



## 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*

## Meeting 27 May 2019

**Annie McKenzie – Tylee Cottage  
Artist in Residence**

Host: Peter Brown

Thanks: Tom Carter

Top Table: Dick Mitchell

Sergeant:..*Bob Smith*

## Meeting 3 June 2019

## Queen's Birthday

No Meeting today

### Apologies:

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### Attendance at Last Meeting:

( 13 May 2019 )

Present -21

Apologies: - 8

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.

### MAJOR PAUL JARVIS AND SCOTT MOORE – SALVATION ARMY – STATE OF THE NATION: ARE WE WELL? ARE WE SAFE?

Paul represented the national perspective and Scott described the local community.

Paul firstly gave us a short history of the Salvation Army. William and Catherine Booth, in 1860, decided to address the poverty in the East End of London, and eventually all the family became involved. Boxes, very primitive, provided shelter and safety. Their interests extended to social action, such as producing safety matches to reduce the dangers of phosphorus poisoning to the workers. By the 1890s, the emphasis was getting people into employment, through training and skills, with many being sent out to the colonies. In the early 1900s, soup kitchens were introduced. There followed an Eltham Children's Home, Bethany homes for unmarried mothers and the current Prison Gate Re-integration Service.

The education and employment programmes have lasted for 40 years, although it is time to move on. One area is the Bridge Programme dealing with alcohol and drug treatment. Another is the "Good Shop" providing a mobile sales service at regular, non-inflated prices.

A State of the Nation report is prepared by a national team, including Alan Johnson as a government liaison person. This year, a summary was provided to answer the questions: Are we well? Are we safe? Paul thinks there may still be some copies available. Areas covered included: children, crime & punishment, security hazards, housing and income, looking at 'Where we can do better'. The results were not always encouraging.

Scott gave a picture of the local conditions. He came to Whanganui around six years ago and has a degree in Social Work. There are seven houses available for families who have no accommodation for various reasons. The issues facing these families are many and the Salvation Army has support from the Council and the Ministry for Social Development. He made reference to Maslow's Hierarchy of needs and pointed out that, if the first level is missing, it is not possible to move up. Many of their clients are trapped in the first level and need the assistance of 'Soup, Soap and Salvation'.

The holistic approach of Mason Durie based on his expertise in Maori Health and Psychiatry, suggests that all the areas, physical, mental, family and spiritual, are required to improve their conditions. Very often these people can do things for themselves and active involvement is not always necessary. Education is the key, along with support from all in the community.

### 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

#### Changeover

24 June – Grand Hotel  
More details later

### District Conference 17 – 19 May 2019

What a wonderful weekend! Photos are attached, courtesy of Jacqui McGowan.

It was unfortunate that Dr Varghese was unable to attend. However, replacement speaker was excellent.

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

**Youth Service Month**