

## Editorial: The Gosling report

On Wednesday, 27 June a call went out on the AID4AID (Animals in Distress) and Barefoot Rescue (both are voluntary, community based animal rescue organisations) WhatsApp group that operate in the Kirstenhof area that Egyptian goslings had fallen down a manhole near Kirstenhof Primary School and any available volunteers were requested to assist.

I grabbed a towel, basket and my rain jacket and headed off to where it had been reported that these babies were in distress. A few other people arrived at the same time and a very upset and clearly distressed mother Egyptian goose was standing in the middle of the road calling for her babies. Two workers from the area arrived at the same time and quickly lifted the manhole cover with a pick axe and approximately 6 or 7 fluffy, tiny little goslings were revealed at the bottom of the hole, off which the stormwater drain pipe ran. One of the volunteers had brought a pool net and as many of the goslings as possible were captured by the pool net and reunited with their mother waiting anxiously on the pavement.

Unfortunately, two of the goslings took fright and ran along the drain pipe that leads under the street. We all assessed the situation and it was decided to try and track these babies down the pipe as we weren't sure whether they would head back to where we could catch them again.



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### July in Rotary

A New Year – Be the Inspiration

**Wynberg Rotary meet every Thursday,  
6 for 6.30pm,  
Palm House, Wynberg.**

For more information about our club, like us  
on Facebook or visit our website:

**[Wynbergrotary.org.za](http://Wynbergrotary.org.za)**



**BE THE INSPIRATION**



I removed all electronic and water sensitive devices such as my watch, cell phone and car keys from my pockets, removed shoes and socks and lay on a skateboard and scooted along the drain pipe under the road, lighting the way with a head torch. The first gosling that I found was pressed up against the side of the pipe in fear and I quickly scooped him up and scooted back to the manhole. The second gosling gave me a run for my money and was a bit further up the pipe. Luckily he was making a huge noise that was easy to follow. By now, I had realised just exactly how stupid I was being by crawling round under a street in a narrow drainpipe with crabs and running water and thoughts of flash floods entered my mind. Fortunately the gosling came into sight and ran towards the pool of light made by the head torch and I could safely pick him up and get him (and me) to safety.

Our next battle was to get the mother goose over the school fence and put off the road. Her babies had been passed through a hole in the fence and the father goose was checking out his little family. The entire crowd, armed with bird nets, cheered when she flew up and over the fence to her family and safety.

A hot shower and clean, dry clothes were called for when back home but I'd do it again in a heartbeat, scary river crabs, possible flash floods and all.



Submitted by Stacey Edwards



# Minutes: 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Compiled by Lina Howard

## Attendance

11 members, and 1 visitor: Stacy Edwards (see Editorial above)

## From the chair of President Rob

Next week is Business meeting – please make an effort to attend

## Fellowship

Marlene Dietrich's – birthday next week: Jackie James on the 5<sup>th</sup>

## Slots

**Ann:** completed her challenge swim in Norway!  
Off to New York for a few weeks – our happy traveller!  
Book has been donated to our Club from our Norway Club.

## Swindle

Swindle: Stands at R1065.00



Hugh drew Karen's name – who drew agh shame.  
Biffy got the attendance prize.

Speaker: Hugh Maunder

Presented episode 3 of his world travels from last year. Mexico to New Zealand via French Polynesia.

A fascinating view of the islands, towns on his trip in Australasia (is a political region encompassing Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.) ... Collectively it then combines all of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, as well as the thousands of coral atolls and volcanic islands of the South Pacific Ocean, including the Melanesia and Polynesia groups.

## Speaker



Hugh told us that if we are thinking of swimming around the East Coast of Australia – as there are lethal jelly fish with 4 metre long poisonous tentacles. The saltwater crocodiles grow pretty large, and the one in the picture, 'Sweetheart' was 5 metres long and weighed 780kg!!

