



**48th
Annual Report
of the
Rotary Club of Howick
2008 – 2009**

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK





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2008/9 Presidents Report

From the outset Helen and I wish to put on record our appreciation for the support we received in our year of presidency. That support, especially in hindsight, made the year a rewarding experience. One that is more appreciated after the Rotary year has concluded.

Also, a formal recognition to the Directors and to those members and who held down key roles within the club. Without those cogs being turned the club would not function. Given the amount of time and commitment to their responsibilities an acknowledgment to our partners is also in order, because they also contribute to our successes. A big thank you to all.

Financial

Once again, under the leadership from Peter George the club is able to present a successful financial result. Both in the operational account and the trust account. Thank you Peter.

During the year we were confronted with the economic downturn that had a severe impact on the Charity Yacht Regatta. Fortunately through the very hard work from the committee a solid contribution to the club was salvaged. The economic downturn manifested itself in many challenges to the way the club derives funds. Wallets and purses were not easily prised open this year. On numerous occasions budgets needed to be recast.

Highlights

The Director reports have adequately covered off this facet of the Annual Report. It is important club members take the time to read and acknowledge the contributions from the Committees this Rotary year. Suffice to say, the Show CASE Awards, Bookarama and Yacht Regatta were events where team-work involves many members for a concentrated period of time to make work. The social calendar ticked along through the year and was pleasing to note the 'fellowship' aspect of the club remains strong. A big 'thank you' for those who contributed to those events and their success.

International Exchange Program

Our exchange student this year was Camille Habets from Belgium. Your President's sincere thanks to the families and councillors that cared and looked after Camille. To secure families to host the exchange students is becoming increasingly difficult. We need members to consider and then please step-up to host these young people. For the 2009/10 year we are not hosting a student and our club will miss the delightful learning's and interaction that we have had in the past. Your 2008/9 President urges we look to the next opportunity to host and find the volunteer families.

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Membership

Our club membership dropped from 67 members to 65 this Rotary year. That said, we did welcome four new members to the club. It is important all members work on an effective and happy integration of any new member once on board.

Growing the clubs membership is a challenge, but also our age mix, ethnic make-up and women members are still significant issues the club must soon address. Otherwise the longer term prognosis is not at all good.

Charitable Trust

This year, owing to the Charities Act we had to structure the Trust Account into a charity compliant entity. We were guided by the District with for a lot of the information and set-up. These changes have necessitated the formation of Trustees to oversee and sign-off the Trust financial activities and giving. We are still very much in the learning phase with the Board and Trust communication, documentation and protocols. A year end checklist provided by District confirmed the club was adhering to the protocols established by NZ Rotary to ensure compliance to the Charities Act.

District

The club has had good support from District through the services of the Asst Governors and committees. During my year as president I noted the Rotary Club of Howick is under represented on the District Committees and forums. This is an aspect of the club that we need to be mindful of. We must not become too insular. Rotary is a formidable International organisation that is achieving great things on a world scale. This occurs because there is a commitment by a large number of Rotarians to have input and participate on District Programs, Conferences and other high profile Forums.

Rotary Club of Howick Community Capital Trust

One of the significant initiatives in the 2007/8 Rotary year was the establishment of the Capital Trust. The funds from Peter North's motor vehicle and a matching grant from the clubs Trust Account helped to establish this Trust. The longer term strategy for the Capital Trust is to grow the funds the point where the annual earnings are identified, or are sought for a 'good cause'. At this time the annual earnings are not at that level that's sufficiently meaningful, but over time that will change.

The Trustees of the Capital Trust would ask members to give consideration to the potential of bequeathing funds to the Trust. The Trustees do appreciate this is very much a personal matter that



would have to carefully considered. But if charitable considerations are an element of your current bequests, the Howick Rotary Capital Trust may be an alternative or an 'as well as' thought.

