residential Built Heritage**

Host: Ed Boyd  
Thanks: John Wilson  
Top Table: Stephen Lace  
Sergeant: *Stephen Lace*

Meeting 22 April 2019

**Easter Monday No Meeting**

**Apologies:**

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**Attendance at Last Meeting:  
( 1 April 2019 )**

Present -25  
Apologies: - 5  
Silent : -11  
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**Men's Care Bags**

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

**LOUISE FOLLETT**

**WHO AM I?**

Louise was born and bred in Whanganui and although she travelled overseas for work, she has returned to her home town. She is the youngest of five in her family – her father being the youngest of ten in his! So there are plenty of relatives around.

What has she done with the 20 000 days she has spent on earth? She gave us a potted history of the last few years. The young Louise spent time on the river, often fishing with her father and she was intrigued by both the water and stories of the past. She was also the 'laughing baby' in the advertisement for the Brownies. Then she set off working as a marketing gypsy around the world in a variety of jobs. However after spending exciting but temporary time in adrenalin filled work, she wanted something more permanent. She came home and finished her degree in Social Anthropology and NZ history. She has used this as a basis for understanding what she does.

Louise has worked as Marketing Director for the Whanganui Regional Museum where she felt right at home with the history. She did observe, however, that some people didn't really feel connected with the museum and its stories, so she devised and instituted ways to improve this. This led her to move into local tourism and work with the iSite. As a result of reconstruction, she moved on to Marketing Support Officer with Whanganui and Partners. Her focus was on tourism and bringing out our authentic and unique place, including attracting conferences such as the Labour Party Conference in 2020. Louise emphasised the importance of connections – of working together with goodwill – and watching magic happen!

She closed with a proverb: If you want to travel fast, go alone; If you want to travel far, go together.

Members were very interested to learn a lot more about Louise and realised that there really is a lot more to Louise than meets the eye.

**BOOK FAIR 2019**

It is over for this year!! Well done Jo and your team. And a great big thank you to all members and friends who assisted and made this Book Fair such a success.

While the final net income will not be known for a few days yet, there will be enough to allow the club to make a difference in the community.

**District Conference 17 – 19 May 2019**

Have you registered yet??

**Rotary Readers in Schools.**

Volunteers are urgently required for Term 2 in two schools. Please see Denis McGowan or Dick Mitchell if you can assist.

**Congratulations** to Matipo Street Trust who won the supreme Trust Power Community Award.

**Remember to Apologise if you are unable to attend**

**Maternal and Child Health Month**