



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner

It is good to know that projects that Rotary initially supports with "seeding money" eventually grow into substantial enterprises. In 2004 we gave Howick College \$2000 to help progress the then "Industrial Pathways" programme that Stewart Thompson had initiated and spoken to us about earlier. The programme is now financed by some local Councils, Work & Income, Exhibitors, the EMA and grants from the TEC, Newmarket's Rotary Trusts and the Fletcher Trust.

"Industrial Pathways" has now transformed into the "Pathways to Employment" programme that has grown from being a Howick College based and administered programme into one that is now administered by the EMA and includes about 50 schools throughout the Auckland region. The size of the Expos that seek to raise the awareness of school leavers career options and increase the connectivity to future potential employers have now grown to a point that the project has to use the auditorium at Ericsson stadium and has about 700 year 13 kids attending on each day of what is usually a 2 day event. There are 3 to 4 Expos run per year focusing on different industry sectors. Whilst the major focus has been on trade careers it also includes those that need tertiary education such as Civil Engineering.

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## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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### 20<sup>th</sup> May Raelene Castle

CEO Netball New Zealand. This is a partners' invited night. A Howick girl, Raelene's appointment to lead New Zealand women's most popular participant sport at the time of the World Cup and introduction of the Trans-Tasman competition, presented a huge challenge. Raelene will share her thoughts on the job and the future of New Zealand netball - can we beat the Aussies?

Pathways to Employment also has an advocacy element to it and is encouraging that the politicians from both parties as well as the PPTA seem to be taking on board the message that Stewart and the people around him, including the EMA and Business NZ, have been delivering over the last few years.

As Stewart mentioned, there is also a challenge here for Rotary. It is difficult within the existing "Pathways model" to increase the connectivity of small and medium sized busi-

nesses with schools and year 13 students. There may be a role here that Rotary's Vocational Avenue of Service can assist. This could be in promoting connections with local business associations, providing mentoring and advice at the local school or work place experience. The ITO's and the EMA provide some level of support, but the "connectivity" is not what could be potentially achieved by direct employer contact.

Next Tuesday promises to be good night with Raelene Castle being our guest speaker, so bring your partner, a guest, or both.

Have a Good Week!

**Rob**

## Duties May 20

<i>Host</i>	John Richardson
<i>Reception</i>	Alan Peterson
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Max Heron
<i>Backup</i>	Geoff Thompson

## Duties May 27

<i>Host</i>	Ken McIntosh
<i>Reception</i>	John Osborne
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Graham Loughlin
<i>Backup</i>	Rob Crabtree

## Secretary's Notes

President Rob welcomed the evening's guests - Marjory Burton, Sue Somerville and prospective member Colin Monk.

This week we had a reprise from Stuart Thomson, in his new position with the Employers & Manufacturers Association (EMA). Stuart last visited in 2002 when he was starting on the 'Pathways to Excellence' skills based development he runs today. Stuart showed that he is at the 'cutting edge' of where industry education is heading today.

The Pathways aim - for all young people to be in education, skills or structured learning relevant to their needs and abilities until they reach 18 years. Stuart compared the industry training six years ago with the acceleration in industry training that he is involved in facilitating today.

This coincides with the Labour Governments recently stated policy. While not stated, I suspect the Government were the 'followers' but at least they recognized that more balance was needed in 'education for employment'.

Stuart had an audience who well recognized what he was saying. The deterioration of industry and trades skills has been as obvious as the trend to IT and similar non-trade skills development in recent years.

The introduction was by Dave Wylie and thanks by John Savory.

Mangemangeroa Reserve Planting Day: Jim thanked the club for their excellent support last Saturday. 920 young trees were planted. That included the first of the

Howick Rotary-funded specimen Kowhais and Kohekohe.



They were professionally grown for the Friends of Mangemangeroa Society by the Naturally Native nursery from seeds eco-sourced from the reserve. This year there's around 8500 plants (5500 in 2007) ready to go into the reserve of which 8100 have been grown by Jim and other dedicated propagators. An excellent start, with great Howick

Rotary support.