Paul Harris Fellowship

To those members who were accorded the Paul Harris Fellowship, congratulations are in order. The PHF recognition is an acknowledgment of the contribution to Rotary and the communities that is rich within the history of Rotary. The citation and presentation protocols are a moving and sincere expression of the significance of the award within Rotary and with members. To all of those involved thank you for your input and contribution.

In Summary

When Rob Mouncey, in July 2007 asked 'would you be prepared to have a crack' at the role of presidency of the Howick Club, I was somewhat surprised and chuffed. After due consideration Helen and I accepted the offer to lead the club in the 2008/9 Rotary Year.

After the acceptance and endorsement from the nominations committee, one mentally and enthusiastically gets to gain a greater understanding of the great organisation we are so fortunate to be a part of. As an ordinary member a great deal of the wider impact Rotary has internationally is not apparent.

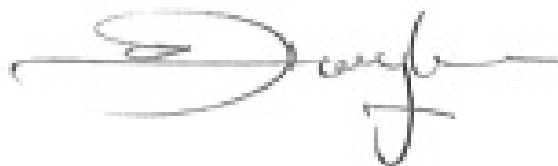
To accept the role of President exposes one to the level of professional support from both District structures and the International body. To Rotary's credit there are significant leadership activities that, as President Elect, kick in to ensure your potential for a successful year. In hindsight, more so than one recognised at the time of the 'learning' processes.

Given the successful track record of the Rotary Club of Howick, it is important to leave the club in better shape than when you take over the presidency role with your new team. To that end each board establishes sets of objectives to ensure growth/improvement for the club and each President oversees the nurturing of the fruit.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Garry Donoghue

2008/09 President



ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK



Howick Rotary Club Inc 2008-09 Board



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Garry Donoghue



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John Osborne



Secretary
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Community
Rod Somerville



Fellowship
Gavin Green



Youth
Geoff Thompson



Sergeant
John Savory



Imm. Past President
Rob Mouncey

Club Service Committee Report, 2008 2009

Club Service members this year were John Osborne, Bill Percival, Allan Riley, John Savory, George Abercrombie, Rob Mouncey, Peter George, Ken McIntosh, Garry Donoghue, Mihai Costache and John Richardson.

This committee provided the operational backup to support Garry Donoghue in his role as President, ensuring the smooth functioning of the Club's operation. Monthly meetings were held in the Bowling Club following our regular club meeting and as a result we had good attendance at all meetings and the meetings were generally short yet constructive.

Membership

Membership continues to require proactive management and Garry pursued this role with some vigour inducting several new members over the course of the year. However Club numbers dropped this year due to the resignation of several members due to business and family commitments. This year we once again set out to have a Member recruitment evening but a lack of interest from those contacted resulted in the event being cancelled. This is an important area for our Club and we need to review options as the best way to attract new members and I am sure this will be a challenge to the new Club Service team

Programme

David Fels provided an excellent range of speakers this year. The speakers included Business leaders, Rotary exchange students, Service providers, Charities, Politicians and numerous others, all of whom provided interesting, motivational and many times challenging addresses. The variety of speakers and the quality of their presentations was a credit to the work of David Fels and his supporters. The provision of good speakers is one of the best ways for us to attract new members and we certainly provided for this during this year.

Public Relations

Rob Mouncey continued to co-ordinate our local clubs cluster to present a co-ordinated Public Relation Plan to our local community. This consisted of the use of media including an advertising campaign in our local newspaper, the regular placement of Rotary signboards at William Green Domain, Stockade Hill and on Jim & Judy Duckworth's property, and the use of the Rotary pull-up banners in local shopping centres. It is difficult to gauge the results of the campaign, however we have certainly seen the face and contribution of our local clubs and also the International work of Rotary kept regularly in front of our local community.

Key Way

The Key Way continues to be the conduit for providing members and families with the happenings within our club. Mihai and Ella Costache continued to produce the Key Way despite Mihai's frequent trips to Australia during the year and later in the year Ella assumed full responsibility for the compilation of The Key Way when Mihai took up a full time position in business there. For the last few months of this year Ella produced a great weekly Key Way and we record our appreciation of the work and effort that both Mihai and Ella put into this - our Club's connection with the outside world.

