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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

THE TABLER'S JOURNEY

Each edition of Inkundla gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect, to hold a mirror to the remarkable work being done across our association and the people who make it possible.

This month's theme, "The Tabler's Journey", invites us to look deeper, beyond the events, banners, and badges, and into the personal paths walked by the men who serve under the Round Table banner.

Every Tabler has a journey. Some begin with quiet curiosity, walking into their first meeting unsure of what lies ahead. Others come in bold and eager, ready to leave a mark. But no matter how the journey starts, it is shaped by growth, challenged by responsibility, and enriched through service. Along the way, leadership is tested, friendships are forged, and character is strengthened.

“We don't just walk this journey for ourselves. We walk it for every life our footsteps reach.”

But this journey is never just about the individual. For every Tabler who finds his voice, a community hears it. For every project completed, there is a child who smiles, a family that breathes easier, or a community that begins to hope again. That is the beauty of what we do, we grow through giving, and we lead by lifting others.

In this edition, you will read stories that embody this journey. You will walk alongside Tablers who have faced personal challenges, who have travelled across areas and continents in the name of fellowship, and who have given their time, talent, and heart to build something greater than themselves.

These pages are filled with footprints, not just the places we've gone, but the impact we've left behind.

To those who have walked before us, thank you for laying the path. To those currently on the road, thank you for the work you do. And to those just beginning their journey, I hope these stories inspire you to take the first step.



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The road is long, but the destination is **unity, impact, and legacy**
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Every vision needs leadership, and every journey needs those willing to chart the course. The Round Table Southern Africa Executive stands as a testament to service with direction, leadership with heart, and action with purpose. These are the men who champion our values, ignite progress, and guide us forward. Their dedication shapes the path for every Tabler, inspiring us to adapt, adopt, and improve, together, as one united Table family.



RTSA EXECUTIVE REPORTS



RTSA PRESIDENT

VOS BOTHA

From First Meeting to Leading the Association this is the **Presidents Journey**

Every journey begins with a single moment, a decision to show up, to say yes, or to simply see what it's all about. For the President of Round Table Southern Africa, that moment was when a close friend encouraged him to attend his very first Table meeting. He had no idea then that it would change his life.

From the start, there was a spark, not just in the cause, but in the energy of the room, the sense of purpose, and the camaraderie between the men around the table. He left that first meeting inspired, intrigued, and unexpectedly moved. That night marked the beginning of a journey filled with growth, challenge, laughter, and purpose.

Like many Tablers, his path began at local Table level, where he embraced the spirit of service and community. His natural leadership, humility, and work ethic saw him step into key roles, first as Table Chair, then serving in his Area, and eventually at Association level. For five consecutive years, he served on the Association Executive, each time bringing new perspective and deeper dedication.

Yet his journey was never about chasing titles. It was about responding to the needs of others, showing up where it mattered most, and being willing to give his time to something greater than himself. Along the way, he helped drive projects that changed lives. He stood beside Tablers as they raised funds for their communities, launched initiatives for those in need, and carried the Round Table banner with pride.

He often says the question isn't why did I join Table, but why have I never left? The answer, for him, lies in the tangible difference Table makes, not only in our towns and cities, but in the lives of each Tabler who dares to take part. It lies in the quiet moments when a child receives a meal, when a family regains hope, or when a fellow Tabler finds belonging after a difficult season.

Today, as President, his journey stands as a reminder of what is possible when we lean into opportunity and commit ourselves to growth. Not every Tabler will become President, nor should they, but every Tabler has the chance to lead, to make an impact, and to find fulfilment in serving others.

He is proud of where his journey has taken him, but even more proud of what it represents, that in Round Table Southern Africa, greatness is not defined by position, but by action. That every Tabler, from every Area, in every corner of our Association, leaves a unique and lasting footprint.

His message is clear: **this is your journey too.** Whether you're just starting out, thinking about stepping up, or have years of service behind you, there is always a next step to take. Attend that Area meeting. Take on that project. Mentor that new member. Travel to that event. Be present, because the Association is only as strong as those who walk the path together.

“
Round Table Southern Africa is not built by one man or one Table. It is built by thousands of footprints, each one made with purpose. And each one, when placed with heart, takes us further on this incredible journey.

”

Be Unstoppable





VICE PRESIDENT

WESSEL DREYER



Fueling Growth Through Purpose and Action

By Wessel Dreyer, Vice President – Round Table Southern Africa

This term, my focus is clear: connect with every corner of the Association, support struggling Tables, and build momentum through practical, purposeful engagement. From the outset, I've treated this journey as a working one, not just ceremonial. When I visit a Table, I'm there to listen, encourage, and find ways to unlock potential. That's what this role demands, and it's what our Association needs. We are at a point where real, measurable growth is not only possible, it's necessary.

“Across every visit and conversation, the true power of Round Table reveals itself, not in titles or numbers, but in people. It is in the commitment of small-town Tables, the excitement of new inductions, and the spark reignited when we remember our "why". The journey of leadership in Round Table is about more than direction, it is about connection. Growth is not measured by how far we travel, but by how deeply we inspire those we meet along the way. Together, we move forward, with purpose in our hearts and footprints that lead the way.”

—Wessel Dreyer

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the Ladies Circle South Africa AGM in Cape Town. The professionalism, passion, and commitment on display were exceptional. I left with a renewed appreciation for the strong partnership we share. There is real value in strengthening ties with our fellow Associations, not just socially, but structurally. When we align our missions and collaborate intentionally, the results speak for themselves. Shortly after, I hit the road with President Vos Botha. In Ficksburg, I found a Table that embodies resilience and quiet determination. In Cradock, our visit coincided with the EP Area Winter Conference, a weekend of sharp thinking and genuine connection. One of the standout moments was the “Unstoppable WHY” session, which challenged everyone in the room to reflect on why we do what we do. This clarity of purpose is what drives retention and growth.

It was encouraging to see four new inductions that weekend. That's not just good news for the Area, it's a sign of life in our pipeline. But let's be honest. We have work to do. Right now, 33 of our Tables have only one to four active members. That's a wake-up call, not a red flag. These Tables represent untapped potential. If each one of them brings in just two more members, we will grow by over 60 Tablers. The path is not complicated, it requires consistent effort, follow-through, and leadership at ground level. We can't afford to wait for a turnaround - we have to create it.

The months ahead are packed with opportunity; the KZN Tri-Area, the Border Area Mid-Year in Queenstown, and the RTI World Meeting in India, where I'll represent Round Table Southern Africa on the global stage. Each visit is more than just a box to tick, it's a chance to engage, reinforce the core values of Table, and offer real support to those building on the ground.

There's no mystery to growth. It happens where there's purpose, follow-through, and strong leadership. I believe in our Association's future because I see it, in the new members shaking hands at inductions, in the small clubs fighting to stay active, and in the energy of Areas pushing for relevance and results.

We don't need to reinvent the wheel. We need to get it turning faster. I'll keep doing my part, and I invite every Tabler to do the same. Let's move forward with purpose. Let's grow.



DEON FERREIRA



From the Stage to the Secretary Seat

By Deon Ferreira, Association Secretary

They say every journey begins with a single step. Mine began with a script and a stage. About “two weeks ago”, an inside joke for those in the know, I was invited by a dear friend and Tabler, the late Mario Maasz, to attend Round Table Theatre. RTT is the Pretoria Collective’s take on melodrama and community spirit, now in its 52nd production. What I saw that night was more than just a performance. It was Tablers and their Legs coming together to entertain, raise funds, and serve, all while having a blast.

I was hooked. Eventually, I joined the cast myself, mime band and all. RTT became a tradition and a reminder of how fun and purpose can go hand in hand.

The rest of my journey followed the familiar footsteps many Tablers have walked. Attending meetings as a guest. Lending a hand at projects. Gradually understanding the structure and heartbeat of this incredible Association. Like many, I hesitated at first. Looking back, I sometimes wonder why. If anything, I regret not starting sooner, especially now, in my final year of Table.

But the turning point came in 2016 when I was asked to become a Pipeliner at Pretoria 19’s AGM. From there, things moved fast. An “interview” on a famously wobbly yellow couch (those who know, know), an induction, and a warm welcome into a club that would become a second home.

Over time, I was fortunate to hold several portfolios in Pretoria 19 and to serve on the Bosveld Area Executive, opportunities that deepened my appreciation for what Table can do. The journey evolved into Area and then Association-level service. And with each step, I gained something new: experience, perspective, and a growing sense of responsibility to give back.

We all know the rhythm of Table life, meetings, projects, ARTSAs, socials, more meetings, reports, late-night phone calls, even later-night coin drops, and friends who become family. These are not distractions from the mission. They are part of what makes it work.

Through all the noise and activity, the impact remains clear. Whether it’s handing over a food parcel, a warm blanket, or a donation to ease someone’s burden, these are moments that matter. Small gestures that change lives. Things we might overlook, but others never forget. This is the essence of Table. Service that humbles us. Kindness that connects us. In the past year and a half, I’ve served as your Association Secretary, a role that continues to challenge and reward in equal measure.

