



The KeyWay



President's Corner



The race for Manukau's White House has begun!

The triennial local body elections will be held by postal ballot on October 13th and there are no less than 11 candidates to take over from Howick Rotary's honorary member Sir Barry Curtis. As we all know, Barry is stepping down after a record breaking (and some say too long!) 8 terms as Mayor.

It was good to hear what one of the main candidates had to say last night. Dick Quax shared his origins and political beliefs with us and not surprisingly asked us for our tick for him as our next Mayor.

In terms of the candidates he clearly stands on the right side of the spectrum. I am sure he and his Peoples Choice team will have an uphill battle with the bureaucrats to achieve his election pledge of keeping rate increases to the rate of inflation. Some scary numbers came out in relation to the numbers employed, salary changes and consultant costs. From 2001 Dick told us there has been an increase of about 300 employees to the current level of 1050. Salaries had moved from about \$40M to \$70M and consultants fees from \$9m to \$20M. No wonder local body rates

This Week 4 September 2007

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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www.howickrotary.org.nz

4th Sept. Steve Whitehead
& a Special General Meeting

Ladies Committee Night Dinner -
Next Tuesday

It is Committee Night Next Week for Rotarians and an Opportunity for the Ladies to Try out Another Restaurant!

Please confirm your attendance to Mary
Ph 534 1337 or email rob.mary@xtra.co.nz.

are one of the areas that are totally out of step with the economy as a whole. Businesses have the market place, both local and increasingly global, that they are measured against. I am sure we would all like to find a way of benchmarking our local government performance against "world best practice".

Programme Convenor Rob Crabtree has arranged another mayoral candidate in a couple of weeks. This time it will be the other leading candidate from last elec-

tion — Len Brown. It will be interesting to compare notes! I hasten to add that this will be the last politico!

Two of our big projects are now underway, Bookarama and the Howick Show CASE Awards.

The Bookarama team has started its run up to the event on the 26th to 29th September at the new venue of Howick Intermediate and the two "Ronnies" (Osborne and Hanlon) gave an excellent introduction to this year's project. Watch for the work schedule on table next week.

David Fels also reminded us that nominations are required for the Howick Show CASE Awards. Historically the most difficult categories are the ones that you think Rotary would be good at, these being Business Person and Employee of the Year. Have a good think and help get us out of the "tall poppy" syndrome where you don't feel you can nominate people that you associate with!

It is Committee Night next week so for those ladies that want to sample another local restaurant, Mary is looking forward to hearing from you.

Have a Good Week!

Rob

Secretary's Notes

44 members, guests John Spiller and Moira Hall, together with guest speaker Dick Quax arrived for another night in Rotary.



Attendance was 81.1 %, 1 make ups, 19 LOA's and apologies, and 3 silent.

Monies collected by the Sergeant was lots.

Have a go winners this week Max Grant and Bill Charkow. Raffle recipients being Victor Sun and Rob Mouncey.

Introduced by David Fels, our speaker being a Mayoralty aspirant gave an insight into his past, the present and where his

future will possibly be in a few weeks time. Thanks were in the hands of Alan Peterson.

Dave Wylie reported on Mohini and Ross. Alisdair was back with us but Duncan Morrison is back in hospital. George Armstrong has had his R & M completed and is at home.

Bookarama returns with a publicity campaign about to commence, with the sale set for the end of September. A new venue at Howick Intermediate and storage again at Dulcie's. Over \$100,000 so far, so bring it on sale number 7.

Other matters include

- Club assembly next week
- Sign Luca's flag
- Charta Night set for 18 Sept .
- Rugby Sweepstake - see Bill Charkow

Howick Showcase Awards are again under way. We need many more quality nominations. Please refer them to David Fels.

Yep, and that was the night, closed by President Rob with a quote from big Abe (Lincoln that is)

“ Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves ”

Glen Donaldson
Acting Secretary.

Moon Eclipse 28 Aug. '07



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Rugby World Cup Sweep

Pool A

England
South Africa
Samoa
U.S.A.
Tonga

Pool B

Australia
Wales
Fiji
Canada
Japan

Pool C

New Zealand
Scotland
Italy
Romania
Portugal

Pool D

France
Ireland
Argentina
Georgia
Namibia

Qualifying Rounds:

- 7th October QF1 Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up pool A
QF1 Winner Pool C vs. Runner Up pool D
- 8th October QF1 Winner Pool A vs. Runner Up pool B
QF1 Winner Pool D vs. Runner Up pool C
- 4th October Winner QF1 vs. Winner QF2
- 5th October Winner QF3 vs. Winner QF4
- 20th October 3rd Place play –off
- 21st October **Final**

\$ 20 per ticket

- Part 1** Name the 4 semi finalists
- Part 2** Name the finalists
- Part 3** Name the winning team and the score difference (e.g. Namibia by 10 points)

Prizes:

- Part 1 \$75
- Part 2 \$75
- Parts 1 and 2 additional \$75
- Part 3 \$200
- Part 1,2 & 3 additional \$100

If there are more than one winner for each part then the prize money will be divided among the winners and some additional funds may have to be injected to make the prize reasonable.

Bill Charkow

Diary

- 11 Sept. 07 Len Brown - mayoral candidate
- 18 Sept. 07 Charter night

Duties September 4

- Host** Graham Loughlin
- Reception** Ken McIntosh
- Inv/Thanks** Alan Peterson
- Attendance** John Osborne
- Hall Set-up** Fellowship Com.
- Backup** Allan Riley

Duties September 11

- Host** Max Heron
- Reception** Rob Crabtree
- Inv/Thanks** Bob Mackie
- Attendance** Clive Derbyshire
- Hall Set-up** Fellowship Com.
- Backup** Max Grant

Birthdays

9 - Sept. Mohini Sathe



Anniversaries

10 - Sept. Barbara & Geoff Thompson

