



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner



**W**hat a way to start a new year! Gales and storms, with accompanying power cuts, ceiling lifting and windows bulging created some challenges for our first meeting.

The District Changeover breakfast on Sunday morning went well. We had 22 there amongst over 300 from the District overall. Outgoing District Governor Warwick Pleass handed the reins over to Allan Davis after recognizing the achievements and the achievers for the year. Our ADG Janet Igrisan was duly rewarded for her work with the clubs in our area with one of two Roadrunner Awards for a job well done. Janet has been and will no doubt continue to be of great assistance to us and she is always a welcome visitor to the club. Bob Mackie was also awarded a Presidents Citation a suitable tribute for a great year.

Another point of interest for us was charter member Bill Percival creating a double of being one of a few if not the only New Zealand Rotarian to have his picture taken with both New Zealand World Presidents. Well done Bill!

We had a great personality and a great cause to start off the speaker programme for the year. Bobbie Brown from Starship Foundation gave us a warm and enthusiastic update on Starship Hospital issuing us with a

## This Week 17 July 2007

### ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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**17<sup>th</sup> July - John Finch**  
*Success Education and Training*  
*focusing on the education of youth.*

**24<sup>th</sup> July - Club assembly**

**31<sup>st</sup> July - RYLA awards.**

challenge to help in their programme to rebuild the Oncology Ward at the hospital. Recovery rates have improved to an amazing 80% level amongst children but the group where the results are not as good is amongst adolescents. Research has shown that recovery is significantly affected by the mental well-being of the patients and the worries and concerns of adolescents are a little different than those of younger children. So the Starship Foundation has started a fundraising programme to raise \$3.6M to rebuild the facilities to cater for this group.

In talking about Starship she also shared some statistics and some heart warming tales of children's interaction with the hospital and miraculous recoveries. Whilst being a regional hospital, like Manukau's Kids First Hospital it is also the only National Hospital for children taking patients from throughout the country. Bobbie also told us that Starship is the only hospital that has an intensive care unit specifically for children with the only specialist pediatric surgeon in the whole of Australasia. They have treated over 1M children over the 15 years of existence. A wonderful asset for New Zealand to have!

We will discuss her challenge at the first board meeting to see whether we can carry on the support for Starship beyond the well appreciated Koromiko Gardens.

I wish all the committees well for the year and hope those affected by sickness and power failure can overcome their winter impacted start!

Have a Good Week!

Rob

## Duties July 17

**Host**

**Reception**

**Inv/Thanks**

**Attendance**

**Hall Set-up**

**Backup**

**Clive Derbyshire**

**Bob Mackie**

**Fred Holland**

**George Tyler**

**Fellowship Com.**

**Rob Crabtree**

## Secretary's Notes



**P**resident Rob's new reign, or more appropriately 'rain,' had a booming start. With windows bowing, and the roof threatening to lift off, there were many omens to suggest this will indeed be a momentous year.

Pres. Rob welcomed 36 members, along with guests Malcolm Roy from Stoke-Tahuna, Nelson, Richard Harri, a prospective member, and Luca, our exchange student. No doubt the weather had much to do with the small numbers with 4 members 'silent,' giving an overall turnout of 61.7%.

Tony Twigge and Bill Charkow won the 'have-a-go' raffle, with David Wylie and Clive Derbyshire this week's winners of the meat/wine raffle. (Clive was also suitably fined, along with Geoff Thompson, for being the annual winners of the 'have-a-go' raffle.)

PP Bill Percival gave out the new handbooks. Members were advised to look through these fully as there is a great deal of information included. The index page lists web-sites members should check. Pages 30 – 33 list information re club duties. Our own club web-site is growing by the day with much of interest there already. Members with material to include should send this off to Charles Davidson.

Bulletin Editor Mihai advised members to look out for 'deliberate mistakes' in the Keyway. He will randomly include errors. Members spotting these should 'complain' to Mihai. They could be the recipients of a bottle of wine later in the year. (*This seems a good ploy to get the Secretary off the hook for any errors he may make!*)

Our guest speaker, Bobbie Brown, Philanthropic Manager for the Starship Foundation, clarified her role as the fundraising manager for the Foundation and explained the difference between the Foundation and Starship Hospital. She outlined the need for on-going funds with a major project being set up to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the hospital's operation. It has been recognised that adolescents have different needs from younger children or adults while in hospital. The plan is to rebuild the oncology unit allowing a greater degree of privacy for the additional counselling often needed for this age group. It would also provide the opportunity for families to meet in private to provide a higher level of support. This seems a very worthy cause to support.