Let us never forget what a privilege it is to give.

Together, we’ve refreshed the RTSA newsletter, continued to streamline reporting, supported members with Tabler.World queries, and worked behind the scenes on a project that, once revealed, will bring real value to every Tabler. Watch this space.

My journey isn’t unique, and that’s exactly why it’s worth sharing. It’s a reminder that Table is built by ordinary people doing extraordinary things. It’s not about titles. It’s about showing up, offering your time, and choosing to serve.

To those still finding their way: keep going. To those nearing the end of their Table years: leave strong footprints.



ARTSA CONVENOR

DAVID BAKER

A Visionary with GEES for ARTSA 2026

There are Tablers, and then there are Tablers with GEES. David Baker is unmistakably the latter, a man whose journey in Round Table has taken him from a clueless new guy at an incoming numbers tour to the helm of one of Southern Africa's most anticipated events: ARTSA 2026. David, a proud member of Hilton 242 in the spirited Drak Area, is not just wearing the ARTSA Convenor badge for show. He's aiming high, and with that unmistakable Drak flair.

"My goal is to outdo all my predecessors," David says with a grin. "A tall order, yes, but absolutely achievable."

The Drak Difference

ARTSA 2026 is already shaping up to be a convention like no other. David promises a gathering that breaks the mould, not just in programme, but in philosophy. The Drak Area has always done things its own way, and their legacy is one of bold ideas and unforgettable GEES. *"We've pulled in experience from the old bullets who helped pull off the 2012 Drak ARTSA. These legends are mixing it up with our new, fiery members who bring that zing. It's a recipe for magic,"* he shares.

To kick things off, David and his team launched a national survey to hear from Joe Tabler directly. *"We're listening. The feedback, the criticism, the crazy ideas – it's all ammo for building an ARTSA that hits the mark."*

Built by Brotherhood

For David, it all comes down to one thing – fellowship. *"The friendships are real, the memories are unforgettable, and the journey keeps growing,"* he says. *"You're built up, tested, supported, and somewhere in between, you find your place."* And if there's one thing he carries with him on every step of his journey, it's GEES. Whether he's standing on a stage or manning a braai station at a local project, David's energy is infectious.

The Road Ahead

David doesn't pretend to know exactly where the journey leads from here, but one thing's for sure, ARTSA 2026 is in the hands of someone who not only understands the heart of Table, but lives it.

From Numbers Tour to Association Exec

David's own Tabling journey began back in 2015, when curiosity led him to ask about Round Table. A single conversation with Kevin and Nico "Big Red" McNamara landed him on Hilton's incoming Numbers Tour. He was barely a week in before he found himself running around helping host international guests on a ten-day adventure. *"Thrown into the deep end, but I loved every second of it,"* he recalls. It was chaos, it was camaraderie, and it was classic Table.

From there, the bug bit hard.

He's since served in countless roles at Table and Area level, and represented Southern Africa both locally and abroad. *"I've been to places I never would have imagined, doing things only Round Table could offer."*



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INKUNDLA EDITOR

HENNING DE WET

Inkundla Evolves

by Henning de Wet, RTSA Inkundla Editor

As we embrace a new term of service and storytelling in Round Table Southern Africa, the Inkundla portfolio has seen a number of strategic shifts aimed at improving the quality, sustainability, and reach of our publication. At the 1st ASSCO meeting of the term, held in Parys on 27 April 2025, a landmark decision was taken to reduce the number of Inkundla Editions from ten to four for the 2025/26 year. This adjustment gives the editorial team the opportunity to shift from a fast-paced cycle to a more deliberate and curated approach to content creation. In addition to our four quarterly digital editions, we will also produce two exciting special editions – the Year in Review (in print) and a commemorative 70th Anniversary Edition of Inkundla.

To enhance engagement, a dedicated Inkundla Podcast will now accompany each release. These episodes are designed to highlight upcoming content, provide interviews and behind-the-scenes insights, and allow our contributors to connect more personally with the readership. The content will be delivered in two parts: a pre-release teaser and a more in-depth post-release feature.

Behind the scenes, we are fortunate to be supported by a dynamic working group that brings together diverse talents across writing, editing, design, interviews, and photography. Special thanks must go to the Inkundla Working Group, which includes Greg Bennett, Niel Enslin, AB Tromp, Calvin Parker, Carl van Staden, Keeno Anthony, and Kama Vinga. The Inkundla Podcast is powered by Calvin Smit and Josh Harper.

In our efforts to ensure the sustainability of this portfolio, we have introduced affordable advertising rates for both the magazine and the podcast. This offers businesses and members the opportunity to support Inkundla while enjoying valuable exposure to a dedicated audience. Rates start from as little as R500, with flexible options available across digital and audio formats.

A critical update affecting all Tablers is the impending expiration of the RTSA Issuu subscription, which has served as a central hosting platform for Inkundla and Area publications. The current subscription ends on 15 July 2025 and will not be renewed due to escalating costs. Areas are urged to download and archive their content before this date. RTSA will communicate alternatives shortly to ensure continuity in publication access.

Together, let's continue building a vibrant publication that truly reflects the spirit and service of Round Table Southern Africa.



"By embracing our motto to Adapt, Adopt, Improve, we are modernising Inkundla with purpose, transforming it from a magazine into a dynamic platform that now includes a podcast, curated storytelling, and broader digital reach."

Your Voice Our Story

Have a story to share?
Submit your articles, event write-ups, or highlights to pro@roundtable.co.za. Alternatively, reach out to the Inkundla Working Group member assigned to your Area for guidance and support. Let your journey be part of the next edition!

From Kokstad to the World

What began as a casual invitation to a business meeting in 2016 has blossomed into a powerful and transformative journey for Francois “Cois” van der Merwe. That initial meeting at Round Table Kokstad 35 was meant to be just another evening, but for Francois, it turned into the starting point of a lifelong commitment to service, fellowship, and leadership.

From the outset, it was not the structure or the protocols that stood out to him, but the genuine passion of the Tablers and the visible impact they were making in their community. He was moved by the unity of purpose, the selfless giving, and the tangible change being driven by a small but determined group. That first encounter sparked something deep, and curiosity soon turned to dedication.

Francois quickly rose through the ranks, serving as Chairman of Kokstad 35 multiple times. Each term further shaped his character, built his leadership skills, and deepened his belief in the ethos of Round Table. A defining highlight of his journey came with the chartering of Yzerfontein 276, a proud achievement that signified the expansion of the movement and the strength of collective vision.

Yet, even as he remained anchored in local service, Francois always looked outward. His desire to see South Africa represented more broadly in the international Tabling community led him to take on the role of Western Province IRO, a position that enabled him to engage with peers across provinces and build meaningful connections.

That regional role would prove to be a stepping stone to a greater calling. Today, Francois serves as the International Relations Officer (IRO) for Round Table Southern Africa, a role he describes as both an honour and a responsibility. With a clear mission to strengthen RTSA's ties with the global Round Table network, he brings energy and intention to the role, particularly focusing on growing collaboration within the AMI region.

Despite his international focus, Francois remains firmly grounded in his roots. Kokstad 35, where it all began, continues to serve as a source of inspiration and a reminder of the values that first drew him in. His journey has come full circle, now enriched by broader vision and deeper purpose.

Looking ahead, Francois's ambitions remain resolute. He aims to further amplify RTSA's voice on international platforms, nurture cross-border partnerships, and inspire others to see the limitless possibilities that lie in a single meeting, a single moment, or a single Table.

His story stands as a compelling reminder to every Tabler, never underestimate the power of what we do. The smallest steps, taken with intention, can lead to the greatest of journeys.



Elevating the Brand, Strengthening the Story

Riaan Greyling's journey with Round Table began in Carletonville, but his impact now spans across the Association. As the 2025/2026 Branding and Strategic Manager, Riaan brings both experience and vision to the role.

With a background in leadership at Table and Area level, he understands that branding is not just about logos or colours, it's about purpose, consistency, and pride. His focus is on helping every Table present a united, professional image while still celebrating local identity.

Under his leadership, RTSA's branding efforts are evolving to be more strategic, modern, and aligned with the Association's values. Whether through visual campaigns, messaging guidance, or collaborative support, Riaan is working to ensure that the spirit of Round Table is seen clearly in every community we serve.



Winter Knights

Winter in Southern Africa may bite with cold, but Round Table's warmth knows no season.

Under the leadership of passionate Tablers across the Association, the Winter Knights campaign has once again showcased the true heart of RTSA's brand, visible, impactful service driven by purpose. From blankets in the Karoo to soup kitchens in Gauteng, Tablers have embodied what it means to serve without seeking the spotlight.

