



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner

When you sit back and listen to how Howick Rotary team interacts and supports the local and international community you can't help but be amazed at just how much gets done. It is rewarding to know that through our contribution - both money and in-kind - we can make a difference in the local and international community. This is why I think that Rotary works so well, as it deals with and delivers help directly to those people that need it without going through a whole series of "middle men"!

Thanks to the team for presenting an update of their committee and individual activities!

Also I would like give a big thank you to the club as a whole for getting us through the necessary milestone of approving the formation of the Rotary Club of Howick Charitable Trust. It is always pleasing and somewhat of a relief when the vote is unanimous! The next step is to obtain formal approval from RI for the club to form the Trust and then to proceed to registration with the Charities Commission.

Now that we are well on the way to getting over this hurdle which will protect our

**This Week 1 April 2008**

## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Howick, Inc.

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**1<sup>st</sup> April                      Nick Grianias**  
 US Consul on the US  
 Presidential Election

**Partners Committee Night Dinner**  
 On the **1<sup>st</sup> April At La Mamas 7:00pm**

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club project fund raising activities from the tax man we can turn our attention back to the formation of our own trust based upon the North family bequest. A considerable amount of work has already been done by the sub-committee and we now need to use the "model document" again and personalize it to the requirements of the additional trust. At this stage it is the view of the sub-committee that another trust is the best course to take as the objects, source of funds and beneficiaries as well as some of the wording in the document need to be changed to meet our requirements.

Rob Crabtree has arranged for the US Consul to speak to us next week, so it is a good opportunity to bring a friend, colleague and/or better still a prospective member! Please circulate any names to the Membership group (p23 of the handbook) so they can give them a big welcome.

And lastly please get partners to give Mary a ring if they wish to attend the dinner at La Mamas next Tuesday.

*Have a good week!*

**Rob**

## Duties April 1

<b>Host</b>	John Willis
<b>Reception</b>	Clive Derbyshire
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Barry Nicholls
<b>Backup</b>	Allan Riley

## Duties April 8

<b>Host</b>	Kevin McKernan
<b>Reception</b>	Jim Donovan
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Max Grant
<b>Backup</b>	Ted Aislabie



## Secretary's Notes

Club assembly is the time to review goals for the year and to look at what has still to be achieved. Our Assembly this week, at the three-quarter mark, did just that. Directors in turn provided a brief overview of projects and achievements. It was a very comprehensive and worthy list.

In brief: -

**Pres Rob** informed us that our three major projects for the year, the Showcase Awards, Book-a-Rama and the Yacht Race, have all been completed successfully, with greater than budgeted surpluses achieved. As a consequence we have been able to put a significant amount of funding into local and international projects.

**Treasurer Peter** confirmed this. In our Club Fund account we have an income of \$42k and an expenditure of \$41.5k. With more funding yet to come into the accounts for the remainder of the year we should finish slightly ahead overall. In the Trust Fund account we have budgeted to spend \$38k. To date around \$19k has been allocated. The Board expects to spend close to budget but will end the year in a healthy financial position for the new Board to take into next year.

**PE Garry**, with the appropriate Rotary tie for next year, informed us the theme is to be "*Make dreams real.*" He also informed us the job of the Club Service team is to make Rob 'look good.' That has been done!

Some of the initial glitches have been overcome and all is now running smoothly. We expect to have a selection of high quality speakers through to the end of the year.

**International – David Fels** expressed his committee's concern that we do not at present have an international exchange student in the club. We have the opportunity to have a student around the end of June. David is looking for host families. He extended a plea to all to talk about this at home to see what support could be offered. David or PE Gary would be good people to talk to if more information is needed. We will have a Matched Twin student in from Australia later in the year. Support is being given to the Mangere Refugee Centre. At this stage the committee is awaiting more information before determining the level of support required. John Osborne is working with the Pakuranga Club to find opportunities for a FAIME project. The committee also presented a case to the Board for support towards a Penrose Club's project to provide a water treatment plant at the Savaii hospital. Our club has pledged \$1500 towards this project.

