



# Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 22 June 2016

## Int President K.R. Ravindran

President – Gail Taylor, Secretary- Alison Rossiter, Treasurer – Bill Rossiter, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Mike Elrick, Almoner - George Wilson, Historian - Lloyd Morris, Website - Andrew Bax, Youth – Maurice Schicker,  
District Governor – Peter Garnett, Assistant Governor – Rosemary Meyer

**President Gail welcomed everyone to the meeting including Guest Speaker Tony Collins.**

### **Apologies:-**

Jack & Barbara Lucy,

### **1 Minute notices**

- Bill has had an accident and broken his ankle in 3 places
- Latoya is down for RYLA next year.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday this month is diner at Shiraz 6:30 for 7:00pm – 29th
- Octagon Theatre – “Looking” Mike will make a booking for 8<sup>th</sup> July for 15 places so first in best dressed.
- Graeme (almoner) will look into arranging a monthly lunch meeting at someones house where will bring a cut lunch

### **Guest Speaker – Tony Collins- Why people love it here**

Tony is the CEO of Chamber of Commerce, but he put on his hat of a previous life as a landscape architect.

We started in Africa as family units, move out along coasts then into the hinterland and created environments that made us feel at home and comfortable. We created spaces that made us feel happy, ie fortresses for safety and icons that meant something.

Later we created natural landscape environments.

2<sup>nd</sup> great migration to ‘America and Australia etc. This land was predominantly bush clad and we clear felled it to create a comfortable area we could call home.

We need somewhere that we can create hooks to settle in, a place that our roots are now from.

Another part of creating our new environment is the need for order and rules.

We require landmarks, reference points, continuity.

A typical Beach scene makes you feel at peace, gives you the warm fuzzes. So is it any wonder we build communities beside the sea or rivers.

Our house is our castle and you all get that feeling of belonging when you return to your birth place or even when your return back to your house after being away and you feel a sense of comfort as now you are surrounded with your familiar things.

So that’s why we “Love it here”

Peter thanked Tony and commented that it made him think as we all did

<b>Duty Roster (a.m – noon for 12:30, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm) R.S.A.</b>				
<b>Lunch first, dinner second – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed lunch 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner etc</b>				
<b>Duties</b>	<b>29 June (am)</b>	<b>6 July – (pm)</b>	<b>Hospital</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Shiraz 6:30 for 7:00</b>	<b>Changeover</b>	Gail	
<b>Host</b>	None	Everyone		
<b>Thanks</b>	None	Shirley		
<b>Reception</b>	None	Everyone		
<b>Parting Thought</b>	Andrew	Gail		

Parting thought from Peter

“Don’t climb ladders” eh Bill