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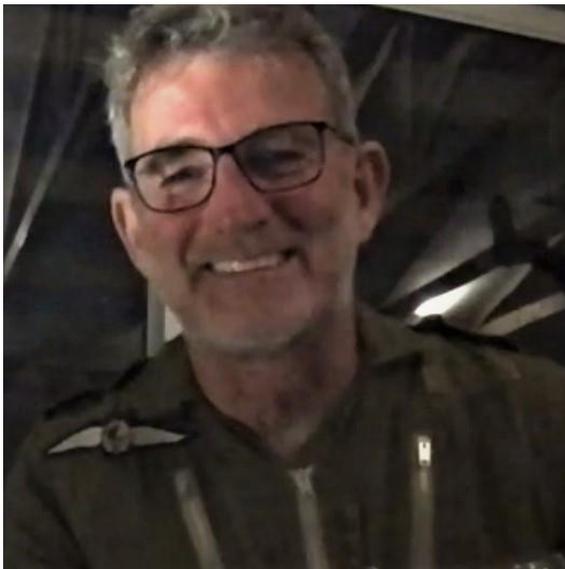
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The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
October is ...Economic & Community Development Month

The Oceanos Rescue Mission by Captain Peter Hanes (SAAF)



"To say that I am proud to have been a small part of such an awesome team and it's many achievements would be an understatement. At the time of the emergency call up, I was on leave as my machine was in for servicing (but luckily, not disassembled); my Co-Pilot was not strictly current but was the best of the best; and the Flight Engineer had just turned 30, and not being on standby, was a little "tired" after his party. Quite a team!!



The hoist was assembled out of spares by the flight engineers who got to the Squadron first. Two of them did the Puma course in 1969, and the other one was ex Rhodie Air Force. Some serious experience came to the fore on the day. I was privileged to have been a member of the A team working with some seriously professional divers.

The four 15 Squadron, Puma crews, attended the quick briefing, and off we went in some very very overweight Pumas with white water at least a km wide and headwinds of 40 to 60 knots. We got there and landed in the dark at 1am. Not able to do sea rescue at night, we picked out a Kraal/mielie field with our landing lights and set up shop by unloading all the fuel drums, spares bins etc.

Once airborne, myself and Eric attempted to open up a second hoist point at the bow but had to first convince the ship's crew to cut down the pretty lights over the deck. That's when we found out the comedian was in charge! Once the cables were down we started taking people off the foredeck. Occasionally, we ran out of rudder and or cyclic control (huge gusting crosswind from the left and a pitching rolling deck) and got blown off our station until the wind died down to about 35 to 40 Knots.



The first two crews refuelled again and did a second sortie. We were very lucky the ship sank slowly. And yes the Captain was one of the first taken off by Chaz Goatley at the stern. We saw him when we refuelled at the Kraal - he certainly didn't introduce himself & wasn't wearing 4 bars.

We also took off the very scantily dressed young ladies of the entertainment crew who were still in their dancing gear. One had a necklace of false pearls that broke as Stoffel (Chris Pedlar) we pulled her into the cabin. Stoffel then proceeded to give an uncontrolled break dance show all the way to the back.

Much hilarity to break the tension.!! 😊

We could hear the Covies from 30 Squadron coming North at speed but didn't leave until they arrived so that Eric could quickly brief them as to what we had worked out was the best way to do the job. (Eric was ex 30 Sqn OC and an incredibly experienced maritime helicopter pilot).

The shore base changed from the Kraal to the hotel at the Haven where we arrived to what was an unplanned helicopter reunion. Unfortunately, the powers that be insisted we return to base (16 thirsty helicopter crews plus Navy divers in a remote Transkei hotel, what could possibly go wrong?)

In the end we had - 14 Pumas, 2 Alouette (Alo) 3's, a Dakota (dak) and a C160 (Hercules) on scene plus C130's flying in medical services. **Looking back, one can appreciate the operation took years of training for the complete team (Aircraft servicing, stores, admin, signals, command posts, inter service comms operation etc) and experience to prepare for. When SAAF HQ pulled the trigger stuff happened."**

<https://youtu.be/aCiuK7qcxU4> - Click on the link for a video of the sinking which also shows the choppers

What an amazing story which was much enjoyed by everyone! Sincere thanks to Captain Peter Hanes

CLUB NEWS

- **Tuesday 5 October @7pm**– The Strategic Planning meeting with Peter Tyldesley rescheduled. Be prepared for a longer meeting- or take the night off if you are not a Board member and would prefer not to attend. Feedback will be given to all members.
- **Cape Town Cycle Tour Sunday 10th** Susan will let you know where you are stationed.
PLEASE Remember to register
- **Cape Town Marathon 17 October**
We are still in need of a few Marshalls to fill the spaces in both events – please help Susan in this regard
- **Kleinberg Primary School**
Denzil has informed us that the school has assisted the garden ladies by laying down a pipe so that they have a hose connection inside the shade cloth canopy which will make watering much easier, save water and also cause less damage to the plants. THANK YOU !!!!

