



**47th**  
**Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Rotary Club of**  
**Howick**

**2007 – 2008**

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## DIRECTORY

### Rotary International

- President Wilfred J. Wilkinson

### District 9920

- District Governor Alan Davies
- District Governor Elect Jack Davies
- ADG Representative Janet Igrisan

### Rotary Club of Howick Inc.

- President Rob Mouncey
- President Elect/Club Service Garry Donoghue
- Immediate Past President Bob Mackie
- Secretary Ian Fox
- Treasurer Peter George

### Directors

- Community Graham Loughlin
- Fellowship Bill Charkow
- International David Fels
- Vocational Max Grant
- Youth Kevin McKernan

### Club Service

- Assistant Treasurer Ken McIntosh
- Attendance George Abercrombie
- Club Directory Bill Percival
- Keyway Mihai Costache

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- Programme Rob Crabtree
- Sergeant Charles Davidson
- Webmaster Tony Twigge
- Rotary Foundation Bob Mackie
- Membership Bob Mackie
- Member Liaison Dave Wylie

### **Major Club Projects**

- Yacht Race John Richardson
- Bookarama John Osborne, Brian Hanlon,  
Geoff Thompson
- Howick Showcase Garry Donoghue, David Fels

### **Honorary Members**

- Bill Blyth Sir Barry Curtis
- Elizabeth Donaldson Lance Frost
- Dulcie Howells Roy Jarvie
- Bob Jollands Trevor King
- Sue North Ian Riddell
- John Taylor

### **Members Serving District 9920 Committees**

- Rob Crabtree Public relations and promotion  
Committee, Zone 8 PR Coordinator,  
Rotary International Training Leader.
- Kay McKirdy Student Exchange, Australia/New  
Zealand Student Exchange.

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## Membership as at 30 June 2008

George Abercrombie	Ross Forrester	Barry Nicholls
Ted Aislabie	Ian Fox	Steve Noles
Stuart Armstrong	Peter George	John Osborne
John Built	Max Grant	David Percival
Bruce Burton	Gavin Green	Bill Percival
Mike Carroll	Brian Hanlon	Alan Peterson
Bill Charkow	Joseph Heays	John Richardson
Lawrence Copestake	Max Heron	Allan Riley
Mihai Costache	Fred Holland	John Sanders
Dave Cox	Paul Kendall	Mohini Sathe
Rob Crabtree	Kathy Kennedy	Sanjay Sathe
Cedric Daniel	Clive Kilgour	John Savory
Charles Davidson	Graham Loughlin	Rod Somerville
Chris Francis	Ken McIntosh	Victor Sun
Jan de Haast	Bill McKay	Geoff Thompson
Richard Harri	Kevin McKernan	Tony Twigge
Clive Derbyshire	Kay McKirdy	George Tyler
Glen Donaldson	Bob Mackie	Steve Whitehead
Garry Donoghue	Alasdair Maclean	Gary Willcocks
Jim Donovan	Hal Martin	John Willis
Jim Duckworth	Colin Monk	Dave Wylie
Sue Ellis	Duncan Morrison	Michele Zackey
David Fels	Rob Mouncey	<b>Total = 68</b>

**Resigned during the year:-** Will Groenewald, Ken Scott, Don Stehr, Marc Milchsack, (returned to Germany during the previous Rotary year.)

**New members:-** Chris Francis, Richard Harri, Hal Martin, Colin Monk

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**Rotary Club of Howick Inc.  
District 9920  
Board of Directors 2007-2008**



**Rob Mouncey**  
*President*



**Peter George**  
*Treasurer*



**Garry Donoghue**  
*President Elect*



**Ian Fox**  
*Secretary*



**David Fels**  
*International*



**Charles Davidson**  
*Sergeant*



**Max Grant**  
*Vocational*



**Kevin McKernan**  
*Youth*



**Bill Charkow**  
*Fellowship*



**Graham Loughlin**  
*Community*

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**In Howick Rotary Club tradition, we managed to get a lot done this year. It was hard work, but a lot of fun**



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## President's Report 2007/08

It is time to reflect on the year that was and share some thoughts on the clubs activities for 2007/08.

After a "fairly full" year there is a sense of significant collective achievement. The Club does a vast amount for the Howick community. It is only when you have the helicopter view of President that you see more clearly the vast range of Rotary activities big and small that contribute towards making this community a great place to work or live.

Mary and I are both very grateful for the support and help that we have had both from individuals and from the club as whole throughout the year. I am also very grateful for the time and effort that Mary has put in to assist me. Both of us appreciate the generosity that abounds within the club as a whole. It is this generosity that I believe is one of the key cornerstones of the club's success. Whilst as a club we have given grants to the community that exceed \$50000 this year it is not the generosity of the pocket but more the generosity of the spirit that is the key to the club's success. The ability of the club to call on the time, skills and resources of such a diverse range of people enables this club to put together teams and committees that through their activities make a substantial contribution to the local and international community that Rotary serves. To plagiarize a quotation from last years Convention "Howick Rotary are a group of ordinary people who together do extraordinary things".

I guess that it may have been this "generosity of sprit" that was behind this years International President Wilf Wilkinson's theme "Rotary Shares". Wilf said in starting his year that "Rotarians share their compassion, their enthusiasm, and their commitment to help those in need and make the world a better place. " I believe that Howick Rotary can be proud that it has and continues to achieve this vision.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for giving what you have been able to give in time, skills and resources that have collectively contributed to what I would like to think was a successful and rewarding Rotary year for all members of the club.

I would also like to acknowledge all of your individual inputs into the huge range of projects and activities that the club and its committees and teams have carried out. Some of them are ongoing and some of them are projects or grants that relate to this year only. They range from RYLA to the Mangamangaroa walkway, from the Blood Banks to the support of Step Up, from Australian Student Exchange to Police Blue Light and many, many others too long to mention all in my report but fully detailed in the Distribution of Funds schedule included in the Financial Accounts.