Corporate collaborations, like Jacaranda FM's Warmfees and OFM's record-breaking drive with ONS Tri-Area, are raising not only funds but awareness. In Namibia, strategic partnerships with Future Media and Toyota continue to expand the reach of the Round Table identity.

Winter Knights reminds us that when a campaign becomes a cause, it becomes a legacy, one branded in compassion, community, and real results.



SANBS

SANBS Partnership

In the bold red of a blood donor's sleeve lies the quiet strength of our Association's promise: **to serve**.

Round Table Southern Africa's growing partnership with SANBS is more than a project, it's a association commitment to saving lives, one unit at a time. Through an upcoming campaign launching at 2nd ASSCO, Tablers will unite across Areas in a coordinated effort to increase awareness, raise donor numbers, and inspire a culture of consistent giving.

Strategically driven and locally executed, this initiative reflects the kind of brand Round Table is becoming, responsive, relevant, and resolutely human.

The tagline is simple: **One pint. Endless impact.** But behind it lies a truth we hold dear, that real service doesn't just change communities. It saves lives.



Don't Camo Yourself

When Round Table speaks, it's not just to the public, it's to the man in the mirror.

Don't Camo Yourself began as a mental health awareness drive. It has since grown into a defining message of the Association, **real men show up**. Every Wednesday's challenge has reminded Tablers to take stock of their wellbeing, to be vulnerable, and to take action – not for optics, but for real growth.

With personal stories like Lihann Krik's inspiring a wave of transformation, and national efforts to partner with organisations like the Men's Foundation, this campaign is evolving into a lasting support system branded with authenticity.

The future of Round Table is not only about what we build around us, but what we build within. Don't Camo Yourself is not just a tagline, it's a challenge to every Tabler to be present, proud, and unstoppable.

The Tablers Journey

The Tabler's Journey is not Measured in Kilometres, but in Impact.

Every journey taken in Round Table is one of service, fellowship, and growth. Whether it's a short drive to a community project or a flight across continents to attend an AGM, the destination is never just a place, **it is the difference we make along the way.**

Guided by Purpose, Driven by Passion.

Like any great road trip, Table life is filled with unexpected turns, scenic moments, and powerful milestones. What keeps us on course is not a GPS, but our shared commitment to serve, to grow, and to leave every community better than we found it.

You Don't Just Join Round Table, You Set Off on a Journey

Joining Table is like packing your bags for an adventure, one filled with laughter, learning, late nights, lifelong friends, and lasting impact. It changes how you see the world and your role in it.

Each New Member, a New Road

Every Tabler brings a fresh perspective, a new story, and a different path. But together, our journeys intertwine into one powerful movement. Round Table is not just where we go, it's how we travel.

Milestones Over Medals

We may celebrate achievements, but the true reward lies in the moments, a hand extended, a child's smile, a stranger becoming a friend. The Tabler's Journey is built on milestones of meaning, not medals of recognition.

Not All Roads Are Easy, But None Are Travelled Alone

In Round Table, challenges are not detours. They are part of the road. But no matter how rough the terrain, we walk it together, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, because the strength of our journey lies in our unity.

Every path walked is a story worth telling. Whether it is your journey through Round Table, your personal growth, or a milestone in your professional life, we want to hear it. Your story could inspire, encourage, or simply remind someone that they are not walking alone.

Email your story to **pro@roundtable.co.za**, your Area PRO or speak to your Area's Inkundla Working Group representative.

14 Area Challenge

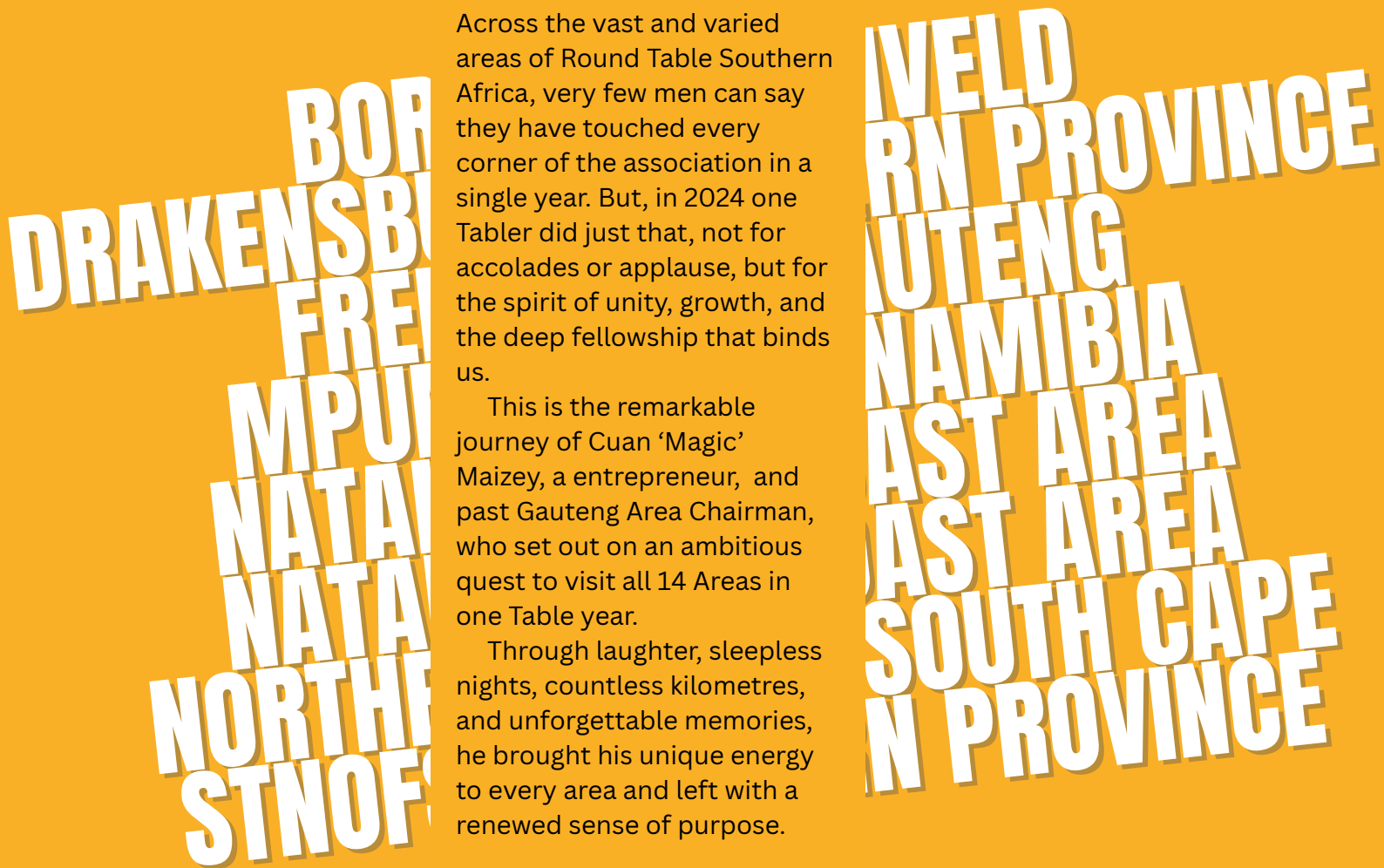
Cuan 'Magic' Maizey's journey through RTSA

Written by Carl van Staden

Across the vast and varied areas of Round Table Southern Africa, very few men can say they have touched every corner of the association in a single year. But, in 2024 one Tabler did just that, not for accolades or applause, but for the spirit of unity, growth, and the deep fellowship that binds us.

This is the remarkable journey of Cuan 'Magic' Maizey, a entrepreneur, and past Gauteng Area Chairman, who set out on an ambitious quest to visit all 14 Areas in one Table year.

Through laughter, sleepless nights, countless kilometres, and unforgettable memories, he brought his unique energy to every area and left with a renewed sense of purpose.



1 Bosveld Area Manne Naweek, Magoebaskloof

The first visit was to Conrad Botes, Bosveld Area Chairman, at his “Manne Naweek” Winter Conference held in Magoebaskloof and hosted by Tzaneen 96. Cuan Maizey, joined by Chervaques van der Zee and his faithful companion Jaco (Cuan’s dog), arrived late on a chilly Friday evening. The cold, however, did not deter the braais, brandy, or brotherhood. As always, the Bosveld team delivered a top-tier event. In true Table spirit, sleep became a rare luxury. Cuan managed only about an hour and a half’s rest the entire weekend, proving once more that sleep is overrated when the fellowship is this good.



2 Northern Cape Douglas Conference

Two weekends later, Cuan travelled to Douglas for the Noord Kaap Area’s “Manne Naweek” Winter Conference, hosted under the leadership of Chairman Louis Twigge. Faced with the choice between the East Rand Warm Fees or the Douglas conference, he chose to attend the Warm Fees first. Afterwards, he instructed Vice Chairman Phillip van Wyk III to get some early rest so they could depart post-event. At 3 am, Cuan arrived at Phillip’s house, brewed some coffee, and the two set off. After eight hours dodging potholes, they reached Douglas, late but present. Northern Cape once again demonstrated its ability to push through challenges with humour and heart.

