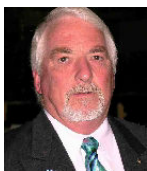




## President's Corner

# The KeyWay



Gosh, one week off and you really get out of the swing of everything and with Change Over rapidly approaching and losing two weeks whilst we are in Salt Lake City.

I only have 4 more meetings to preside over. From my point of view the year has really flown. I only hope it doesn't seem to have been too long for you all. Thanks Rob for looking after everything last week.

Last night was another great night with lots of very welcome guests: 11 of our ladies, Bill Blyth, David and Jane Percival, Brian Gould and Michelle Zackie from the Howick Wrap Around Trust and Colin Small and Kevin Gaunt from the Howick Volunteer Coast Guard. Robyn Sullivan from Burleigh Trading Company provided us not only with a great taste of eight wines but a very informative and interesting discussion on each. I understand that next week we will learn of a fund raising opportunity for the Club, should members be interested in purchasing from Burleigh.

We really appreciated receiving the cheque from the Yacht Regatta – once again John Richardson and your combined Regatta Committee our thanks and congratulations on a job really well done. It was very fitting also on the same night to be able to make financial contributions to both the Howick Wrap Around and to the Howick Volunteer Coast Guard and it was very pleasing to hear that at long last Government is recognising and contributing to the Wrap Around Trust. Both of these organisations do a great job for our community.

Have a great week and remember: ***the doors of Opportunity are marked "Push" and "Pull" and Bill Boyd has said "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"***.

Regards

Bob

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

*This week, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007*

Our Guest Speaker tonight is Isabel Evans, the Ministry of Social Development's Auckland Regional Commissioner.



Isabel oversees around 1000 staff and a total budget of nearly \$80 million.

Isabel won the 2005 Pacific Business Trust's Business Leader of the Year at the annual Pacific Business Awards. The Cook Islander has been with the Ministry of Social Development in a senior management role since 1995. In that time she has managed large-scale operations like the Work and Income call centre. Most recently, her office has worked to build partnerships that have created more than 500 job opportunities in the Auckland region, including with Sky City and the Warehouse Extra.

Who hasn't had a look at the **Howick Rotary Website?** Shame on you! If you read the KeyWay last week you would/should have seen the link. (Non-electronic members are excused)

I am looking for all sorts of Archive-type photos, They don't have to be digital, old black and white photos are welcome - they can be scanned. It will be an interesting project to put together a pictorial history of the Club.

It has begun already, with a picture and the programme dating back to the Charter night in 1961. Take a look at the site. Your comments and input are welcome.

## DUTIES

<b>Host</b>	Rob Crabtree
<b>Reception</b>	Fred Holland
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Bill Charkow
<b>Attendance</b>	Don Stehr
<b>Hall Set-up</b>	Clive Kilgour
	Brian Hanlon
<b>Backup</b>	(own arrangement)

### Following the successful evening of wine-tasting here is news of a new Wine for Seniors

California vintners in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night.



The new wine will be marketed as.....

.....Pinot More

<http://www.howickrotary.org.nz>



## Secretary's Notes

As I write the notes this week I am in a much more relaxed disposition. Good wine, good friends in Rotary, and certainly a Howick Rotary night with a difference. 44 members present plus 10 wives/partners. We also welcomed Honorary member (and raffle winner) Bill Blyth, David and Jayne Percival from Wolverhampton R.C. Brian Gould and Michele Zackey from Howick Wraparound, Colin Small and Kevin Grant from Howick volunteer Coast Guard, and speaker Robyn Sullivan from Wine Wholesalers, Burleigh Trading. The meeting commenced with the meal interspersed with different wines. The wine makers and vineyards were described very ably by Robyn although the background discussion became much louder as the evening progressed. We tasted a Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris from New Zealand and three very good Australian Reds. Cheese and fruit was a welcome and complementary dessert. Rod Somerville thanked Robyn on our behalf. Stats: Attendance 82.2%, Apologies and LOA'S 23. **Have-A-Go Raffle:** John Osborne and Tony Twigge **Meat/Wine: raffle** Bill Blyth and Max Grant President Bob presented a cheque for \$4000 to the Howick Volunteer Coast Guard, who were one of the Yacht Regatta Masthead Charities. He also made a presentation of a cheque to Brian Gould representing Howick Wraparound. Brian, in thanking the Club, acknowledged Howick Rotary's support to the extent of \$20,000 over the past few years to Wraparound who have finally been recognized by the Ministry of Social Development. It costs some \$80,000 per year to finance this very worthwhile project. John Richardson announced a profit of \$68000 from the Yacht Regatta and presented a cheque for \$34000 as our share of the proceeds. Well done, John, and the Yacht Regatta Committee from Half Moon Bay and Howick Rotary Clubs. Almoner Jim reported on John Built who has resumed "project manager" status to build a new deck. He may return to Rotary next week.

