

Clock fund open to the community

Onerahi clockwatchers may have come a step closer to replacing the two former town clocks – one on top of what is now the Vodafone tower at the Onerahi Tavern, the other, which ran a bit erratically on batteries, above the Mall entrance in the shopping centre.

John Clark, chairman of the Focus Group, whose main aim is to keep the shopping centre and surrounds as attractive as possible, says local resident Tom Blasingame (pictured with his daughter, Genie and his cheque) donated US\$100 towards a fund to buy a new clock, and several other people have chipped in too, bringing the fund up to \$330. The OCA has agreed that John's Onerahi Bookshop can be the base for the clock fund, and issue receipts. Target ? \$3000 – and that will buy a modern, GPS-capable electric clock running on power from the Unichem Pharmacy and regulating itself by satellite.

The design of the timepiece and its ultimate location are still to be confirmed, but meanwhile all donations, large and small, will be gratefully received by the Focus Group at the bookshop.