Secretary

Allan Riley has provided the secretarial skills for the Club this year with dedication and efficiency, allowing the club to function smoothly and efficiently.

Treasurer

For the third year Peter George has carried out this time consuming role for the Club. He has presented financial accounts to the club in detail and managed the day to day accounts of the club during these challenging economic times. His regular updates on the financial standing of our accounts has enabled your directors to work within their budgets and for the Club to remain on a healthy financial footing

Website

The Club website has continued to operate under the skills of Webmaster Charles Davidson. He has continued to develop the site so that it is now a marvellous site that records the activities and happenings within the club. It is a gateway for both the Public and Rotarians to learn about our Club and our involvement in the community.

The District website has been managed by Tony Twigge and he has kept our Club details up to date over recent years

Sight and Sound

Charles Davidson has also managed this role over recent years and has developed the overhead presentation that runs during the meeting, providing International and local Rotary news, club events, speaker profiles and many other morsels he has gathered over the preceding week. The sight and sound presentations have been an informative and pleasant backdrop to the Club meetings.

During the year our speaker system was stolen and we reviewed the options of replacement. With the Bowling Club only recently completing a major upgrade of the sound system within their premises our Board decided that the Bowling Club's new system would be more than suitable for our purposes and we took a monetary settlement from our insurers for the loss of our equipment.

Attendance

Once again this year, George Abercrombie has overseen our attendance records and apologies with the help of a small team. In addition to this role George has been the social organiser for the team and we enjoyed several evenings out

Sergeant

John Savory brought a new dimension to the role of Sergeant with many mind blowing statistics. His regular introductions of President Garry brought mirth to the start of the evening and the colourful fines added to the meetings' enjoyment.

It has been a very enjoyable year for me working this year with President Garry and the Club Service team. I look forward to the challenges of next year.

John Osborne

RCOH MEMBERS 2008 – 2009

George Abercrombie		Bill McKay	
Ted Aislabie		Kevin McKernan	Res
Keith Appleton		Kay McKirdy	
Stuart Armstrong		Hal Martin	Res
John Built		Colin Monk	
Bruce Burton		Duncan Morrison	
Mike Carroll		Rob Mouncey	
Bill Charkow		Barry Nicholls	
Matthew Cooke		Stephen Noles	
Lawrence Copestake		John Osborne	
Mihai Costache	Res	Bill Percival	
Dave Cox	Res	David Percival	
Rob Crabtree		Alan Peterson	
Cedric Daniel		John Richardson	
Charles Davidson		Allan Riley	
Jan de Haast	Res	John Sanders	
Clive Derbyshire		Sanjay Sathe	
Glen Donaldson		John Savory	
Garry Donoghue		Harjit Singh	
Jim Donovan		Rod Somerville	
Jim Duckworth		Victor Sun	
Sue Ellis	Res.	Geoff Thompson	
David Fels		Tony Twigge	Res
Ross Forrester		George Tyler	
Ian Fox		Steve Whitehead	
Chris Francis		John Willis	
Peter George		Gary Willcocks	
Max Grant		David Wylie	
Gavin Green		Michele Zackey	
Brian Hanlon		Res = Resignations during the year to 30.6.2009	
Richard Harri			
Joseph Heays		<u>Honorary Members:</u>	
Max Heron		Bill Blyth	
Fred Holland		Sir Barry Curtis	
Stephen Kattan		Elizabeth Donaldson	
Paul Kendall		Lance Frost	
Kathy Kennedy		Dulcie Howells	
Clive Kilgour		Roy Jarvie	
Graham Loughlin		Bob Jollands	
Bob Mackie		Trevor King	
Alasdair Maclean		Sue North	
Ken McIntosh		Ian Riddell	
		John Taylor	

Community Committee Report 2008/09

Team: Stuart Armstrong, Mike Carroll, Jim Duckworth, Chris Francis, Max Grant, Richard Harri, Alasdair Maclean, Steve Noles, Alan Paterson, Harjit Singh, Gary Willcocks, Rod Somerville (Director).

