



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner

**H**aving the opportunity to host our Rotary peers from Somerville Howick Club added some delightful diversity to our meeting, and to also have two visiting Rotarians from overseas, plus a number of Member guests added to the occasion.

The club is in receipt of a club pennant from Boksburg Lake Rotary Club (South Africa) and Makati Mc Kinley from the Philippines. The club was also gifted a medalion and a book by R.A. (Butch) Francisco titled 'Musings in the life of a Rotarian'. If you are interested in having a read of this book please make contact with Ian Fox.

Dr David Skilling was billed as a keynote speaker for the club, and there is no doubt Dr Skilling lived up to the occasion. The fact that he was not using PowerPoint added to the message. Dr Skilling was quite persuasive in his views, as he sees New Zealand at this time.

The messenger and the message can at times paint a picture, that too often can accentuate the negative in our society, but as David Skilling reminded us, the current

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## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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**19<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

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base position is a sound springboard for reform.

New Zealand is looking for the big idea, and research in technological and medical areas of manufacture may be the key to the solution; then we may have our pay day?

The economic comparisons with Australia can also easily point to negative issues such as income gaps, tax benefits and other Aussie state offered cherries. But as a person (your president elect) who delights in both countries can testify, the decision to emigrate or to immigrate is ultimately personal, based on lifestyle values and opportunities.

For those that missed Dr Skilling's address,

or would like to review the key components of Dr Skilling's message, his slide presentation can be viewed in full at [http://www.nzinstitute.org/images/uploads/UoA\\_160806.pdf](http://www.nzinstitute.org/images/uploads/UoA_160806.pdf), or Google Dr Skilling for presentation details.

Next week (19<sup>th</sup> Feb) is our petanque evening being held at the **Cockle Bay Petanque** Rink next to the Windross Restaurant. This event has been brought forward from the 4<sup>th</sup> March. As always, friends and partners are welcome. If you are intending to come along, and have not have listed your intention at Tuesdays meeting please contact **Alasdair MacLean on 534 5322**. Also, if you have a set of 'bouls' please advise Alasdair.

Members are also advised the Papatoetoe West Rotary Club is organizing a Mayoresses Charity Gala Ball for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Howick Rotary is represented at an organizers function meeting being held this Wednesday. Once we are aware of the details of the event we will communicate the info in the first instance through next weeks Key Way.

Have a good week, **Garry**



## Secretary's Notes

**P**res. Elect Garry, in his usual calm manner, opened the meeting sure our guest speaker would arrive by the time we were ready for him to speak. Was he concerned? Not at all! He had every confidence all was under control. He was right! Dr David Skilling arrived late, but still in time for a very enlightening address. Also welcomed were President Sue Williams from the RC of Somerville-Howick along with 12 of their members. It was great to be able to welcome PDG Bob Jollands from Queensland, Sheanagh Noles, Chris Francis, and Eben Kiching, a guest of Gary Willcocks. Banners were exchanged with Clive Birchall from the RC of Boksburc Lake, SA, and Joe from a RC in Manilla.

PE Garry again won the major prize in the have-a-go raffle with Geoff Thompson picking up the other prize. Meat/wine raffles were won by Victor Sun and Steven Noles.

Members' announcements: -

- Alasdair reminded everyone about the petanque evening next week. Do not turn up at the Club! Meet at Cockle Bay and register by 5.30pm. A meal will follow at around 8.00pm. Please let Alasdair know numbers if you have not already done so.
- Dave Wylie reported that all places for the Vocational Committee Villa Maria

visit have been taken. He is hoping to be able to negotiate a few more. He will let members know next week.

- Don't forget to register for the golf and/or pool day at Whitford on the 2 March. Check with Gavin for further details.

A joint Sergeant session was held with our own 'Master Blaster' Charles, along with Marcus from RCSH. Fred Holland was fined for breaking a rib while taking a grandchild to Rainbows End. We had heard it could be a very dangerous place! Barry Nicholls was also fined to recognise his birthday. All on the Fellowship Committee were fined for not getting the regalia out on time!

Members are reminded that when unable to attend a meeting an apology is expected. This is simply a matter of courtesy. Members will be well aware that where an apology has not been received by 11.00am then a charge is made for the meal. The caterers require firm numbers by this time. Late apologies should still be given, but the meal charge will stand.

Have a great week.

**Ian Fox**  
Secretary.

## Birthdays

19 - Feb.

Charles Davidson



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## Duties February 26

<b>Host</b>	Joseph Heays
<b>Reception</b>	David Wylie
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Jim Duckworth
<b>Backup</b>	Jan de Haast

## Petanque

**When:** Tuesday 19 February 2008

**Where:** Cockle Bay petanque terrain next to the Scout Hall opposite the toilet block at Cockle Bay Beach.

**Time:** Participants must register by **5:30pm** so that games can be completed before it gets dark. Non-participants may join us but make sure you register for a meal.

### Attendance

ring [Alasdair Maclean ph: 5345322](tel:5345322)

not **George Abercrombie**

or e-mail [rotapol@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rotapol@ihug.co.nz) indicating the number attending and if you have your own boules.

**Meal:** 8.00pm.

### What to bring:

1 Boules if you have them. A limited number will be supplied.

2 Portable tables and chairs.

3 Your own refreshments. (Note the liquor ban at Cockle Bay Beach only applies at the weekend).

**On arrival at the venue:** Make sure your names are recorded on the white board.

**Another Fellowship Committee Project**