



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner

**F**amily Violence is one of those subjects that we would prefer not to think about, particularly when it is happening in close proximity. As our guest speakers Alison Dyson from MECOSS and John Steele from Penrose Rotary informed us, the incidence is growing in our local community and there is also a large funding and resource gap in the Manukau East area to deal with it.

Penrose Rotary and MECOSS have initiated a partnership arrangement under which RAVAH Grants are provided from a \$10000 (two lots of \$5000) fund to families or individuals that need assistance or counseling. Typically they are for people and situations that have not reached the "bottom of the cliff" within the judicial system where State funding steps in. The amounts usually given are under \$500 and assistance can take many forms, from counseling to temporary transport. Some

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## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Howick Rotary Christmas Party

16 families have been helped so far from the initial fund of \$5000.

As some of our members know, there are many agencies providing assistance and this is but one initiative started by our friends in Penrose Rotary, which can now be extended a little with our assistance from the funds raised through the Yacht Regatta next year. Apart from funds, MECOSS and RAVAH are seeking assistance in advocacy, awareness and administration, and Alison or John would like to hear from any Rotarian or partner who would like to help (email Alison at [alison@mecoss.org.nz](mailto:alison@mecoss.org.nz); or John at [jgsteele@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jgsteele@xtra.co.nz)).

Sales for the Yacht Regatta are significantly

behind last year (10 boats) so we all need to "man the pumps" to get the sales coming in over the weeks left prior to Christmas. John and Bob are working hard to make the event another success, so give them a hand by asking a neighbor, friend or colleague to take a boat or form a team. Thanks once again for those people who worked on John Built's garden last weekend.

*See you in "Red & White" next week!*

**Rob**

## Duties December 11

<i>Host</i>	Fred Holland
<i>Reception</i>	Ted Aislabie
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Kevin McKernan
<i>Backup</i>	Jim Donovan

## Duties December 18

<i>Host</i>	Gary Willcocks
<i>Reception</i>	Steve Whitehead
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	John Richardson
<i>Backup</i>	John Sanders



## Secretary's Notes

**P**res Rob welcomed Chris Francis, a guest of Bob Mackie, along with guest speakers, John Steele from the RC of Penrose and Alison Dyson from MECOSS. (Manukau East Council of Social Services.)

George Tyler and Richard Harri were mentioned in dispatches for their make-ups. (Not their make up!) In fact one could track George and Olga's journey down south with make-ups at Wellington North, Levin and Wanganui.

Members should note the following: -

- Updated address labels for Rob Crabtree and David Wylie are available from the Secretary. I will have them there again next week if you missed at this last meeting. (Do remember to stick them in the membership book!)
- John Built asked that a vote of thanks be passed on to members of the Community Committee and their wives, who along with Brian Hanlon and Stuart Armstrong, assisted with the working bee on John's garden at the weekend. He is very grateful to all and says the difference is certainly very noticeable.
- The RC of Waiuku is holding a Sunset Coast Rotary Walk on 24 February starting and ending at 207 Kohekohe-Karioitahi Road, Waiuku with a start

between 7.30am and 1.00pm. Entry costs are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children from 5 - 13 years, and those under 5 free. Soft drinks and a sausage sizzle will be provided at the end of the walk. This looks like a great day. Families could take a picnic and make a day of it. Any questions contact [rotary@waiuku.com](mailto:rotary@waiuku.com) or (09) 2353880 or (09) 2358500. Maybe a good club group outing day?

- Don't forget the Christmas party next week with a red and white theme. Timing is 5.30 for a 6pm start. Remember the small pressie! (\$5 was suggested but the Sec said up to \$10 so don't be mean!)
- The meat/wine raffles were won by Ian Fox (yeah - I chose the wine) and David Fels. Garry Donoghue and Kay McKirdy won the have-a-go raffles.

At the last Board meeting a request came through from one committee asking if we could publish a list showing Club funding allocations on a regular basis. I will look to do this as information comes available. Allocations from the Club Trust fund for the late October/ through November period have been as follows.

- Contribution to Howick Village Association to assist with the hanging basket project. - \$1125
- Donation to Koru Care to assist with a payment for a child in need's trip to

Disneyland. - \$500

- Howick Children's Theatre to provide partial sponsorship for the play, "The Little Mermaid." - \$1125
- Donation to Auckland Downs' Syndrome via the Petanque Club - \$500
- Seedlings and plantings for the Trees for Survival project at Maungemaungeroa Reserve. \$334
- Howick College Science Awards - \$500

**Ian Fox**  
Secretary.

## Christmas Party

**A** great big thanks to everyone for replying to our invitation.

We are sure this will be memorable.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at 5:30/6:00pm at the Howick Bowling Club on Tuesday 11th December.

Dress code is **Smart Casual** and our theme is **Red and White**

Also remember each person to bring a gender gift of approximately \$5 value (not \$10 as reported in the Keyway last week.)

Thanks again and we will see you all on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Regards

Fellowship Committee



## John Built's Garden

Last Saturday we had an excellent response from nine Rotarians including wives attack John's neglected garden due to his ailing health. We were fortunate to have a fine day and starting early in the morning working through till about midday. Some fine gardening skills were applied involving topiary, pruning, weeding, digging, grubbing and spraying. Morning tea was a treat with Wendy Deal offering her baking skills to a hungry crew with an excellent batch of scones. After a good clean up and all rubbish onto the truck for the tip a delighted John bid us farewell. This effort was a small tribute to a man who has given 40 years of service to the Rotary Club of Howick.

**Graham Loughlin**  
Community Committee



**"The Constant Gardeners".**

## Christmas Spirit

### Santa's Lap

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

### Please, Santa

The Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when a young lady about twenty years old walked up and sat on his lap.

Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?"

"Something for my mother, please." said the young lady.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful of you" smiled Santa. "What do you want me to bring her? "

Without blinking she replied, "A son-in-law!"



## Birthdays

- 12 - Dec. Marguerite McKay
- 13 - Dec. Allan Riley
- 14 - Dec. David Wylie
- 14 - Dec. Gary Willcocks



## Anniversaries

- 13- Dec. Maureen & Ken McIntosh
- 16- Dec. Margaret & Clive Derbyshire
- 17- Dec. Hazel & Brian Hanlon
- 17- Dec. Celeste & Fred Holland

## Christmas and New Year Break

**T**he 18th December will be an informal evening. The Club will re-open after Christmas on the 15th January for a "finger food" supper and social, and the Club returns to normal on the 22nd.

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