Following the rather gentle opening session from the Sergeant, who was rather disparaging with respect to 'generic fines', (hope this does not come back to haunt him), Pres Rob closed the meeting with the parting thought from Ghandi, slightly amended, "*A friendship that exacts oneness of opinion and conduct is not worth much, - so challenge each other!*"

Ian Fox

## The eclipse

**F**or those of you who spotted "the eclipse" in the previous KeyWay and could not find a reasonable explanation for it, as well as for those of you that haven't spotted it but still want to know what's all about, here is the name of the game:

Between now and Christmas there shall be another 10 "inexplicable statements" appearing randomly (hint – there is none this week, otherwise you might feel tempted to say this very article is one of them!). Do let me know one way or another when you spot them, and I'll keep the tally. Those that find all ten of them will enter the draw for a bottle of very fine wine to go with their Christmas meal, courtesy of Merit of Measurement Ltd.

Enjoy!  
The Editor

## Birthdays

24-Jul **Don Stehr**

24-Jul **Margaret Willis**



## Anniversaries

21-Jul **Rosemary & Alasdair Maclean**

24-Jul **In Ja & Don Stehr**



## Opera by Candlelight

Dear Sir/Madam;

My name is Paloma Bruce and I am 25 year old opera singer resident in Auckland. I have been accepted to the prestigious Royal College of Music in London to start my post-graduate studies this September. I have to raise NZ\$70,000 in order to pay for my tuition fees and expenses. To help raise funds, I am performing a benefit concert this month in Remuera. I will be performing with two fantastic singers: soprano Sarah-Jane Rennie who is well-known nationwide and a young up-and-coming baritone James loelu. We will be accompanied by one of the best pianists in NZ, Rosemary Barnes.

I would appreciate you passing on this information to anyone you know who might be interested. It is a great opportunity for me in London, and my chance to make my dreams come true!

Opera by Candlelight  
with Paloma Bruce - Soprano  
Auckland, 27th July @ 7pm  
St. Luke's Church, 130 Remuera Road

Guest artists: Soprano Sarah-Jane Rennie  
and Baritone James loelu  
Accompanied by pianist Rosemary Barnes  
Tickets: \$25 Adult, \$15 Senior/Student with ID  
Bookings/Enquiries: 09 360 7603 or paloma.concert@gmail.com

All proceeds go towards helping Paloma go to London to study at the Royal College of Music.

Paloma was a 2005 PriceWaterhouseCoopers Dame Malvina Major Emerging Artist with NBR NZ Opera. She has won the Raymond Opie Memorial Aria in Wellington, and the Napier Computer Systems Aria competition. She was a runner-up in the Lockwood Aria in Rotorua and was a Lexus Song Quest semi-finalist. She has been selected from 500 singers from around the world to study at the Royal College of Music. Paloma needs to raise over \$70,000 to pay for her tuition fees and expenses at the Royal College of Music.

## Dame Malvina Major at Salt Lake City

**P** RIP Bill Boyd has passed on a message relating to the performance in Salt Lake City of Dame Malvina's guest performance with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for Convention.

It will be broadcast in New Zealand on the SKY/PRIME Network on Sunday July 15th. They have yet to confirm the time but I understand it is usually around 9am-10:30am. However, they may make this a special new broadcast inasmuch as Rotary was also mentioned.

All those who were there enjoyed it tremendously and it will be worth watching.

Cheers  
CHRIS WARD

## Duties July 17 July 24

<b>Host</b>	Clive Derbyshire	Jim Donovan
<b>Reception</b>	Bob Mackie	Stuart Armstrong
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Fred Holland	Bruce Burton
<b>Attendance</b>	George Tyler	Dave Cox
<b>Hall Set-up</b>	Fellowship Com.	Fellowship Com.
<b>Backup</b>	Rob Crabtree	Bill Percival

## Incoming DG, Alan Davies and outgoing DG, Warwick Pleass at the District Changeover