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Out of all these activities and grants I would like to share with you what for me have been the highlights – and these are in no special order:

- The Bookarama team led by John Osborne successfully transferring to a new venue with a minimal change in funds raised (\$885). A great outcome against the uncertainties of the new venue.
- Seeing Luca grow during the second part of his IYE year and in particular being able to share his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday along with his parents Jose, Gloria and little sister Lucy who were here from Argentina. It was fun night with the Fellowship Committee adding lots of Argentinean flavour. Well done David Fels for your continuing support of the IYE programme.
- The Community Committee ably led by Graham Loughlin doing away with the early morning watering regime for the Hanging Baskets. No more 5:30 starts and avoiding early morning traffic hazards in Picton Street.
- The flair and Innovation of the Fellowship Committee led by Bill Charkow, especially the introduction of the Auction of Promises which Glen Donaldson successfully guided through its first occasion raising \$8030 for the clubs Trust funds.
- The vocational visit and wine tasting at Villa Maria with the lesson well learnt that inter – committee communication is vital. Well done David Wylie and the committee led by Max Grant.
- The building and use of our own Rotary Water Wheel with funding support from the neighbouring clubs driven by John Savory. This is a further example of the growth of interaction and cooperation between the clubs in the area.
- The growth of the Howick Show CASE Awards led by David Fels. The Awards now incorporate recognition of finalists as well as an outright winner.
- A record fund raising Yacht Regatta led by John Richardson. This event continues to be a very successful event for participants as well as a huge contributor to the funds that are available for distribution to Mast Head and the other charities that we support.
- Continued improvements in club and Rotary communications. Mihai and Ella Costache have developed the design of our Key Way with a new “fresh and modern” layout. Charles Davidson has established and continues to develop our club web site. Our Area PR Committee involving five sister clubs has helped to raise Rotary awareness in the community.
- The legal establishment of our 2 trusts with help from a range of people but particularly Jim Donovan and Peter George. Both trusts will be in sound financial shape to start the new Rotary year.
- The successful passing over of the Treasurer and Attendance functions from 2 superb long serving performers, Stewart Armstrong and Bill Percival, to Peter George and George Abercrombie respectively. The Treasurer’s function in particular is a “full on” role and Peter has done a great job this year with Stewarts help and tutelage and no doubt will carry on doing so in 2008/09. To plan for the future we also had Ken McIntosh in the wings training as Assistant Treasurer. It is also worthwhile noting here that we are very thankful that Stewart took on the role of Auditor for 2007/08 following George Tyler’s excellent contribution over many years.

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- The clubs continuing support for the worthy Howpak Wraparound Trust for youth at risk through the Youth Committee ably led by Kevin McKernan.
- The awarding of an Honorary Membership to Sue North to mark not only Sues continuing commitment to the club but also in recognition of the North Family's generous \$10000 bequest. The club is now matching this bequest so that the new Community Capital Trust will have a sound financial foundation.
- The awarding of 6 Paul Harris Fellowships and 2 Sapphire Pins.  
This year we stepped outside the club to recognize three non Rotarians that have and continue to make a substantial contribution to the community, Raey and Brain Neben at our Christmas function and John Spiller at Changeover. From our own ranks we have 3 new PHF's David Fels, Clive Derbyshire and Graham Loughlin and 2 new Sapphire Pins Brian Hanlon and John Richardson. All of these awards justly deserved.

And last but by no means least. An excellent Board who have all made contributions in their own way to the sometimes robust debates that ensured that the governance of the club was carried out to a high standard. It is worthwhile noting that the Board has governed in a year where Members Funds have increased by \$7533 to \$44399 and with the record level of net funds raised in the year of over \$60000, Trust Funds have increased by \$17768 to \$79026. The proceedings of the Board were recorded succinctly and with great clarity by Secretary Ian Fox.

I would also like to this opportunity to acknowledge the support from members of the District team. ADG Janet has not only been a welcome guest at our meetings but she has always sought the means by which she can assist the club to achieve its goals. She and Bob have also been great hosts at our area Presidents dinners.

Daron Curtis continues to give the Area PR Committee assistance and Graham Rea has been very helpful in the International Youth Exchange programme.

The life blood of a club is its membership and whilst I believe the current members are in good heart with active engagement through committee projects and socials, building membership in Rotary and this club remains a big challenge. The Board set a goal this year of a net gain of 5. Unfortunately we only achieved 2 (based on Marc Milksach having to return to Germany prior to the year end) with the club's total membership at year end standing at 68. We did however have an increased attendance at the prospective members Cocktail Function very well organized by IPP Bob Mackie and there are an increased number of prospects in the pipeline with hopefully the possibility of a substantial reduction in average age.

We are also trying out a new way of keeping prospective members in the communication loop by starting a "Friends of Howick Rotary" Key Way circulation.

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This brings me to what I believe is one of the key ways to retain existing and encourage new members and this is the clubs programme. It is vital that both the speaker and the social programmes are of the quality and variety that makes existing and new members want to come and join in. Our social programme is up to us to drive and in my view we do an excellent job however it is the speaker programme that I would like to pass a message to the incoming Board.

As Programme Coordinator Rob Crabtree knows only too well it is increasingly difficult to get quality speakers along to dinner meetings and I would like to acknowledge Rob's tenacity at getting people of the calibre of Rugby's Andy Dalton, US Consul Nick Grianias, NZ Institutes Dr David Skilling, NZ Netballs Raewyn Castle, Sir Ron Carter and Rotary's own Bill Boyd along to speak to us. In an era of paid speakers and greater difficulty in getting speakers of high quality and profile Rob achieved success against the odds proving once again that if you want a job done well give it to a busy man! Against this backdrop I would make an appeal to all members to assist the Programme Coordinator as much as possible as in my view it has a large bearing on the health of the club.

So the key question you ask yourself when reflecting on the year that was is "are you handing over the mantle to next years President with the club in good shape"? Whilst I would like to think so and the numbers indicate this to be the case the answer to this question can only be answered by you the members.

What I do believe is what I commented on in the beginning of this report. I leave the role with a sense of "collective achievement" and with one overriding feeling and impression.

**Howick Rotary is a club full of members who are "generous of spirit"!**

So on behalf of Mary and I, we thank you all again for the opportunity to be the club's President and for the ongoing support and assistance during the year that has made the role a rewarding experience and a pleasure to fulfil.

