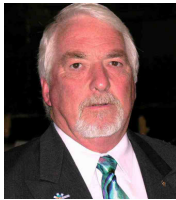




President's Corner

The Key Way



Another really great week in Rotary! Yesterday, 30 of us were treated to an excellent vocational visit to NZ Hothouse Ltd, at Karaka. It is quite staggering to see so many tomato, capsicum and zucchini plants growing

such a huge volume of fruit. The technology employed in the operation is absolutely state of the art and enables the operation to not only be very efficient but also to be an industry leader in addressing environmental issues. A preparedness to invest significantly enables this private company to achieve its goal to be the best possible in every thing it does. However for me the most impressive impression was that portrayed by every one of the staff we met or saw. From partners David Levene and Brett and their senior team who escorted us around, to the folk working in the glass houses and packing shed, there was a great pride and obvious knowledge and commitment to the business and their customers. Thank you, Bruce, for arranging this really terrific visit.

Last night, too, was a really interesting evening during which an enthusiastic and passionate Sally Barclay providing us with an excellent presentation on the Mangemangeroa Valley. It was pleasing, too, to be able to present Sally with a cheque for \$500.00 to support the Friends of Mangemangeroa in their efforts with the Growing Unit operated at Somerville Intermediate. Given the number of people we now see using the walkway I was quite surprised at the number of Club members who have not walked at least some of the track. I would urge you all to do so when you have a chance - it is truly a great community asset and a really pleasant and interesting place for a stroll.

The last two Ladies' dinners are approaching fast. The next one on May 1st will be a little more up-market although a little more expensive. Please let Pam know if you are coming by Monday 30th April, as

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

This week, Apr 24th, 2007

This evening we welcome our very own Don Stehr who will give us a presentation on the extensive journey made on the Waterways of Europe.

This is another good opportunity to invite a friend, colleague or spouse.

As always, please let Bill Percival know of any visitors.

the numbers are limited. For the final dinner (5th June) it is intended to "finish where you started"! Don't forget we are still looking for TWO single beds and a couple of chests of drawers for Christina and her family. If anyone can help, please give me a call. Next Tuesday is a ladies invited night and without doubt will be a truly memorable evening with Don Stehr speaking on the Waterways of Europe and Sue North and her family making a presentation to the Club.

You are assured of a really good night if you are able to attend

Have a great week and remember "We can't do much about the length of our lives, but we can do plenty about its width and depth."

Regards

Bob

For more information on the Mangemangeroa Reserve take a look at the website:

<http://www.aerolink.co.nz/mangemangeroa/main.html>

DUTIES

Host	Geoff Thompson
Reception	Willem Groenewald
Inv/Thanks	Rob Crabtree
Attendance	Victor Sun
Hall Set-up	Cedric Daniel
	Dauids Fels
Backup	Fred Holland

An elderly gentleman...

...had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100% .

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only five miles from the hospital nearest your home, and YOU ARE ALONE. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO????

Attached to this electronic-mailing is a PowerPoint Presentation entitled **Heart Attack**. This could help you save your own life in the event of a heart attack whilst on your own, Pass it on to your friends!

Secretary's Notes



44 members present and 5 makeup's from Kay McKirdy brought the attendance percentage to 89% with no silent.

President Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting and guest speaker Sally Barclay representing the friends of Mangemangeroa

Valley. Bill Charkow introduced Sally who made a very interesting and illustrated presentation on walking the Mangemangeroa Valley. The basis of the success of the restoration of the native bush is the good water at the head of the Valley and its constant temperature. The council collects samples and monitors the flow and sediment rate.

There has been very keen interest from private land neighbours in planting natives and extending their bush land. The valley consists of Bush, retired grassland and salt marsh. Species too numerous to name are represented and are well established. The reserve is unique in that the salt marsh transfers into good forest. There are very active restoration groups propagating and planting native trees. Native birds not seen for many years are returning.

Rob Crabtree thanked Sally for her talk and President Bob presented a cheque for \$500.00 as our contribution towards the cost of the propagation unit. The next Rotary planting will be on 16th June.

Notices

Visit to KatiKati late May – Brian Hanlon would like to finalize the group in the next week.

Almoner Jim Duckworth reported on John Built who is progressing well.

Have-a-go raffle Mike Carroll and Rob Mouncey
Meat/wine raffle Ken McIntosh and you've guessed it tin-bottomed Rob Mouncey again.

The Late Sergeant Jim extracted \$130.00 from a variety of sources including everyone! His theory for the increase in the Tui (Parson Bird) population is the rampant rise of religion?

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Secretary Bruce B

Two elderly gentlemen.....

.....from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says:

"Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really!? Like a newborn baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

Three old guys

.....are out walking.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

An elderly couple...

.... had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.. The one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Birthdays

26-Apr Alasdair Maclean

Anniversaries

28-Apr Marie & Jim Donovan

30-Apr Margaret & John Willis



Club Diary

Apr 07 Magazine Month

24 Apr Don Stehr - Waterways of Europe

May 07 Environment Month

Jul 03 Changeover Night

Forthcoming Attractions

Toughlove - Phillipa Gottermeyer

Keith Olsen - Howick Youth/Police projects

Isabel Evans - Regional Commissioner for Social Development

Greg O'Connor - NZPA

Bobbie Brown – Starship Hospital

Intrepid flying - Africa

Wine Evening

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

Duties

Host Reception Inv/Thanks Attendance Hall Set-up

Backup

May 01

Graham Loughlin
George Tyler
Max Heron
Ian Fox
Sanjay Sathe
Ken McIntosh
Alan Peterson

May 08

Max Grant
John Sanders
John Osborne
Kathy Kennedy
Clive
Derbyshire
Allan Riley

Parting thought.

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.

Winston S Churchill