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



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**ROTARY:  
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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.

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### Comment

*The Editor*

### Join RI Online for World Polio Day 2017

You don't have to buy a plane ticket to participate in this year's **World Polio Day** festivities at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's facility in downtown Seattle, Washington, USA. You can [watch the event live](#) on 24 October at 14:30 Seattle time (UTC-7) for an update on our global campaign to eradicate polio. A recording of the livestream will be available later.

Sue Desmond-Hellmann, the Gates Foundation's chief executive, will discuss this year's progress with attendees, including Rotary members, Gates Foundation staff, and supporters, as well as the audience watching worldwide via livestream. **Only 11 new cases** of wild poliovirus have been reported so far in 2017, all in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Other speakers will include Jay Wenger, director of the Gates Foundation's polio eradication efforts; Dean Rohrs, vice president of Rotary International; wrestler John Cena and singer-songwriter Tiwa Savage, Rotary polio ambassadors; Ade Adepitan, a Paralympian and polio survivor; and Jeffrey Kluger, senior editor at Time magazine overseeing science and health reporting.

Claire Foy and Andrew Garfield, stars of the upcoming movie "Breathe," and director Andy Serkis will also speak. "Breathe" is based on the true story of a polio survivor who became an advocate for others. Rotary clubs across the globe have registered more than 1,100 events in their communities.

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## Youth Services in Action

Friday 13 October saw the handover of the Children's Book Network toolkit to the Red Cross Children's Hospital School.

The toolkit was sponsored by RC Newlands. Pictured here are from left Michelle Shargey: Principal of Red Cross Children's Hospital School, Lesley Beake: Children's Book Network, Vanessa Rousseau and Primrose Mrwebi: Children's Book Network. The toolkit contains 60 books which are used to run literacy workshops and reading clubs.

Thanks to Wendy Goddard who also attended the handover.



And at the District 9350 EarlyAct Awards and Workshop on Saturday 14 October, Bishops Prep teacher Sue Kieswetter received an EarlyAct award for the teacher who has managed a significant number of effective projects through his/her club.

Ms Georgina Crossney of Blue Downs Primary in Khayelitsha (another of the Rotary Club of Newlands EarlyAct schools) received a First Place Award for the teacher who best supports the development of her club. Two EarlyActers from Blue Downs received highly commended awards as did a learner from Sivile Primary in Khayelitsha (our 3rd EarlyAct school).

From Vanessa Rousseau

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## Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 9 October 2017

Scribe: Janey Ball

An upbeat and enthusiastic welcome from Sergeant Andy set the tone for the meeting and was followed by President Graham's introduction of our guests:

- Alison Towner (Speaker, Dyer Island Conservation Trust)
- Geoff Skeen (formerly, Kloof RC)
- Ambassadorial Scholar Alumnus Fabian Kauer and Patricia
- Dr Dottie, our Honorary Rotarian
- Jo Tyers.

Johnny Hurwitz and Inez Arendse respectively recited the 4-Test Grace, Grace and Loyal Toast. The scribe won the wine swindle and, in the process some new and hopeful friends.

Our speaker, Alison Towner, a self-proclaimed "shark-nerd", was introduced by Corinne and provided a fascinating insight into the *Dyer Island Conversation Trust*.

The waters surrounding this False Bay island attract Southern Right whales as well as dolphins and seals, the latter providing a mecca for great white sharks. The strip of sea between Dyer island and Geyser Rock is aptly dubbed 'shark-alley' with the seals that feed here themselves a constant food source for the sharks.

Alison's PhD thesis researched the natural movement, ecology and behaviour of marine life. After many years of research, and use of acoustic telemetry, 14 sharks were tracked for a total 468 hours. The group comprised 5 males and 9 females varying in size between 2.5m and 4.5m. Three influences on hunting behaviour were expected to emerge; chumming, time of day and individual preferences.

Sea-bed receivers quickly revealed that sharks are not following chum. However, what had not been anticipated was the arrival of a pair of Orcas, probably brothers, known as Port and Starboard (for the direction of their collapsed dorsal fins).

These specialised shark killers in a matter of months were implicated in a number of 'murders' in False Bay. Their victims, Great Whites which washed up on the beaches of False Bay, provided an unusual opportunity for necropsies. All showed brutal attacks and all the victims were missing their livers. The killing spree led to a six-week dearth in shark sightings. However, such was the interest, worldwide, that even [www.ladbible.com](http://www.ladbible.com) took note.