**Rob Mouncey**  
**President 2007/08**

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## Immediate Past President's Report

### Membership:

- A) The Membership and Classification Committee for the year was Sue Ellis, Paul Kendall, Rod Somerville, Dave Wylie and Bob Mackie.
- B) We commenced the year with officially 68 members and immediately had to face the loss of Marc Milchsack who for health reasons had to return home to Germany. In spite of a lot of effort we were only successful in maintaining our numbers at 68 by year-end. It was with regret that we received the resignations of Will Groenewald, Ken Scott and long standing member of 12 years Don Stehr and as mentioned Marc Milchsack. On the positive side we were very pleased during the year to have the following join our club: Chris Francis, Richard Harri, Hal Martin and Colin Monk. It is interesting that over the last two years we have inducted 12 new members into the club from 7 different ethnic backgrounds.
- C) The schedule of potential new members which was started some three years or so ago has been maintained and updated as progress is made or potential is lost. This list has consistently held in excess of 50 names. Once again this year we invited some 56 people identified as possible new members to an informal mix and mingle, with a small presentation on the Rotary Organisation and the Howick Rotary Club's interaction/fit with the Howick Community. 16 people attended the function at the Howick Club where refreshments and finger food were served prior to the presentation. It is expected that in due course 5 or 6 of these attendees will in fact join the Rotary club of Howick.
- D) Some 46 invitations have been given to worthy potential Rotarians and supporters of the Club, who are unable for whatever reason to become a member of the club at this time, to become a "Friend of Howick Rotary". Being a Friend will entitle them to receive the weekly emailed "Key Way" newsletter, to come along to an occasional meeting at which a speaker of particular interest to them is speaking, and participate in some of the community projects that the club is involved in. In order to cover the administrative cost of being a "Friend" there is an annual charge of \$25. It is hoped that some may take on full membership at some time in the future that is more suitable.

### Rotary Foundation:

After such a tremendous achievement last year when the Club and the Members made a special effort to recognise Bill Boyd's outstanding year of Presidency in total exceeding \$US 100.00 per member this years giving reverted to a more normal level. Actual giving for the year from members was \$NZ 2816.00 to which the Club added a further \$NZ 2384.

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Already it is apparent that there will be considerable encouragement in the 2008-2009 Rotary year for the contribution of not only \$NZ120.00 per member to Foundation but also for the next two years an additional \$NZ 50.00 per member to meet the Challenge of Polio Plus. It is my view that the Club will need to make a special allocation and or plan a specific fundraiser to meet these obligations as it is apparent that we are most unlikely to achieve such a level just from member gifting.

### **Board of Directors:**

For the first time, at least in recent years, the Immediate Past President was “invited to join the Board. When first invited by President Rob I expressed the concern that whilst there might be some advantage in terms of continuity I felt that such a presence / influence on the Board could be limiting and inhibiting. Especially given that Rotary is rather structured around a complete change of officers each year, a proven system which in spite of some stop/start constraints very largely provides a freshness each year and maximises the opportunity for Presidents and Directors to put their individual stamp on the running of the Club.

I have very much enjoyed being involved with the Board during the year (it can otherwise be quite a quiet year after being President), and have tried pretty hard to be available for comment and contribution when asked, without being too much of an influence. I remain however very concerned that it should not become automatic that the PP be invited to join the Board. No President should ever feel obliged to issue such an invitation. Moreover it does mean a minimum of three years of a Board Meeting and a Committee meeting each month!

**Bob Mackie**  
**Immediate Past President**

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## **Club Service Committee**

From the outset the Club Service Committee members determined their contribution to the effective operation of the Howick Rotary Club would be of the highest standard. The Committees modus operandi; make Rob Mouncey look good.

### **Secretariat:**

The level of detail and accuracy of reported events and comment were a credit to our Secretary, Ian Fox this Rotary year. The reporting and timeliness of information assisted for the smooth operation of the Board. Dialogue with members and external parties were handled with professional efficiency.

### **Treasury:**

Peter George has completed his second Rotary year in this important role. The Board, and as a by-product the club has benefited enormously from his efforts, timeliness of financial information, and reliability of data provided. Peter has also kept the board up to date between board meetings on the movement of the accounts. This initiative has allowed the Directors of their respective cttees to more closely manage and optimise the clubs financial resources for the Howick community as the Rotary year neared its conclusion.

With the setting up of two Trusts, Peter again has taken a 'whatever it takes' approach to the setting up of both the banking requirements, but also the establishment of a new set of accounts for the Howick Rotary Trust accounts.

Ken McIntosh is understudy to Peter, is being trained for the role and is on standby to accept the responsibilities as Treasurer.

### **Membership:**

Under the stewardship of Bob Mackie the membership for the full Rotary year has improved by 1 member. We had four resignations and five new members come on board.

The Howick Rotary Club once again held a member recruitment meeting at Howick Club. We have already been successful with a new member and a number of the invitees have signalled positive inclinations for the future. The member separation level was the lowest for a number of years.

Overall a pleasing result.

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**Key Way:**

Mihai and Ella Costache have ensured the standard of this production continues at a high level, but it is felt the use by members in their households has a question mark over the distribution to partners and family. The Club Service Committee felt it is difficult to motivate members who are sometimes apathetic to important matters that affect their club.

This is a very professional publication the members can be proud of.

**Public Relations:**

For the 2007/8 year a number of Rotary Clubs participated in a District Grant of 4k that was divided/used by five localised Rotary Clubs. These funds were utilised for the development, newspaper placement and use for the participating Rotary Clubs. Billboards, Rotary banners in shopping centres and the higher incidence of newspaper articles have since been noted.

The 'news' of the availability of the promotional banners has reached other clubs in the area are now popular Rotary promotional items and are getting Auckland wide use.

The formation of the PR Committee, including President Rob, from the Rotary Clubs of Pakuranga, Somerville Howick, Botany East Tamiki, Half Moon Bay and Howick has determined we meet regularly to discuss on going plans and allocation of either funding and material resources.

The PR Committee is reviewing the strategies for the 2008/9 Rotary year and that includes a commitment by the incoming administrations to commit to the program. A cornerstone sponsor is being sought to underpin funding the program for the longer term.

**Speaker Program:**

The ability to acquire high calibre speakers is proving increasingly difficult, but we believe Rob Crabtree was still able to deliver a balanced speaker program. A couple of no-shows early in the Rotary year were offset by very interesting presentations by our own members that stepped up to the mark to fill in.

There are quite a number of organisations that would like to present to our Club, but quite often these people represent organisations that wish to push a product or service. We resisted the temptation to accommodate.

With the municipal elections in November 2007 any number of candidates was happy to present to the Club.

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The speaker highlights for the year were Bill Boyd, Martin Spencer, Andy Dalton, David Skilling, Sir Ron Carter, Nick Griannias (US Consul) and Raelene Castle.

