

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY – 23 JULY 2026

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District 9370, Northern Cape, South Africa: Chartered - 20 August 1951: ID 17458

					
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23 July 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
06 August 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00
20 August 2026 – Club Meeting – 12H45 for 13H00

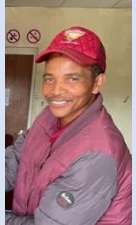
Duties:

President: Mary-Anne Daubermann
Sergeant: Brenda Booth
Grace & TP: Pem Rodger
Setup & Welcome: Vernon Daubermann & Lorraine Thompson
Fetch Meal: Ken Quinn

Club Meetings: The Blanckenberg Hall, Memorial Road - Thursdays 12H45 for 13H00 **INFO:** 083 340 1257

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wheelchair Project / Rotary Wellness Days / Old Age Homes / Tree of Joy / Platfontein / Lesedi Trust / Ebenezer / Hospice / Helen Bishop

	 	
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Rotary District 9370:

The Rotary Club of Kimberley is a member of Rotary International - District 9370:
 District 9370 encompasses the entire South African provinces of KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape and the Free State, parts of the Northern Cape and North West provinces and the entire Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho.

Our mission: We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision statement: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

JULY – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

July 1st marked the start of a new Rotary International year, a fresh opportunity to serve, lead, and make a difference in our communities and across the world.

*July is Rotary's month of **Maternal and Child Health**, reminding us that every child deserves the best possible start in life, and every mother deserves access to care, support, and dignity.*

*As we begin this new year under the theme **Create Lasting Impact**, let us focus not only on what we do, but on the difference our service leaves behind.*

Through local action, global partnerships, and the commitment of Rotary members, we can help build healthier families, stronger communities, and brighter futures.

Here's to a year of purpose, service, and in the hope we can create lasting change.



Rotary has identified a theme for each month. July is the first month of the Rotary year and is when the annual theme kicks in. It is also the month when new leadership takes over at Clubs, Districts and at Rotary International. July's theme is also "Transition Month"

The monthly themes are meant to highlight the wide range of Rotary's good work and give clubs some suggestions, timing, and guidance for their programs and activities.



ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY, DISTRICT GORVERNING AND INTERNATIONAL LEADER: 2026 - 2027

					
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Create Lasting Impact message

The 2026-27 presidential message, Create Lasting Impact, reminds us that “change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures.” This message, shared by President-elect Yinka Babalola at the 2026 International Assembly, reflects our shared purpose as people of action working together to create meaningful change and provides a framework for telling those stories of impact. Using this Rotary-wide message helps create a consistent, unified voice that strengthens recognition of Rotary and supports our continued growth.

As members of Rotary, we are all united across cultures, languages, and communities. Together, we share a responsibility not only to bring about change but also to ensure that the effects endure.

That is why this year, we are called to *Create Lasting Impact*.

When we work alongside communities, invest in people’s skills and leadership abilities, and measure our progress, we ensure that positive changes can continue in our communities and in ourselves long after a single project ends.

When we focus our efforts and work together, we can maximize our impact in the year ahead.

RI President:

Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola

Stay informed and inspired with Discover Rotary

Keep up to date with Rotary programs, offerings, events, and news through our social channel Discover Rotary. The channel shines a light on new and existing resources, tools, and learning opportunities to help your club or district succeed. Look for Discover Rotary on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and engage with us!



One of the greatest strengths of Rotary is that we are part of something far bigger than our own clubs. As members of Rotary International, we belong to a global network of more than 1.2 million people united by a common purpose—to do good in the world.

Our ability to **Create Lasting Impact** depends on the strength and diversity of our members. The goal in front of us is clear: Reach 1.25 million Rotarians and retain at least 125,000 Rotaractors by 2030.

But this is not only about numbers. It is about people.

Every new member brings new ideas, energy, and opportunities. When we truly welcome others and share our stories, we expand Rotary’s reach and deepen valuable connections.

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP



The Inauguration of Dr Wicus Grove.

Wicus is a new member of the Rotary Club of Kimberley. He is the Clinical Head of Emergency Care at our local state tertiary hospital, Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital in Kimberley.

Dr Wicus was welcomed and handed his membership badge by Mr Pem Rodger, a 99 year old member of the Rotary Club, as well as Mary-Anne Daubermann, current President of the Rotary Club of Kimberley.

A presentation made by Dr Wicus Grove:

A QUOTE FOR ROTARY

Talking: Wicus

ROBERT MANGALISO SOBUKWE HOSPITAL
BUILDING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

“The ultimate test of Rotary is not what we say about our ideals, but what we do.”
– Paul Harris

Rotary stands for
SERVICE ABOVE SELF • INTEGRITY • DIVERSITY
FELLOWSHIP • LEADERSHIP • MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*AI is not here to replace the heart of Rotary.
It is here to help us do even more good, together.*

HOW AI CAN HELP ROTARY ACHIEVE MORE

- BETTER INSIGHTS**
Analyse data to understand community needs and measure our impact.
- STRONGER CONNECTIONS**
Find and connect with the right partners, members and opportunities.
- SMARTER COMMUNICATION**
Create clear messages, translate languages and share our stories with greater reach.
- INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS**
Generate ideas, explore options and solve problems faster.
- MORE TIME FOR SERVICE**
Automate routine tasks so we can focus on what matters most – people.
- GREATER IMPACT**
Use technology responsibly to amplify our compassion and create lasting change.

AI is a tool. *Rotary is the purpose.*

Together, with Rotary values and AI tools, we can build healthier communities, empower more lives and create a better world.

SERVICE TODAY. IMPACT TOMORROW. TOGETHER.
THAT'S THE POWER OF ROTARY.

Each year Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders. Our leaders exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and commitment to service.