3 Mpumalanga Area Winter Conference

Another two weeks on, it was time to support NJ van Wyngaardt at the Mpumalanga Winter Conference in Barberton. Cuan and Jaco arrived late Friday night in Witbank during their Warm Fees celebration, which proved to be a huge success. Hosted overnight by NJ himself, Cuan fell asleep in a surprisingly comfortable gaming chair. On Saturday morning, they left early for Barberton, with NJ leading the way. Somehow, Cuan arrived first, thanks to a scenic detour. Mpumalanga impressed with fresh ideas and youthful energy, new blood bringing new energy to a familiar brotherhood.



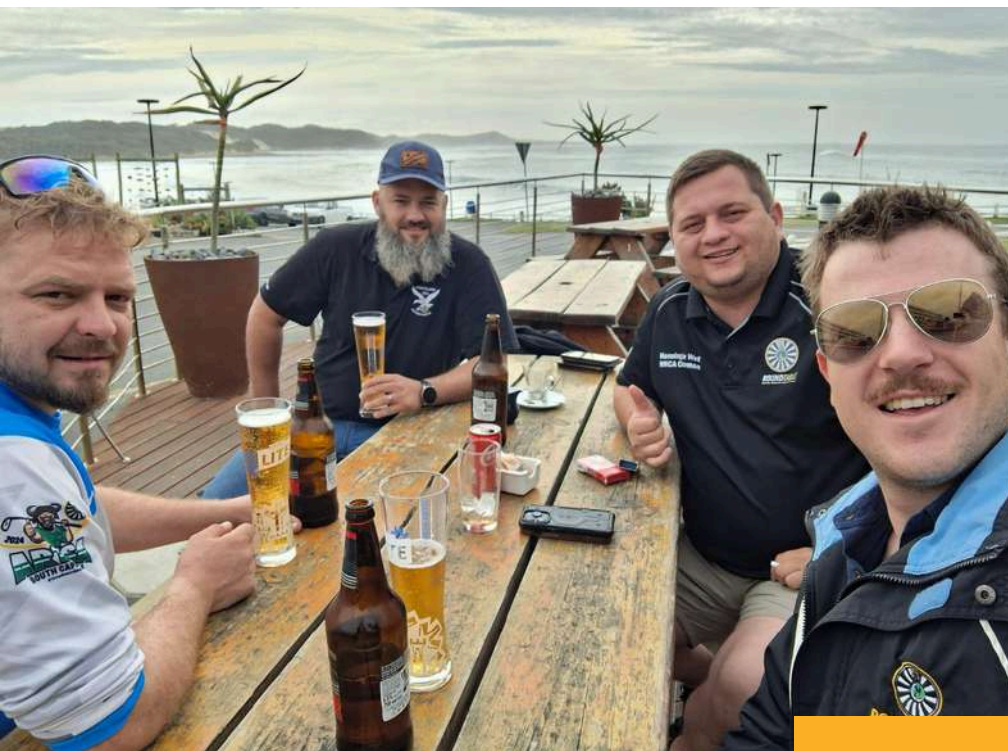
4 Gauteng Area Winter Conference

Back on familiar ground, Cuan’s own Winter Conference was hosted by Boksburg 17. A special moment on home turf where the leadership, friendships, and conference hosting skills he cultivated truly came full circle.



5 KZN Tri-Area TO Strand, Port Alfred

Two weeks later, the KZN Tri-Area Conference brought together the Natal North Coast, Natal South Coast, and Drakensberg areas. Hosted by Natal South Coast at To Strand, the mission was simple: exchange the “Surfs Up Cup” and “Dragon Shield,” spark a new tradition, and promote the upcoming BMG Tri-Area Conference. Under the capable leadership of Henning de Wet, Kevin Frazer, and Dawie Bekker, the conference was professional, full of vision, and rich in Table spirit. A few items may have been “borrowed” to ensure future attendance at BMG, as is tradition.



6 Border Area 2nd ASSCO - East London

Another two weeks passed before the 2nd ASSCO meeting, held in the Border Area at the East London No.1 Clubhouse. Cuan and Wouter Dreyer set off Thursday afternoon, with a brief stop for a business meeting in Potchefstroom 47. The meeting ran late, leading to a spontaneous visit to Bourbon Street for one final dance before it closed for good. They left Potch at 4:15 am, arriving in Gnubie after 11 hours on the road. After the meeting, fellowship continued with a braai and a 50th birthday celebration. Despite plans to depart at 6 am, Cuan was woken at 9 am by David Baker, warning him that his car was nearly towed. A special thanks to Superskaap for saving the day. The return trip was taken at a much gentler pace.



7 Northern Cape Central Tri-Area

The following weekend saw Gauteng host its second Area Council meeting. Three weeks later, it was time for the STNOFS, Noord Kaap, and Vrystaat areas to unite for the Central Tri-Area Conference, hosted by Noord Kaap at Hartzwater 186 Clubhouse. Cuan arrived on Friday evening to find a strong turnout and a festive spirit already in motion. With the leadership of Riaan Greyling, Louis Twigge, and Reinhardt Hedder, it was both a reunion and a well-run event. In true Tabler style, Cuan “liberated” the old fridge signage (which was well past its prime) and later surprised the Area with a freshly made replacement ahead of their next project.



8 Border Area Mid Year Conference, Elliot

The next visit saw Cuan, joined by Mpumalanga Vice Chairman Carl van Staden and Jaco, head to the Border Mid-Year Conference in Elliot (Khowa), nestled in the Maluti Mountains. Expecting a warmer climate, “Border” sounding deceptively tropical, they left Pretoria underdressed, sporting shorts, shirts, meeting attire, and a towel. The Mahindra let in the mountain chill, and they arrived at 4 am. Unable to wake Area Chairman Dylan Thompson, they waited at the clubhouse gate, using jackets and towels for warmth. At 5 am, early risers welcomed them in with coffee and breakfast. Dylan ran a superb meeting, and the Border Area's fellowship made it a standout event. After a good night's rest, the team returned via Joubert's Kloof Pass, soaking in the mountain beauty and making unforgettable memories.



9 BGM Tri-Area Klein Kariba

Three weeks later came the much-anticipated BMG Tri-Area Conference (Bosveld, Mpumalanga, and Gauteng) arguably the largest gathering after ARTSA. With 230 attendees, nine of the fourteen Area Chairmen, and a room full of association executives, it was clear that when the right people gather, magic happens.

10 Western Province Summer Conference, Saldanha Bay

Two weeks later, the Western Province Area hosted its Summer Conference, with Saldanha 226 welcoming attendees to the bay. Cuan opted for a last-minute flight and landed in Cape Town early on Saturday. After a scenic Uber ride to Saldanha, he was warmly welcomed (and fined for being late) by Vice Chairman Nic Austin, who stood in for Superskaap Nikko Maree. The meeting was run efficiently and ended with a night of spirited fellowship. Sunday brought a standout seafood breakfast at Isabella's in Lambert's Bay, organised in advance by Ruan Swanepoel's mom, an unforgettable experience. The return journey took 21 hours, cruising at a steady 80km/h, with Pretoria reached by Monday morning at 10am.



12 Mpumalanga Area 3rd ASSCO - Secunda

On the very next Friday, Cuan Maizey returned to Secunda for the 3rd ASSCO Meeting, hosted with distinction by the gents of Secunda 231. Altus Delport treated everyone to a legendary seafood potjie, crowned with massive crayfish that became the talk of the evening. After some well-measured encouragement, the night featured a beard-shaving moment led by Basson van Rooyen. Later, Cuan and then-ARTSA Treasurer Wessel Dreyer made a quick detour in the Mahindra, enjoying donuts on a gravel road before stopping in at the local favourite, Legends Pub. Upon returning to the guesthouse, Mr Secretary Deon Ferreira was still awake, and the evening wound down with relaxed conversation under the starlit sky. Saturday began with a hearty breakfast and concluded with lunch shared alongside Wouter Dreyer and Anja de Jager before Cuan made his way home. Remarkably, he found himself back in time to enjoy a peaceful Sunday afternoon, something increasingly rare during his term.



Who is Cuan Maizey and how were you introduced to Round Table?

I'm Cuan Maizey, a 34-year-old entrepreneur with a knack for juggling businesses and probably too many braais. I first heard about Round Table in high school from my grandfather, who spoke about it like it was some legendary brotherhood. He always said Round Table was the "school or university of life," which, let's be honest, sounded way cooler than algebra class.

In 2013, I moved from Pretoria to Nelspruit and actually went looking for a Table, like a proper, actual Round Table meeting. Sadly, no luck there. But when I later moved to Rustenburg, fate stepped in. A tableter contacted me, he heard that I had moved to Rustenburg from one of my business colleagues who is a manager at our Klerksdorp branch who also happened to be a tableter. My first meeting was their AGM. Talk about diving in head-first. But from that first meeting, I was hooked. The camaraderie, the energy, the purpose... it just felt like home.