### **Website:**

Howick Rotary is very fortunate to be able to utilise with member benefits to manage two Websites.

The club is hosted in the National New Zealand (Tony Twigge) site and we are also able maintain our own dot org Howick (Charles Davidson) site. The National site holds all the personnel and contact data, whilst the Howick site is a terrific medium for both storage and research for data and news items. Over time the Howick Rotary website should become the first medium of research to find what is, has and how events/ programmes have resulted.

### **Catering:**

For the most part members have been happy with the offer. The board instigated a last person audit to ensure adequate and range of offer made it to the end. Only in the event where visitors were not being advised to the Attendance Officer we ran out of food.

The cost of the meal will rise by \$2.00 per member for the 2008/9 Rotary year.

### **Attendance:**

Early during the Rotary year there were some teething problems as the new concept and people learnt the complexity of producing the attendance data. Following this 'settling in' period the team under the leadership of George Abercrombie have performed their roles in a reliable, effective and efficient manner.

### **Sight and Sound:**

This relatively new aspect of 'club service' is increasingly an important element to hall set-up. The Howick Rotary Club is increasingly dependant on technology for the manner by which we now operate. Dave Cox and his small band have ensured the systems have been up and running and on time; quite have often had to diagnose at very short notice there way through our guest speaker requirements. This type of background chaos is, quite rightly invisible to the members and guests.

The speaker system that was purchased in 2004 has assisted with the professional manner by which the club, members and guests are able to present their messages.

Further enhancements have been identified with the public address system and technological presentations.

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**Social:**

Ken McIntosh was always on the look-out for the opportunity for the Cub Service Cttee to meet and socialise. A number of interactive social events were enjoyed by the committee through the year, culminating at a delightful day at the Howick Village where we able to enjoy the historic enactments and lunch.

**Summary:**

The 2007/8 Club Service Cttee and support personnel were a group of members who were aware of the responsibilities and important roles. The writer can advise that is not 'by chance' that the Howick Rotary Club operates at a level of efficiency and effectiveness that a not so small business would strive for. The Club Service Cttee is responsible for making the club tick, as their Chairman on behalf of all of our members it gives me pleasure to accord an earnest acknowledgment and thank you to the team.

**Garry Donoghue**  
**President Elect/Club Service**

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## **Community Committee 2007 -2008**

### **Committee members:**

Graham Loughlin (Director) Ted Aislabie, Lawrence Copestake (Secretary) Jim Duckworth, Kay McKirdy, Alan Riley, John Sanders, John Savory, Rod Sommerville (Social Convenor) Victor Sun, John Willis.

### **Responsibilities & Goals:**

To serve and make a difference to the local community on projects and funding needs for groups and individuals.

### **Completed Projects: -**

#### **Hanging Flower Baskets in Picton Street :**

For 16 years Howick Rotarians kept the flower watering system in action avoiding early commuters, facing all weathers. The environment in Picton Street is a harsh one for plants in containers, some variety of flowers need watering on a daily basis, not practical in today's busy world and an aging membership base. The decision was taken last year with the Howick Village Association to proceed with artificial flowers; we donated \$1160.00 towards the cost. This has been with few downsides. A fresh look at funding a permanent watering system would be recommended for next year's committee and return to real flowers perhaps. A letter of thanks has been sent by pp Rob to Warren Dance in appreciation for his efforts and the use of his water trailer.

#### **Rotary Water Wheel:**

Last years committee identified the need for our own Rotary Water Wheel modelled on Rotorua's Club unit. Our neighbouring Rotary Clubs agreed to help with the cost; the wheel was designed and completed where it was exposed to a crowd of 30,000 people attending the Christmas Parade 2007. On the 8 outings to date it has proved a great back drop and display for photo opportunities, so far we have received \$2000 from our nearby clubs to offset the total cost of \$4700. Thanks to John Savory, the main driver of this project.

#### **John Built's Garden:**

John's garden had become neglected and overgrown due to ill health 10 Rotarian's including wives spent 3 hours giving the garden a thorough makeover weeding, digging, pruning, grubbing, spraying and disposing of garden waste. This effort was a

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small tribute to a man who has given 40 years of service to the Rotary Club of Howick.

### **Blood Bank:**

Three successful visits from the Blood Bank Unit have been managed this year thanks to John Savory.

### **Christmas Puddings:**

More than \$1000 was made for the club funds another commendable effort by Lawrence Copestake.

### **Christmas Parade 2007:**

On our first outing for the water wheel we combined with the Howick Youth and Children's Theatre for the Christmas Parade. Young costumed ladies on tall stilts 'appeared' to be towing the appropriately decorated float with ribbons. The scene was complete with music and singers on the float with 30 local and neighbouring Rotarians and wives accompanying on foot. The water wheel surrounded by palms on the trailer looked great!

### **How We Spent Our Budget:**

- \$2262 was granted to the Howick Youth & Children's Theatre for a major production to fund a director and costumes and for the Christmas Parade decorations.
- \$1100 granted for a brochure trolley and holders and relocation of a photocopier.
- \$500 grant to Koru Trust to send Patrick Casey to Disneyland. Patrick suffered a previous aneurism.
- \$2500 grant to Friends of Mangemangeroa for seedlings and propagation of specimen trees. A planting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May with a good attendance of approximately 25 Rotarians including wives followed with a sausage sizzle.
- \$1000 grant to Trees for Survival.
- \$1300 granted to Riding for the Disabled to train 2 instructors in equine psychotherapy, the use of horse intuition and understanding to help disabled people to gain confidence. Patients are referred by their local GP and social workers.
- \$4700 cost for Rotary Water Wheel \$2000 of this has been recovered from neighbouring clubs.

### **Summary:**

This year's committee was an excellent mix of members with a wealth of Rotary experience that lead to lively well attended meetings with robust discussions and great fellowship. Our social outings, well organised by the master social convenor Rod included mini golf, mid winter Xmas dinner at the Savory's, BBQ / twilight games at Omanu Point and dinner at

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Aunty Fongs proved to be a great success!

In conclusion I would like to thank all committee members for their support and input, particularly Lawrence for his administrative skills in the important role of secretarial duties, this all helped to make my role as director an enjoyable experience.

