

ROTAVISION

Weekly Newsletter

Rotary Club of White River



**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

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Ren's Ramblings

My mind is wandering this morning – nothing unusual, sometimes it disappears altogether....

No, seriously, I'm thinking of the pioneers who came to the Lowveld in the 19-hundreds and settled by the 'mighty white river'. A hut here and there, a rutted track, that's how our beautiful town of White River started. There were no Bluegums then, just rolling hills and the White River was twice its size as it thundered down the valley.



Louis van der Merwe gave us a glimpse into the history of our town and of Casterbridge last night and I was fascinated by the old photographs, depicting people I know from street names only, like Tom Lawrence and Ross Campbell.

It was also Partner's night and therefore Rock 'n Roll. The random acts of kindness included donations of seed packets for the camp in Lydenburg and a note saying:

'I packed coins into packets and distributed them to the beggars in Johannesburg'.

I wish I could have seen their eyes!

Yours truly gave a winter coat to the car guard at the church.

Carry on being kind, together we are the Inspiration.

Have a great week

President Renate Bowers

Meeting: 27th August 2018.

- Visitors: Louis van der Merwe, Rebecca Green and the Anns
- Hitesh gave a report back on the Senior Citizen's trip to the Kruger Park. It was a success and all seemed to have had a great time. Hitesh has received thank you

letters already. Thanks to the Anns for their support, and particularly to Debbie for ensuring the meal and snacks were all in order.

- Erik reported that Wine Auction tickets have arrived. Albie will be controlling the sales & payments. Debbie to set up a list to capture data contact details. Renate will pursue advertising in the White River Post and other avenues.
- Brian auctioned off lost property left in the Kruger – Nic had to pay dearly for leaving his apron behind!
- The Lowveld Book Festival sent us a letter of thanks for our support over the weekend.
- The Rotary Club of Hoedspruit thanked us for our generous donation of Kimberly Clark nappies and ladies' hygiene products.
- James will be distributing the updated member's list soon.



Guest Speaker



Crop spraying in the early days

Louis van der Merwe gave a most interesting talk on the early history of White River. The photos of the early pioneers were fascinating, and it is difficult to imagine that the little dirt road, with one general dealer shop, has become our busy main road. The name White River originates from the kaolin deposits in the water which looked like white water tumbling down the rocks. Louis is the man behind beautiful Casterbridge Lifestyle Centre, and he showed us how it developed from a farmhouse on a piece



The Numbi road

of land to the wonderful artsy meeting, shopping, eating place it is today. A fact that few people know is that the Barnyard Theatre in Casterbridge hosted the Sarie Kunstefees, which was the pre-cursor to the now hugely successful Innibos!

Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

- Hitesh is happy the Kruger Park trip was a success.
- Debbie is also happy the Kruger Park trip was a success.

- Erik is happy Sue enjoyed her birthday yesterday.
- Ruffians gave their usual donation – of which Louis van der Merwe is a member!
- Louis is happy for the Ruffian's contribution.
- Ricky is happy Judy is back from the UK.
- Judy is happy she spent time with her grandson and got to know him more.
- Kath has had a happy visit with her daughter.
- Nic is happy he was able to take extra meat home yesterday.

The “usuals” at the meeting

Sergeant: Dot had us in stitches with her customary wit

Wine draw: Sue (It must be because it was your birthday!)

Attendance: 81%



Dot Weir

Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
13 September – Luiza 17 September – Roby Sykes 20 September – Mike Lewis 24 September – Netto Maluka 24 September – Neha Motiram 29 September – Hitesh Motiram 30 September – Brian Hyson	18 September – Nic & Joan



Next meeting 3rd September:

Organiser: Mpho Mpholo

Grace & Fellowship: Netto Maluka

Sargent: Nic van Zyl

Information: Patrick Robson

RI Official Exchange Rate:

August: \$1.00 = R14.25

See what our
Club gets up to!



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