

# Rotary Club of Hout Bay



## Bay Breezes



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A huge thanks to Ali Rice for taking over club reporting responsibilities this last Tuesday in my absence. A sterling job as witnessed below.

Tuesday 11 Feb 2014  
Raid from Am Kap

David on form tonight, in his intro:

- o Belated celebration for Uncle Roy's 76th birthday. Knows he has R8000 in his pocket to buy us all a drink but knows that he'll last another 76 years to do that in! Also wanted to acknowledge Neville's in Feb and Fedde's in January
- o Welcomed Am Kap, an Irish Club that has been for German lessons and who has come to Hout Bay to practice
- o Am Kap names: Anneliese, Marlis, Klaus, Ed Onetime, Ludwig with Renaute, Carole, Michael Zip (Fly), Young Philip
- o Other guests: Rolf, guest of both Hout Bay and Seapoint clubs, John Connor from Chester w/ partner Margraate, Lindsay, friend of Suzie from Glasgow

Grace: John Connor

Toast: Uncle Don

Spots:

1. Patrick – a) thanking Butch and Allan who went to the clinic and fixed the toilets – bolted them to the floor and b) feedback from Raymond who is in the UWC library doing his thesis and should be returning soon
2. Keith – bursary programme – 9 @ university including 2 new ones this year. Need laptop for one of the students. Hans is mentoring Primrose
3. David – feedback on Bill. Had cochlear implant op few months ago (much smaller these days), now beginning to hear for first time in 35 years. Margaret's story: driving in car and Bill, for first time, was able to listen to instrumental music on the radio. Well done to Bill for his tenacity
4. Pres John – leaving for London for 2 weeks on Weds to go 'paddling'
5. Induction of Christophe – gave Rotary pin and HB banner

Speaker: Rainer – 9 years of living in Australia

Introducer: David Heath

Rainer: "Germans always start speeches with a quotation; Americans start with a joke and the Japanese start with an apology" His apology was that he misunderstood – he thought it was a raid, but there are more visitors than members.

Was fascinated by Asia, wanted to stay in Phillipines, but reluctantly coerced to go to Aus in early 1974. Called Germans 'squareheads' in those days. One positive development in past 30 yrs in Aus is development of education system as back then, Asians would go to Europe.

Aus is more than a collection of 4 letter words,

First misconception: Aus not just a country, it's a continent. Driest place in world and an island, exhibiting same peculiar attitude of other 'islanders'. Aus is size of Europe, though the Mercedes head office in Europe were hopelessly unaware of this. Wanted to organise a course in Perth, and wanted dealers to be there for half a day to be introduced to a new product that may or may not even be introduced. Idea was met with roaring laughter. Quote: 'Flying is too expensive, we drive'. Way before even faxes, so all organisation by post taking one week. "ignorant head offices – they're the naval of the world"

Second misconception: Aus is a white continent – not so – Polynesians, local cultures – almost all eradicated. Racism still there 'scratch an Aus, you find a racist'. Loads of other nationalities after first prisoners – other Europeans (second destination after USA), Mediterranean (Greek, Spanish, Italians), Asians – Japanese, Indonesia, Malaysians (esp after Vietnam war). When kids were young, Japanese and Mandarin were second languages taught. China is biggest trading partner. Melbourne – in late 70's had second biggest Greek speaking population after Athens. Aus = melting pot

Aus is very rough, direct, extremely helpful, sociable, uncomplicated. Had difficulties establishing networks when only sell 20 vehicles a year in some places in a heavily regulated market. Work ethics – heavily unionised and loads of strikes – would strike if want new coffeepot in lounge!

Frank Sinatra visited in 70's to sell out concerts. Made derogatory remark about female journalist and they cancelled his concerts – but wouldn't let him refuel his jets. Had to fly back commercially!

Career highlight there was getting an order for 550 buses, personal highlight – Olympic Games in Sydney

Wine won by visitor Michael



Rainer in full flow



Christophe's induction

## SAD NEWS

Those of use who were present on the day will recall the talk by Kevin from Columbia. His is still young and his English was really quite poor but that did not stop him from giving a really good account, telling us all about him and his exchange student program. A lot of courage and determination in one small young man.

Kevin had a jacket as festooned as Ashley Kaimowitz's with badges and regalia.

Sad to announce that Kevin's mother passed away very recently. She was only 38 and Kevin is completely distraught. As President at the time of his visit I have personally emailed him with my condolences. We were notified by ADG Gavin of her passing and President John has forwarded a condolence letter on behalf of the Club.