**Graham Loughlin**  
**Community Director**

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## **International Committee**

The International Committee this year comprised of David Fels (Director), Stuart Armstrong, Jan deHaast, Paul Kendall, Stephen Noles, John Osborne, Sanjay Sathe, Tony Twigge, Steve Whitehead, and Gary Willcocks.

We had an excellent mix of older and newer club members on our committee this year, and everyone contributed with responsibilities for our various projects. Attendance at our meetings was good during the year, however Stuart Armstrong was unfortunately in poor health and unable to contribute at his usual high level. Our committee has a number of regular activities to carry out which are listed below, and this year had the Australia-New Zealand Matched Twin Exchange added to our workload.

### **International Youth Exchange:**

Luca Rozycki from Argentina was a guest of the club as an IYE student from January 2007 until January 2008. Luca was an outstanding young man who matured noticeably during his time here, and was a reflection of the high standard maintained in this programme by Rotary International. Steve and Sandy Whitehead hosted Luca for his final period, and the club is very appreciative of the hosts that undertake to look after the students while they are with our club, it is not an easy job but I am sure they will agree with me that the rewards are immeasurable with lifelong relationships formed during this time.

### **Group Study Exchange:**

The club hosted a GSE team of five people from Switzerland on September 18<sup>th</sup>, which coincided with the club's Charter Night celebrations. We had a great day with them which included a visit to the Howick Historical Village, a walk around the Mangemangeroa Rotary Loop, a BBQ at Jim and Judy Duckworth's house, and finally a trip out to the Clevedon Oyster Farm, which was enjoyed by all. Their attendance at the Charter Night was great, and added a continental flavour to the night.

### **Matched Twin Exchange:**

Tony Twigge and Steve Noles assumed responsibility for this programme, which saw the club have Georgia Walden from Howick College exchange with Zoe Dix from a country area near Adelaide in South Australia, and they will spend 3 months living with each other's families.

### **Refugee Aid:**

Paul Kendall was in charge of this activity, and worked with the Refugee Migrant Centre in

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Mangere to assess their needs and coordinate assistance to enable them to receive funding from the Tom Brydon Trust and the McKenzie Trust for families requirements and their children's educational needs to start a new life in New Zealand.

#### **ROTA Pacific:**

Stuart Webster coordinated this activity, and we assisted in funding the Rotary Club of Somerville-Howick to bring six young adults from the Pacific Islands to New Zealand for vocational training and to attend the RYLA course at the end of June 2008.

#### **World Peace Scholar:**

Sanjay and Mohini Sathe worked hard on this project which culminated in the nomination of a Sri Lankan immigrant living in the Howick area for the World Peace Scholarship from Rotary International. This was being taken forward by the District Committee at this time and the result is not yet known.

#### **Rotary in Action (FAIM):**

John Osborne has been researching this activity with the Rotary Club of Pakuranga to find a suitable project that our club could participate in, but nothing has been finalised at this time.

#### **Shelter Boxes:**

Our committee supported the funding of one Shelter Box to assist the victims of the cyclones that hit Myanmar and China in April 2008, and the club's directors subsequently added a second box with surplus funds available from the club's trust budget.

#### **South Pacific Island Trust:**

This trust has been put in place to assist with the distribution of used hospital furniture and equipment to Hospitals in the South Pacific. The trust has specialised in finding and storing the equipment as it becomes available. Many New Zealand hospitals are continuously replacing equipment. The used equipment is frequently dumped or stored as hospitals officials are unsure what to do with it. Most Hospitals have welcomed the opportunity to donate the equipment to a worth while cause. Steve Whitehead is involved with this trust and after some discussion it was decided that our committee would recommend to the directors that we should support this trust by providing funding of \$1000. This was subsequently approved and a letter of thanks was received from the trust.

#### **Social Activity:**

This very important fellowship and team building task was run by Gary Willcocks. He did a

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fantastic job and we all enjoyed a variety of activities including a pot luck dinner at Gary and Sue's home, a sumptuous BBQ at Tony and Rhonda Twigge's, and an evening fishing in Gary's launch on the harbour when John Osborne landed a large kingfish to great excitement.

All in all a very busy and rewarding year for our committee, and I wish Paul Kendall and his committee best wishes for their year.

**David Fels.**  
**International Director**

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## VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

At the outset of the year it was to objective of this committee to participate in regular programme activities, and to encourage exposure to vocational and business issues within the club. Programme activities included:

1. The Rotary National Science and Technology Forum in which we were able to select Helen Murray, a candidate from Howick College, to participate in the annual “summer school” at Auckland University. It may be possible for Helen to visit the club during the 08/09 year to review her involvement. From a budget of \$1,500 which allowed for up to three sponsored candidates, no major costs were involved in this activity as Helen was able to pay her own fees.
2. A \$500 sponsorship contribution was made to Howick College for their Science Award.
3. The Howick ShowCASE Awards are now a Board project and required no financial support from the Vocational Committee budget.
4. A \$500 sponsorship was made to Rhea Flouch towards training in Film-making.
5. A Vocational Visit to Villa Maria Wines was attended by many in the club and partners, with a very enjoyable evening in Mangere. It was fascinating to see how the best of New Zealand wines are made, marketed and exported. This was a club-subsidised activity and thanks are due to the Fellowship Committee for their financial support for this great evening.
6. The Step Up programme saw several promising young adults participate in a gruelling and challenging course over several days. The purpose of developing leadership skills in the participants was well worthwhile, and the club enjoyed a presentation from some of these participants. No major costs were involved in this activity as the participants were sponsored by their employers.
7. Other programme concepts which were discussed during this year will be completed by the incoming Committee, including a Debating Evening and a programme for training of young company directors in their roles and responsibilities.
8. Several social events including a pot-luck dinner, a curry night and a Chinese banquet were enjoyed by members of the committee.

I would like to thank all members of the committee, being, Dave Cox, Dave Wylie, Duncan Morrison, Fred Holland, Cedric Daniel, John Built, Bill McKay, Richard Harri, Max Heron especially those who committed valuable time to complete these activities, and those who gave support but were often unable to attend meetings.

**Max Grant**  
**Vocational Director**

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## YOUTH COMMITTEE

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

KEVIN MCKERNAN DIRECTOR	GEOFF THOMPSON	JOSEPH HEAYS
GEORGE TYLER	CLIVE DERBYSHIRE	CLIVE KILGOUR
BARRY NICHOLLS	MICHELE ZACKEY	ALAN PETERSON
SUE ELLIS (LOA)	JOHN RICHARDSON	JIM DONOVAN

The youth committee activities for this year were a mixture of traditional Rotary Youth Programmes and the continuation of searching for new opportunities. At the early part of the year we listed all the possible programmes available under the umbrella “Programmes for Schools” compiled by District 9920, and allocated them to committee members to investigate and /or convene. Our outcomes are as follows.

