



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner

**W**as Anthony Scott's message about the need to raise the awareness of the contribution of RTS (Research, Science & Technology) to New Zealand's economy and lifestyle another indication that the direction the ship of state is going needs to be questioned?

Apart from his very humorous style of presentation, there was a lot of "thought provoking stuff" in Anthony's speech and, as a "scientist in my roots", it does disappoint me that we are living in a society that seems to indicate to future generations that, if you want a better life style, it is better to do a double major in law and accounting!

Some of this may be perception and not reality, as if you looked around our meeting room there were a lot of people that had progressed through the science and technology route to senior and very senior corporate positions. Who is to know whether this picture would change in the future.

It was also interesting to find out from Anthony that the thrust for the formation of Sci-

**This Week 3 June 2008**

## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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

[www.howickrotary.org.nz](http://www.howickrotary.org.nz)

**3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Step Up**

Club members Dave Wyllie and Richard Harri will report on the latest programme of this exciting new Rotary project.

ence New Zealand came from the 10 Crown Research Institutes and not from the Government. The budget is unfortunately tiny, as it is mainly funded from the income streams of the CRI's and I would have to say in my view that to achieve their goal of raising the awareness and appreciation of the value of science and technology for New Zealand, they will need a lot more resources than they have available at present.

If our "economic pie" has been and is based on the investment that the country makes in RST, does it not seem logical for the Government to promote this through media programmes and research and industry policies? We now have some tax relief for R&D but how long did it

take to get it? Why can't we subsidize students who want to take science and technology courses? Why can't we spend some government advertising money on promoting the contribution that RST makes to the nation's well being? Perhaps the answer lies in how many politicians come from a "political science" background, as opposed to "true science and technology".

The Board had its last solo meeting of the year on Tuesday night with the following highlights. We confirmed the \$5000 funding for Howpak Wrap-Around Trust. A further \$700 will be going to Howick College to assist 2 students on Spirit of Adventure programmes. We will be purchasing a Shelter Box for Myanmar (with another being considered at our joint meeting in June). We also made some progress on the Club's second trust, which will have strong capital growth bias to it. Hopefully we can finalize this and bring it to the club for approval in June.

Altogether a productive meeting!

*Have a Good Week!*

**Rob**



## Secretary's Notes

An increasingly relaxed looking Pres Rob introduced our guests this week. He welcomed our guest speaker, the incoming President for the RC Wellington, Anthony Scott, Chief Executive of Science NZ, and Darren Curtis from our neighbouring Club, the RC Half Moon Bay. Pres Rob also welcomed David Percival and George Tyler back to the Club.

Notes and reminders for this week are: -

- PE Garry asked members wishing to request a particular committee for next year to resend the information to him. His car was broken into and the information he was holding has all been lost.
- Garry also reported on the success of the Mayoress' Charity Ball. Rotary had great exposure with Rotary adverts being played and the Mayor, a Rotarian, giving Rotary strong 'plugs' throughout the evening. Almost \$300k was raised for KidzFirst. Congratulations to Garry for a great job supporting KidzFirst.
- George Abercrombie asked members to forget previous information given re attendance. He is now away this week so Alasdair will take apologies.
- Bill Charkow reminded members to let him know numbers attending for the Auction Night. If you have not yet filled in the sheet on the tables please give him a call. A few more items are still required for the auction. These do not have to be big or grand. Small can be valuable too! A range of items is required so please give it your support.
- PP Tony Twigge asked members to think of students in the 13 - 16 year age group who may be suitable for RANZ (Previously Matched Twin Exchange.) It is a

great programme. Contact Tony if you need information or have a suitable candidate to recommend.

- David Wylie gave an update on member health. PP Trevor King is not well at present and would welcome visitors. Please phone first. Mohine is off treatment for the first time in 18 months, which is great news. Hop-a-long Clive D. was back after what we have been led to believe was surgery was on his knee! Concern was expressed regarding Hazel Hanlon. Hazel had surgery last week. She was at home and all was progressing well. Unfortunately she was taken back into hospital following complications. Our thoughts are with Hazel, Brian and their family at this time.

