



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## FORMER SOCCER STAR LEAVES IT ALL TO IMPROVE EDUCATION

### Here's how joining a Rotary club helped enhance Ashley Holmer's work

Looking for a meaningful year-abroad experience, Ashley Holmer decided to teach in Tanzania. The former college soccer star coached and taught English in a Maasai community in 2005.

But Holmer soon became more deeply involved in education in Tanzania. She co-founded the Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania (IEFT), which established a school in the village of Orkeeswa in 2008. In 2011, the leaders of Mungere village asked Holmer to help build its first community high school. That was the beginning of the Red Sweater Project, named for the color of the school uniforms. Since then, the Mungere School — and education — has been a central part of Holmer's life.

The Red Sweater Project focuses on three main areas: quality education, gender equality, and responsible innovation. In Tanzania, many children — especially girls — leave school around age 12, in part because of costs for uniforms, school supplies, meals, and transportation. To keep students in the classroom, the project makes education affordable by reducing those ancillary costs.

In 2013, Holmer, who still spends about half her time in Tanzania, was invited to a meeting of the Lewis River Rotary club. She was struck by the way her values meshed with those of Rotary but was unable to join at the time because of attendance requirements. In January 2017, with those requirements having become more flexible, she became a member.

The club has embraced Holmer's work and sponsors scholarships for six students each year to attend the Mungere School. "We have students whose parents are illiterate," Holmer says. "One of my students just finished her teacher training. It's coming full circle."



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#### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

##### 2020-2021

Chartered 20 August 1951

Rotary District 9370

RI President: Holger Knaack

District Gov: Maud Boikanyo

Assistant Gov: Rob Gibson

Club President: Ken Quinn

Club Secretary: Corlia van Tonder

##### Club Board:

Barry Downs

Gill Quinn

Colleen Fairweather

Peter Thomas

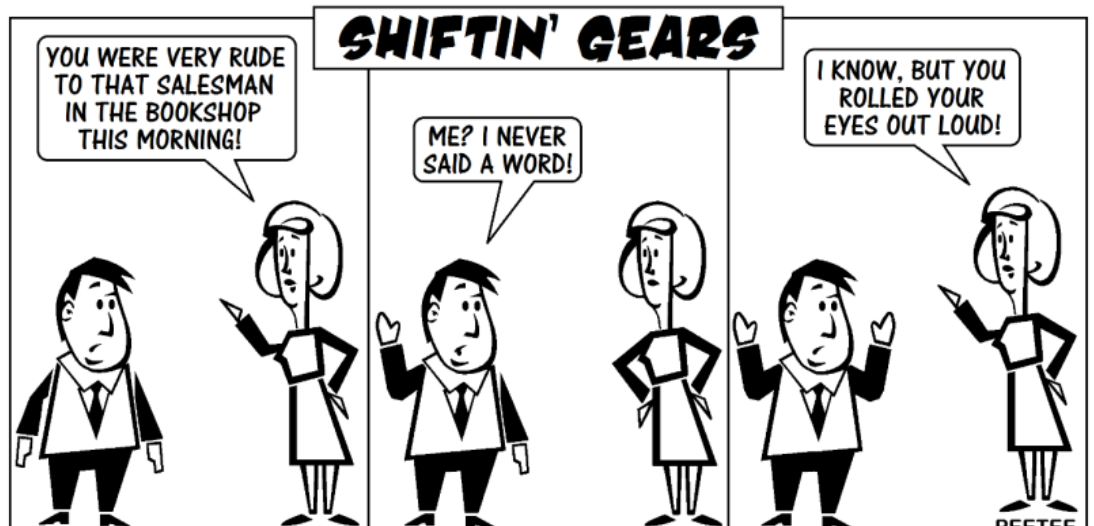
Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 084 688 0508



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## APRIL

### (Maternal and Child Health Month)

12 Apr: MEETING – Kbly Club 12h45 for 13:00

19 Apr: NO MEETING

26 Apr: MEETING – Kbly Club 12h45 for 13:00

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## MAY

### (Youth Service Month)

03 May: NO MEETING

10 May: MEETING – Kbly Club 12h45 for 13:00

17 May: NO MEETING

24 May: MEETING – Kbly Club 12h45 for 13:00

31 May: NO MEETING

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*“Never trust  
people who smile  
constantly.  
They’re either  
selling something  
or not very bright”*

Laurell K. Hamilton

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## DUTIES

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

### WEEK OF 12 April (Kbly Club)

FELLOWSHIP: Brenda Booth

CORPORAL: Peter Thomas (for Gill Q.)

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter T. (for Brenda B.)

### WEEK OF 19 April

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

### WEEK OF 26 April (Kbly Club)

FELLOWSHIP: Barry Downs

CORPORAL: Gill Quinn (for Peter T.)

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

### WEEK OF 03 May

NO LUNCH MEETING – No Duties

TUES COFFEE CLUB: No Duty

### WEEK OF 10 May (Kbly Club)

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen Fairweather

CORPORAL: Gill Quinn (for Peter T.)

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda B. (for Peter T.)

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## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

16 Apr Gill Downs

08 May Ken Quinn

16 May Barry Downs

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

17 May Philip & Shirley Maritz

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

15 Apr 2019 Willem Badenhorst

29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn

11 May 2020 Maatje Brand

21 May 2018 Hein Knoke

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

19 Apr Ramon Allen

27 Apr Brian Turner

04 May Johan Aucamp

05 May David Allen

25 May Bill Fair