**Youth – Kevin McKernan** talked of the considerable number of requests for funds being received. The committee has given support in many cases including support for a student to study film overseas, a Howick College student to Outward Bound and another on the Spirit of Adventure. Another student was supported with their

travel costs to Singapore for Science and Maths study. Eight candidates were recently funded to RYPEN. Eight applications for RYLA have been received to date with more still being sought. The committee has also been looking at how we as a Club can better support the Police to prevent problems rather than giving the support once they have arisen. To this end \$1000 has been provided towards a programme that identifies youth as achievers who perhaps lack support and direction. This is a new project with much potential, it was felt. Four – five members are also on the police list of nominated persons who can be called on as required should a youth need to be interviewed and no parent be available. Another worthy project by members.

**Vocational – Max Grant** talked of their three major projects. The first has been support for a student from Howick College to attend the Science Forum. The Club also supported the Step-Up District project with three applicants attending. Their employers sponsored each these and so no Club funding was required. The third project was the recent highly successful Vocational visit to Villa Maria Wines.

**Community – Graham Loughlin.** The 'new, long lasting' hanging baskets have eased the burden on Club members. The Rotary Wheel had its first airing at the Christmas Parade where it had exposure to over 30000 people. The overall cost was \$4800. Currently we are seeking financial support from other local Clubs who would then have free access to the Wheel when

required. Other Clubs could hire the Wheel. Three very successful Blood Bank collections have been held and the Christmas. Pudding sales generated \$1000 in income. The committee also arranged for a team to do some much needed work on John Built's garden, which was most appreciated. Community support in action! Graham reported on his active committee with an overall attendance of 82% to committee meetings! (It must be the suppers!)

**Membership – Ian Fox.** In the absence of PP Bob Ian provided an update on membership, which currently stands at 67 members. We have induced two new members this year, with two leaving, thus the status quo prevails. A 'cocktail evening' is being held at the Howick Club on 17<sup>th</sup> April for possible new members. All are asked to give serious thought to potential new members. Names should be sent to PP Bob who will send an invite to the evening function. This is our major promotional opportunity so all are asked to get behind this project.

**Fellowship – Bill Charkow** talked of the 'fun' in Rotary. A number of 'fun' events have been held with Luca's birthday celebrations, Charter night, and the Christmas Party. There is the Golf day coming up and the Changeover on 24<sup>th</sup> June. (Mark it down now!) There is another 'surprise evening' being planned with more details to come. This is expected to be a fundraiser as well as a fun night. Watch for further information!

So this is the report card so far for 2007/8!

It was great that we had Assistant DG Janet Igrisan with us to hear the committee reports. It is obvious so much is happening at the committee level. Howick Club is very much alive and well. It was also great to see Stuart Armstrong back, albeit with a stick. (I was wondering what he might do with that during the Club Assembly!)

An invitation has been received for any members wishing to attend the GSE team's departure dinner to be held at the Ellerslie Events centre on 17 April. If you would like to attend, details are available from Sec Ian.

To conclude I have recorded a list of Club expenditure provided by Treasurer Peter, which may be of interest to members following our Club Assembly.

- Pakuranga , Eastern Manukau Citizens Advice Bureau  
\$770 for Brochure Holders, Bags
- Peer Support Programme  
\$351 Food
- Rota Pacific  
\$600 Children's Visits
- Rotary Club Auckland East  
\$650 to Interplast Team to Lautoka
- Manufacture of Rotary wheel  
\$3722
- Howick/ Pakuranga Blue Lights Venture  
\$1000 Supporting youth
- Outward Bound Trust  
\$1000 Supporting Stephen Simmons

The Riding For The Disabled  
\$1300

Study Trip Singapore Howick College  
\$1000 Supporting Ben Whittingham

NZ Secondary Students Choir  
\$500 Supporting Aimee Grey

Have a good short week!

