

# Kromboom Kronicle

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Kromboom



*The club building bridges of friendship*

Twinned with the Rotary Club of New Malden



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**23 June 2021**

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**June is Rotary Fellowships month**

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## **Meeting report: 2 June 2021:**

MC:	<b>Gavin</b>	
4-Way Test:	<b>Gavin</b>	
Attendance & welcoming:	<b>David</b>	
- <i>Members:</i>	10	
- <i>Apologies:</i>	0	
- <i>Partners &amp; guests:</i>	9	Lois Strachan (guest speaker); John & Margreet Connah; Jane Moffatt; Jane T; Linelle M & Sally P.

Given the later meeting start, thanks to Eskom, proceedings got underway promptly also to accommodate our guest speaker who had a later commitment.

Lois, an accomplished speaker & presenter, gave us a good insight into her world of blindness but one filled with hope, a positive attitude, and immense capabilities (See Gloria's speaker report below).

Many questions followed her address, and the meeting was closed at 7.40pm after Jean-Claude had read the Object of Rotary.

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## **Speaker report:**

from Gloria.

Lois Strachan was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of 6 years old. Due to a lack of supervision her eyesight deteriorated, at the age of 20 developed retinopathy and at 21 became completely blind. Obviously, the change was devastating but Lois decided to face the challenge. If nervous taking the first step she would step back, then go forward again.

Lois started writing books – A Different Way of Seeing and a Missy Mouse children's series - and joined a Rock group. She studied Ancient History and was able to visit 21 countries including the Acropolis in Athens.



Having this disability, it was not easy for people to include her in their lives as they were uncomfortable in how to manage matters.

Lois belongs to a wine club and has written another book – Paws for Thought.



She has learnt to ask for help when required as well as taught herself how to use a computer and cell phone keyboard with its accessibility options.

She is married to David (seen above). Her strength and determination are an inspiration to all.

Postscript (from the editor):

After a brief email of thanks to Lois the following day, I received this reply:

Hi Gavin:

Thanks so much for the opportunity to chat to your members. I enjoyed the time I spent with the group.

I hope you enjoy reading the first chapter of Fiji's story – the link to download it is

<https://www.loisstrachan.com/paws-for-thought/>

I'm happy for you to share the link with anyone who might be interested, likewise with my e-mail and WhatsApp number if any of the attendees have questions they weren't able to get answered on Wednesday.

Thank you again for everything you did to assist and for giving me the opportunity of speaking to the club.

With my best wishes,

Lois

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## The Kromboom Bridges launch:

This long-awaited event took place on Saturday 5 June. It coincided with the club's birthday and the World Environmental Day – all of which were ably included in the public address given at the site to us during the afternoon by our President Steve.



In addition to Kromboomers, partners and family members who attended, we were delighted to have AG Jenny, her daughter & son in law and some members of the Claremont Rotary Club with us too.



The latter was acknowledged both by Pres. Steve and the signage itself for their financial contribution to the project.

Others, who had been recipients of our allocation of items from the Vancouver container, also joined our park picnic. These included representative from the Robin Trust & The Open Circle.

Photographs courtesy of Alan.

Pamphlets, telling the story of Rotary and of our club, were handed out to park visitors during the afternoon.

Wesley Ford of the Southern Suburbs Tatler spent time with us recording the event and our grateful thanks are extended both to him and the publishers. Wesley is attempting to let me have a digital version of his report and photographs which I hope to be able include in a future edition.

## Letters of thanks:



# Thank you!

3 June 2021

Via email: [gloriakaminski1@gmail.com](mailto:gloriakaminski1@gmail.com)

Dear Gloria and the Rotary Club of Kromboom,

The children, staff and Board of Paternoster Project Hoopsig Centre would like to thank you and the Rotary Club of Kromboom for your generous donation. The masks and gloves are so much needed at the centre as we accommodate roughly seventy learners each week day.

We provide a nutritious lunch, educational supplementary support and afternoon life skills and workshop programmes. Our budget is very small and we cannot afford to buy the quantities of protective wear required.

Please keep us in mind, should any donations in kind, become available.

Much appreciated and kind regards,

*Alrika Hefers*

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27 May 2021

Mrs Gloria Kaminski  
By email

Dear Mrs Kaminski

Please convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Rotary Club of Kromboom for the generous donation of N95 masks, gloves and protection clothing that you have made to St Joseph's recently. We are especially thrilled with the N95 masks, as these are used when treating patients who tested positive for COVID-19 and gives extra protection to our nursing and rehab staff.

"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."  
Ben Carson

Kind regards

Christa Robijn  
Resource Development Manager

**Birthdays:**  
None

**Anniversaries:**  
27 June: Janet & Alan

<b>Duty Roster</b>				
	<b>23 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>7 July</b>	<b>14 July</b>
Administrator/ meeting host	Gavin	Gavin/Pres. Steve	Gavin	
Four Way Test	everyone		everyone	
Attendance & Welcoming	Rod		Joolz	
Speaker Introduction	<b>Business</b>	<b>Board</b>	Alan	<b>No meeting</b>
Speaker Thanks & Report	<b>meeting</b>	<b>meeting</b>	Janet	
Object of Rotary	Graham		David	
Meeting Scribe	Gavin & Rod	Rod	Gavin	

Gavin, or a temporary substitute, will e-mail the Zoom link plus ID & Password prior to each meeting.

Kindly let me know in advance if you are unable to attend a particular session ([gavinpsmith1@outlook.com](mailto:gavinpsmith1@outlook.com))

*Speaker report (from speaker 'thanker') to above e-mail by the Friday after the meeting.*

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### Club Diary & Events

**Wed 23 June**

Wed 30 June

**Business meeting**

Board meeting

Wed 7 July

Meeting with guest speaker, Aletia Ritter, marketing manager of Robin Trust, on fundraising ideas.

Wed 14 July

No meeting

Wed 21 July

Business meeting

Wed 28 July

Board meeting

Note: All online Zoom meetings will commence at 6.00pm & login information will be e-mailed in advance

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### Tailpiece:

