



Meeting 17 June 2019

Steve Walker – Exchange Student SGM

Host: Kate Smith

Thanks: Stephen Lace

Top Table: Ann Petherick

Sergeant: *Dot McKinnon*

Meeting 24 June 2019

Club Changeover

Grand Hotel

6 pm

Meeting 1 July 2019

Sandy Fage – Whanganui Budgeting Advisory Service - 60 years on

Host: Gil Bycroft

Thanks: Martin Visser

Top Table: Max Restieaux

Sergeant:..*Kate Smith*

HELEN CRAIG WHANGANUI HERITAGE TRUST AND WHANGANUI HERITAGE BUILDINGS

Helen has a qualification in Fine Arts, Sculpture, 2009 from UCOL, following a career as Commercial Insurance Broker. Since 2013 she has been a local councillor, with an interest in our local heritage history.

Helen spoke with passion and conviction about the need to recognise, maintain and show off our history. She noted the challenges faced by building owners in bringing buildings up to an acceptable earthquake standard. However, there were many ways to achieve this, most of which involved co-operation between owners themselves as well as central and local government. Saving our past for our future was the aim.

It was pointed out that renovated buildings were worth more and that they appeared to be well used. This should persuade others to follow suit. There are several initiatives involving our heritage, including: Heritage Month in August/September 2019, "Great War Times" publication, Blue plaques for heritage buildings, Durie Hill Entrance renewal, visits to heritage homes. This is in addition to the work on the Museum, the Sarjeant Art Gallery and the wider Queen's Park Plan. Our Council is also involved in heritage preservation projects, such as the city centre rejuvenation, Majestic Square redevelopment, Whanganui walls, heritage building façade enhancement, lobbying for funding and marketing Whanganui as a heritage centre. Central government will also contribute to the cost of professional fees for strengthening work.

Helen described a Demonstration Project aimed at regenerating the city centre. This will involve earthquake strengthening central city buildings and incorporating residential apartments in upper levels. Not only would this enhance the city but also assist with providing more accommodation. This is currently under discussion with an independent trust to be established to oversee it.

Overall, Helen would like to see Whanganui as the Heritage Centre of New Zealand and she has invited us all to become involved in whatever way we can.

Changeover

Monday 24 June, 6 pm at the Grand Hotel

Join us to say *thank you to Stuart*, and *welcome to Stephen*.

A night of fellowship and fun.

Cost is \$45 per person. Pay at lunch today.

Special General Meeting - SGM 17 June

There will be a special general meeting on Monday 17 June to confirm the office holders for the next Rotary year.

Apologies:

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**Attendance at Last Meeting:
(10 June 2019)**

Present -26
Apologies: 5
Silent : 10
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Men's Care Bags

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

Remember to Apologise if you are unable to attend lunch

Rotary Fellowship Month