The Blue Mountains, outside Sydney, is one of the most scenic areas of Australia. The Tree Sisters is the Blue Mountains most spectacular landmark. This iconic visitors attraction is seen by millions of people each year. It is essentially an unusual rock formation representing three sisters who according to Aboriginal legend were turned to stone



<b>Duty Roster</b>	<b>July</b>			
	5 (Business)	12	19	26
Sergeant	Todd	Barnard	Jackson	Overbosch
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Loyal Toast	Jackson	O'Driscoll	Murphy	Maunder
International Toast	Barnard	Bayes	Bredenkamp	Bonga
Speaker Intro and Thanks	N/A	Schonegevel J	Schonegevel R	Schonegevel J
Entertainment for the month	Schreiber, Smith, Todd, van Niekerk, Cleveland			

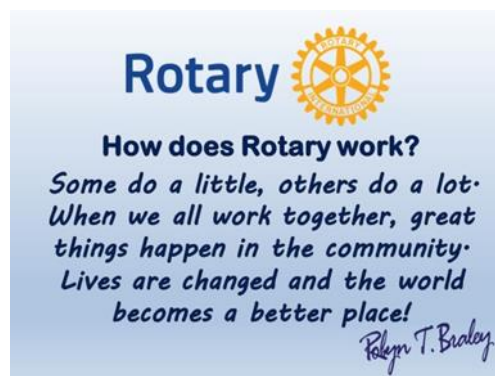
## Dates To Diarise

<b>5 July</b>	Business: First meeting with President Biffy presiding.....
<b>12 July</b>	Nikkie Botha on either Blikkiesdorp (animal welfare and community involvement) or Sea Shepherd – details to follow
<b>19 July</b>	Matthew and Michelle Snaith will talk to us about Community Medics
<b>26 July</b>	Christmas in July: details to follow.

# Rotary Insiders



Congratulations to the new board of Wynberg Rotaract. The club will be led by President Monique Ewen for a second term.



## WHAT IS MANDELA DAY?

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” – **Nelson Mandela**

Mandela Day calls on us all, every day, to make the world a better place. Each year on 18 July we look back on what has been done, and forward to what will be done.

Making every day a Mandela Day celebrates Madiba's life and legacy in a sustainable way that will bring about enduring change.

*This year as we celebrate 100 years since Nelson Mandela's birth, we ask you to join us in our 100 Days Count Down to Mandela Day #100to100.*

**TAKE ACTION. INSPIRE CHANGE. MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY.**

# Tailpiece

What is Rotary without the end of meeting joke?

A nun walks into the Mother Superior's office and plonks down into a chair. She lets out a sigh, heavy with frustration.

"What troubles you, Sister?" asked Mother Superior. "I thought this was the day you spent with your family."

"It was," sighed the Sister. "And I went to play golf with my brother. We try to play golf as often as we can. You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to Christ."

"I seem to recall that," Mother Superior agreed "so I take it your day of recreation was not relaxing?"

"Far from it," snorted the Sister. "In fact, I used profane language today."

"Goodness, Sister!" gasped Mother Superior "you must tell me all about it!"

"Well, we were on the 5th tee — and this hole is a monster, Mother — 540 yard par 5, with a nasty dogleg right and a hidden green ... and I hit the drive of my life. The sweetest swing I've ever made. And it's flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted ... and it hits a bird in mid-flight!"

"Oh my" commiserated Mother Superior. "How unfortunate. But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister."

"No, that wasn't it," admitted the Sister. "While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel runs out of the woods, grabs my ball and runs off down the fairway."

"Oh, that would have made me blaspheme" sympathized Mother Superior.

But I didn't, Mother!" sobbed the Sister "and I was so proud of myself! And while I was pondering whether this was a sign from God, this hawk swoops out of the sky and grabs the squirrel and flies off, with my ball still clutched in his paws."

"So that's when you cursed," said Mother Superior with a knowing smile.

"Nope, that wasn't it either," cried the Sister, anguished, "because as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him right there on the green.... and the ball popped out of his paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup."

Mother Superior sat back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed the Sister with a baleful stare and said....

"You missed the F..... Putt, didn't you?"

