



By President Jennifer Grefen

President's Corner

It's been a busy and exciting month! We celebrated Women's Month with an inspiring Women's Day Conference, launched our new Rotary shirts (thank you to the fabulous Jack Chen), and welcomed President Michel from the Rotary Club of Kinshasa Limete, DRC, for a wonderful exchange of ideas.

A big thank you our roving reporters, Simon and Jenny for helping make it all happen! 😊

Mashikiri visit

On Monday, 17th August, our club officially handed over the recently built eco-toilets to the Matshikiri ECD in Diepsloot, Johannesburg.

Present at the function were representatives from the main sponsor, Aon Re Africa, represented by the CEO, Paul Griessel and his colleagues from the company's CSI team. Other sponsors for this specific project were cGrate International and our Past President Simon Chikumbu.

Joanna Chaba, a staff member at Matshikiri and daughter of the owner of the ECD, kicked the day off by welcoming all present and thanking the Rotary Club of Morningside and the donors for the gift of the toilets.

Past President Simon Chikumbu briefed Aon Re Africa on the work our club is doing in the Diepsloot community, mainly in respect of the provision of dignified toilets and clean water to the ECD's in the area. David Ceruti explained the technical work that went into the eco-toilet project at Matshikiri and others in the area. In response Paul Griessel, expressed gratitude to being invited to participate and make a difference to the lesser privileged communities.

In closing, Aon presented some gifts to the approximately 60 kids present and the staff at Matshikiri ECD.

What a great day for Rotary Club of Morningside in impacting and bringing some joy to the lesser privileged little ones in Diepsloot. We will do more Matshikiri's. - PP Simon



Andrew and Jack- our T-Shirt models





Service Spotlight

The International Scouts making ecobricks



On the 3rd and 4th of August 2026, the new Vocational Eco Centre hosted two International Scout Groups who were visiting South Africa for a Jamboree. There were Scouts from all over the World who had come to help us with our eco brick project, and once we explained that we were making buildings from plastic waste, they were fascinated. They had a lot of fun, and while making ecobricks, and were singing, and dancing, and getting really competitive. One young man from Italy was completely taken with the project and spent a lot of time inspecting the various stages of the buildings. He is in the construction industry and plans to take the concept back home. Jenny Steyn

Blankets for hospitals

As part of the blanket drive, our Club donated blankets to the Rahima Moosa mother and child hospital. Thank you for the great pictures David.



Visit to Sew Africa

Jenny and I visited Sew Africa to meet the dynamic Ann-lene and Karabo who are fellow Rotarians from the E Club of Eagle canyon. They have partnered with various organisations to offer sewing learnerships via their fashion college and are making a fabulous impact on their community, as they roll out their sustainable sewing model. The students are taught not only to sew, but also how to start a business, and make a living from their sewing. We are hoping to collaborate with them into the future as part of our Eco Vocational centre initiative.





New Website

Check out our new website

We have refreshed our new website, please have a look, and send us your feedback. You are welcome to submit updates and articles to keep our website looking updated and fresh. Please send any suggestions to: rotarymorningside@gmail.com

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