



The KeyWay



President's Corner

It was a full and fun night on Tuesday!

An Honorary Membership for Sue North, a record breaking Yacht Regatta cheque presentation from John Richardson and "local girl" Raelene Castle, Chief Executive of Netball NZ giving us a great presentation on the future of this exciting sport. All these set amongst a "buzzing" partners and guests crowd.

If you think we are living in a fast changing world, Raelene Castles presentation brought home how much more quickly the sport of Netball is changing in New Zealand. And amidst all this change you could not help but think that Netball NZ has a very competent Chief Executive and Governance structure to ensure that the end result will be right for the sport. A world championship event thrust on to the organization with a compacted time scale, a new ANZ Trans Tasman Championship series and to top it off a new national competition, all makes for an exciting and full life for Raelene. It was great to see how she loves to embrace the "challenge of change".

We all have our views on the developing trends in all world sport. Some may lament the growth of professionalism and the increased "commercial thrust" of decision making that moves us away from the "purity" of the amateur game. Others will say that, to

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27th May Anthony Scott

Chief Executive, Science New Zealand
Science NZ – the newly created body from the old Crown Research Institutes with an injection of funds from Government and many calling for much more investment, means Anthony has a challenging time ahead. He is also President-Elect of New Zealand's oldest Rotary Club – Wellington – and a former public relations consultant – should make for an interesting address!

survive in this increasingly competitive and global world, sport needs to evolve in order to gain the money needed to attract high calibre players as well as the "entertainment" audiences.

From the players perspective, professional sport is now a real career choice that many young people are taking. And if life is about using ones skills and intellect to their full potential, then you probably have to say good luck to them. With injuries constantly on the "watch list" they deserve to "make hay while the sun shines".

Netball would seem to be on the cusp of change. Currently Raelene described the sport as being semi-professional with New Zealand being at the forefront of the more "commercial" model in the world. I am sure that all of us hope that she and Netball NZ can develop this extremely exciting spectator sport onto the global stage at the same time as retaining the national pride in being one of, if not the top team in the world!



Once again congratulations to Sue North on her well deserved Honorary Membership. As Sue said, Peter would have been very proud of this award. We now need to turn the family's founding bequest into a full Charitable Trust that will serve well future generations in the Howick community.

Also, thank you John and your core team of Bob Mackie and Rod Somerville for the wonderful contribution to our club trust funds from the Yacht Regatta.

Have a Good Week!

Rob



Secretary's Notes

It was great to see so many members and their wives at Rotary this week to support the awarding of an honorary membership to Sue North. We would all agree this was so richly deserved. Sue's daughters Karen and Sarah were there to support their Mum. I am sure Peter was also there in spirit. He would be very proud of Sue's achievements.



Also welcomed was Brian and Hazel's daughter, Lesley, out on a surprise visit from the States.

George Abercrombie told us he would be away for a couple of weeks from 3 June and therefore not able to take apologies. These should be sent through to Alasdair MacLean or to the website.

Garry Donoghue informed us that there was a target sale of 85 tables for the Mayoress' Ball. To date 81 tables have been secured with the others expected to be sold. This means that around \$250000 to \$300000 will be donated to Kids' First. A great success.

Garry is currently finalising committees with Directors for next year. If any member has a preference not as yet expressed please email Garry within the next week.

Glen Donaldson requests members to ensure they clarify whether or not they and partners will be attending the 'Auction of Promises.' This is a fundraising evening and promises to be a lot of fun. Funds raised go into the Club Trust funds and will be used to support projects as determined by the Board. Glenn and his organising committee still need your promises. If you have not as yet sent one in please do so ASAP.

John Richardson reported on the Club's 22nd Yacht Race. This year saw a record participation along with a record result. The Yacht Race is a joint venture between our Club and RCHMB generating a record profit of just over \$75000. This is an outstanding result. John thanked all in the Club who assisted in many different ways. He particularly wanted to acknowledge Bob Mackie and Rod Somerville for their ongoing commitment and support. John presented a cheque for \$37500 to Pres Rob.



This week Charles continued to extract

heaps of money in a very low-key manner. He thanked members for the support given last week where over \$300 was donated towards our Emergency Box appeal. With such a need at present members were very generous. Charles looked for that generosity again this week so that at least two boxes could be donated from our Club. I am sure results will show the generous spirit was there again.

Pres Rob and Bill Charkow won the have-a-go raffle and John Osborne and John Savory the meat/wine raffles.

Charles reminded members to report absences or guests by 11.00am on Tuesday mornings. Late apologies will still mean a meal charge.

Catch you all next week.

Ian Fox
Secretary.

Duties May 27

<i>Host</i>	Ken McIntosh
<i>Reception</i>	John Osborne
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Graham Loughlin
<i>Backup</i>	Barry Nicholls

Duties June 3

<i>Host</i>	Allan Riley
<i>Reception</i>	Sanjay Sathe
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Clive Derbyshire
<i>Backup</i>	John Willis

Auction of Promises.

Set for June 10th and coming along nicely.

Have you made your promise yet?

Please assist by getting these to me ASAP. Either fax or e/mail, or at Rotary next week.

Additions to date include ;

Weekend at Whitianga in self contained unit, meals provided.

2 nights B & B in wonderful Queenstown.

A super duper electric golf trolley.

Sunday brunch with a famous Howick Rotarian and his wife.

2 x Doz Eccles cakes plus a bottle of wine. (Guess who?)

A bach for a week or weekend at Manga-wai.

A bottle of that highland nectar.

Thank you for your support.

Glen Donaldson

For the Fellowship Team.

Howick Historical Village



Birthdays

- 21 – May *Cedric Daniel*
- 21 – May *Margaret George*
- 23 – May *Marjorie Burton*
- 23 – May *David Percival*
- 25 – May *Tony Twigge*



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