### PROGRAMMES:

**RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment) convened by Clive Kilgour. Eight applicants from Howick College were approved to go, 2 dropped out at the last minute so we sponsored 6 Howick College students to this programme in March.

**CHALLENGE CAMP** convened by Kevin McKernan We identified a possible candidate early in the year but towards the cut off time for applications this candidate was unavailable. We identified a replacement candidate Marcus McCartney who although keen to attend, and appeared to meet the criteria, ultimately was not approved by the Camp’s Doctor. Unfortunately we were not able to determine any further detail to be able to offer future convenors.

**MUNA** (Module United Nations Assembly) convened by George Tyler. The teacher responsible for this programme in Howick College has been offered whatever assistance Rotary can provide, but she has the programme in hand and has not taken up any offer of assistance.

**BREAK THROUGH TO EXCELLENCE** convened by Michele Zackey. We have not got involved in this programme this year as Michele has not been able to acquire sufficient information at this stage, and will be referred to next years committee.

**RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) convened by Clive Derbyshire. This year we have had more Public relations regarding this programme due to efforts from the District Public Relations Programme. To this end and the untiring efforts of Clive, we have 4 excellent candidates to attend RYLA from 10 initial applications. Kyle Schumann; Elliot Sharp; Shane Everest; and Tim Woodward. Kyle is the son of our member Michele

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Zackey, Tim is an employee of our member Geoff Thompson, and Shane is an employee of our member Richard Harri.

**PEER SUPPORT** convened by George Tyler. This year our support was to convene the morning tea and lunch for this training day for the students involved in the Peer Support programme during the year at Howick College.

**HOWICK POLICE** convened by Kevin McKernan. To further develop our relationship with the Howick Police Youth Aid we met with them early in the year, and at that meeting they advised that they were comfortable with funding for the Blue Light activities for this year. We left information with the Youth Aid Officers of the list of available Youth programmes that rotary convene, should they identify possible candidates that would benefit from any the programmes.

They did request Rotary members to become members of the Police Nominated Persons List. This is an official list used when young people are apprehended by the police and are required to be interviewed and by law an adult must be present. There are 4 Rotarians and 1 partner on this list, and most have been called to offer their services.

A request did come from the Police to assist with sponsoring an adventure tramp for individuals that had been identified as having leadership ability but never the opportunity to nurture or display it. We supported this Blue Light Trust activity with \$1000 and up to 10 individuals would have attended this tramp.

**HOWPAK WRAP AROUND TRUST** convened by Joseph Heays and Michele Zackey. The committee this year decided to take a more active role in the support of this trust. With it continually being short funded, we committed to \$5000 but also formed a sub committee to assist the trust on an ongoing basis, in areas particularly to do with targeting funding sources and presentations to promote the trust activities within the area. This will be an ongoing support via the sub-committee beyond the end of this rotary year. This trust is unique in its activity and our committee this year is 100% committed to assist while sustainable funding arrangements are negotiated and lobbied for. Specific members skills may be requested by the sub-committee from time to time to assist in this area.

A special mention should be made of the commitment of Michele for managing the day-to-day activities, and to achieve the valuable outcomes in an under resourced environment.

### **INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

We received a number of requests for individual assistance, and the ones the committee felt worthy of support were the following Howick youth:

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- Rhea Flouch - \$500 toward a study trip to Rotterdam for film production training.
- Stephen Simmons - \$1000 toward an Outward Bound Mind, Body and Soul Course.
- Ben Whittingham - \$1000 toward a science and mathematics exchange study trip to Singapore.
- Aimee Gray - \$500 toward her attending the NZ Secondary Students Choir festival event in Sth. America.

**SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE** convened by Joseph Heays

- We supported Brittany Akitt on a Spirit of Adventure voyage, and \$300 assistance to 2 further Howick College students to assist their voyages. These students were selected through the Howick College selection process.
- We also donated \$1000 to the Elim College memorial fund following their tragedy.

**COMMITTEE SOCIAL PROGRAMME** convened by Geoff Thompson.

Despite the best efforts of Geoff we didn't end up having a full social programme, however 2 or 3 social get togethers amongst the busy club social activity was very much appreciated.

**CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

As I look back on the number of activities we have convened as a committee this year it has been a full and prosperous year, and I would like to especially thank the members of the committee who have taken time out in their busy schedules to devote to the youth in our community.

Our Rotary programmes have been well supported this year, we have assisted a few worthy individuals, referred other requests to neighbouring clubs, declined requests that we believe didn't meet criteria and declined others on the basis of insufficient funds.

There are many worthwhile activities available to Youth through Rotary but to look for additional local opportunities is something future committees should continue to investigate, particularly to continue to build the relationship with the Howick Police Youth Aid.

Thank you for a full year and I am sure our contribution will make a difference to the youth of Howick.

**KEVIN MCKERNAN**  
**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

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## Fellowship Committee Report

### Committee members:

Bill Charkow ( Director ), Brian Hanlon ( Minutes ), Bruce Burton, Mike Carroll, Glen Donaldson, Ross Forester, Gavin Green, Kathy Kennedy ( Social ) Alasdair MacLean, David Percival, Mohini Sathe, Don Stehr, Chris Francis and Hal Martin – new members.

The year started with a strong team and supply of funds, thanks to Dave Cox for such a healthy start. Unfortunately due to illness and resignation we lost three members – Ross Forester, Mohini Sathe and Don Stehr. We wish them all the very best and we hope that it will not be too long before we see them all back on board.

The bar duties were continued from last year by Gavin and Glen and a great thanks to them for all their efforts in always being there and being so cheerful.

Brian Hanlon also continued as the minute taker These were always a pleasure to read if only to find the different angles Brian took and the humour placed within. A great job and thanks Brian.

I was the rookie director and I found everyone on the committee so eager to help and make every event that much more meaningful and enjoyable. Our objective was to ensure each event was memorable and to create a feeling of well being and warmth at the same time. The Bowling Club rooms are a little stark and we decided to “ dress “ the hall up for each event with coloured table cloths, balloons etc. These costs were well covered by prudent negotiation with the suppliers of these and other purchases.