## UPCOMING

ADG - speaker - GAVIN SCHACHAT  
his trip to Finland with exchange students

Tuesday 18th February

BUTCH talking on South African Wine Industry

Tuesday 25th February

KEITH BULL to cover R.A.G.E.S. and John Glassford's

Tuesday 4th Marchwork in protecting OUR wildlife in South Africa

ARGUS CYCLE TOUR

*All available members needed*

Sunday 9th March

ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY

*Same as above. All hands to the wheel*

Thurs / Fri 3rd and 4th April

MICK FEUILHERADE MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

*Can I remind all members that we need now to fill the  
Four-ball slots. Register now.*

*Also we need sponsorship and prizes urgently*

Friday 11th April

TWO OCEANS ULTRA MARATHON

*Terry not going to be here this year for this so  
Don Peters will be taking over. Has he told Marilyn  
that we are all coming back to his place after?*

Saturday 19th April

## LIVES REMEMBERED

### ERRATA

Apologies for misquoting Ashley Newell's new and second career in last week's Bay Breezes. She is joining with Nathan Roberts who has founded Ikasi Youth - Everyday Heroes Club:

[www.ikasiyouth.org](http://www.ikasiyouth.org)

This reminds me that we have occasionally made commitments as a club to do things and have not fulfilled those promises. It really is not right, bordering on unforgivable.

We did make a promise that we would, as a club, eat at Nathan's gastronomy. We did not follow up on that.

Recently we have been reminded about certain anniversaries, some we need to remember, some perhaps not that important and some because we are reminded. Is it not a very personal matter, is there really a need for everyone to be reminded. Yes, there are those special anniversaries, Christmas comes to mind as does Easter, but then I am a Christian but I note that other religions have their anniversaries.

What we are reminded more frequently, and sad as it is, are obituaries, lives remembered. In late 2013 Brian Sollitt passed on, he was a couple of years short of a member of our clubs' recent birthday. I suppose the question must be asked do we take more interest in the anniversaries of those who have passed on to higher service ?

Brian Sollitt was the inventor of the 'After Eight Mint', that paper thin chocolate square in a paper sleeve that changed the way aspirational middle classes rounded off their dinner parties. It was Brian's greatest triumph when the After Eight Mint was launched in 1962. The After Eight Mint made people feel 'expensive', pampered and gay. The mints sell in their billions to some 50 countries.

Good reason to remembered Brian Sollitt's anniversary; just wondered if he was a Rotarian and whether anniversaries were that important to him, after all receiving a box of After Eight Mints on his birthday .....

Why would a University want to help criminals steal cars ?

Volkswagen has sued the University of Birmingham(UK) to stop it revealing how to hack anti-theft systems on luxury cars such as Porsches, Audis, Bentley and Lamborghinis. The academics had hoped to publish the paper next month (Nov 2013) but VW sued saying it would put its most expensive cars at risk. In a statement the University said it would "defer publication" of its paper.

Just wondering why anyone is being paid at a University to find ways of stealing cars ? and it clearly shows the hidden talents of many in the informal settlements in SA who have car theft as just one of their skills – and no need to go to University.

G ' day RAGERS

Jesse Davis from RI in Evanston is now sending our application for a Rotarian Action Group to the RAG Committee headed by PRIP Bill Boyd.

"Hi John,

Hope all is well. After reviewing your additionally submitted material I believe that your application is ready to be presented to the Rotarian Action Groups Committee. With your expressed permission, I would be happy to re-present your application and additional materials to them at the next possible juncture, which would mean that the RAGES' application would be presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting in May.

Best Regards,

Jesse Davis

We have done our best now it is over to HQ.

In the mean time I have just found this video and it is topical and educational. I have uploaded it to our web site and the two RAGES Facebook pages. So please share with all your friends, especially your Rotary club.

<http://youtu.be/Q57VmoCXCSE>

Well worth watching and it is topical and up to date, it is long 22 minutes, but it will be educational and an eye opener to anyone concerned with endangered species. Please get back to me with any ideas and your comments. We need to get moving and start working on our projects. You are able to share your ideas here send me a reply and with your permission I will share them. You are also welcome to post any ideas and stories to our Facebook pages:

Open Group: <https://www.facebook.com/EndangeredSpeciesRages>

Closed Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EndangeredSpeciesRAG/>

Stay well I know that Rotarains will act once they are made aware of the very urgent need to help the rhino and elephant however we have other species just as endangered but we have to start somewhere.

Yours in Rotary  
John Glassford

To benefits Co-ordinator,

My name is Charles Wright and I live in Camborne, I would like to present before you the following story:

Many years ago, I married a widow out of love who had an 18-year-old daughter. After the wedding, my father, a widower, came to visit a number of times, and he fell in love with my step-daughter. My father eventually married her without my authorization.

As a result, my step-daughter legally became my step-mother and my father my son-in-law. My father's wife (also my step-daughter) and my step-mother, gave birth to a son who is my grandchild because I am the husband of my step-daughter's wife. This boy is also my brother, as the son of my father.

As you can see, my wife became a grandmother, because she is the mother of my father's wife. Therefore, it appears that I am also my wife's grandchild. A short time after these events, my wife gave birth to a son, who became my father's brother-in-law, the step-son of my father's wife, and my uncle. My son is also my step-mother's brother, and through my step-mother, my wife has become a grandmother and I have become my own grandfather.

In light of the above mentioned, I would like to know the following: Does my son, who is also my uncle, my father's son-in-law, and my step-mother's brother fulfil the requirements for receiving childcare benefits?