11 South Cape Spring Conference

After returning to Pretoria on Monday morning at 10AM, I was back on the road by Friday afternoon, joining Jaco for a long-haul drive in the Mahindra to Mossel Bay 32 for the South Cape Spring Conference. We arrived at 6AM and were warmly welcomed by Oudtshoorn Chairman Louis de Wet. I suited up and served as sergeant for the meeting, which featured an inspiring guest speaker. The afternoon took an unexpected turn when I followed the wrong bakkie and ended up on a private game farm rather than at the George SPCA. After narrowly avoiding a shotgun-wielding tannie, I found my way back and joined the team for a visit to the actual SPCA. We then enjoyed a quick refresher at Hennies before the evening festivities. Paul Hoeksema prepared an outstanding potjie and Johan Lochner treated us to a traditional paella. After a lively after-party, I turned in at 2AM. Sunday morning included breakfast with Johan and Louis at Kingfisher, followed by a beach stroll with Jaco at Dias Hotel, reminiscing about South Cape ARTSA. I was even recognised by bartenders as the "Tequila guy" from a previous visit. Opting for a scenic route, I skipped the Baviaanskloof Pass and arrived home at 3AM on Monday.



13 Namibia Area Fishing Boogie

In February, Cuan made his way to Namibia for the iconic Fishing Boogie. Having fulfilled his Sergeant duties at the Sandown 150 AGM, he set off from Thabazimbi on the Saturday evening, joining McCee Smit and Jan-Albert de Kock, affectionately dubbed “Pensie de Kock” during the trip. The trio arrived in Windhoek on Sunday afternoon, welcomed by the hospitality of Phillip “Vlooi” Barnard, who hosted a traditional braai.

Monday morning brought an early start as they departed for Wlotzkasbaken. A rare desert chameleon was spotted while changing a tyre along the way, a symbol of the adventures to come. The evening ended with fellowship and a ceremonial clean shave in preparation for the days ahead.

Tuesday introduced the adrenaline of dune driving. Cuan, along with McCee, Jan-Albert, and Riaan, all first-timers, navigated the desert in a Mercedes bakkie using only a walkie-talkie, while others had professional guides. At the infamous “Long Drop,” Cuan and Hanno Redman roared up the dune at 160km/h and descended at 180km/h in a V6 Toyota, an experience he described as pure euphoria. Nights often ended with Cuan and McCee as the last men standing. Though not much fishing occurred, memories were made through spyker blok, Borat suits, and a particularly close shark encounter involving Christo Bezuidenhout, known widely as Mr IPPP.

After the Boogie, Cuan remained in Namibia to attend the AGM chaired by Basson van Rooyen. It was during this meeting that Cuan officially announced his candidacy for the position of Association IRO for 2026–2027. The AGM concluded with a celebratory dinner and another round of strong fellowship. Late that night, the team departed Windhoek and began their return to South Africa. Near Upington, the vehicle’s clutch failed, a direct result of the intense dune driving. They managed to reach just outside Kathu, where a local contact arranged a tow and a replacement vehicle. The return journey took an exhausting 28 hours in total, but every moment was worth it.

Plans are already in place for next year’s Boogie - this time in his Mahindra.



14 STNOFS Area AGM

The following weekend, Cuan attended the STNOFS AGM, where the 16 Kleppe Trophy, revived the year prior, continued to foster meaningful fellowship between STNOFS and Gauteng. The meeting, expertly chaired by Riaan Greyling, lived up to STNOFS’ strong reputation for excellence. The highlight came during the gala dinner, where Adrian Ihlenfeld shared a deeply heartfelt and passionate address that resonated with everyone present.



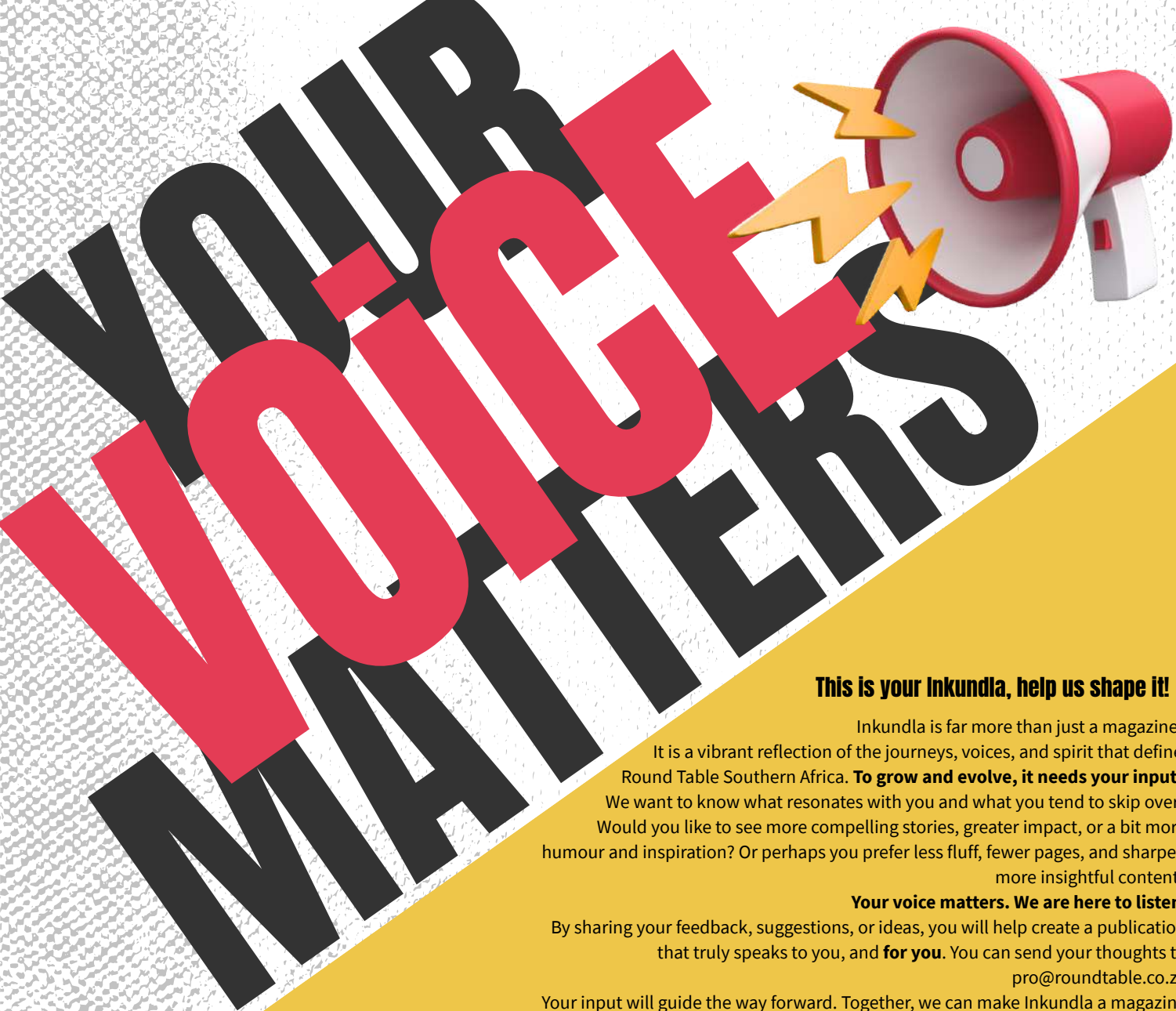
15 Eastern Province Area AGM

Next on the calendar was the Eastern Province AGM, hosted by Kirkwood 87 and chaired by Jacques van Wyk. Cuan arrived at 2am after yet another long Friday drive. The AGM ran smoothly and served as a proud conclusion to a successful year in the Eastern Province. The gala dinner was particularly memorable, blending moving speeches, excellent food, and warm camaraderie.

16 Guteng Area Area AGM

Rounding off a packed calendar was the Gauteng Area AGM, held at the prestigious Silverstar Casino. The event, a fitting finale to the year’s hard work, marked the formal handover to Phillip van Wyk III. Cuan expressed full confidence in Phillip’s leadership and vision. A special word of thanks was extended to Silverstar Casino for their generous sponsorship, which included accommodation and other amenities to the value of R170,000. This overwhelming support reflects strong faith in the future of Round Table in the Gauteng Area and beyond.





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Table Talk



By Henning de Wet

In a bold new step to bring Inkundla to life in a whole new format, we're proud to introduce Table Talk, the official podcast of Round Table Southern Africa.

Hosted by the dynamic duo from RT Ballito 221, **Calvin Smit** and **Josh Harper**, in collaboration with Looper Media, Table Talk is set to become the voice behind the pages of Inkundla. This fresh initiative offers listeners a deeper, more personal connection to the stories, campaigns, and conversations shaping our Association.