Somerville Reserve – Fitness Equipment. We are significantly indebted to Stuart Armstrong's oversight and perseverance in successfully commissioning our major project for the year. It was originally planned with Manukau City Council's design and financial input supplementing our funding and labour. However, we found ourselves in uncharted territory when our \$5.5k deposit was lost to the (Council recommended) Australian supplier's liquidation. Following representation, new Council funding became available. This, added to grants we obtained from the Lois Dalley and Chenery Memorial Charitable Trusts, enabled installation of alternative, approved equipment generally within the original budget. The facility will enhance participant's fitness and complements the nearby Mangemangeroa Reserve recreation trails.

'Mainstreet' Projects Artificial **hanging flower baskets** continue under the auspices of the Howick Business Association. Given some Rotary signage remains, we made a donation toward the annual basket refurbishments.

Two prospective 'joint venture' **Santa Parade** partners (Howick Youth Theatre and Howick Historical Village) made alternative arrangements. At the request of St Andrews Girls Brigade, we obtained sponsorship of a truck for their entry. This truck combined to tow our newly commissioned 'Rotary Wheel' trailer, accompanied by a modest turnout of Rotarians.

Billboard Publicity In assisting the joint club publicity program, we undertook some 24 Rotary promotional sign changes scheduled on the official Council billboard sites at William Green Domain and Stockade Hill, supplemented on occasion at the Duckworth property. The storage provided at Geoff Thompson's business premises is much appreciated.

Blood Bank Stuart Armstrong expertly attended to rosters and acknowledged our hospitality volunteers at the Fencible Lounge. The three 2 day Blood Service collections delivered some 200 + units each. It is always satisfying to be involved with those most positive of community volunteers – the donors, young and old!

'Mucking In' Some of our keen Saturday morning warriors provided property services to three deserving members. With Gary Willcocks' technical oversight as required, we attended to various fencing, landscaping, painting, garage door upgrade, gardening and waste disposal requirements.

Charitable Assistance We valued the opportunity to assist **South Auckland Hospice** in their 'Fashion and all that Jazz' fundraiser at Ayrilies Gardens, Whitford. This involved providing three crews for set-up of small marquees, intricate table settings etc; entry and car parking services and, at event's end, packing up tables, chairs, small marquees. A most rewarding day, in superb surroundings.

Botany Downs College Thanks to Alasdair Maclean, Invacare NZ totally sponsored two new wheel chairs required by special needs students. Botany's Deputy Principal reported that the chairs are proving ideal.

Other community grants from club charitable funds are listed in the financial report. As 'Christmas pudding' income is attributed to this committee, we are most appreciative of Lawrence Copestake's sterling annual sales effort.

Trees for Survival Our grant to Bucklands Beach Intermediate school's facility was not supplemented with our planting representation at Hunua this year due to short notice. However, all Mangemangeroa plantings were well supported and a grant made to their 'specimen tree' propagation.

Our committee enjoyed a marvellous mix of 'old stager' and 'invigorating new' members. Over the year members and wives socialised at a couple of ethnic restaurants and enjoyed generous home hospitality at the Duckworths, Donoghues and Carrolls. I also recall our team earning bragging rights over the Fellowship outfit at a karting challenge.

My thanks are due all committee volunteers, Alasdair Maclean for his tireless minute keeping and fellow Board members for their assistance in another rewarding 'Community' year.

