

# 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

**President:** Steve Theron

**Secretary:** Rod Palmer

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**30 June to 7 July 2021**

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**June is Rotary Fellowships month**  
**July is welcome Pres. Steve (again....) month**

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## **Meeting report: 23 June 2021:**

MC: **Gavin**  
Attendance & welcoming: **Gavin**  
- *Members:* 6  
- *Apologies:* 5 (Incl. John Connah)  
- *Partners & guests:* 0

We were distressed to hear of Sally's medical situation which led to Rod missing the meeting and wish her well. Janet agreed to write up and distribute the business meeting minutes in his stead.

Pres. Steve shared the water damage problems currently receiving attention at his home. The good news, however, was that in moving his washing machine he discovered our missing Kromboom feather banner tucked behind it!

The items on the meeting agenda were then followed. Alan read the Object of Rotary and the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

*PS: The good news is that Sally is back home, on the mend, and all is well.*

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## **Induction events:**

While online Rotary meetings are often the norm today for many clubs, induction meetings with leadership changes are clearly best held in person. It is then distressing to learn of some clubs who had planned these, now having to delay them or switch to a Zoom format as a result of individual Covid exposures.

We can only wish Rotarians so affected a speedy and successful recovery.

In our case, our *President* Steve rolls over on 1 July to being our *Incoming Pres.* Steve, so we have elected to play it safe and allow him to do his own badge swap on 7 July!

## **Eagle Spurs Football Club Teams:**

The presentation of footballs to Ivan & Shireen, who run this amazing sporting programme from their home garage, was recorded in a previous Kronicle. Below are some photographs of the lads in their team regalia:



Our UK-based members, Joolz and Graham, are actively involved in managing to have boots and other items of apparel donated and shipped across to Cape Town for their use.

As a club we are considering part-sponsoring the transport costs to the various football locations for their weekly games.

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## **The Oude Molen Food Garden and Nursery:**

As has been featured in past editions, our club has become involved with Kelley Mansfield and admired the passion she and her workers/volunteers have for this facility near Pinelands. Kelly works as a dental administrator in the morning and dedicates her afternoons to this site.

We are part-sponsoring two workers on a month-to-month basis and also joined Kelly on the seed swapping morning she held – the latter being something rather unique for those of us who attended.

Our club is also planning to donate a portable overhead projector to Kelly for use in her educational work.

Recently, this kind letter arrived from her:



23rd June 2021

Dear Kromboom Rotarians

I've been meaning to write this letter of thanks for the past few weeks, but I never seem to find the time!

From my side - representing the Oude Molen Food Garden I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support.

By helping to cover half of Williams & Andrews monthly salary it gave me breathing space to actually get some things done in our garden :)

I kept to my word..

1 - We created steps to the toilet instead of the muddy bank.

2 - I removed the old swimming pool, sold it for R1000 and then used that money plus extra we had and bought poles & shade cloth to create the 'nursery'. I am now busy building up stock, seedlings, plants and succulents and it seems the word is spreading as folks are starting to trickle in over weekends. It's slow but it's still winter!

Please see the pics below of all the hard work that has gone into each project.. As you know I rely on volunteers for most of the labour and only William & Andrew get paid.

Lots of other projects in the pipeline..

We started shaping our "duck pond" at the bottom of the garden.

So we are now looking for a pond liner??

The old nursery will be converted into a mini hothouse, so looking for clear plastic sheeting.



Cleaned up the bank, laid out the bricks, added cement, fixed up a railing. Now we created a Little garden to the left of the fence of spinach and beans.. They are thriving :)



First the ground to be levelled, then poles to be sunk, Then uprights.. Thank goodness we had Gary & Lizzy who managed to keep the guys on track!

I wanted something different instead of the same old boring square and Gary was the brains behind the shape... with old pieces of a jungle gym and wood we created a most unusual nursery that really compliments the garden space for its unique shape ,

## Duty Roster

	30 June	7 July	14 July	21 July
Administrator/ meeting host	Gavin/Pres. Steve	Gavin		Gavin
Four Way Test		everyone		everyone
Attendance & Welcoming		Joolz		Jean-Claude
Speaker Introduction	<b>Board</b>	Alan	<b>No meeting</b>	<b>Business</b>
Speaker Thanks & Report	<b>meeting</b>	Janet		<b>meeting</b>
Object of Rotary		David		Gloria
Meeting Scribe	Rod	Gavin		Gavin/ Rod

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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**Birthdays:**

8 July: Frances  
15 July: Graham Parkhurst

**Anniversaries:**

None

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**Club Diary & Events**

Wed 30 June 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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**Sad announcement from DG Carl-Heinz :**



25 June 2021

**Announcement: Pres Koos Burger – Cape of Good Hope**

Rotarians

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that one of the best known Rotarians in our District, Koos Burger, who ran the Rotary Youth Camps in Glencairn, has passed away due to Covid.

Koos was well known to many of us due to his passion for the environment and the youth, and tireless service to providing an exceptional experience to everyone who had the privilege to meet him and visit the camp site. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife, Antoinette, who is also recovering from Covid at the moment.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

We will advise once funeral arrangements are known, but due to Covid restrictions, attendance will be restricted.

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