**Ian Fox**  
Secretary

## B i r t h d a y s

*26 - Mar. Glen Grant*

*26- Mar. Rod Ellis*

*1 - Apr. Bill Charkow*



## D i a r y A p r i l 2 0 0 8 M a g a z i n e M o n t h

- 1 - Apr **Nick Grianias** US Consul on the US Presidential Election process.
- 8 - Apr **Insp Jim Searle** - OIC Howick Police - Manukau Policing update
- 15 - Apr **Martin Casey** - Regional fundraising manager, Royal NZ Foundation
- 22 - Apr **ANZAC** special - a speaker from the NZ Defence Forces.
- 29 - Apr **Mike Murphy** - Ice Angel. The Icehouse is a business incubator associated with Auckland University and Ice Angels is the Capital organisation associated with it.

## The Mayoress's Charity Gala Ball

**F**urther to my presentation on this event at this weeks Rotary Meeting:

Rotary's' goal is to fund a pediatric bed, costing NZ \$53,000 as part of the overall Ball project of funding the Kids First ICU, and to this end Howick Rotary has committed **\$2000 for the bed**. Not the Mayoress's Charity Gala Ball.

10 Manukau City area Rotary Clubs, lead by Papatoetoe West, are joining forces in being a major organiser for the inaugural Mayoress's Charity Gala Ball, to be held at The Telstra Clear Events Centre, Gt South Rd, Manukau, 24 May 2008.

This will be one grand event with a four fold purpose;

- a) To raise funds (circa \$150k/300k) to benefit kids in Counties Manukau via Kids First Charity organization and
- b) To show that Manukau can produce such a 'classy' event and 'uplift' the image of our area
- c) To lift the profile of Rotary
- d) For the attendees a fabulous and memorable time.

Four Intensive Care Units at Middlemore Hospital - one being for 'Kids First' - are due to open June / July this year, so we will see the 'result' from our

fund raising efforts pretty quickly!

The Kids First ICU is costing some \$250,000 (plus) and it is hoped that this Ball, complete with table sales (10 seats) at \$3000 incl. GST, 1/2 dozen major auction items, 30 silent auction items, Rotary's' involvement and a generous donation of \$100,000 from the Lion Foundation, will fund the complete Kids First ICU.

D9920 Rotary Foundation has already approved up to US\$20,000 and The Harold Thomas Trust have approved NZ\$ 5,000. On behalf of the MCC area Clubs', Papatoetoe West are applying for an off shore District for additional Foundation Funds and NZ Matching Grant (50c for each \$ raised)

The advantage to Rotary is that this event will be **'presented by Rotary'**. The steering committee have approved that Rotary has a free hand to promote itself in any way Rotary thinks appropriate and D9920 PR & Promotions Committee have taken responsibility to arrange promotion at the event.

What a great opportunity for Rotary and follow up of contacts. As a result we are looking forward to potential new members joining the Rotary family, spread through a number of Clubs.

Rotary's commitment is to sell 30 tables and Rotary has a Ball sub committee for this purpose. So, in the **first instance** if you know any corporate / businesses that may be interested in receiving an invitation, please advise the writer ASAP.

And secondly, if any of our Howick Ro-

tary members/family/contacts that may have an interest in attending, please also advise either Rob Mouncey or the writer and we will record your interest.

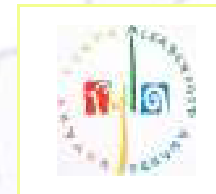
In next weeks addition of Keyway, the Charity Gala Ball promotional data will give explicit details of this social/ charity event, and this will further explain the grandness of the Gala Ball.

Thanks  
**Garry**

## RYLA's Success

### Supervision

Experienced adult leaders are appointed as resident supervisors at the seminar for the week, including residential directors, programme directors, course administrators and counsellors. Medical needs will be attended to.



Whilst Awardees are treated as responsible young adults, adherence to basic rules and a Code of Conduct is expected.

**Alcohol, drugs, cars and mobile phones  
ARE NOT PERMITTED**

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