Rod Somerville
Director



Annual Charity
Yacht Regatta

Just some of the guest speakers

Somerville Outdoor Exercise Equipment

HowPak Wrap-Around

Maurice
Williamson
MP

Robyn Pearce
Time
Management

Victor
Percival
ONZM

Roger Kerr
NZ Business
Roundtable

Morrin Cooper
Past-mayor of
Howick



Richard Clarke and
Andrej Lemanis
NZ Breakers

John
Boscowan
MP

Rev.Glynn Cardy
Vicar of St
Matthews-in-the-
City

Graeme Osborne
Tourism Auckland

Ian Wishart
Investigate
Magazine

Jeanette
Fitzsimons
MP



Fellowship Committee 2008/2009

Annual Report

Committee: Gavin Green (Chairman) Tony Twigge (Secretary) David Fels, Graham Loughlin, Max Heron, Clive Derbyshire, Charles Davidson, George Tyler, Victor Sun, Bruce Burton.

Program: Charter Night
Christmas Party
Bowls Night
Petanque Night
Golf Day
Howick Little Theatre
Night at the Trots
Change Over Night

It was a full year with a program set out for club members to enjoy themselves and still have time for other club committee activities. There were other activities such as Fishing Day, Secret Night Out, Inter Club Function and Tiri Tiri Matangi that also were mooted, but we felt that other committees had their programs to.

The team worked well within budget and having a Christmas Party with no Rotary business went across well, Our Wives and Partners were very happy that they could have time to mix and mingle etc. The Golf Day took a change for the good and it was good to see so many of the club walking the fairways. The night at the Trots was another over-subscribed night and thanks goes out to those who made the night a success.

Bowls Night, Petanque and Howick Little Theatre were good nights with good participation. Change Over at the Howick Club went well and another night with great numbers 130 Members and Partners participated in the evening with a theme being Scottish. It also is good for the committee to be able to sit with their wives and enjoy the night and allow others to put up tables and clean up at the end of another great night.

Just a thought, If we were to move from the Howick Bowling Club to the Howick Club.

1. There would be no hall hire
2. Meals would always be changing
3. Set up would not be a problem
4. If we leave our cost as is the Fellow Ship and the Club would be better off, with no Bar to run.

I would like to thank my team for their thoughts and participation and the Club for allowing me to Chair the Fellowship Committee.

Gavin Green
Director



Vocational visit to
Glenbrook Steel
Mill

Social
evenings
"at home"

RYLA Group



Bookarama



47th Anniversary of Club Charter



Exchange Student
Camille Habets



Tree planting on the
Mangemangeroa Reserve



Paul Harris Fellowships



BOOKARAMA 2008

October 2008 saw the doors opening at Howick Intermediate School for the latest *BOOKARAMA*. This event has become a much awaited happening for the local community and booklovers from the wider community.

The organization of *BOOKARAMA* is now well established and only requires minor tweaking and adjustments to its format to encourage our regular attendees to once again flock to our sale days. This is of course preceded by a hectic month of book collecting and finally four or five days of careful sorting and categorising the books before placement on the sale tables.

The *BOOKARAMA* team are now a well polished unit of John Osborne, Brian Hanlon, Graham Loughlin, Kathy Kennedy and Geoff Thompson. This year David Percival joined the team to assist in the preparation and running of *BOOKARAMA* as it continues to grow.

As in previous years we have received continued support from businesses who have willingly provided their premises as drop-off points for books during the month leading up to the week's sale. - *BOOKARAMA* would not succeed without the support of these businesses:-

The Gallery Café
Harvey Furnishings 50 Ti Rakau Drive
Eastern Rentals Pakuranga
Magness Benrow The Hub
David Fels Gemtime Jewellers
The Soap Factory
Buckland Beach Intermediate School

As in previous years the committee discussed many options for improving the event and this year we opened on the Friday night to provide additional opportunity for those people at work during the day to attend the sale. The result was additional people attending for the evening session and additional sales. However the indication from those coming on the Friday evening was that they would have preferred us to open on the Thursday night instead to provide a better selection of books. I am sure this will come into consideration along with other new ideas for *BOOKARAMA* 2009 by the new committee.

The participation from club members during the month of *BOOKARAMA* collections and sale days is key to the success of *BOOKARAMA* and all our members are encouraged to contribute in some way to the event.