Answering questions from the floor, Alison responded that:

- One shark was tracked from Dyer Island to Australia and back; 22 000 kilometres;
- A particular Orca pair was well-documented over twenty years in an area spanning Langebaan to Namibia;
- After a period when sport-fishing for Great Whites was common, the species became protected in 1991;

- The closure of whaling stations in Durban in the 1970s and '80s may have contributed to the Great White population growth in False Bay in the '90's.
- Over 40 white sharks killed every year in Durban by shark nets.

Shân thanked our speaker and, as a liver-loving dietician, commended Port and Starboard on their discerning diet.

Spots included:

- Richard, who reported on another successful Wine Auction and thanked all who contributed. The event should net R285,000. The Johannesburg wine auction is all set to go, save for one major set-back; the organising group have yet to sell any tables. The event must go-ahead and there is some hard work ahead to turn the event around.
- Fabian who introduced Patricia and reported on his extensive travels since completing his MBA and leaving Cape Town in 2013. He plans to settle in Munich but warned us to expect a visit every two years.
- Colin Burke who urged support for the Dragon Boat Race, Saturday, and the Fundraiser, 10 November.
- Banner exchange and greetings from late arrival Conrad, visiting Rotarian from Kampala in Uganda.

After the President's Slot, Sergeant Andy encouraged a respectable haul of happy rands and then brought the meeting to a close.



Picture taken after the meeting. Left to right: 'Shark Ali' Alison Towner, Bill Holland, Anthony Galloway, Graham Finlayson, Shân Biesman-Simons, Dr Dottie Leveque, Conrad from RC in Kampala, with Wybe hidden



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## REMINDER

The final date for making a booking for Mini Conference to be held at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Click on the link on the District website on

[www.rotary9350.co.za](http://www.rotary9350.co.za) or [www.hsrotary.co.za](http://www.hsrotary.co.za)

to secure a timeous booking.

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[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

### FUTURE FIXTURES

Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

#### October 2017

Mon 16 Ordinary

Mon 23 Business

**Mon 30 Stop Hunger Now food packing**

#### November 2017

Mon 6 Partners

Mon 13 Ordinary

Mon 20 Ordinary

Mon 27 Business & **AGM**

#### December 2017

Sun 3 Stellenbosch Cycle Tour

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**Happy  
Birthday**

18 October  
Avrill Meinesz

20 October  
Lyn van der Lith

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## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	16 October	23 October	30 October	6 November
MEETING	Ordinary	Business	Stop Hunger Food Packing	Partners
SERGEANT	Regine le Roux	Lucian Pitt	Bill Holland	Pieter van Aswegen
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Bill Meyer	Geraldine Nicol	Jenny Howard	Henry Campbell
GRACE & TOAST	Christine Calothi	Jana Forrester	Willie Wijenberg	Terry Lancaster
ATTENDANCE	Barbara Murphy	Wendy Goddard	Jerome Eckles	Brian Pickup
FELLOWSHIP	Tinus de Jongh	Peter Henshilwood	John Stephenson	Colin Burke
MINUTES	Richard Burnett	Rochelle Malherbe	Johan Beukman	Menno de Wet
COMMENT	Andy Ismay	Wybe Meinesz	Paul Spiller	Jamie Hart
THANK SPEAKER	Garnet Carr			Ian Pursch
INTRO SPEAKER	Richard House			Lew Botha

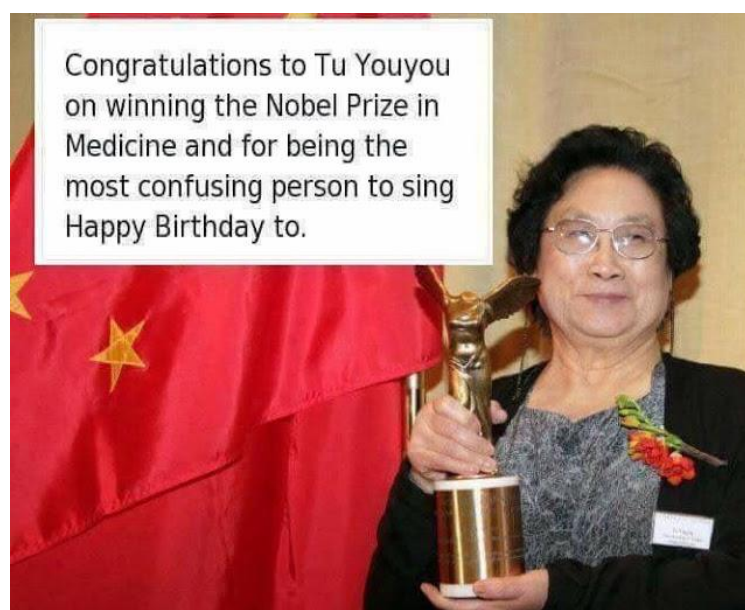
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**Invited  
GUEST SPEAKERS**

*TBA*

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.

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