



# HOWZAT!



## ROTARY CLUB OF NEWLANDS “The club that appeals”



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## WEEKLY UPDATE

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**MEETINGS:** Western Province Cricket Club Sports Centre, Ave De Mist, Rondebosch, every Monday at 18h00 for 18h15.

**ATTENDANCE:** Notice of apologies and guests and/or meal specifics to email Paul Spiller at [dr.paul.spiller@gmail.com](mailto:dr.paul.spiller@gmail.com) and copy to Bill Meyer at [meyport@iafrica.com](mailto:meyport@iafrica.com) before 10h00 on Monday mornings please.

### Comment

*Vanessa Rousseau*

### Blue Downs EarlyAct celebrate National Book Week

This past week was National Book Week and to mark the event a reading and writing competition was held at Blue Downs Primary School, driven by the EarlyAct club.

Rotary Newlands presented certificates of excellence to the winners at a special prize giving on Friday.

The winners will also receive books sponsored by our club.



The programme was led by the EarlyActers who put on a play for the school – their version of Little Red Riding Hood, which involved a homeless man, Zorro and Minnie Mouse amongst other characters. The idea was to show the school how your imagination is stimulated by reading. One of the EarlyActers also read a 'Liewe Heksie' story to the school.



It is very exciting to see how the Blue Downs EarlyAct club is driving the importance of reading through their weekly reading club.



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## Previous Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting on 4 September 2017**

**Scribe: Anthony Galloway**

- After fighting a valiant battle to establish control over a lively crowd at this Partners meeting, Sergeant Richard B emerged victorious and opened the meeting. Starting with a bleat about no longer having a seat at the President's table, he proceeded to share his "ditty" with everyone. This was greeted with loud clapping, much to the Sergeant's distinct satisfaction, after which he invited President Graham to welcome the guests.
- DG Lynette Stassen, Peter Vurgarillis and partner, Professor Rob Barrie, Charlie Parly (Rotary Durban North), and Erika Hajaji (to be inducted later) were duly welcomed by President Graham.
- Johan Beukman gave the 4-way test in fine style, and Brian Pickup delivered the Grace and Toast with appropriate skill and gravitas.
- The Sergeant then gave a lengthy report on sea conditions, which sounded very current (if you'll forgive the pun), before letting us know that the report had been written in 1922. Just goes to show !
- President Graham (PG) then introduced visiting DG Lynette, who addressed the meeting. She told of how inspired she has been to meet Rotarians all over the District, and how impressed she has been with the number and depth of all the projects being implemented, and the high level of commitment being shown by all Rotarians. She attended the tree-planting at Steenberg High last Friday, which was followed by the official opening of the Music Room at the School, and said that seeing the Newrots at the school made her think that MAD (Make A Difference) should be changed to MAD-Squared — Members Add Dreams! Lynette invoked all Rotarians to attend the Conference next year, before thanking the Club for having her and for all the work that we do, especially for the environment. Lovely stuff.
- PG thanked Lynette, but was clearly surprised at her being "short and sweet", which left time available before the meal. In a moment of innovation/desperation he called on John Winship to speak about the opening of the Music Centre at Steenberg. John resisted this spontaneous overture for a few moments but relented and took the microphone.
- He reported on the quite magnificent facility, the excellent acoustics, and the outstanding orchestra's which made the opening a powerful, unique and moving experience for all those in attendance. He also acknowledged the enabling role of Penbev in making this possible. A member of the orchestra, Jayden, "blew everyone away" with an amazing vocal performance alongside the orchestra to close proceedings, and John made the suggestion that we ought to find a way to help the development of this wonderfully talented youngster in the future.
- PG then asked Jenny Ibbotsen to comment on the tree-planting operation. Jenny gave tribute to this activity actually being inspired by Lew Botha, and it being part of RI President Ian Riseley's goal of Rotarians planting 1,4 million trees during his term. A non-profit organization called GreenPop facilitated the event, and they were brilliant at energizing everyone and coaching us on the correct planting process. 29 trees were planted in record time, and DG

Lynette shared some lovely comments to close the event. Jenny praised the Steenberg High students, as well as the Headmaster Andre Kraak. She concluded by saying “I want to do it again!” – at the scribe’s table, after some debate, we agreed that she was referring to tree-planting.