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We encourage you to **stay tuned**, some exciting announcements are just around the corner, including where you'll be able to stream and subscribe to Table Talk.

Get ready to hear the voices behind the movement. Round Table Southern Africa is speaking up, and it's going to sound unmissable.



Running Toward Redemption

What began as a personal commitment soon became a powerful journey of discipline, faith, and purpose, inspiring a movement to uplift others. This is the story of how one man chose to run for a cause.

A Story of Change, Challenge and Purpose

When Lihann Kriek from Bloemfontein 25 woke up on 19 January 2025, he had no idea that a quiet decision made in the solitude of self-reflection would lead to a life-changing transformation, not just for himself, but for others too. What began as an internal shift soon became a public testimony of resilience and purpose, reminding those around him that true change starts from within.

The Turning Point

After ARTSA, Lihann found himself at a crossroads. Years of unhealthy habits had begun to take a toll, not just physically, but spiritually and emotionally. As a father, husband and Christian, he recognised that the man staring back at him in the mirror was not the man he was meant to be. The indulgences that once offered escape now left him drained, disconnected from his calling, and distanced from the vibrant life he envisioned.

With the start of his church's three-week fast the following day, he chose to give up alcohol and cigarettes, privately and sincerely. It was not a public declaration, but a personal commitment between himself and God. This moment marked a reset, an inward promise driven by faith and accountability, forming the foundation of what would become a profound journey of self-reclamation.

Rediscovering Strength Through Struggle

The first week of sobriety was brutal. He faced the storm alone, without even sharing it with his wife. Withdrawal, doubt and internal conflict became constant companions. When he finally opened up to her, she encouraged him to start running again, something he once loved, but had long abandoned. Running had once been a passion, a source of freedom and clarity—now it offered a lifeline.

The return was difficult. Unfit and frustrated, he could barely complete 5km. Yet every painful step was a step forward. His body resisted, but his spirit endured. Slowly, the distances grew longer, and with each run, he began to rebuild not only his stamina, but also his self-worth and confidence. It was in this daily discipline that he started reconnecting with the man he wanted to be.



Purpose in the Pain

Two months later, still sober and smoke-free, Lihann suffered a hamstring injury, a forced pause that became a moment of reflection. Rather than derail his progress, it solidified his commitment. He used the downtime to dream, to research, and to reimagine his path. From the pain emerged bold aspirations: completing the Comrades Marathon, and conquering the Skyrun, a 100km self-navigated mountain race across the harsh, elevated terrain of the Eastern Cape, known for testing even the most experienced ultra-endurance athletes.

But the dream became more than personal. He envisioned Run for a Cause, a campaign to raise funds for Tablers and community members burdened by medical expenses. In South Africa, many families face overwhelming costs for essential treatments and operations, often without medical aid or adequate support. Each kilometre Lihann runs now carries the weight of a cause far bigger than himself.

One Step, One Change, One Life.

Brotherhood in the Midst of Temptation

Remaining alcohol-free during Tabling events is no small feat, especially within a culture where smoking and drinking are social staples. From local functions to ARTSA itself, the temptations were real, yet Lihann remained anchored. He knew that his commitment wasn't just about abstinence, but about redefining what brotherhood, leadership and strength could look like in a modern Table.

Support came in the form of conversations and connection. Engaging with Jacques van Wyk and the Don't Count Yourself Out (DCY) Campaign, he found strength in shared purpose and opened space for dialogue around mental health, a cause close to his heart. In a community where vulnerability is often masked by bravado, Lihann became a voice encouraging open, honest conversation, one that helps normalise seeking help and inspires others to take their own first steps.



Eyes on the Horizon

Lihann's focus now turns to Skyrun 2025, a race unlike any other. It begins at 4AM on 15 November and spans 100 unforgiving kilometres over 4,445 metres of elevation. It traverses remote mountain paths, with no trail markers, aid stations or luxuries, just raw nature, resilience and purpose. The Skyrun is more than a race, it is a pilgrimage, demanding extreme physical and mental endurance.

He rises each day at 3:45AM to train, not for glory, but to run for those who can't. Every stride is a tribute to those whose lives are hindered by illness, injury or hardship. His vision is to turn pain into purpose, endurance into empathy, and each run into real, tangible impact through donations, awareness and hope.

The Message

Lihann Kriek's journey is not only about running or giving up bad habits. It is a story of rediscovery, of finding strength through surrender, and of using personal change to serve a greater cause. His transformation serves as a call to action for others, whether they are Tablers, fathers, friends or community leaders, to take one small decision seriously and let it grow into something powerful.



A Life Rebuilt

Through this transformation, Lihann discovered that true strength lies in vulnerability. He shed ego and comfort, confronting his patterns and rebuilding from within. His values shifted, faith, family, health and helping others now take precedence over temporary escape. Where he once sought short-term relief, he now chases long-term fulfilment.

His influence has rippled outward. His wife and children now experience a more present and purposeful husband and father. The bond within his home has deepened, built on presence, empathy and intention. Fellow Tablers have reached out to him, inspired by his courage to change. Some have joined him on runs, others have reached out for guidance, and many more have found in his story the nudge they needed to begin their own.



**"Discipline is the bridge between who you were and who you're meant to become."
-Lihann Kriek**



JOURNEY THROUGH THE AREAS



Every Tabler walks a different path, but our footprints carry the same purpose, to serve, to uplift, and to leave every place, or life, better than we found it. This journey through the Areas is a reflection of that shared mission, one of unity, action, and impact across Southern Africa.



BORDER

A Step in the Right Direction

How Spare Shoes Brought Big Smiles

Jethro Penny



Sometimes, it's the simplest thing like a sturdy pair of shoes — that can leave the deepest footprint. Each year, Spar runs a heartfelt back-to-school promotion: spend a certain amount in-store, and you can buy a pair of school shoes at a reduced rate. This initiative helps ensure children from all walks of life can start their school year with dignity, comfort, and confidence. And this year, when the promotion wrapped up, something truly meaningful happened. Our long-standing friends at Spargs Superspar Beacon Bay found themselves with leftover pairs of school shoes still waiting for little feet to fill them. Instead of letting them sit in storage, they reached out to Round Table East London 1, asking if we could help get these shoes to where they were needed most. We didn't hesitate.

Immediately, we partnered with Nyara Youth Development, an organization that continues to inspire us with their unwavering commitment to uplifting underprivileged communities. They graciously took on the responsibility of distributing the shoes to children at the local Nyara School, ensuring that each pair went directly to a child in need.

For many of these learners, receiving a new pair of school shoes is more than just a matter of comfort. It's a moment of pride. A signal that they matter. And on that day, thanks to a simple act of collaboration, that message was delivered loud and clear.

“Every pair of shoes we gave left a footprint of dignity and hope.”

This project was not about numbers; it was about hearts.

It reminded us that small gestures can have powerful ripple effects. A single pair of shoes might not change the world, but it can change a child's day, a child's self-esteem, and sometimes even a child's willingness to stay in school.

We are incredibly proud to have played a small role in this act of kindness and grateful to Spargs Superspar for trusting us with this opportunity. These are the moments that define what it means to be a Tabler, to serve quietly, without need for recognition, knowing that sometimes the greatest changes happen when no one is watching.

“To make a difference in someone's life who may never know your name, that is something truly special.”

Thank you to all involved. Here's to walking further together, one step at a time.

Pickleball, Purpose, and People

Kama Vinga

On a vibrant day in Stutterheim, Round Table 103 hosted a spirited pickleball tournament that brought sport, fellowship, and community together in a powerful way.

What began as a friendly match between four teams quickly grew into something more meaningful. Laughter echoed across the courts, families gathered to cheer, and new connections were formed, all in the name of unity and upliftment.

The day was more than a competition. It became a platform for encouraging wellness, togetherness, and active community engagement. As the final point was played, the event shifted into a festive celebration. Music, stories, and shared moments filled the evening, reinforcing the strength of community spirit.

Congratulations to the winning team, Pickle Pack, for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Thanks to our sponsors, the day was not only successful but impactful, with proceeds supporting ongoing service initiatives in the area. This tournament reminded us that with a bit of fun and a lot of heart, we can leave a meaningful mark.





Revving Up Fellowship and Fundraising

by Jethro Penny



When the engines roared to life at the National Motocross Championship in East London, so did the spirit of service and camaraderie at Round Table East London 1. Tasked with running the official beer tent, our Table stepped up in a big way, transforming what could have been “just another service tent” into a thriving hub of energy, connection, and impact.

Hosting the beer tent at an event of this magnitude is no small task. With thousands of spectators descending on the venue to watch some of the country’s top motocross athletes compete, the pressure was on, and our team delivered. Over 250 man-hours went into planning, setting up, running, and breaking down the tent across the event weekend. It was a true test of endurance, teamwork, and commitment.

