



# The KeyWay

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK



A pleasant task and visit to the airport this morning to welcome our new exchange student,

**Camille Habet from Belgium.** The meeting party included Margaret Derbyshire, Lyn and David Fels with Kartha (2005/6 exchange student), Max Grant (club councilor), Gavin Green, Helen and I. Sofie Hasemann (1999/2000 exchange student) was also at the airport, awaiting a mate who was on the same flight. Graham Rae, our District Youth Exchange Councilor, was also a welcoming face representing District 9920.

This is an exciting time for Camille, and we all did our bit to welcome her to New Zealand. **Camille's first host family is Lyn and David Fels,** and David have advised that we still have a host family slot of three months duration to fill!!

**Colin Monk** gave an interesting presentation as his intro speech to the club. Colin works for Westfarmers, a huge multifaceted company that recently acquired the Australasian assets of Coles, Kmart and Target retail chains. For me, as an ex Colesmyer career exec, it seems unbelievable that

## President's Corner

that company no longer exists and is now a part of what in the old days was one of the little guys. A real 'case study' where the giant is acquired by a smaller, but savvy and flexible company.

A reminder also, of the two day Rotary **'Share the Vision' Conference** being held at the Waipuna on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July. This link:- <http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1086>, will give you all the details. Yours truly will be attending on the Saturday, and if another member/s see there way clear to attend, that would be great.

Then, on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> July to dine at The Waipuna at **the event Dinner.** Helen and I will be attending, and it would be great if members from Howick Rotary can see their way to join us. Cost is \$60.00 per head. An historic highlight will be to have on the same days/event/stage two Rotary International Presidents being in our presence at the same event.

The **RYLA representatives** are our guest speakers at the 22<sup>nd</sup> July meeting. We can expect an informative, interesting and quite delightful presentation.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> July we have **Atlantic Rower, Kevin Biggar.**

Kevin Biggar will deliver a dynamic and engaging speech that will inspire and entertain us. Kevin's 'boy's own' adventures - rowing the Atlantic and walking to the South Pole - have a universal appeal to people of all ages and walks of life, while his background as a strategy consultant enables him to communicate particularly well with any audience.

This is an important potential 'new member/ guest opportunity' evening.

Following Kevin's address, on the 5<sup>th</sup> August will be **Leah Gates**, who was rescheduled from the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Hint:** on page 35 of your club booklet are the details and method of 'electing a new member' (article 11). Please familiarize oneself with the detail in anticipation of the process.

**The thought for the day:** in 1892, Oscar Wilde wrote in Act 3 of his play 'Lady Windermere's Fan': **Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes**

Have a good week  
**Garry**

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22<sup>nd</sup> July  
**RYLA Awardees**  
Introduced by  
*Clive Derbyshire*

## Duties July 22

<i>Host</i>	Jim Duckworth
<i>Reception</i>	Cedric Daniel
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	David Wylie
<i>Backup</i>	Stuart Armstrong

## Duties July 29

<i>Host</i>	Mihai Costache
<i>Reception</i>	John Richardson
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Stephen Noles
<i>Backup</i>	Bob Mackie



## Secretary's Notes

**T**onight's meeting featured new member, Colin Monk who presented the 'Bio' of his multi-faceted career, his family and interests.

The introduction was by David Percival. Colin was born and bred in the Hawkes Bay, with Hastings Boys High distinction as head prefect and RSM of the cadet corps. His engineering cadetship led to 21 years with NZIG, including setting up the manufacturing arm of the business in Western Samoa. That was followed by time with Smiths (of clocks), renown Cable Price, and Morris Hedstrom. The latter was a major challenge to bring the monolithic trading company back to profitability over 3 1/2 years. Today, Colin works in Wesfarmers Industrial & Safety NZ Limited, where well known brands include Blackwoods, NZ Safety, Packaging House, Paykels, and Protector Safety. The Wesfarmers Group is now 5<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Australia, and following buyouts, has staff rising to 160,000. Other

group companies include Buntings, Benchmark, Blackwoods, Coles, KMart and Target. This year marks 44 years of marriage with Meryl and, now with three adult children, they've enjoyed plenty of adventures along the way. Amongst the train spotters, can anyone beat hiring and operating a steam train for a day? Meryl is one of BBI's teaching team. With a host of interests and DIY inclinations plus his business experience, we look forward to enjoying the talents Colin brings with him to the club. The vote of thanks was given by Ted Aislabie.

### Meeting Briefs:

- Incoming RE student Camille HABET arrives on 16<sup>th</sup> July, Max Grant is Counsellor.
- Charles and Stuart are looking for one extra Blood Bank volunteer for 5/8 & 6/8.
- Hazel Hanlon & Dorothy Osborne are both progressing well after their time in hospital.
- President Garry announced a Special GM for 29/7 to consider the accounts.

-Anyone wishing to join Helen & Garry to the Dinner this Saturday featuring World President DK Lee and PWP Bill Boyd? Venue: Waipuna Lodge; Cost \$60 pp. Ph. Garry.

### Raffles:

- Wine/Meat: 1<sup>st</sup> Rob Mouncey; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rod Somerville
- Have a Go: Richard Harri 1<sup>st</sup>; Tony Twigge 2<sup>nd</sup>

Three places are available in the Have a Go at \$20 per month. See John Savory

-Photo caption winner for Garry and Voyeur: "Play my Didjeridoo sport ..." by Allan Riley

Have a great week,  
**Allan**

## New contact details

Clive and Margaret Derbyshire's new e-mail address is :  
clive.marg@slingshot.co.nz

## Birthdays

- 17 - July *Mihai Costache*
- 17 - July *Rob Mouncey*

## Anniversaries

- 21-July *Rosemary & Alasdair Maclean*

## Caption competition

Send your version of "what was actually said" to the editor or to Charles before next Monday for a chance to win a free drink at the bar



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