



# Bay Breezes

NEWSLETTER | MAY 2025

Meeting time : Tuesday 5:30pm for 6pm  
Location : Atlantic Boat Club, Hout Bay Harbour  
Attendance officer : Adele Hayden | 082 807 0087

President : Carolyn Herrick | 076 012 2440  
Secretary : Marcelo Andrade | 082 970 3720

## WELCOMING OUR NEWEST ROTARIAN: TERRY MURPHY

On Tuesday, 8 April, we had the pleasure of inducting our newest Rotarian, Terry Murphy, into the Rotary Club of Hout Bay. Congratulations, Terry!

We warmly welcome you to our Rotary family and look forward to hearing more about your life journey during your upcoming talk this month. We are excited to work alongside you on future projects in service of our Hout Bay community.



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| MAY 2025                          | TIME    | VENUE          | SPEAKER / EVENT           | SERGEANT |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                   | 5pm     | Woodcutters    | Fellowship Drinks         |          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> |         | Worcester      | District Conference       |          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                   | 6pm     | Kelvin Grove   | Raid Claremont RC         |          |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                   | 10:30am | Delish         | Fellowship Coffee         |          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                  | 6pm     | Hout Bay Manor | President Induction       |          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                  | Tbc     | Hout Bay Beach | Hout Bay Beach Clean up   |          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                  | 6pm     | ABC            | Terry Murphy's Life Talk  | Charles  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                  | 5pm     | Tbc            | Fellowship Drinks         |          |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                  | 6pm     | ABC            | RYLA Student Presentation | Paola    |

# A MORNING OF OUTREACH AND CONNECTION

On a recent morning at Mainstream Mall, members of the Rotary Club of Hout Bay set up an outreach table to engage with the community, share information, and raise awareness about the incredible work Rotary does in and around our area.



While foot traffic was relatively quiet, the atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with cheerful conversation and meaningful connections. The aim was simple: to let passersby know who we are, what we do, and how they can get involved. It was also a chance to proudly showcase the various projects and initiatives our club is currently supporting — from education and student sponsorships to healthcare, community development, and more.

A big thank you goes to Carolyn, Ian, Ralph, Charles, Helen, Michele, and Ali for their time, enthusiasm, and commitment in manning the table. Your friendly presence helped put Rotary on the map for those who may not yet know the impact we have in Hout Bay and beyond.

YOU ARE INVITED ....

**AS ROTARY D9350  
WELCOMES....**

**RIPE Mario Cesar  
Martins de Camargo**

 **Monday** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

WPCC Bowling Club;  
Avenue de Mist;

 Cape Town  
18h00 – 20h00



**COST: R150 PER PERSON INCLUDES  
CANAPES & ONE DRINK**

**ALL BOOKINGS TO BE DONE VIA YOUR ROTARY CLUB.  
CLUBS TO CONFIRM NUMBERS WITH DISTRICT OFFICE**

**RSVP: [YEP.FREDA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YEP.FREDA@GMAIL.COM)**

**PRE-BOOKINGS ONLY. NO BOOKING, NO ENTRY**

**RSVP BY  
10 MAY  
2025  
TO  
CAROLYN**



# DEGREES OF COMPARISON

Impressed. More impressed. Most impressed?

Or is it:

Inspirational. More inspirational. Most inspired?

This is how most of our Hout Bay Rotary Club meetings leave me feeling. I am constantly in awe of what the Hout Bay community offers—whether in service or in achieving personal and collective goals.

One of the Rotary Club of Hout Bay's flagship projects is the Student Support Scheme (SSS). This initiative began in 2012 with just two students. By 2014, Pat and Kevin Whelan, Hans Kuhn, and Keith and Alison Bull had formalised the application process, defined the bursary details, structured mentorship, and secured funding from beyond Hout Bay. By that year, the programme had grown to eight students and has continued to welcome around four new students each year. In 2021, the initiative was formally named the Student Support Scheme.

On April 8, we had the privilege of hearing from past students about what the SSS meant to them and where they are now in their life journeys.



Student  
Support  
Scheme

## Ncedo Jako



Ncedo Jako matriculated from Hout Bay High. He credits Mr. Julius, the then Head Master and Rotary Hout Bay with assisting him to find the resources to fulfil his dream of furthering his studies.

Ncedo was accepted at CPUT to study for his national diploma as a Diagnostic Radiographer. Although there was funding for the basics, Keith realized that he needed to find another sponsor to cover accommodation, incidentals as well as textbooks. Early one morning Keith pleaded his case on Radio 567, and Morton & Partners came on board as a sponsor. Ncedo stayed with the company after graduation and gained valuable experience. So valuable that he was headhunted and offered a position in New Zealand! He and his wife and one year old boy emigrated to New Zealand in 2023.

It was interesting to hear that Ncedo remembers his mentor; Keith, stressing on how important it is to have an up-to-date profile on social media, and this is exactly where the job offer came from!