But the results were well worth the effort. Between the constant stream of guests, the flow of ice-cold refreshments, and the upbeat atmosphere we created, the beer tent became a central point of celebration at the event not only enhancing the experience for motocross fans but also raising a significant amount for our Table.

After covering R42,630 in expenses, we proudly raised a net profit of R17,970, with total funds brought in reaching R60,600. These funds will go directly toward our management account, helping cover the essential running costs of our clubhouse, which serves as the home base for all our community and outreach initiatives.

This project wasn’t just about selling beverages, it was about sustaining the heart of our Table’s operations, so that we can continue to serve the broader East London community more effectively.

It also reminded us of the core values that define Round Table: hard work, fellowship, service, and fun. In between pulling points, our members shared laughs, built deeper bonds, and engaged with hundreds of people, some of whom were introduced to our organisation for the very first time.

This event also positioned Round Table 1 as a reliable partner for major public functions, opening doors for future collaborations with large-scale sporting events and festivals.

A massive thank you to all the Tablers who sacrificed their time and energy to make this happen, and to the motocross community for welcoming us so warmly. The success of this beer tent isn’t just measured in rands and cents, it’s measured in momentum, reputation, and readiness for what’s next.



Every glass poured helped power our footprint of service in East London.





How an Easter Bunny Brought Joy to Local Children

Jethro Penny

Over the Easter weekend of April 4th and 5th, something special was stirring on the second floor of Hemmingway's Mall, right between Checkers and Woolworths. While shoppers buzzed around ticking off their weekend to-do lists, they were met with an unexpected sight: a cheerful Easter Bunny, arms wide open, ready with hugs, smiles, and of course, chocolate Easter eggs.

This was Round Table East London 1's first-ever Easter Egg Collection at Hemmingway's Mall, and it quickly became more than just a collection drive. It turned into a moment of joy for children and parents alike. For many little ones, meeting the Easter Bunny was magical and for our Tablers, despite the sweltering heat inside that suit, it was all worth it to see the sparkle in those young eyes.

It was a small act with a big impact.

The Bunny was a hit. On Saturday alone, we collected around 12 boxes of Easter eggs. By Sunday, we'd relocated our station to the entrance of Checkers, a strategic move that paid off. That day, another 21 boxes came in, bringing our grand total to 33 boxes of Easter eggs, alongside R220 in cash and a R250 EFT donation. All in all, the value of contributions reached R3,770, a figure that represents far more than just rands and cents.

Because this wasn't just about chocolate. It was about giving children something to smile about, many of whom face challenges most of us cannot imagine. On Easter weekend, we personally delivered these Easter eggs to the McClelland Centre and shared the remaining boxes with Nyara Youth Development, ensuring dozens of children could experience the simple joy of being remembered, celebrated, and treated.



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Bowling for Colbie

Jethro Penny

On a sunny Saturday in East London, Round Table East London 1 hosted Care 4 Colbie – Barefoot Bowls, a heartfelt fundraiser for a brave little girl facing serious medical challenges. The event brought together 10 barefoot bowls teams, excited families, jumping castles, braais, and raffles, all united by a shared purpose. It was more than just a fun day out, it was a powerful show of solidarity.

Thanks to incredible support from attendees, sponsors, and a R35,000 pledge from a local newspaper, the event raised R45,713.63. After expenses, R6,313.63 went directly to Colbie, with an additional R4,400 received in post-event donations. Funds will go toward easing her medical expenses.

Support continued through the Move for Colbie campaign, where Tablers took on the Iron Man for Kids challenge, where they are expected to raise a further R15,000. With over 120 volunteer hours behind the scenes, this day proved that community spirit and small acts can make a big difference.





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Warmfees

Pretoria's Gift of Grit, Music, and Heart

"Hierdie projek is opreg uit die hart en wys die ware gees en grit van Tafelaars."
– Hein van Rooyen, Warmfees Convenor, RT19

By AB Tromp

As the cold settles over South Africa's cities and townships, a different kind of warmth begins to spread, not from heaters or hot meals alone, but from the determined hearts of Tablers standing shoulder to shoulder with the vulnerable.

In Pretoria, that warmth has a name: Warmfees, a community-driven music and donation festival that began just three years ago and has already become one of Round Table South Africa's most powerful local expressions of the national Winter Knights initiative.

What started as an extension of Martin Bester's, Vir Die Liefde Toer, quickly turned into a full-fledged event that now kicks off winter each year in Pretoria before spreading its impact across cities like Tzaneen, Secunda, and beyond.

A Partnership Forged in Purpose

At the heart of Warmfees is the vibrant partnership with Jacaranda FM, one of the country's most well-loved radio stations. That connection began in 2014, when Round Tabler André Fouchée initiated the relationship with community champion Dianne Broodryk. Since then, the bond has only grown stronger, evolving through key players like Christo Bezuidenhout and now Hein van Rooyen.

Today, this partnership fuels not just a successful event, but a national movement of kindness, awareness, and action. "Ons vennootskap raak net sterker," says Hein, and it shows.

More Than Just Blankets

It's difficult to quantify the total value of what Warmfees has raised since its inception. From blankets and non-perishable food to financial donations and winter essentials, millions of rands' worth of support is gathered and distributed each year, reaching homes, shelters, and individuals struggling to survive the cold. But the numbers only tell part of the story. Warmfees is about music, yes, with names like Martin Bester, Kurt Darren, Loufi and more lighting up stages, but it's also about presence, dignity, and hope. It's about standing in front of someone who feels forgotten and saying, "Jy is nie alleen nie."

Moments That Matter

There are countless stories that emerge from each Warmfees, too many to count. But for Hein, one of the most meaningful things is seeing Tablers walk alongside artists, bridging passion with purpose.

"Secunda se Warmfees is al só gevorder dat daar geen gelyke aan daai fees in hulle area is nie," Hein shares.

"Tzaneen volg nou vinnig, en selfs Pretoria het vanjaar vir die eerste keer 'n ordentlike fees aangebied, iets wat ons lank beplan het."

From small beginnings, Warmfees has grown into something both structured and soulful, a festival of giving where music and community meet at the intersection of empathy and energy.

The People Behind the Power

While each Warmfees relies on its own network of local sponsors, the true driving force is twofold: Round Table and the public support catalyzed by Jacaranda FM's broadcasts. The coordination, the conversations, and the groundwork each year start with a planning session between Round Table reps and Martin Bester, laying out where, when, and how to serve best.

It's a reminder that real change is always collaborative, and always personal.

Looking Forward: Bigger, Better, Bolder

The dream for Warmfees isn't just survival, it's expansion. National events, greater awareness, and more lives touched. "Ons het groot drome," says Hein, "en hoewel ons nie kan kla nie, is daar nog soveel potensiaal."

With each passing winter, the movement grows, not just in size, but in soul.

On to the next one...

In a world that often turns away from the cold and the desperate, Warmfees stands as a joyful contradiction: a celebration built on compassion, driven by music, and powered by people who believe that warmth isn't just something you feel, it's something you give.





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In the spirit of service and community engagement, Round Table PMB 12 and Round Table Ncandu 86 have each made significant contributions that resonate deeply within their respective communities. These initiatives not only highlight the essence of Round Table Southern Africa but also demonstrate how collective efforts can leave lasting footprints, impacting lives and fostering a sense of togetherness.



Silver Spoon Project Nourishing Lives and Building Hope

by Calvin Parker



In Newcastle, Round Table Ncandu 86 has been making waves with their involvement in the Silver Spoon Soup Kitchen, operational since July 2021.

This initiative has become a lifeline for many, with Ncandu 86 assisting to the best of their ability by playing a pivotal role in helping Silver Spoon Soup Kitchen with their preparing and distributing of meals to the less fortunate. Every Thursday, the Silver Spoon Soup Kitchen serves between 300 to 400 meals, providing nourishment and hope to those in need.

Since its inception, the Silver Spoon has distributed an astounding 47,627 meals, a testament to the collective effort and dedication. The team has identified communities that require assistance, establishing two distribution points in Newcastle and even planning to open a third. This proactive approach ensures that they can reach even more families who are struggling.

What makes the Silver Spoon Soup Kitchen project truly remarkable is the collaborative effort it fosters. By engaging with local businesses and non-profit organisations, Silver Spoon Soup Kitchen has been able to amplify their impact, rallying support for food preparation and distribution. Although the demand for food continues to rise, the members of Ncandu 86 remain steadfast in their commitment to assist wherever they can, ensuring that the Silver Spoon Soup Kitchen remains a beacon of hope for many.

