



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## Letter from R.C. of Hilton & Howick

As secretary of the Rotary Club of Hilton and Howick, I can honestly say that I am humbled by the response we received to our disaster appeal last November.

Just before 6.30am on Friday 15 November the appeal landed in the inboxes of Rotary club members in our district and just 70 minutes later, the first donation, of R2000, was made into our club account!

Over a period of 11 days, 15 donations totaling nearly R38 000 was donated by Rotary clubs and their members. Donations came from clubs in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and Western Cape. A donation from two Rotary club members in the Free State was matched by the Rotary Club of Skipton in England. There was also an anonymous donation of R10 000 (we wish we knew who donated it, just so that we could say thank you!).

Even more impressive was how the Hilton community responded to the disaster and gave more than R40 000 to help the school - this money was held by Build-It in Hilton.

After a site visit, it was decided that the most efficient way forward would be to buy and install a classroom made from converted shipping containers. The decision was made to obtain quotes and I contacted AG Dennis Wesley (Rotary Club of Hillcrest) who owns Amakhosi Containers.

Amakhosi really came to the party - his price left his competition in the dust!! Zandile Khosa, the school founder and principal, had asked him for a quote. Dennis was familiar with the school and had even previously supported it in his private capacity. As the quote he gave us was unbeatable, the committee voted to accept it.

Build-It transferred most of the funds to the Rotary club, a small amount was withheld to pay for a veranda area to be built in front of the classrooms.

Just 19 days after the school was torn apart, the new classrooms were ordered. Between the Rotary and the Hilton community, nearly all the funds had been raised. Principal Zandile Khosa had collected almost R6 000 in donations and another member of the building committee, Carol Brebner, had collected R3000 from friends. These donations were paid to Amakhosi and covered the shortfall.

The order was placed on 3 December and the classrooms were completed quickly but thanks to more inclement weather, the delivery had to be delayed for a few days.

In the meantime, I was busy with the last issue of Rotary Africa for 2019 and mentioned the school to one of our advertising clients, PDG Michael Johnson of the Rotary Club of Kromboom in Cape Town.

Kromboom sent a donation and we received one from the Rotary Club of Arcadia in East London. These two donations totaled R7500 which will be used to seal the roofs of the container classrooms to prevent rust and corrosion.

On 18 December, one month and five days after the classroom was destroyed, the new one arrived. The classroom was constructed from two containers joined along their 6m lengths and has provided a functional learning space (about 28m<sup>2</sup>) for school.

Doing good and a positive attitude has a ripple effect! While all this was in the works another person had graciously decided to join the effort and sponsor another container classroom. This meant that Dennis had two classrooms to deliver and install on 18 December.

I have been fortunate to experience Rotary from many different levels and know that our power to change our small corners of the world lies in our Rotary connections! I also knew that this would be a simple project; collect money, pay someone and make sure they deliver.

What each project has that little moment of humility in which you realise how important a seemingly simple project is - mine was when I received a message from Zandile Khosa. I had texted her to say that the payment had been made and we could expect the classrooms soon. Her reply floored me: "I am grateful and humbled. I'm sure I'll even be able to sleep now without worrying and crying."

A huge thank you to every club and person who was able to help us help our community! This is what makes me proud to be a Rotarian.

Kindest regards,  
Sarah Paterson

### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY 2019-2020

Chartered 20 August 1951  
Rotary District 9370

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Club President: Ken Quinn

Club Secretary: Corlia van Tonder

#### Club Board:

Barry Downs

Gill Quinn

Colleen Fairweather

Peter Thomas

Amanda van Zyl

Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

#### Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 084 688 0508

DIARISE: 8 May: Interact Conference - <http://rotarykimberley.org.za/interact/>



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## FEBRUARY

### World Understanding Month

- 10 Feb: BUSINESS MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00  
17 Feb: NO LUNCH MEETING  
21 Feb: COMBINED LUNCH with RC Kbly South  
*KHS Old Boys' Club - 12:45 for 13:00*  
21-22 Feb: POETS CONFERENCE  
24 Feb: NO ROTARY LUNCH MEETING

## MARCH

### Water & Sanitation Month

- 2 Mar: SOCIAL MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00  
*Guest Speaker – Peter Thomas*  
*“Stretching Your Rand in Retirement”*  
9 Mar: NO LUNCH – Club Walk-About  
*Venue and Time to be Confirmed*  
16 Mar: BUSINESS MEETING - 12:45 for 13:00  
23 Mar: NO ROTARY LUNCH MEETING  
30 Mar: FELLOWSHIP LUNCH  
*Venue and Time to be Confirmed*

**“When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminium can stuffed with celery?”**

*The Grumpy Pensioner*

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## DUTIES

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

### WEEK OF 10 FEB. (Business Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: Barry Downs  
CORPORAL: Colleen Fairweather  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

### WEEK OF 17 FEBRUARY

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty  
FRIDAY COMBINED MEETING – No Duties

### WEEK OF 24 FEBRUARY

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

### WEEK OF 2 MARCH (Social Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen Fairweather  
CORPORAL: Hein Knoke  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

### WEEK OF 9 MARCH (Club Walk-About)

CLUB WALK-ABOUT – No Duties  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

### WEEK OF 16 MAR. (Business Meeting)

FELLOWSHIP: Hein Knoke  
CORPORAL: Philip Maritz  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

### WEEK OF 23 MARCH

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

### WEEK OF 30 MAR. (Fellowship Lunch)

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – No Duties  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 17 Feb Brenda Booth  
09 Apr Philip Maritz  
16 Apr Gill Downs

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 Mar Charles & Marie Parsons  
26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 26 Feb. Rob Hollings  
28 Feb. Sam Goldblatt