Ncedo commented on how the Work/Life balance in New Zealand is much better, social structures are in place to assist with childcare, company benefits are good and they received a lot of support from the new company with the emigration process.

Ncedo feels that they might return to South Africa in the future, but for now they are enjoying their life in New Zealand!

# Abigail Blaauw



Abigail Blaauw, another matriculant from Hout Bay High, graduated from Rosebank College with a Business Management Diploma. She recalls being at Orangekloof Primary, looking across the valley and promising herself that one day she will live over there and her kids will go to the schools that she aspired to go to! She manifested this and achieved it and more! Married with two sons she loves living in Hout Bay.

Abigail credits the SSS and Pat for the support and mentoring that she received, enabling her to fulfil her dream. She has started to give back to her community by helping with the registration of small business, writing of CV's and interview techniques. Her advice to young people is to always move forward, work on your studies, work on your career, look ahead!



# Yentil Stoffels Aploon



Yentil Stoffels Aploon; another impressive matriculant from Hout Bay High! Yentil left school in 2013 and completed her Retail Business Management course at CPUT in 2014. With the mentoring and support from Pat Whelan, she obtained her National Diploma in retail in 2016 and joined Standard Bank.

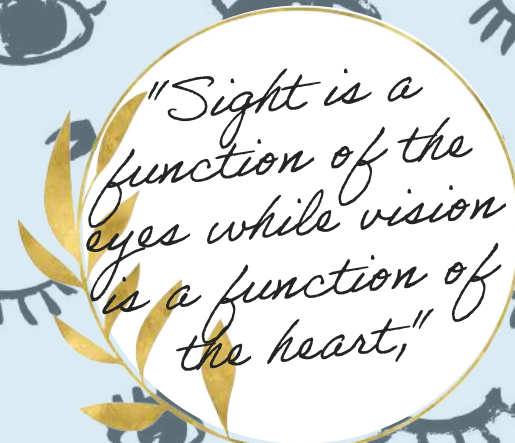
There were many things that made life a lot easier being part of the SSS; data and IT assistance, a laptop, transport and the numerous workshops but what stands out for Yentil was the mentoring from Pat. That bond still exists and is still appreciated.

During her five years with Standard Bank, Yentil did her honours degree in Project Management part time. With a full time job and small children, she credits a supportive partner and long hours that made this possible.

After a two-year internship with the City of Cape Town, she joined the City full time. She is currently a project administrator with the City. They are changing over to the new CAR system which is the biggest IT project in the administration within 20 years! Yentil is currently taking care of the Tender and Contracts program.

**Yentils' advice:**

ALWAYS REALISE YOU MIGHT HAVE TO SACRIFICE IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT DON'T LOSE FOCUS AND DON'T GIVE UP!



## BRINGING BETTER VISION TO HOUT BAY

Vision Testing for Primary School learners was completed from 21 Jan – 19 March 2025 at five Hout Bay Primary Schools and three High Schools. Primary schools were Disa, Oranjekloof, Sentinel, Kronendal and Hout Bay Primary. High Schools were Silikamva, Nowers and Hout Bay High.

Working with our optometry partner Jonga Trust, we screened over 2,000 learners, finding that 25% of learners required spectacles. 526 pairs of spectacles were delivered to Hout Bay learners in March and April.

The need for spectacles has continued to increase over the six years we have been running this program. It is critical that we help these learners to be able to see properly as children who cannot see, cannot learn. With the support of Jonga Trust, members of the Rotary Club of Hout Bay and our many donors, we are investing in improving the education of children in Hout Bay.

A special thank you goes to the many Hout Bay Rotarians and Friends who assisted in the schools: Adele, Candida, Carolyn, Dianne, Elie, Hanna, Ian, Jeannine, Jo, John B, John H, Keith, Lesley, Marcelo, Marianne, Michele, Pat, Ralph, Randell, Ron, Terry.

# Birthdays



May 2 Jutta  
May 11 Marianne  
May 13 Ian  
May 26 Colin (honorary member)  
May 29 Michele

NEW ZOOM LINK FOR 2025 FOR WEEKLY MEETINGS: Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82462683356?pwd=2TYjUfplzKzN6uOzVU7W3hUeAg6b4K.1>

Meeting ID: 824 6268 3356  
Passcode: 569941

**RCHB Vision Statement:** We unite to take action that contributes to lasting change in our Hout Bay community and beyond, and in ourselves.

**RCHB Mission Statement:** We focus on improving lives in our Hout Bay community, primarily by providing programmes for youth from early childhood through to young adult, and other support for those in need.

**“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve...You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”**

**– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Thank You  
For Reading!**



President: Carolyn Herrick  
Treasurer: John Herrick  
Secretary: Marcelo Andrade  
Club Services & Pl: Adele Hayden

Vocational: Keith Bull  
Community: Ralph Tobergte  
Youth: Marianne Marsh

Membership: Alison Rice  
International: Hans Kuhn  
Foundation: Carolyn Herrick