Auction of Promises: Glen reminded us that the auction is a partners and friends invited night on Tuesday 10th June. Please reply to the letter just sent out and pledge your Promise. This is the inaugural event for the Club, and Glen asked that the Promises be carefully thought about and then forwarded to him by Tuesday 27th May. No reserves. All Promises will be sold on the night.

Member Liaison: Dave Wylie mentioned that the following need to remain in our thoughts - Ross, Mohine and Trevor, with the addition of George Tyler who is at home with pneumonia. Fred was sporting an injury from a close encounter with a stake at the tree planting.

Birthdays: Fred Holland; Stephen Noles; Midori Kendall; Judy Duckworth; James Donovan; Rod Somerville; Olga Tyler; Steve Whitehead; Geoff Thompson; while Peg & Bill Percival celebrate their wedding anniversary. Sergeant Charles gathered a good fines collection to go to the Myanmar relief, for one of the disaster relief options such as emergency boxes.

Clive contributed by having organized his daughter Alison and a clutch of Botany College pupils to stand in for him at the Mangemangeroa tree planting.

Meat/wine raffle: 1.Ken McIntosh, 2.Bill McKay

We look forward to welcoming Secretary Ian Fox back again next week, fresh from his school travel duties.

**Allan Riley**

## Auction of Promises.

**W**ith the date set for 10th June, this new and exciting event is underway in the planning. Going to be Bigger than Texas. (Well, perhaps not).

On your tables next week will be a list of names. Please indicate your attendance and numbers for catering purposes.

Bring your friends and relations. The more the merrier.

Help the organising by getting your promises in as soon as possible, as this will help with the planning.

Fill in the form and hand to Glen. You are also able to pass over any promise that is an actual item and we will store and bring to the auction. We do not want promises being delivered on the night, if possible.

Thank you. Remember, ALL promises will be sold. There is NO RESERVES.

To wet your appetite we have received further promises of:

Watercolour or drawing by a famous artist by arrangement

A professional chef who will cook a modest size dinner party

3 X Baskets of body care products

A ride to Raglan for coffee as a pillion on a fantastic BMW motorbike. (Go Easyrider)

Total authentic Chinese dinner, includes decor, music, costume, banquet, tea ceremony and much more

*Getting the idea ???*

This is going to be just fantastic.

Require any further detail, just give me a call.

*Thank you for your support.*

**Glen Donaldson**

*For the Fellowship Team.*

## Letter from Luca

**R**otary club of Howick, The first words I have to say is I'm sorry for being disappeared for all this months away from New Zealand. I do not have any excuse, just that it was hard for me to accept that one part of my dream was finished. When I realised I wanted to repair everything at the point I left it in January 07, for example, spend some time with family and friends.

Christmas and New year were terrific sharing days with the family. As you know, the family down here means a lot and I fond my perfect. Lucy is growing fast and I'm afraid to be a jealous 'brother'.

Mum and dad are still in love as if they are 20 years ago. My dad and I are playing golf once or twice a week and we are having a fantastic time together. We share our knowledge before hitting the ball but after complete the 18th holes, we always argue just because one of us lost the game. Telling you the true, I've never expected to be playing golf at my age, but I felt in love with it and I hope that one day I can play with some of you in Howick or Whitford Park.

I started school on 3rd march at my ex college; its getting harder and harder. I've 16 subjects a week, and I've to spend more than 8 hours there, plus spending a few hours studding at home because we have exams every 2 weeks. My education does not end up

at college, at the moment and until December I'm going to English classes twice a week (4 hours weekly) since I want to set for a few international English exams and get a English diploma.

Well, I thing I told you quite a lot about what I've done since I left NZ. I hope you're okay and I would love to hear from you, telling me about what you have been doing, your next trips around South America (Argentina of course).

I'm sorry for my informal letter and I wish that you cold understand.

All the best luck Luca Rozycki cheers

PS: Remember that Argentina is open for you guys.

## Birthdays

**15- May Steve Whitehead**

**16- May Karen Armstrong**

**17- May Geoff Thompson**



## Anniversaries

**15- May Peg & Bill Percival**



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