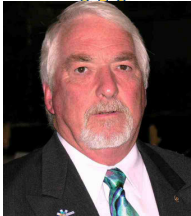


President's Corner

The Key Way



Our evening started off on rather a sad note with the news of the passing of Alan Shearer today. During two minutes silence the Club remembered this past member.

We were blessed with visitors Commander Larry Robbins who provided us with an excellent presentation on the National Maritime Museum, our student Luca and Paul Kendall of the Suzuka West Rotary Club and Marc Milchsack of the Rotary Club of Biedenkopf. Paul has returned to Howick to live after some time in Japan and Marc and his family have moved from Germany to Howick to live. We welcome them warmly and hope that they will join our Howick Rotary family and really enjoy all that Howick has to offer.

Of course Willem Groenwald ceased to be a visitor last night and it was a great pleasure to have him become a member of The Rotary Club of Howick. We warmly welcome both Paddy and Will and trust that they will really enjoy all that our club has to offer.

As I mentioned last night Charles has included Luca's parents on the Keyway address list and we received the following email during the week:

Dear Howick Club

We are very happy to see our son in the newsletter. When we talk with him, feel that he is very happy, Daniel's family and the people of Howick Rotary Club, are the main reason to feel it. Luca has a big opportunity thanks to Rotary, New Zealand is a wonderful country, this experience will be unforgettable for him.

My wife and me want to thank for having accepted and received to Luca.

My best regards

Luca's Family

So, to Luca's family

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

This week, Feb 06th, 2007



This evening's guest speaker is Garth McVicar of the Sensible Sentencing Trust. The Trust was established in 2001 to deal with New Zealand's "Crime Problem" Garth McVicar has established himself as the leading Crusader and spokesperson on crime and sentencing matters.

The Trust has a comprehensive website,

<http://www.safe-nz.org.nz/>

The website contains newsletters and current articles, and includes a comprehensive database of offenders who are out in the community. It is a frightening read. The Database lists details of 1128 Violent Offenders and over 500 names appear on the Paedophile and Sexual Offender Database.

This is a Partners Invited evening, and you might find a work colleague or friend who would find the topic of great interest. (Please don't forget to let Bill Percival know of any visitors.)

Thank you for your very kind note we are pleased that Luca is very happy, he certainly seems to have settled in very well and you can be justifiably very proud of the way he has conducted himself in the Club. Already he has been a pleasure to host and I am sure that he and our Club will have many good times over the period of his stay and life long friendships will be made.

Best wishes to you

Kind regards

The Rotary Club of Howick

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Host Reception
Inv/Thanks
Attendance
Hall Set-up
Backup

Graham Loughlin
Cedric Daniel
Fred Holland
George Tyler
Max Heron
Ian Fox
Sanjay Sathe



In spite of the Waitangi Day holiday next Tuesday we are going to have a great turnout to hear Garth McVicar of the Sensible Sentencing Trust as we host our ladies and the folk of Metlifecare Highland Park.

Have a great week. And remember "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

Regards

Bob



Secretary's Notes

Another typically good Howick RC meeting with 47 members present. 3 Rotary visitors – Paul Kendall from Sazuka West Rotary Club in Japan, Marc Milchsack from Biedenkopf Rotary Club Germany, and Guest Speaker Larry Robbins from the Rotary Club of Auckland, plus Exchange Student Luca and Willem Groenwald. President Bob welcomed members and guests and asked Glen Donaldson to background Willem Groenwald's career in banking and family life in Johannesburg, South Africa prior to induction. Will (as he likes to be called) was offered a job with the National Bank in NZ and already has been promoted to Head Office in Queen St. He married Paddy in 1991 and they have two daughters – Caela aged 7 and Margo aged 11. President Bob formally inducted Will into the Club and Past President Rod Somerville welcomed him on behalf of Rotary International. The members welcomed him with a standing ovation. Clive Kilgour introduced Guest Speaker, Commander Larry Robbins – CEO of the New Zealand National Maritime Museum. Larry provided an often very humorous description of the Museum's operation at the Auckland Viaduct. The Museum is staffed by 14 professional and 120 volunteer staff and is privately funded. 30% of its funding from Auckland City and the balance from ticket sales, shop/café franchise, and Heritage Vessel cruises. The museum embraces 5000 sq metres of space in the old Hobson Wharf sheds. It is regarded as one of the better museums of its type in the world and certainly has the best maritime library in New Zealand.

Take a cruise on an authentic scow or steam-driven vessel or a cruise on the "Breeze". Larry's plea was to place the museum and its services on our visitor's list and give it more support (only 10% of its visitors are from NZ). Larry was thanked on behalf of the Club by Chas Davidson. Almoner Jim reported on Brian Bradshaw in St Jones Home, Waipuna Rd East. He is bright as usual and wanting to talk to visitors. Ross Forrester has managed 9 holes of golf – so big improvement there and Kay McKirdy greeted us at reception – well done!

Notices:

Rotary Club of Henderson Charity Golf Tournament 15th March – Clive Derbyshire
 Rotary Club of Waiuku Sunset Walk on 18th Feb – see me
 Rotary Club of Howick Golf/Family Day Whitford Park 23rd Feb
 Meat/Wine Raffle – Gary Donoghue and Kay McKirdy. Have A Go Raffle – Duncan Morrison and Alan Riley
 Sergeant Jim extracted \$117.50 from fines and an auction of Maritime Museum tickets. Misdemeanours on Australia Day, to a blanket fine for those in the short shirt sleeve (not long socks) brigade.
 The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Secretary
 Bruce

Items for inclusion in the KeyWay should be e-mailed to chasd@xtra.co.nz

Club Diary

February 2007 World Understanding Month

Feb 06 Garth McVicar - Sensible Sentencing Trust. Ladies Night
 Mar 06 Judith Collins M.P.

Forthcoming Attractions

Toughlove - Phillipa Gottermeyer
 Don Stehr - Waterways of Europe
 Bowls night
 Wine Evening

Birthdays

1-Feb Kevin McKernan
 2-Feb Chris Crabtree
 7-Feb Sue Somerville
 10-Feb Barry Nicholls



Anniversaries

3-Feb Colleen & Ted Aislabie
 6-Feb Sharon & Ken Scott
 7-Feb Helen & Garry Donoghue



Duties

	Feb 13	Feb 20
Host	Ken McIntosh	John Sanders
Reception	Geoff Thompson	John Osborne
Inv/Thanks	IDavid Fels	John Savory
Attendance	Ted Aislabie	Duncan Morrison
Hall Set-up	Alan Peterson Clive Derbyshire	Kathy Kennedy Gary Willcocks
Backup	Max Grant	Lawrence Copestake

Parting thought.

"I am." is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I Do" is the longest sentence?

Did I read that sign right?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

**In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS**

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD, FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

**Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS**

Spotted in a safari park:

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1st FLOOR

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

The **District 9920 Newsletter** for February 2007 is now available, and can be downloaded via this link

<http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletters/4464.pdf>

In this month's Newsletter:

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- ii Bill & Lorna Boyd Charitable Trust
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- v RDU revitalised
- vi Annual giving contributions to The Rotary Foundation
- vii Invitations to Rotary events including Step Up's Gala Dinner, Waiuku Sunset Coast Walk, Auckland Harbourside's Gala Charity Ball & the 2007 Coast to Coast Charity Motorcycle Ride

THE FINAL WORD ON NUTRITION

After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health:

1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you