



The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 9 October 2013



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President Peter welcomed members and guest speaker Owen Thomas

Apologies: Roger , Margaret, Rex & Rae

One minute notices

- Dont forget Shirley is jumping out of a perfectly good plane on 28th at 11.00am from the far side of the airport. Shirley thinks the plane will be on the ground when she jumps!!! There are advantages with senility.
- The 30th is the 5th week – So dinner at Shiraz 6:30 for 7:00
- Pat won the raffle supplied by Peter B, thats 2 in a row for the Elrick team.
- Starting to put the Raffle together, this year its an outdoor theme based around the Big BBQ supplied by Harvey Norman, so if you have any bits you dont want and will fit in with the outdoor theme then we will be most happy to take them of you at no charge.

Guest speaker Owen Thomas- Community Safety

Within the council is a division called District living that look after community services, which includes funding, advisory and safety which is what Owen talked about. Owen heads this section within WDC.

Owen asked “Should the council get involved with safety” - yes community safety is important and the community require it.

WDC want "a good quality community that meets your needs"

This includes multiple thins such as signage, gambling, food hygiene, building codes, sale of liquor etc.

Some of the leading partners are City Safe, Chamber of commerce, Police, all partners- ensuring a safer community.

Owen meets regularly with agencies, residence, volunteers, businesses and security, to brainstorm to improve initiatives.

One of the successes are the surveillance cameras that are used to deter, promote safety and gather evidence. There are 32 in the town are plus mobile cameras and a couple in outlying area such as Whangarei Falls. WDC work in partnership with police and the monitoring centre is in the Police station.

Graffiti is a big problem costing \$500,000 per year to remove, but there has been great success in reducing and convicting the offenders thanks to a software package that builds a data base from pictures taken and recognises the graffiti just like a signature. "Stop Tags" - utilises photos, identifies and sorts them into recognisable signature categories so when they arrest a tagger, they will be held responsible for all their known tags.

We do care about our community and the community patrols are great people getting great results.

The Summer Safe is a volunteer group who patrol over summer with great results. When they are active crime almost disappears.

What can we do? Owen encourages us to report any incidents including graffiti on 0800258258

Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)			
Lunch first dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)			
Duties	16 Oct (am)	23 Oct (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Lunch Forum	To be advised	Gail
Host	None	None	
Thanks	None	Jack	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Raffle	Mike	Shirley	
Parting Thought	Rex	Pat	

Parting Thought from Mike (cleared by Pat)

“Never check the depth of water with both feet”