This year's *BOOKARAMA* was the best ever and is now a main component of Howick Rotary fundraising. I thank all those who participated in this year's *BOOKARAMA*, it is only through your generous support that *BOOKARAMA* is now one of the events that our local community look forward to each year.

I have greatly enjoyed my time leading the *BOOKARAMA* team over recent years and I look forward to *BOOKARAMA* continuing to grow in the years ahead

John Osborne

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK 2009/10 Youth Committee Report

Director: Geoff Thompson

Scribe: Ted Aislabie – RYPEN

Committee Members: John Built - MUNA
Cedric Daniel - RYLA
Joseph Heays - PEER SUPPORT / HOWPAK WRAP AROUND
Kathy Kennedy
Bill McKay
John Sanders - RYLA / SOCIAL COORDINATOR
Michele Zackey - HOWPAK WRAP AROUND
Keith Appleton
Steve Kattan

Overview

At our first meeting it was agreed that we would concentrate our efforts in a limited number of areas and excel at these. We also agreed that the year would be fun with plenty of social interaction.

It was also agreed that all committee members must inform the host of each meeting prior to the event of an apology.

Projects / Events

HOWPAK WRAP AROUND

This was by far our principal focus for the year. We were fortunate in having both Michele and Joseph on the committee and their input was invaluable. Funding was the main issue. Various applications were made to Trusts and Local Government with some degree of success. However, it must be stressed that approaches to the various trusts must continue to be a focus of the youth committee in the years to come. The committee agrees to donate initially \$3000.00 and then a further \$1500.00 from its budget. Michele made a presentation to the club during the year and introduced two pupils from the programme and also a tutor. This clearly showed the club the amazing work that is being carried out by the trust.

RYLA

We selected two candidates to attend this very worthwhile week long programme which is held early in July.

PEER SUPPORT

The committee successfully helped again with the catering for this programme which was held organised by Howick College late in January.

CHRISTINA

We maintained regular contact with this delightful young lady that has previously had some awful personal losses in her life. Some financial support was given to her and she was taken out for lunch together with her care giver. We are pleased to note that she has now enrolled on a course at the University of Auckland to prepare her for an eventual course in Early Childhood Training.

MUNA

Howick College participated with sending students to this debating type programme.

RYPEN

Howick College sent 5 students to this great event. Joseph and David are to arrange for two of them to address the club outlining their experiences.

CHALLENGE

We were unable to find a suitable person to send to this camp; however we sponsored a person from another club. More effort needs to be undertaken to locate suitable applicants from our area.

BUDGET

Our original budget was set at \$12,000.00 but for prudent financial reasons was cut back to \$8,900.00 and our total expenditure was \$8,870.00.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS - *All well attended and great fun!*

Malaysian Restaurant	April
BBQ at the Presidents Home	March
Aunty Fong's Restaurant	March
Aunty Fong's Restaurant	November
Ruaan Thong Restaurant	Sept

ROTA PACIFIC

The committee recommended the club help the Rotary Club of Pukekohe with a donation of \$700. This will assist with bringing candidates to NZ and also to attend RYLA. This was approved.

HOWICK COLLEGE SENIOR HONOURS CEREMONY

The club donated \$500 to the science fair prize. It was recommended that this take place at the honours event and be presented by our club formally each year, this needs to be coordinated with the president John to ensure our club has a higher profile within the college.

Summary: A very successful year with most areas well covered. A number of the projects are ongoing and will require much effort in the coming year. We were lucky to welcome two new members to our committee and their input was very encouraging. It is important to ensure all committee members become committed to an aspect of the programme.

Geoff Thompson,
Director

Vocational Committee Report 2008-09

Committee members : - Dave Wylie (Director), Glen Donaldson, Jim Donovan, Ian Fox, Brian Hanlon, Fred Holland, Clive Kilgour, Bob Mackie, Colin Monk.