### Luca’s Birthday:

Our exchange student, Luca had his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday whilst he was with us and we decided to celebrate this on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Luca’s parents were also visiting from Argentina which made this night extra special.

This was a partners night. We created a party atmosphere by offering complimentary drinks on arrival, dressed up the hall and gave Luca a great night with a birthday cake supplied by Helen Donoghue. We also arranged for a birthday gift of a specially designed greenstone pendant.

### Charter Night:

This was celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> September ( one week early due to Bookarama ) and was very well attended.

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Again a party atmosphere was created with complimentary drinks on arrival, music by Jim Joll and some very special material presented by Bill Percival, Charter member.

John Built also celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday that week so a great night all round.

### **World Cup Sweep:**

With the Rugby World Cup very much in the news we held a sweepstake and this all ended flatly as, sadly The All Blacks failed to win. However this may have been a blessing in disguise for Howick Rotary because of the heavy betting on the All Blacks we may have found ourselves paying out a considerable sum.

Moral – stay out of the TAB area

### **Howick Little Theatre:**

This evening was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November and the play on offer was “ Real Estate “ and was well attended by 120 people. With other theatrical offerings around such as Harlequin and Uxbridge ( our own Hal Martin ) perhaps the new committee should consider one of these instead, or possibly as well as, for next year.

### **Christmas:**

This was held on 11<sup>th</sup> December with a “ Red and White “ theme This was well attended with everyone entering into the atmosphere.

David Percival made an excellent Santa and Luca his obedient Elf

The entertainment was produced by a Barbershop Quartet who were outstanding and should be used in the future followed by Charlie.

### **Petanque:**

Assisted by the Cockle Bay Petanque Club, all who attended had an enjoyable time.

Unfortunately this was held a little late in the year ( 4<sup>th</sup> March ) and the chill caused the night to close a little earlier than expected.

### **Bowls Night:**

Unfortunately due to the Bowling Club renewing some of the greens, we were unable to hold this function.



**Golf Day:**

This was originally planned for mid February but due to bad weather had to be postponed until 13<sup>th</sup> April. This was after daylight saving had ended and as a result we could not extend the day into the promised barbeque/party day.

**Mystery Dinner:**

This was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and for the 42 people who participated I am sure they would agree that this was an excellent night.

However some people may feel a little intimidated by the formality of a dinner evening and so would suggest a similar evening but earlier in the year so that people could offer a barbeque as being a less formal method of entertaining. It is a great concept.

**Auction Of Promises:**

A new venture suggested by David Percival.

The team, under the captaincy of Glen, saw the benefits of this concept. It had been run by the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton when David was there and from our discussions we created a fabulous night of fun and laughter as well as raising funds.

Roger Loveridge was the Star and gave us all a taste of top class Stock Yard Auctioning whilst at the same time painlessly taking our money to the tune of \$8300.

Complimentary wine was served with the meal and a great deal of fun was had by all.

This is to be repeated – don't miss the next one.

**Changeover Night:**

This was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Pakuranga Country Club and attended by 118 people.

Complimentary wine was served with the meal and the music was presented by Jim Joll.

An excellent venue for the time of year with good food and ambience.

In summary, The Fellowship Committee have had a very successful year with both existing events some new initiatives.

I would like to once again thank the Team for all their support, enthusiasm and efforts in making each event very easy to present and enjoyable for all members.



**Recommendations:****Hall Set-up**

This was assigned to the Fellowship Committee for the 2007/08 year and at times with a depleted committee it was found difficult to meet the full commitment of this task every week. This included hall clean up.

I would recommend that this duty be spread throughout the club by assigning it to each committee on a monthly basis. This way every member would get the opportunity of fellowship interaction and serve the club.

**Christmas Function:**

This should be regarded solely as a fun night and no Club Business be carried out.

Also suggest that some form of entertainment be “ purchased “ such as Freddie Mercury etc to add a different flavour to the night and ensure that members enjoyed themselves.

**Mystery Dinner:**

This be held twice per year to widen the scope for hosting by having a barbeque evening available.

**Theatre Visit:**

This be widened to include the Harlequin Theatre and/or Uxbridge Theatre ( Hal Martin)

**Exchange Student:**

A birthday night be held for our student if this falls within our year.

**Bill Charkow**

**Fellowship Director**

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## MARCH 2008

The 2008 regatta was our 21st sailed out of the Half Moon Bay Marina on the Waitemata Harbour. The weather on the day was a test of sailing skills in both light and strong winds with rain squalls late in the afternoon.

This year the regatta attracted 49 sponsored yachts and a record number of participants who enjoyed the hospitality, music and food under the big marquee.

The regatta was an outstanding success making a record profit of \$75,036. This was distributed equally between the organising Rotary Clubs of Half Moon Bay and Howick for the benefit of the regatta masthead charities and other worthwhile charitable activities. The audited accounts are attached to this report.

Again the regatta received strong support from sponsors who keep on coming back year after year together with a good number of new sponsors which augers well for future regatta's.

Also thanks again must go to the boat owners who give up their time and yachts for free, Rotarys PR committee who lifted the Rotary presence on the day with support educational banners and the Rotary wheel, to Half Moon Bay Marina for their hardstand and marina facilities, financial support from the South Auckland Charitable Trust and the many Rotarians who assisted on the day.

### **John Richardson**

On behalf of the Regatta Committee.

### **Committee members:**

John Richardson, Bob Mackie, Rod Somerville from Howick; Stewart McLaren, Neville Mc Kenzie, John Tizard from Half Moon Bay.

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## BOOKARAMA 2007

*BOOKARAMA* is a continuing success story for the club, from it's humble beginnings some eight years ago when Glen Donaldson gathered together a keen and energetic team to promote another fundraising event for the Club. The success of that first *BOOKARAMA* in May 2000 was the catalyst for a commitment by club members to make this an annual event.

The *BOOKARAMA* team of John Osborne, Brian Hanlon, Kathy Kennedy, Geoff Thompson, Graham Thompson and Peter George was expanded when new club member David Percival joined the team and continued this major fundraising event into another year.

This year saw the change of venue from the old Howick Library to Howick Intermediate School due to the uncertainty of the continuing availability of the old Library building. The change of venue caused some anxiety to the team members as the *BOOKARAMA* event in old Library had been well patronised by the local community and we were unsure what the change of venue would do to the financial result of the event.