Serving as a Club or District officer or committee member provides an opportunity to enrich your leadership skills by sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians throughout the region.



District Update: Creating Lasting Impact — Rotary District 9370
Theme for the Year: "Create Lasting Impact"

This year, we are rallying around the powerful theme of Create Lasting Impact — the same theme championed by our Rotary International President Yinka Babalaola.

DG Melonie reminded us that just as music can move people to tears and leave its imprint on the very stones of a building, our service this year has the power to reverberate for generations to come. Every Rotarian — not just those in leadership — is the most important person in this district. You are a vital member of the Rotary orchestra. Together, we have the potential to make beautiful music that impacts generations to come.

District Governor:
Dr Melonie Gobel

GEORGE NIGHT SHELTER – ESTABLISHED BY ROTARIANS

A splash of colour is making a big difference at the George Night Shelter, where newly painted murals are doing far more than brightening walls - it creates a sense of belonging for those who call the shelter home. The project was initiated by **Rotary George member Michael Addinall**, who serves on the shelter's board. "It gives a sense of pride and fellowship," said Addinall during a visit to the shelter. Fourie Ackerman, an artist from Fremersheim, was commissioned to paint the murals.



<https://www.georgeherald.com/Galleries/Gallery/Local-News/george-rotary-initiative-brightens-lives-at-george-night-shelter-202607070919>



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Rotary **the Karoo Region**
Satellite E-Club of Kimberley

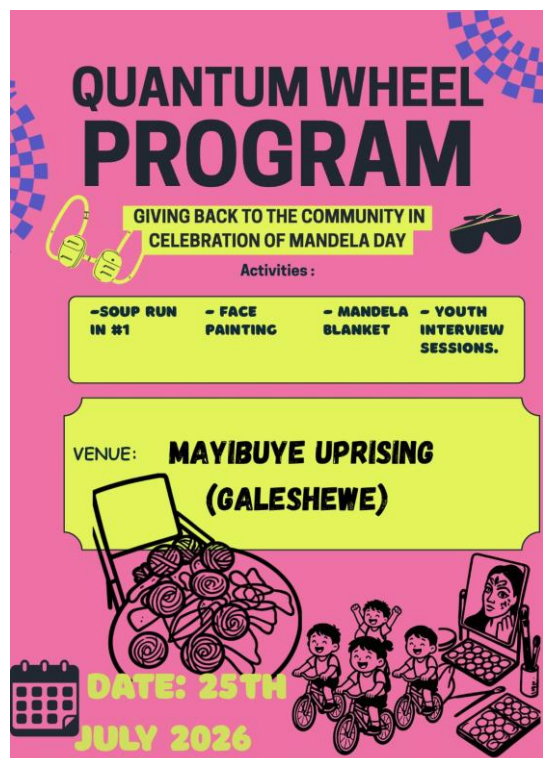
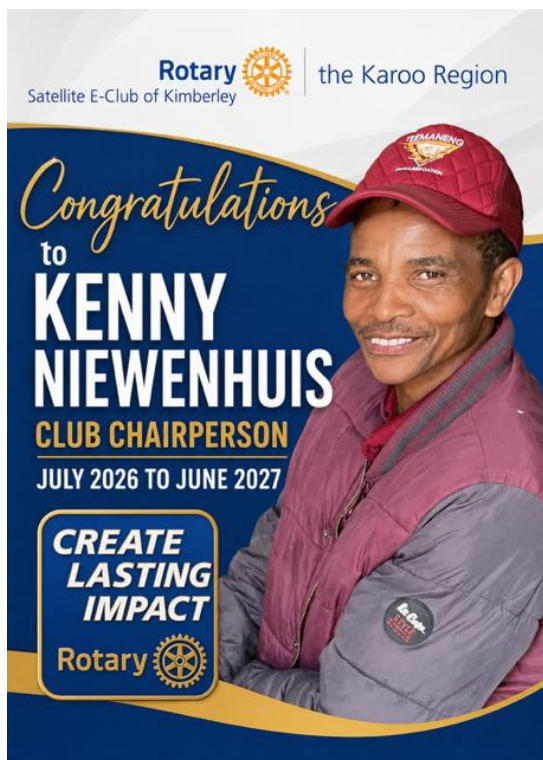
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A Rotary e-club with local and international membership, with a geographical focus on the Karoo Region of South Africa.



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CURRENT AND PAST ACTIVITIES

Rotary

eClub of the
Karoo Region



supports

**GALESHEWE
YOUTH NETWORK**



The **Galeshewe Youth Network** and the **Safe on the Road** family enjoyed a memorable family cycle ride through Kimberley. Their journey included the **Big Hole Museum, North Cape Mall**, and several stops to explore the city, capture family memories, and enjoy time together.



This initiative is supported by the **Rotary eClub of the Karoo Region**

through the provision of **bicycles, safety helmets**, and **bicycle mechanic training** to ensure the programme remains safe and sustainable.



SAFETY



FAMILY



COMMUNITY



RESPECT



FUN



TOGETHER

EMBRACING LOCAL TOURISM –
**BUILDING SAFER
COMMUNITIES**



ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS	WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
08 July – Yvonne Magxala 08 July – Charles Parsons 08 July - Shirley Dally 14 July – Ronelle Steenkamp 21 July – Wendy Peine 24 July - Dries van Tonder 25 July – Johan Cronje 25 July – Troy Campbell	05 July - Brenda & Herbert Booth 16 July - Gordon & Shirley Dally
COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS	INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES
04 July – Gunter Bartch 09 July – Stan Harvey 17 July – Robbie van der Nest 17 July – Philip Vorster	13 July 2015 – Brenda Booth

"The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket." – Will Rogers

"The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it." – Franklin P. Jones

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone." – Anthony Burgess

"We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know." – W. H. Auden

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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