



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner



It is now just over a month to the triennial local body elections and on Tuesday night we heard from the second leading candidate Len Brown (a fellow Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Mangere) on his aspirations for the city. However before Len gave his views on 3 important planks in his vision he generously and appropriately recognized the contributions that Sir Barry Curtis, and before him Sir Lloyd Elsmore had made to the city over what he aptly described as a very stable period of 39 years of local politics.

It was clear that Len has immense passion for the city that "he loves" and his desire to clean up the "Drugs and Gangs", graffiti and prostitution in the city, "so that people can be proud of the place where they live" struck a chord with many of the audience. The desire to have an effective system of transportation within the city is also something that the whole of the Auckland population wants, not only those living in Manukau. Whilst being able to improve things in Manukau, you can't but think that the overall regional solution may require a more

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embracing change than a focus on the issue in just one of Auckland's cities.

The third plank and adeptly first in his presentation was keeping rate increases to the rate of inflation. This is a stated policy of both the candidates we have heard and you can probably be excused for thinking somewhat cynically that this is one that seems to be hardest for local (and central) governments to deliver on, but it's a must have in their manifestos.

We have now heard from the two leading candidates from the last election. Hopefully what they have said, or indeed what they may not have said will be helpful while carrying out our democratic duty on the 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Bookarama is progressing well and the team is looking for volunteers to assist in transferring and sorting, leading up to the

days of selling at the new Howick Intermediate venue. Brian Hanlon reminded us to spread the word by placing the notices in our cars. Any assistance that we lend to this important fund raising project will be greatly appreciated by the team, so put your name on the volunteer sheet or give one of the team a call. Keep up the good work, guys!

Garry Donoghue also presented another request for assistance in getting nominations flowing for the Howick Show CASE Awards. As Garry mentioned, we are now coming down to "the sharp end" of the nomination process and if you can think of a worthy candidate in any of the categories, the nomination process can be as simple as sending an email.

The World Cup will get more exciting as the days fly by, so if you have not entered the sweepstake give Gavin \$20 and your picks now. Again for those whose time is precious, it could be as simple as an email!

Lastly, didn't that Pavarotti "tenor I owe you" joke do the rounds quickly!

Have a Good Week!

**Rob**

## Secretary's Notes

**44** members, less 9 excused, together with guests Luca from that rugby nation Argentina, Hal Martin COE of Uxbridge and guest speaker Len Brown were present for another night in Rotary.

Attendance was 76.1 %, nil make ups, 20 LOA's and apologies, and 2 silent.



Have a go winners this week were John Sanders and Max Grant (who is going to be swabbed if he wins again). Wine and dine recipients being Dave Wylie and Rob Mouncey (also under suspicion).

Introduced by Max Heron, our guest speaker being mayoralty candidate Len Brown. Will be an interesting result whatever the outcome. I see there are no more aspirants to give us their views. I personally thought Willie Jackson would have been (how shall we say) interesting. Thanks were in the safe hands of Bob Mackie.

Hey, remember the can project, I don't think we did very well. Lets give it one more try !

2 minutes speakers were:

Gary Donoghue – Nominations for Howick Showcase still required.

Brian Hanlon – Publicity and promotion of Bookarama. Carton needed.

Paul Kendall – Orders for Rotary calendar being taken. Want 1 or 10??

Sanjay Sathe – On are we to host an exchange student next year, Yes or No. Perhaps in conjunction with Half Moon Bay and for shorter periods. Let Sanjay know if you can help.

Bill Charkow – Outlined detail for Charter night. Dress is formal. Come and enjoy. Also the Rugby sweep is their for the plucking.

An up to date from Dave Wylie. Mohini and Ross continue in their quest for wellness. Jim Duckworth has had the other knee patched up, chirpy but not mobile.

The evening finished with a quote from President Rob, stolen from Clement Atlee. "Democracy means government by discussion, but it is only effective if you can stop people talking"

**Glen Donaldson**

Acting Secretary.

## Bookarama 2007

**T**hank you to those who have offered their services.

**There are still a few gaps in the Wednesday to Friday teams, but the concern at present is the shortage of males for the lift of books from Dulcie's home to the Intermediate School on the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Please call Brian Hanlon or John Osborne if you are able to help.**

## CanDrive

**P**lease remember to bring along a can of food at the meeting on Tuesday for the Auckland University Rotary Club's CanDrive project!

## Correspondence

Correspondence & photos from Petri, our exchange student from Finland whom we hosted some 12 years ago.



Hello,  
How are you doing? We had a warmer period in Finland between 25-29 degrees. Now it has started to rain and some powerful thunders. I have been quite busy with my work. Your company (<http://www.okmetic.com/>) has sold know how in crystal growing to Norwegian company NorSun. The practical training is on my shoulder. We should give basic training in solar business for whole personnel (70-80) during next two years. Work language has been English and Swedish. You might wonder why I'm on that kind line of business. The answer is only money i.e. I'm able to pay for child support and to finance my post graduate studies at the university. On next weekend I'm off for fishing trip with my mates to my mother's summer cottage. We will have also "lobster" party. They are not the real ones, length is between 12 to 15 cm but that is kind of tradition round Scandinavia. At the restaurant one has to pay five to nine euros a piece. Those goes well down with white wine and vodka. I have attached few photos of my daughter Aini from Sicily on last June. On next summer I have promised to take her a bit further.  
Cheers, Petri

## 2 - Minute Speakers

Communication of Upcoming Events and Club related matters are of vital importance to members. Maintaining a well managed programme schedule for Club meetings is also very important.

So, before you decide to ask for a 2-Minute Speaker slot, ask yourself the following question: "Can this topic be better advised to members by putting it in the KeyWay?". The KeyWay should be the first line of communication. It reaches EVERY member, and is available for future reference. It can give greater detail, which will be better retained in members' memories.

If a 2-Minute Speaker slot is considered necessary, please phone or e-mail the Sergeant BEFORE the meeting. Late requests will be considered, but be warned the Sergeant's Pot will require suitable compensation.

Member Liaison and Secretary Notices are weekly scheduled slots. In the interests of brevity, allotted slots should now be considered "1-Minute Speakers"

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## Duties September 18

<i>Host</i>	John Richardson
<i>Reception</i>	Victor Sun
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	John Sanders
<i>Attendance</i>	John Willis
<i>Hall Set-up</i>	Fellowship Com.
<i>Backup</i>	Cedric Daniel

## Duties September 25

<i>Host</i>	Bill Percival
<i>Reception</i>	Dave Cox
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Stuart Armstrong
<i>Attendance</i>	Bill McKay
<i>Hall Set-up</i>	Fellowship Com.
<i>Backup</i>	Jim Donovan

## Birthdays

<i>20 - Sept.</i>	<i>Alan Peterson</i>
<i>21 - Sept.</i>	<i>George Abercrombie</i>
<i>22 - Sept.</i>	<i>Barby Kilgour</i>



## Anniversaries

<i>21 - Sept.</i>	<i>Yola &amp; Charles Davidson</i>
<i>21 - Sept.</i>	<i>Marquerite &amp; Bill McKay</i>
<i>22 - Sept.</i>	<i>Helen &amp; Duncan Morrison</i>

