



## Rotary Club of Whanganui - Bulletin 8 : 20 August 2018

### Meeting – 20 Aug. 2018

**Dr Dragos Bratasuna**

#### The Pursuit of Dreams

Host: Jim Callaghan  
Thanks: Josh Chandulal-  
Mackay  
Top Table: Gil Bycroft  
Sergeant: Dennis McGowan

### Meeting – 27 Aug 2018

#### Club Speakers – Toronto Convention, Nagaisumi – Cho Visit, NZ Choir Tour

Host: Dot McKinnon  
Thanks: John Worthington  
Top Table: Annie Gilroy  
Sergeant: John Henderson

### Meeting – 3 Sept 2018

**Katy Newton**

#### Welcoming Communities Programme

Host: Martin Visser  
Thanks: Ann Petherick  
Top Table Dennis McGowan  
Sergeant: Jim Callaghan

### Apologies:

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### Attendance at Last Meeting: (13 August 2018)

Present - 24  
Apologies: - 8  
Silent : - 14  
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### Men's Care Bags

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

### District Governor – Marion Johnston.

After explaining the history behind Taupiripiri, the cane which was presented to District 9940 in 1982, she said that it will accompany her, the first female DG to receive it, on her visits to Clubs. She spoke about what she thought Clubs should address in the coming year, a year where the RI theme is "Be the Inspiration". She thought there was no need to have a separate District one as the RI theme to her epitomises all that Rotary should be about.

She went on to say that Clubs should recognise that change is happening in society at an increasing pace and Clubs should be accepting of that while looking at how they do things – are there changes which could be made to make Rotary more meaningful others. Clubs should take stock of what they do – are they simply fundraisers for other charities which do the good works? Do they concentrate on too many smaller regular projects? Should they identify one or two larger projects which can involve all members and working with others be more hands on? Clubs also need to look outwards -does our Club reflect the community, are we representative enough, how do we go about effecting a change? Because Membership of Rotary is a current priority – D9940 has lost 25% of its membership over the last 10 years and we need to look at why and what needs to change. The 2016 COL gave Clubs much more flexibility as to how they do things – only meeting at least twice a month remains mandatory. Alternative meeting places. Social events, variety in meeting formats, off-site meetings are all options. And finally visibility – Club need to publicise what they do – they need to have a face when working and carrying out projects – they need to use Facebook and its like to make others aware of what is being done – by Rotarians. And we should be proud to be Rotarians – wear our lapel badge everywhere and not just to Club meetings. And there is no greater achievement than the "almost" total eradication of Polio – there have been only 13 cases reported this year from a very small – but hard to reach - pocket on the Globe. We need to press on and Rotary has pledged to raise \$US150M towards achieving that goal – a sum matched 2 for 1 by the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation. Finally she reminded us all of the new RI Vision Statement *"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."*

### Rotary Learning and Information 101 – 9 September – Whanganui Fire Station. 9.00 am – 1.30 pm. Lunch provided.

An opportunity for you will mix with Rotarians from other clubs, and learn about the opportunities for personal growth and community involvement offered through Rotary - such as leadership opportunities in Rotary, The wider Rotary world, applying Rotary ethics in your professions, engaging members, The Rotary Foundation, and creating service projects.

*If you are interested in attending please let Jim Callaghan know*

### Tree Planting at Hospice

Sandy Mcdougall advises that they have booked 19<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30-4.30pm. If any members want to come and assist with planting that would be much appreciated. Please ask them to bring their own spade and make sure that they are wearing gumboots (or old gardening shoes), it may be a little wet or boggy.