Sincerely yours,

Charles Wright

**Subject:** Fwd: The first four Rotarians  
**Date:** Saturday, 15 February 2014 11:55:36 South Africa Standard Time  
**From:** Donald Peters  
**To:** peter dutton  
**Category:** BAY BREEZES (Project) 2

Hi  
Not sure if you get this stuff  
Don

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rotary International** <[website@rotary.org](mailto:website@rotary.org)>  
Date: Sat, Feb 15, 2014 at 12:18 AM  
Subject: The first four Rotarians  
To: [donald.leslie.peters@gmail.com](mailto:donald.leslie.peters@gmail.com)

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14 February 2014

## Weekly Update *A roundup of Rotary news*



### [The first four Rotarians](#)

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

- [Explore Rotary's rich history](#)
- [Visit the Rotary archives](#)
- [Read Paul Harris's reflections on our changing world](#)



G ' day Mate

Greetings form Ganmain near Coolamon. It is raining! First rain for a few moons now. Very dry here!

Just catching up with our latest news re Mount Kenya 2015.

My Little Wolverine and I have decided that it is on and we now start planning in earnest. The summit of Mount Kenya's date has not changed and it is set for ANZAC Day 2015 i.e. April 25th which is 100 years since my Father landed at Gallipoli with the Kiwis.

We aim to summit on ANZAC Day 2015 to raise funds for Legacy Australia, Coolamon House in Hout Bay and the Orphan Rescue Kits for Mathare in Nairobi. We are looking at the RSA in New Zealand as well.

We have also been in touch with the Australian Army to invite them to join us. We met with a Major Rebecca Lacey who has climbed Mount Kenya 10 times now, a fellow Kenyan like myself. Rebecca believes that they will send four women climbers from the Australian Army to climb Batian the highest peak on Mount Kenya. They are in training to climb Everest one day.

The Rotary Club of Nakuru in Kenya are also interested in getting the Kenyan Army involved with a couple of climbers. The main reasons for the climb are several:

1. To celebrate the centenary of ANZAC.
2. To raise awareness on the situation of education in Africa, due in the main from AIDS and the resulting orphans. {Coolamon House and The ORK in Nairobi}.
3. To raise funds for the returned ANZAC soldiers and those who have not returned over the years. {Legacy Australia and RSA New Zealand}.
4. Personally to honour my Father, a Kiwi, and an original ANZAC.

I used to see Mount Kenya every day from my bed room window from our home near Gatundu in Kenya when we lived there.

My father was in the New Zealand Army and landed at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day 1915. Dad was a sniper and was shot on Gallipoli in July, wounded and left for dead. He lost an eye and was also shot three times in the chest. He was sent to Port Alexandria in Egypt to the British Army hospital where he recovered and then went to join his mates in Europe. Dad migrated to Kenya in 1919 from New Zealand and developed a coffee plantation there, where I was born in 1944. Dad was born in Napier in 1891. I attach a photo of George Glassford taken in 1914.



PRIP Bill Boyd today agreed to be our Patron, we have also decided to make it a joint club project with the RC of Wagga Wagga Sunrise, PDG Fred Loneragan's club.

So we have started to design and make banners for our club presentations, our DISCON as well as Sydney 2014. I attach one that I am working on for our big banner apologies for the band width but I am having problems doing it with no Photoshop software. Anyhow would you be kind enough to send me the RC Hout Bay Logo in high resolution please?

We are also working on a new web site for Mount Kenya 2015 which will be linked to The ORK web site.

Anyhow no worries now MLW has agreed to join me in Africa in 2015.

Ask Patrick if he wants to do another Global Grant, NO better not!!!!!! However maybe some Hout Bay Rotarians may want to join us? Not so much for the climb but that would be ideal, however we do have a second team going with us, we call the Gin and Tonic Mob who will go on safari while we climb and trek. The experienced climbers will take on Batian and us oldies, well the combined age of Fred and myself is 141, can join us trekking to Point Lenana. Not casting and doubts on the ability of Hout Bay Rotarians to match it with us Aussies BUT..... I will not mention the cricket right now I have taken up too much of your time as is.

All the every best to you all in Hout Bay see you soon, well in 15 moons or so

Yours in Rotary  
John Glassford  
Foundation Director  
Past President 08/09

G 'day

I am always looking for ways to raise funds and awareness for the projects in Africa and anywhere else for endangered species, that are simple and easy to understand.

This project is one that I believe that we can all support. Even better if we promote this to our clubs and districts.

The project features Dr. William Fowlds who has done some remarkable work. William is also a member of RAGES and works with Jo Wilmot, one of RAGES Board Members. Well Jo works with William. So please think about this one and please let me know what you think and more important what you do.

As Dr. Fowlds says every rand helps.

ONE IN A MILLION

I have also posted this video to our RAGES web site and Facebook pages.

Let's get to work!

Yours in Rotary  
John Glassford  
Chair 2013 -2014  
Proposed RAG for Endangered Species  
Rotary Club of Coolamon District 9700  
New South Wales, Australia

RAG Endangered Species

Mount Kenya 2015 ANZAC Day

## A MUST WATCH

apparently the best commercial [spoof] ever made. gone viral - of course.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WoM2bHfr48>