Overview : - The vocational committee has traditionally supported and encouraged outstanding science students from Howick College, and has endeavoured to inform members of interesting businesses through vocational visits and links with commerce.

Projects/Events : -

- **National Science and Technology Forum**
Two candidates were selected and sponsored by the club.
- **Vocational visits**
A full day trip to NZ Steel was well supported by members in November.
- **Step Up**
Stewart Thompson from “Pathways for Employment” was sponsored by the club and successfully completed Step up in March. Dave Wylie was on the district committee and acted as a facilitator over the 5 day course. Howick has been asked and has agreed to be the organising club in 2011 this will involve a significant number of members including some to overview 2010’s event.
- **Direct Aid**
Circumstances meant that minimal progress was made with this project in 2008. Hopefully it can be resurrected in 2009 because it has significant potential.
- **Howick College Science Prize**
The club paid for the prizes again this year.

Summary:- A good cohesive group. It was our intention to complete two vocational trips however for a number of reasons this was not possible. It is recommended that these be built into the new year’s program as early as practicable. Step Up will be a significant commitment that will be made easier if a number of key personnel can be identified and involved during this year.

Dave Wylie
Director



The Howick Show CASE Awards Dinner held at the Montessoris Reception Centre on the 12th August 2008 successfully concluded this project for the 5th year. The Dinner has become a significant event in the Howick Community Diary.

The evening was attended by 160 people including 50 Rotarians and their partners along with 110 people drawn from the community, friends and relatives of the Awardees, sponsors and local dignitaries. The Music Department of MacLean's College provided the entertainment on the night with a selection of Jazz, 2 Solo Singers, a Barber Shop Quartet and a Key Board Soloist. The opportunity to listen to the wonderful young talent that we have from the local secondary schools always adds to the enjoyment of the evening. Rob Crabtree as MC very ably steered the function through its various stages. Jenny Foster from the Howick Village Association provided some very stylish table settings and this along with Don Stehr's palms and lighting and stage effects from Uxbridge helped create a gala atmosphere.

A feature of this year's event was the presentation of a **Special Community Award** from an anonymous donor to **a group of students and Principal, Murray Burton from Elim College** in recognition of the amazing leadership, strength of character and love shown in the manner which the Mangatepopo canyoning tragedy had been handled by the College.

The other Awardees were as follows:

Howick Community Board Citizen of the Year – Finalists Billie Biel and Andy Bray, Winner Billie Biel for her involvement in Howick Neighbourhood Support, the sourcing of the community constables car, gifting stained glass windows to the Pakuranga Methodist Church and her ongoing commitment to the voluntary Citizens Advice Bureau.

Westpac Business Person of the Year – Finalists Byron Bentley and Mary Wilson, Winner Byron Bentley for his commercial success in bringing international students to MacLean's College with the accompanying community support for home stays. The \$1.8M generated from this initiative enables the school to provide more facilities and co-curricular programmes.

Paul Stevenson Memorial Trust Young Person of the Year – Finalists Phillipa Neels and Craig Bott, Winner Craig Bott for his outstanding academic achievements, participation in school community programmes and school leadership. Craig has completed his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and was awarded a Queens Badge in 2007 for his activities in the Howick Boys Brigade.

Monterey/Uxbridge Artist or Arts Administrator of the Year – Finalists Alison Mudford and Peter and Katherine Watts, Winner Peter and Katherine Watts for their contribution to music and singing within and outside the Howick community including arranging over 170 concerts at All Saints Church for young and established musicians.

John & Valerie Employee of the Year – Finalists Katherine Wong and Maree Kilkally, Winner Katherine Wong for her work at Southern Cross College where as senior hospitality teacher she uses her personal resources to secure bright futures for her mainly male students including raising money for establishing training opportunities in Hong Kong hotels.

The Awardees were drawn from a list of 34 nominations, and as previously, the judges had some difficulty selecting the winning candidates from a worthy list of nominees. The process of drawing nominations from the community through newspaper advertising, personal referrals and “word of mouth” is not an easy one and is an area future organizers should focus on to get the best outcome.