**"Guess who's coming to dinner"** this Saturday 19 May - Dave Cox Reminder  
Sergeant Jim extracted \$175.20 in all sorts of fines including 3 new Grandfathers - John Richardson, Tony Twigge and Dave Wylie. Altogether, a great night at Howick R.C.  
**Bruce Burton**  
Secretary

Hi Chas,  
My second youngest grandson and I were chatting the other day and he asked "Did God make you, Poppa?" "Yes, God made me" I said  
A few minutes later he asked me "Did God make me too?" "Yes he did", I said  
For a few minutes, the little fellow seemed to be studying me as well as his own reflection in the mirror, while I was wondering what was running through his mind. At last he spoke up. "You know, Poppa, God's doing a much better job lately!" That has convinced me that I am now ready for the Senior Citizens Gold Card  
Regards,  
Max Heron

Prince Charles was backing his Land Rover out of Balmoral and ran over one of the Queen's corgis, killing it instantly. Poor Charlie thought, "Oh dear Mother will not be impressed." So Charlie took the corgi down to a sandy creek bed, dug a hole and buried it. He then picked up a big boulder and placed it on top of the corgi's grave. A genie appeared from where the rock had been and he said, "Thank you Charlie, thank you. I've been under that rock for 300 years. I grant you 3 wishes. Charlie thought for a moment and said to the genie, "Can you bring the corgi back to life?" Charlie dug the corgi up and the genie said no way can I bring that dog back to life. Look at the tyre marks up its back. Its belly is hanging out everywhere. I think you'd better have another wish. Charles thought for a long while. Then finally said, Could you make my wife, Camilla, the most beautiful woman in the world. In a flash the genie replied, "Here, give me another look at that dog."

## Club Diary

- May Environment Month**  
Mystery Dinner  
Isabel Evans -  
Regional Commissioner for Social Development (To be confirmed)  
Genesis Students  
Karaka Concert  
(Contact Max Grant)  
Katikati weekend.  
(Contact Brian Hanlon)
- June Fellowship Month**  
Paul Kendall & Mihai Costache
- July Literacy Month**  
Changeover Night  
District Changeover. Ellerslie Convention Centre. See P-E Rob

- May 19  
May 22  
  
May 29  
May 26  
  
26 & 27  
  
**June**  
5-Jun-07  
**July**  
July 03  
July 08



### Birthdays

- 23-May Marjorie Burton  
25-May Tony Twigge



### Anniversaries

- 28-May Mary & Rob Mouncey  
29-May Robyn & Ian Fox

### Duties

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                       | <b>May 29</b>   | <b>Jun 05</b>   |
| <b>Host Reception</b> | Ted Aislabie    | Jim Duckworth   |
| <b>Inv/Thanks</b>     | Sanjay Sathe    | David Wylie     |
| <b>Attendance</b>     | Kathy Kennedy   | Tony Twigge     |
| <b>Hall Set-up</b>    | Allan Riley     | John Richardson |
|                       | Rod Somerville  | Barry Nicholls  |
|                       | Cedric Daniel   | Kay McKirdy     |
| <b>Backup</b>         | Will Groenewald | David Fels      |

### Parting thought.

**When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane and going the wrong way.**

Items for inclusion in the KeyWay should be e-mailed to [chasd@xtra.co.nz](mailto:chasd@xtra.co.nz)

## FOR LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS):

- A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
- A backward poet writes inverse
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes
- A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
- Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
- A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.
- You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.
- He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- A calendar's days are numbered.
- A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- A plateau is a high form of flattery.
- The short fortune teller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large..
- Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

- If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
- When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Acupuncture: a jab well done.
- Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

Note: No trees were killed in the sending of this message, but a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced

**A man boards a plane** in London and, taking his seat, he notices a beautiful woman boarding the aircraft. He realises she is heading straight towards his seat, and bingo, she takes the seat right beside him.

Eager to strike up a conversation, he blurts out "Business trip or holiday?"

She turns, smiles enchantingly, and says, "Business, I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniac Convention in the USA"

The man nearly falls out of his seat. Here is the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen sitting next to him and she is going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs.

Struggling to maintain his composure he calmly asks, "What is your business role at the convention?"

"Lecturer" she responds, "I use my experience to quash some of the popular myths about sexuality"

"Really" he smiles "What myths would those be?"

"Well" she explains, "One popular myth is that African-American men are the most well endowed when, if fact, it's the native American

Indian who is most likely to possess this trait. Another popular myth is that French men are the best lovers, when actually it is the men of Greek descent. We have also found that the best potential lovers in all categories are the Irish."

Suddenly the woman becomes uncomfortable and blushes. "I'm sorry" she said. I really shouldn't be discussing this with you, I don't even know your name"

"Tonto" the man said. "Tonto Papadopoulos, but all my friends call me Paddy....."

**After a particularly** poor game of golf, a popular club member skipped the clubhouse and started to go home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his car, a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about twenty minutes ago?"

"Yes," the golfer responded.

"Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?"

"Yes, I did. How did you know?" he asked.

"Well," said the policeman, very seriously, "Your ball flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?"

The golfer thought it over carefully and responded...

"I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."