



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## MAKING WATER PROJECTS SUSTAINABLE

The lack of access to clean water, sanitation facilities and hygiene resources is one of the world's biggest health problems — and one of the hardest to solve.

Rotary has worked for decades to provide people with clean water by digging wells, laying pipes, providing filters, and installing sinks and toilets. But the biggest challenge has come after the hardware is installed. Across all kinds of organizations, the cumulative cost of failed water systems in sub-Saharan Africa is estimated at \$1.2 to \$1.5 billion.

That's one factor in why Rotary has shifted its focus over the past several years to emphasize education, collaboration, and sustainability.

"All Rotary water and sanitation projects are full of heart and well-intentioned, but many of them didn't always meet the actual demands of the community," says F. Ronald Denham of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. In the past, equipment and facilities were usually installed properly and received well, but the local ownership, education, and sustainability were sometimes lacking.

Rotary members, by their nature, are volunteers. "Like everyone else, Rotarians have priorities like work and family," says Denham, "It's difficult for host clubs to manage projects long-term," especially if the projects have complex technical components. "We're extremely dedicated, but we need help. Reaching out is essential to our success."

That depends on collaborations with organizations that provide resources, funding, technology, contacts, knowledge of a culture, and other expertise.

"Clubs need to better engage with the community, its leaders, and professional organizations," Denham says. "We need to understand the needs of the community. We can't guess what's in their best interest." The community should play a part in choosing which problems to address, offering resources it has available, finding solutions and making a long-term maintenance plan.

Often security is a challenge. When a school has sanitation resources that are unavailable in a community, for example, the risk of break-ins and vandalism increases. Fredrick Muyodi, a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala City-Makerere, says that projects can lessen the risk by expanding to include the surrounding community.

Distance is also challenge if project sites are too far away for regular site visits. To remedy this clubs should engage with local residents and create better links with community district leaders.

***Despite these challenges, Rotary remains committed to changing the lives of people with its water and sanitation programs.***

### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

**2018-2019**

Chartered 20 August 1951

Rotary District 9370

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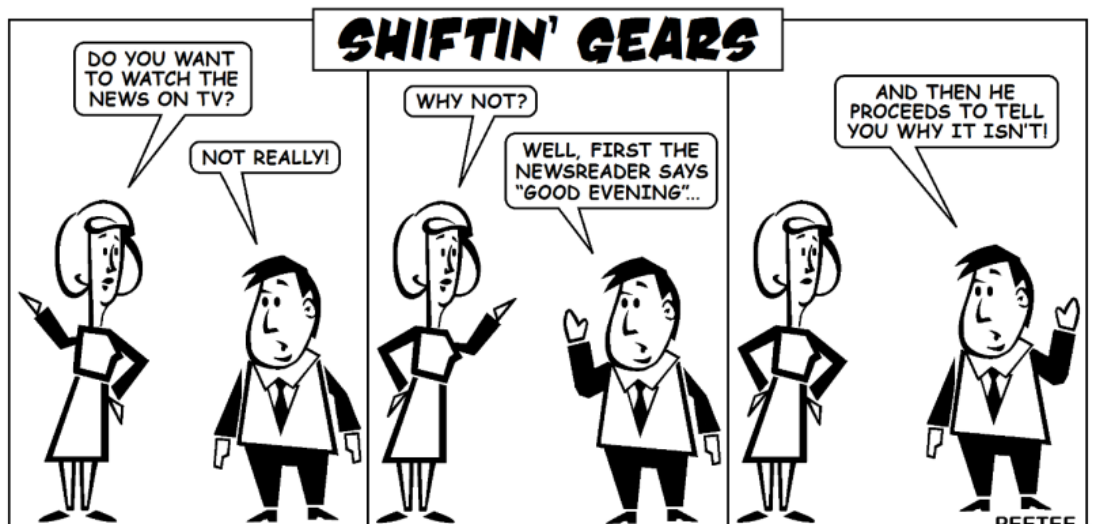
Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

**INFO:** 082 898 3805

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE WEBSITE:

<https://www.zsports.co.za/rotary-discon>



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## MARCH

### Water and Sanitation Month

25 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

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*"Never trust people  
who smile constantly.  
They're either selling  
something or not  
very bright"*

Laurell K. Hamilton

## DUTIES

*If you are unable to do a duty, please  
make arrangements for a substitute.*

### WEEK OF 25 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Board Meeting – No Duty

CORPORAL: Board Meeting – No Duty

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

### WEEK OF 1 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Hein Knoke

CORPORAL: Philip Maritz

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

### WEEK OF 8 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Philip Maritz

CORPORAL: Gill Quinn

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

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## APRIL

### Maternal and Child Health Month

1 Apr: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

8 Apr: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

15 Apr: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

19 Apr: GOOD FRIDAY

22 Apr: FAMILY DAY – No Meeting

27 Apr: FREEDOM DAY (Saturday)

29 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

09 Apr Philip Maritz

16 Apr Gill Downs

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

27 Mar Keith Diener

28 Mar George Lodder

31 Mar Charles Burton

27 Apr Brian Turner



## LAST LAUGH



"You'll love this place. Palm trees, sandy beaches and a restaurant every 30 feet."