Funding for the event comes from a variety of sources and as the naming of the Awards indicates we are indebted to the Roy and Stevenson families, the Westpac Bank Howick Branch, the Howick Community Board, and the Monterey Art Gallery along with Uxbridge for their support. The Howick Village Association is an essential partner and provides financial as well as substantial in-kind support for the event.

Another essential member of the team is the Times News Group. Apart from assisting the Committee directly they subsidize the advertising campaign and print the necessary editorial coverage to seek nominations and help promote the event over an extensive campaign. With the change of venue brought about by the Howick Club carrying out building renovations the cost of the dinner increased significantly this year and whilst the ticket charge was raised a little to recover some of the increase we were grateful that an application for \$3000 to the Chenery Memorial Trust administered by Newmarket Rotary was successful. With this grant the event ran at a surplus and this can be used to help support next year’s Awards. The total cost of running this event along with the awards of \$1000 for each category winner is approximately \$17000.

As mentioned the event is organized by a combined committee which this year was made up of the following people representing a cross section of the Howick community:

Jenny Foster – Howick Village Association
Jim Donald - Howick Community Board
Maria Potter - Howick & Pakuranga Times
Lisah Henry - Howick & Pakuranga Times
Hal Martin – Howick Rotary/Uxbridge
Garry Donoghue – Howick Rotary
David Fels – Howick Rotary
Rob Mouncey – Howick Rotary

The event is lead and underwritten by the Rotary Club of Howick and is an excellent way for the club to interface with the wider Howick Community. The Show CASE Awards are a great way for the local community to recognize those people that have made a significant contribution to making Howick a great place to work and live.

Finally, after being involved with the Awards from their inception I am stepping down from the organizing committee and would like to take this opportunity to pass on my best wishes to the new team for the success of future Howick Show CASE events.

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REPORT 2008/2009 FINANCIAL YEAR

DISBURSMENTS

During this year the Trust gifted \$10,000 to the RMS.

This money was used to fund clothing for Refugees as they departed from the centre

Also part of this money was used to buy uniforms and books to assist Refugee School Children.

PROPERTY

Our property at No 1 Highbrook Road continues to be our only income.

The property is tenanted and the lease came up for renewal on 1/4/09.

Our current tenant is not renewing the lease, but has taken a month by month lease until he completes his current seasons work. When he departs on 1st November, we have signed a lease with another tenant to occupy immediately..

Warren Dance

Trustee-Secretary

A banner for the Rotary Charity Yacht Regatta. On the left is the Rotary logo, a gear with a wheel in the center. To the right of the logo, the text "ROTARY CHARITY YACHT REGATTA" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The background of the banner shows a line of sailboats on a body of water under a cloudy sky.

ROTARY CHARITY YACHT REGATTA

The 2009 Regatta was our 22nd sailed on the Waitemata Harbour. The weather on the day was excellent for sailing with a good breeze enjoyed throughout the day.

The annual event run by the Rotary Clubs of Half Moon Bay and Howick was probably one of the most difficult to organise. The sharp downturn in the New Zealand economy impacted on the Regatta numbers with corporate sponsor yachts down to 30 on the day.

As a consequence the organising committee downsized the marquee and split some of the boat numbers to put more yachts on the water to give the impression of a larger regatta. Although smaller the regatta was again very successful.

Other changes to protect the Regatta's brand name included upgrading entertainment and upgrading meal menus to improve the quality of food served both on the yachts and in the marquee.

The regatta profit was down on previous years at \$35,010. Audited accounts are attached to this report.

Thanks must go to sponsors who supported us in difficult commercial times, to boat owners who give up their time and yachts for free, Buckland Beach Yacht Club, Half Moon Bay Marina for their hard stand and marina facilities and the many Rotarians who assisted on the day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Richardson".

John Richardson
On behalf of the Regatta committee.