It soon became clear during our first days of sorting in the school hall that the hall space was much more suitable for the layout of our tables of books and also more importantly for access for our customers around the hall and through the numerous aisles between the tables. The flow of customers through *BOOKARAMA* was a dramatic improvement on the old venue and was commented upon by many of the public who came to buy books. The one shortfall was the reduced availability of carparking for the public, however we have had some discussion with the School and are hopeful that we may be able to use some of the School sealed play areas for carparking during the next *BOOKARAMA*.

The *BOOKARAMA* team had the first meeting for the 2007 event in May and met regularly over the following five months in the planning and organising of the year's event leading up to the commencement of our publicity campaign which began in the first week of September. This year we also had a change in the way we publicised the event, moving away from our one off flyer sent out with the Howick & Pakuranga Times, to a weekly advert insert in the paper which kept *BOOKARAMA* in front of the Public every week leading up to the sale.

During September a dedicated team of collectors responded to calls from the Public to pick up their unwanted books and also kept up daily contact with those businesses who provided the use of their premises as collection / drop/off points. This is essential to our continuing relationship with those businesses to ensure the volume of books dropped off at their premises does not hinder the operation of the business. Once again Dulcie Howells made



available her garage for the temporary storage of books during September and finally late in the month one Friday night a team of volunteer Rotarians shifted several truckloads of books to the Intermediate school hall, ready to start sorting on the Saturday.

The mammoth task of sorting and categorizing books started on the Saturday morning. The support of the club is truly amazing during this sorting and selling week. Club member participation was great, however I am always amazed by the involvement of so many of the member's families and friends during this period, without whose help *BOOKARAMA* would be a huge undertaking.

*BOOKARAMA* 2007 was a complete success. The public were delighted with the new venue albeit some problems with the parking. Our income was not affected by the change of venue and we would see even better patronage for the coming year.

We thank those businesses who support *BOOKARAMA* so willingly each year.

This year the *BOOKARAMA* team were delighted to see such great support from Rotarians and their families, it is only through your participation that *BOOKARAMA* has become the great event that it is.

Thankyou everyone for your support of *BOOKARAMA*

**John Osborne**

On behalf of *BOOKARAMA* Committee

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## Howick ShowCASE Awards

The Howick ShowCASE Awards were held on the 23 October 2007 at The Howick Club, and awards were presented in all categories, with the Business Award being presented to two recipients. It was the first time that the committee cited two finalists in each category and announced the winner on the night, and it was felt that this strategy was very successful and encouraged more people to attend the awards evening with 170 people attending from the club along with different groups who supported the event, and it was a very successful evening.

The awardees were as follows –

**Howick Community Board Citizen of the Year – Paul Holdom** – awarded for extensive services to music in the community, and contributions to Somerville Intermediate in sports and music.

**Westpac Bank Business Person of the Year** – Jointly awarded to **Elaine Dow** for services to South Auckland Hospice, and **Christine Bull** in recognition of her success in a small business.

**Paul Stevenson Trust Young Person of the Year – Lena-Jean Ganley** – in recognition of the positive influence she has had on her fellow pupils at Elim Christian College as a student leader, and also her achievements in fundraising for the 40 hour famine.

**Monterey Arts Award – Gae Webster** – has made substantial contributions to Uxbridge Creative Centre as a tutor and contributing artist over a long period of time.

**John and Valerie Roy Employee of the Year – Barbara Warne** – a tutor at Howick College contributes much time and energy to ensure that her students are supported and successful, and also assists at the Papatoetoe Baptist Church to prepare meals for those in need.

A total of 25 nominations were accepted from members of our community, and as always the choices of finalists and winners proved to be difficult, with a high standard being set by the nominations.

Funding of the event was greatly helped by the sponsors, and they need to be acknowledged as an integral part of the event. Club members are encouraged to support the sponsors, as the event would not be possible without them. The event is an excellent way for the club's profile to be raised in the community, and with the funding assistance from sponsors and trusts, it is

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done at very little financial cost to the club, and in fact this year produced a small profit which will be used for the 2008 event. The input from the Times News Group is also immeasurable and needs a special mention, as their expertise in publicity and marketing makes a huge difference to the success of the awards.

This was the fourth time that the Howick ShowCASE Awards event was held, and they are going from strength to strength. Attendance at the event has increased each year, and the community groups involved with the event are very happy with the results, and are keen to continue their participation. This year's event will be held on the 12 August 2008 at the Pakuranga Rugby Club, which has a larger capacity and we are looking forward to another successful awards evening.

The awards are an excellent opportunity for our club to have meaningful and positive communication with several of the groups that make up our local community including the Howick Community Board, the Howick Village Association, the Uxbridge Creative Centre, as well as the award sponsors, and with our club's support which effectively underwrites the event and includes administrative and infrastructural input as well as financial support when necessary, the result is a high quality presentation with an extremely positive outcome which generates pride in our local community, which is what Rotary is all about.

**David Fels.**

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## **The Thomas Brydon Trust**

This year's report of the Trustees is a brief one. Few requests have been received for funding. We will consider requests which come within the Rules of the Trust, but will not seek out those who may qualify for a grant. We see that as a function for organisations such as the RCOH.

Consequently this year, only a fraction of the funds available for distribution were made. The Refugee & Migration Service were the main beneficiaries. Funding was made to assist refugee children moving from the Mangere resettlement centre into school. This amounts to around \$370.00 per pupil to help cover school fees, uniform and stationery. Each intake averages 10 school aged children.

It is the Trustees opinion that if another Trust such as the JR McKenzie Trust was able to contribute some funds to this support programme, refugee children going to schools outside of the southern Auckland area could be similarly supported. Together the funding by two or three Trust funds would enable more families to be assisted.

Details of funding criteria and application forms are available from Trust chairman, Trevor King. Available funds for annual disbursement is currently \$13000.00, though exceptional applications for grants over and above this sum may be considered.

Finally, and importantly, we are pleased to announce the appointment of an additional Trustee and welcome Glen Donaldson who joins Trevor King, Warren Dance and Allan Riley – an experienced blend of current and past Howick Rotarians.

### **Trustees of The Thomas Brydon Trust**

Trevor King (Chairman), Warren Dance, Glen Donaldson, Allan Riley,

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