DISTRICT NEWS

- **District 9350 DG Ian Robertson- Mini Conference was held on Saturday 2 October**
Conference Theme: Cause based Wellness Programmes including:
 - * **Rotary Action Group**, Health Education and Wellness,(HEWRAG) Josie Norfolk
 - * **Rotary Action Group, RFHA Rotary Family Health & AIDS Prevention**, CEO Sue Paget
 - * **RFHA NPC SA** -Board Member Bev Frieslich and Natty Moodley from D 9370
 - * **Grant Programme Review**- Helene Visser, Ian Robertson
 - * **Health Care Workers and their Care**- Yoké Young
 - * **PPE Supply** - Helene Visser
 - * **Dental Health** - June Webber
 - * **Eye Care** - Carolyn Herrick
 - * **Substance Abuse** - Ton Houben
 - * **Gender Based Violence** - Ann Wright
 - * Ground Rules for Inter Club Programmes- Ian Robertson
- Everyone who attended commended on the excellent choice of topics and quality of the presentations
- A copy of the presentations will be made available to all in due course**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Establishing ECOCIDE as an International Crime From the Constantia Rotary Club's "Wynpress"

On 22 June 2021, the announcement of a new legal definition for the term "ecocide" emerged after a panel of independent experts (IEP) commissioned by the Stop Ecocide Foundation created the definition with the aim of establishing a new prosecutable crime under the Rome Statute, thus within the jurisdictional mandate of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

In December 2019, a written statement by Maldives Member of Parliament Ahmed Saleem implored state parties to the ICC to recognize climate victims "as part and parcel of the international criminal justice system."

Saleem explained that even as countries like the Maldives were in a race against time to prevent a climate catastrophe, indifference, and climate inaction on the part of the world's largest emitting countries remained.

"The time is ripe," he stated, "to consider an amendment to the Rome Statute that would criminalize acts that amount to Ecocide." If the Rome Statute is successfully amended, ecocide would take its place next to such offenses as genocide (Article 6), crimes against humanity (Article 7), war crimes (Article 8), and the crime of aggression (Article 8 bis) – crimes described as being "the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole" (Article 5). Although climate change and environmental destruction are, on their face, grave existential issues, as a matter of law, determining which individuals should be held criminally accountable and subject to prosecution under the ICC would not be unambiguous.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has voiced his support for an international crime of ecocide.

Guterres has described the world as standing "on the verge of the abyss" as he urged immediate climate action. He went on to say "we must mobilise all governments, all companies, all banks, all non-governmental organisations, society as a whole" to understand this. "This is a moment of truth."

Club Meeting & Speaker August – September 2021

Strategic Plan	Tuesday 5 Oct	Zoom	Rescheduled - Strategic Plan meeting	
	Sunday 10 Oct	Marshal	Cape Town Cycle Tour	5am
BOARD MEETING	Monday 11 Oct	Zoom	Board Meeting	
	Tuesday 12 Oct	Zoom	Business Meeting	
	Sunday 17 Oct	Marshal	Cape Town Marathon	5am
	Tuesday 19 Oct		TBC	
	Tuesday 26 Oct		TBC	

CLUB MEETING - DUTY ROSTER

	Tuesday 5 October	Tuesday 12 October
WELCOME	President Gillian Anderson	President Gillian Anderson
TOAST to RI & an Overseas Club		Hans Zwets
LOYAL TOAST to South AFRICA	No toasts	Maughreen Ladbrook
TOAST to Frontline Workers	Peter Tyldesley	Barbara Hurwitz
SECRETARIAL & AG NOTICES	To present the Strategic	Apologies from Bev
Introduce Speaker	Plan for discussion	BUSINESS MEETING
SPEAKER & TOPIC		
THANK SPEAKER		
SERGEANT/ ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING		Kirti Patel
FOUR WAY TEST	Jane White	Irene Butterworth

