



Meeting 6 May 2019

**Jaycee Tipene-Thomas, DOC
Pest Free NZ 2050**

Host: Bernard Corkery

Thanks: Dick Mitchell

Top Table: Denis McGowan

Sergeant: *John Henderson*

Meeting 13 May 2019

**Major Paul Jarvis and Scott
Moore – Red Cross: State of the
Nation – are we well? Are we
safe?**

Host: Jo Thomson

Thanks: Denis McGowan

Top Table: Ian McGowan

Sergeant: *Dick Mitchell*

Meeting 20 May 2019

**Donald Trott Opera School –
25 years and beyond**

Host: Dennis Brown

Thanks: Henry Ngapo

Top Table: Dot McKinnon

Sergeant: *Don Gordon*

Apologies:

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Attendance at Last Meeting:

(29 April 2019)

Present -23

Apologies: - 6

Silent : -12

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Men's Care Bags

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

DR NELSON LEBO

HOME FIT

Nelson, originally from the United States, is passionate about home design and environmental efficiency. He loves Whanganui, despite currently working in Palmerston.

His aim is to look for common-sense solutions to improve living conditions. Solutions need to be replicable, realistic, scaleable and reputable. And even when these are found, some people can be reluctant to implement them! Costs should not be a barrier to a healthy lifestyle or a comfortable home. He offers a Curtain Bank service and other affordable programmes locally.

NZ Green Building Council promotes sustainable living programmes for both private and commercial properties aiming for high performance and energy efficient homes. An independent rating system has been developed but will not provide a rating under level 6, despite many properties falling short of this. In 2018 the Home Fit programme for existing homes was introduced. NZ homes have been described as wooden tents – being some 20 years behind Europe in energy efficiency.

Apart from discomfort, there are extensive health costs, such as respiratory diseases, relating to our poor housing stock. An Eco-Advisory service exists, but even with BRANZ involvement, people are not willing (to pay) to build beyond code, meaning that the quality of housing is unlikely to improve anytime soon. From 2014 there has been a Home Performance Advisory programme. There is even an on-line self-check assessment. This can permit DIY improvements to cut costs, with a certificate being available after assessment.

Nelson advocates taking an in-depth, holistic approach to our homes. Considerations of moisture, warmth, safety and efficiency to a high standard should not be driven by cost. Do we want to live in or live with our homes? Save power or get comfort? The advice is there: the implementation is over to us!!

UCOL Car Park Duty May

PP Warwick will be looking for volunteers at lunch. Two sessions: 9-11 and 11-1.

Potential New Member

Faith McLachlan

SGM 17 June

to confirm all appointments for next year.

Changeover

24 June – More details later

International Friendship

Exchange Programme

See separate sheet for details of this exchange with District 7850 – NE USA and Canada from September 26 to October 10, 2020.

District Conference

17 – 19 May 2019

Have you registered yet??

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

Youth Service Month