Members should also note:-

- The District Nominating Committee met recently to interview applicants for the position of District Governor. Nicolas Spillman from the RC Papeete has been selected. Congratulations to Nicholas. We all wish him well for his year.
- Kidz Giving to Kidz is a Variety Charity Concert that is being held to support Kidz First Hospital. The Concert is to be held on Saturday 12 July in the Auditorium-Life Convention Centre, Montgomerie Road, Airport Oaks. It will run from 5 - approx 7.30pm. Ticket prices are \$10 with children under 5 years free. This looks like a great concert. For further info please contact Sec Ian.

One further thing. This year it is proposed to save the Club money by placing the Club's Annual Report on the website. Members can download this and of course print a hard copy should they wish to have one. It also makes it convenient for future filing. We are aware however some members do not have access to the internet, and others would prefer a hard copy directly. So members who wish a 'hard' copy should contact Sec Ian by email, or phone, or

pigeon, and let him know a 'hard' copy is preferred. We will then simply run off the appropriate numbers requested.

To conclude I asked Serg. Charles for the story he gave us last night. Here it is:-

*ZIMBABWE-*

*The only country in the world where the largest note - \$500, can't buy you a roll of 1-ply toilet paper, which costs \$1000. There are approximately 72 sections on the average toilet roll. So it is cheaper to take your \$1000, change it into \$10 notes, use 72 of these in the appropriate manner, and you will still end up with \$280 in change!*

Thanks Charles.

Have a great week!

**Ian Fox**  
Secretary.

**Apologies for next week to be sent only to Alasdair MacLean at rotapol@ihug.co.nz or 534 5322**

## Duties June 3

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

## Duties June 10

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

## 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 Mangawai.

A bottle of that highland nectar.

*Thank you for your support.*

**Glen Donaldson**

*For the Fellowship Team.*

## Birthdays

3 - June *Sue Willcocks*



## Anniversaries

28- May *Mary & Rob Mouncey*

29- May *Robyn & Ian Fox*



Items for publication should be sent to [mihai@meritofmeasurement.co.nz](mailto:mihai@meritofmeasurement.co.nz)

## Mangemangeroa Society

We again wish to acknowledge the generous support of Howick Rotarians for the tree planting activity of the Friends of Mangemangeroa. For this year, a total of 200 Rotary-funded Kowhai and 200 Kohekohe were grown under contract for us. The other 8500 plants were provided by the various "Friends" propagators including Jim Duckworth, Somerville Intermediate, Forest & Bird, Star of the Sea etc. making this year's planting the largest the "Friends" have undertaken.

The 400 specimen (canopy) trees are being planted in the Mangemangeroa Reserve in various spots, where they will make an impact in the years ahead. All are in areas earlier planted in (pioneer species) mainly manuka and karamu. Some specimens went into the southern end of the Rotary Loop during the Rotary and Friends planting day; others along prominent fence lines, and more in areas planted by Forest & Bird and children from various schools. Four years ago Rotarian families planted Pohutukawa (for children & grand children) in the Rotary loop immediately below the Barn. Unfortunately, some in the lower and damper area failed and are now replaced with the Kowhai which will make a wonderful showing there in a few years time. The surviving Pohutukawa along the Loop hillsides are flourishing. On behalf of the committee of the "Friends", thank you for the generous assistance given to us through your practical and financial support.

Yours sincerely,

**Allan Riley**

Chairman

Friends of Mangemangeroa Society Inc.

## Rotary Australia/New Zealand Student Exchange

The Australia/New Zealand Student Exchange is a programme that is run by Rotary Districts in both Australia and New Zealand. It is designed for 14 to 16 year old students to experience a true "Exchange" with a family in the other country. In 2009, Australian students will travel to New Zealand and attend school with their matched student here during Term 2. Both students return to Australia and attend the Australian student's school during Term 3.

### What is the cost?

- The costs of the exchange are mainly covered by the participating families. This is typically about \$3,500 including all costs such as air travel, travel insurance, living expenses and the week-long Safari in Australia.
- Sponsoring Rotary Clubs in New Zealand provide a Mentor for the inbound student and also supply a Student Exchange jacket, polo shirt, sports bag, badge and business cards for the outbound student. In District 9920 this is currently \$300 total cost per student.

### What is in it for the club?

- Involvement in the enrichment of the lives of two young students.
- Presentations to the club by the students.
- Possible candidates for International exchange in a few years time.
- Possible membership from parents who will see the benefits and opportunities that Rotary provides.

### What do we do now?

- Forward the names of interested students to Tony Twigge
- Please note that the application close date has been extended to mid June.

*Any queries please refer to Tony Twigge*