



25 March 2019

### Ren's Ramblings

The Wombles – they made an impression on me all those years ago and were brought alive again last night by Renata Stewart. How can you not get excited and be swept away by her enthusiasm for **Recycling and Green Living**?

Renata's idea of **goal-based recycling** makes so much sense and I would very much like us to become Wombles and help Renata with this great initiative. It also fits in perfectly with our 'Bye Bye Plastic Bag' Project.

So, watch this spot, Renata will definitely be in touch again.

The **disaster Relief for Mozambique** literally got off the ground with Mercy Air, when they took Hein Gehle with them to survey the affected areas. According to his report, it is far worse than anyone can imagine and the people are in desperate need of food and water, which takes time to organize and distribute in an orderly fashion.

**Our club has decided to help Mercy Air** with fuel in order to **fly rescue missions**. We will also send 10 cases of **water purification** sachets, delivering 200 000 litres of clean water. This is just the start, a lot more help is needed.

We will also be contributing to buy a **Water Filtration** plant going to Mozambique, called a 'Sky Hydrant', this going in directly via Rotary Australia.

**If you would like to donate**, here are the Banking details:

Rotary Club of White River  
Standard Bank of South Africa  
Branch code: 05-30-52  
Account number: 030 346 339

S.W.I.F.T: SBZAJJ

**Ref.: your name + MOZ**

Have a great week,

**Ren**



## Meeting: 25 March

- Welcome to our visitors this week! It was great seeing so many new faces at our meeting.
- **Cyclone Idai's** devastation of our neighbours in

Mozambique has been the focus of our Club this past week. We have **focussed on 2 areas – water and fuel costs** for Mercy Air's **recovery operations**. We know, with absolute certainty, that all funds donated by us to Mercy Air goes directly to the rescue and relief operations, which sadly cannot be said of all organisations –

some of them large organisations, but bogged down by bureaucracy. Help is needed now, not after the paper-work is sorted.

Mercy Air kindly invited us along on their trip to Beira on Friday to drop off supplies and map out landing areas, and Hein went along. His account of the flight was sobering – villages totally wiped out; large trees snapped off; no sign of the usual dogs, goats, livestock roaming anywhere. Large amounts of help are being channelled to Beira, but the area of Chimoio is the worst hit, and inaccessible.

Mercy Air have established their base there rather so that help can get to the outlying areas. We have been asked to co-ordinate the collection of and storage of clothes, blankets etc for distribution. The immediate threat is cholera, and we have sent along water purifying sachets, procured by Erik. The Sky Hydrant project will also ensure clean water for the future.

- Wine Show tickets – let Erik know how many you have sold.
- Debbie Schlosser was the Sergeant on behalf of the Anns. She also reminded everyone of the **Mad Hatters Brunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> April**. Please RSVP
- Wine draw was won by Mary.



## Guest Speaker: Renata Stewart



Renata Stewart, AKA Mrs Greenbody, is passionate about looking after our planet. In an entertaining manner we heard Renata speak to us about recycling, and how we can get involved.

It is really easy to recycle – we just need to change our mindset and spread the word! It is an achievable goal.



## Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

Money collected goes towards  
Rotary's End Polio campaign

Charlie was a happy pig tonight – he was generously fed by all!

- Warren is happy his grandsons are here;
- Ian is happy to be on his feet again;
- Gavin is happy that he told the Club we're having a great speaker tonight!;
- Debbie is happy she will be with her daughter in the UK next week;
- Jason is happy to have his wife talking at the Club tonight;
- Renate is happy we had a great attendance at the meeting;
- Ricky is happy his wife is in the UK;
- Kath is happy to see Renata walking around without her "halo" after her accident;
- Mike L is happy his daughter has a new job in Bangladesh;
- Leon is happy Dean has his Learner's Licence;
- Mary is happy her granddaughter turned 7;
- Brian is happy that his German guests have gone home!



## Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April:

Duty details will be emailed

## RI Official Exchange Rate:

March: \$1.00 = R14.00

## Forthcoming Attractions

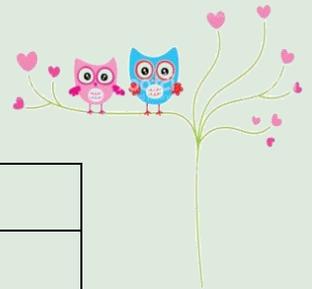
Sell wine show tickets!!!

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Mpumalanga Wine Show @ Emnotweni
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Swedish Friendship Exchange visit
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Mad Hatters Brunch @ the Robsons
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	RCWR President's Induction Dinner
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	DG's visit

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays	Anniversaries
21 Mar – Leon van Zyl 29 Mar – Gavin Sinclair	



## MAD HATTER'S BRUNCH

- Sunday 07 April
- 10h30 for 11h00
- At the Robson's home - Curlews Road
- R80 per person
- Please bring along: own drinks, glasses, crockery & cutlery, chairs
- Wear an outrageous hat!

If you did not add your name to the list at the meeting, please let Debbie Schlosser know if you are attending. 082 444 4647

See what our  
Club gets up to!



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