- PG thanked Menno and Lizelle for arranging protective shade cloth covers for the trees. He added that Andre Kraak had spoken about the Auditorium becoming the “Jammie Steps” of Steenberg High.
- Jenny H praised the Music Centre, and gave tribute to Bill H, Terry L, and Vanessa R for initiating and developing this amazing relationship that Newrots has with Steenberg High.
- Sergeant Richard then sowed confusion when he discovered that there two feeding stations for the meal. After a number of table-counting attempts he chose the simplest and easiest route of “every person for him/her self”, which worked perfectly. All appeared to enjoy the lasagne !
- Following the meal Erika was inducted by DG Lynette after having been proposed by Janey B, and become the newest Newrot!
- After being introduced by Peter Vurgarillis, Prof Rob Barrie (seriously surprised and clearly delighted) was presented with a Paul Harris award by DG Lynette.
- Spots: Barbara on GrowthPoint Spelling competition, Corinne on Community Service meeting next week, Shelley on Newrots pledging 60 “Santa Shoeboxes”, Glynis on Eco-bricks, Wybe on Cone Teams for the CT Marathon, Jenny reminding us of Regine’s opinion survey, Sergeant Richard on the Wine Auction.
- Carried away on a wave of enthusiasm regarding the Wine Auction, the Sergeant completely forgot the President’s Slot. He was graciously forgiven by the President, who appeared to be used to this sort of thing.
- PG mentioned his acknowledgment and sincere thanks to Penbev for their support, and that they are going to partner Newrots on another project next year. He confessed to forgetting/overlooking Inez’s partner, and made a humble apology which was accepted. He announced that it was Vanessa & Sybi’s anniversary, which drew raucous applause from the members, and fortunately for him he remembered to mention the upcoming birthday of his wife, before closing his spot.
- Sergeant Richard reclaimed his authority by requesting/ordering Peter E to carry the bowl for Happy Rands, and there were indeed many Happy Rands that found their way into said bowl.
- Sergeant Richard, ever mindful of the need for further “dittys” at the end of a lengthy meeting, asked Jana F to share her’s with the meeting. An excellent effort was met with prolonged and rapturous applause, with one wag at the scribes table suggesting that Jana enter South Africa’s Got Talent with her masterpiece.
- Flushed with the warm glow of a job well done, the good Sergeant declared the meeting closed.



[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

### FUTURE FIXTURES

#### Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

#### September 2017

Mon 11 Ordinary

**Sun 17 Cape Town Marathon**

Mon 18 No meeting, in lieu of

**Tue 19 Cocktail Event RI Pres Riseley**

Mon 25 No meeting – Public Holiday

#### October 2017

Mon 2 Partners

**Tue 3 – Thu 5 RFHD**

Mon 9 Ordinary

**Sat 14 Dragon Boats**

Mon 16 Ordinary

Mon 23 Business

Mon 30 Ordinary

**Happy  
Birthday**

15 September  
Johan Beukman

12 September  
Richard House

16 September  
Lucian Pitt

**Happy Anniversary**

17 September  
Heidi & Kevin Andersson

## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	11 September	18 September	25 September	2 October
MEETING	Ordinary	No Meeting	No Meeting	Partners
SERGEANT	Rochelle Malherbe	Meeting cancelled in lieu of the <b>RI President's Cocktails Event</b> on Tuesday 19 September  All Members are encouraged to attend.	<b>Public Holiday</b>	Pieter van Aswegen
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Barbara Murphy			Jerome Eckles
GRACE & TOAST	Wendy Goddard			Shelley Finch
ATTENDANCE	Peter Henshilwood			Colin Burke
FELLOWSHIP	Terry Lancaster			Regine le Roux
MINUTES	Geraldine Nicol			Anthony Galloway
COMMENT	Janey Ball			Pippa McLeod
THANK SPEAKER	Jana Forrester			Jenny Howard
INTRO SPEAKER	Ian Pursch			John Stephenson

### Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

- 11 Sep **Andy Ismay & Mike Walwyn** – Cape Town Male Voice Choir
- 2 Oct **Kevin Winter** – Water Hub at Franschoek
- 9 Oct **Alison Turner** – Orcas and Great Whites

If you cannot do your job on the day, please find someone who can do it instead of you, then contact the Sergeant on the day to update the roster. Please don't leave this until the Monday afternoon – let the Sergeant know in advance if you have not been able to arrange a swap. If you are going to be away for particular future meetings let Peter Ennis know.

Spring is here



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