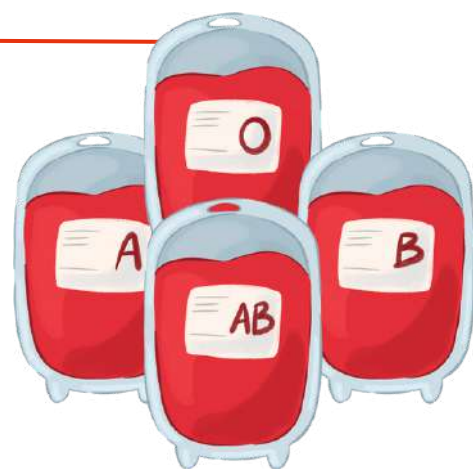
PMB12 Pint for Pint Challenge

By Calvin Parker

At Round Table PMB 12, the Pint for Pint Challenge has become a beloved initiative that combines the joy of socialising with the noble cause of saving lives. Held every second month during our socials, this challenge invites members of the community to donate a pint of blood in exchange for a complimentary pint of beer. This simple yet effective idea serves to attract new faces and engage them in the vital mission of blood donation. What sets this initiative apart is the genuine spirit in which it is run.

There are no corporate sponsors for the beer, it's funded entirely from Table funds. This decision underscores our commitment to the cause and highlights our dedication to giving back to the community. By promoting the event through social media, we ensure that our message reaches a wide audience, welcoming both new participants and familiar faces eager to support a worthy cause.

The Pint for Pint Challenge is not just an event, it's an opportunity for the gentlemen of PMB 12 to connect with the community on a more personal level. Each pint poured signifies a shared commitment to life, friendship, and the importance of community involvement. As we witness the turnout at these events, it's heartening to see how we can make a positive impact while fostering camaraderie and connection.



EASTERN PROVINCE

Estiaan's Tabling Journey

by Wium Hagen

In Round Table, every Tabler walks a unique path, etched not only in projects and events but in growth, leadership, and lifelong brotherhood. One such path belongs to Estiaan Ferreira of Kirkwood 78, whose footprints are already leaving a deep mark across the Eastern Province Area.

Estiaan's journey began in earnest in July 2022, when he was officially inducted as a member. Just a few short years later, at the 2024 Gala Dinner, his name was called out in a moment he describes as humbling and deeply special. "Nobody Tables for accolades or recognition," Estiaan reflects, "but that moment, **I felt truly proud.**" At first, he thought the honour would go to his then-chairman, Regardt van der Merwe, whose Table year was exceptional. The announcement took him by surprise and remains a highlight of his time in the organisation.

Now serving as Chairman of Kirkwood 78 and as the EP Area PRO, Estiaan carries the weight of legacy with steady hands. "At Kirkwood 78, we're not about stamping authority. Our foundations are strong, thanks to our 41ers and active members. My goal is simply to steer the ship in the same winning direction," he says. As for his Area role, he aims to build on the incredible work of his predecessors, Jacques "Big Bird" van Wyk, Thomas Sutherland, and Regard, focusing on fundraising to support Area growth and empower active Tablers.



Purpose. Impact. Legacy.

His personal growth within Round Table is as profound as his leadership. "**Table has taught me the power of teamwork, servant leadership, and empathy,**" Estiaan shares. These aren't just lessons for the Table floor. They've become guiding principles in his daily life, at home, at work, and in the community. "Time management, clear communication, and small acts of kindness... these are the habits I now live by."

Estiaan believes a great Table is defined not by its accolades, but by its values. "Trust, respect, shared purpose, and fun, those are the cornerstones. When you combine diverse perspectives with a commitment to service, you create a Table that thrives." This ethos shines through in how he motivates potential new members. He doesn't rely on statistics or slogans. Instead, he shares stories—of friendships built, impact made, and the sense of belonging that Table brings. When asked what our motto "Adopt, Adapt, Improve" means to him, Estiaan doesn't hesitate. "It's a mindset," he says. "Adopt the wisdom of those before you. Adapt to the ever-changing world around you. And always, always strive to improve, not just for yourself, but for your Table and your community."

From a humble induction in 2022 to leading one of the most respected clubs in the Eastern Province, Estiaan Ferreira's journey is a reminder of what it means to walk with purpose in Round Table. His story is not just about achievements, it is about honouring the past, embracing the present, and shaping a stronger future.



Sitrus Afskop 2025

What a Night! Round Table Kirkwood 78 lit up the evening at Annerkant Venue with a launch event that can only be described as electric. With PROP firing up the stage, the crowd danced, laughed and celebrated well into the night. The energy was contagious, the music unforgettable, and the memories made are sure to last long after the last note played. What a way to kick off 2025!



Fellowship with Robertson 115

When Round Table Robertson 115 came to Kirkwood for a weekend in the bush, it was fellowship at its finest. Hosted at Paaltjies Kraal, 18 impalas were responsibly harvested and will now feed the community through Robertson's local soup kitchen. With sunsets over the veld and evenings spent at River Reeds, this was a weekend of service, camaraderie and laughter that truly captured the spirit of Round Table.



Kirkwood 78's Annual Golf Day

Kirkwood 78's annual golf day was a hole in one! With 101 players teeing off, the day was packed with competitive fun and fundraising for a good cause. Thanks to generous sponsors and energetic players, the event was a great reminder of how community and sport go hand in hand. Special thanks to GJ du Toit for capturing it all with stunning drone footage. We are already counting down to next year!



Ladies Tour – Eastern Province Area

AGM 2025. While the men got down to AGM business, the ladies were treated to an equally important session of wine, art and laughter. With a splash of paint and a good pour of local wine, they explored their creative sides and connected in their own way. The ladies tour proved once again that Round Table is not just about men at work, it is about families coming together and making memories too.



Kirkwood 78 Supports the Bowling Business League!

Kirkwood 78 showed up in style at the local Business Bowling League, entering both men's and ladies' teams into the mix. Over four weeks of friendly competition, the men claimed 4th place while the ladies proudly held their own in 19th. But it wasn't just about scores, it was about fun, fellowship and being part of the community spirit. We cannot wait to roll into the next round!



A Special Visit from Wrexham 305

During a recent "tafeltjie skuif" evening, Round Table Kirkwood 78 had the pleasure of hosting Karlos O'Neill from Wrexham 305 in Wales. While travelling through South Africa on holiday, Karlos made time to connect with the local Table, once again proving that Round Table bonds stretch far beyond borders. It was an evening filled with fellowship, shared stories, and that unique international spirit that makes this organisation so special.

The Story of a New Tabler

By Henning de Wet

Eddie Ferreira's journey with Round Table Kirkwood 78 is more than just a personal milestone, it is the continuation of a legacy. Raised in a household where Round Table was part of the fabric of life, Eddie grew up watching his father lead Kirkwood 78 and knew that one day, he too would wear the badge with pride.

His induction came naturally, and he embraced the opportunity without hesitation. Not one to be the loudest in the room, Eddie admits he married a joller just to keep the social calendar lively. Yet, it is Round Table that has steadily nudged him out of his comfort zone, connecting him with new friends and meaningful causes.

From his first steak evening to the camaraderie found around every meeting table, Eddie has felt welcomed, supported and inspired. The laughter shared, the traditions upheld and the balance between formality and fun have shown him that Round Table is not just a platform for service, it is a place where lifelong connections are forged.

With his wife Kelly and young son Graham already becoming familiar faces at events, Eddie is excited about building new memories with his Table family. Life might be busier, but in the best way possible. The sense of purpose, effort and commitment from fellow Tablers is infectious, and Eddie is ready to give back every bit of what he's already gained.

Round Table Southern Africa is lucky to have members like Eddie, men who carry legacy forward while writing their own story.



An Unforgettable Experience at the AMI AGM

By Henning de Wet

Regardt van der Merwe of Round Table Kirkwood 78 had the privilege of attending the recent AMI AGM held in the iconic town of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Surrounded by breathtaking scenery and vibrant culture, Tablers from across the world gathered to share stories, exchange ideas, and strengthen the spirit of global brotherhood. Representatives from Madagascar, Botswana, Harare, Eastern Africa, The Netherlands, and beyond contributed to a weekend filled with connection and purpose.

The highlight for many, including Regardt, was the opportunity to meet RTI President Daniele Cusi from Italy, a memorable moment that captured the true heart of international Tabling. The event showcased how each Table, regardless of region, is making an impact in their communities.

Round Table Zimbabwe delivered outstanding hospitality and a world class experience that left a lasting impression on all who attended. The AGM was a powerful reminder that Round Table not only develops leaders but fosters lifelong friendships that span the globe.



The Boere Rally That Brought a Community Together

By Henning de Wet

On a bright and cheerful Saturday, the spirit of unity came alive as the community gathered for this year's Boere Rally, a day that reminded us all of the extraordinary power of compassion and collective goodwill. It was more than just a festive gathering; it was a movement of hope for one of our own.

This year's rally held a special purpose. Every cent raised was in support of Stefan Bardenhorst, a dearly loved community member currently battling Tuberculosis Meningitis. With Stefan's courageous fight close to everyone's hearts, the community responded in full force, and with overwhelming generosity.

The rally grounds came alive with energy and excitement. Boerewors sizzled on open fires, the hum of tractors rolled through the veld, children's laughter filled the air, and the sound of local music stitched together a day of genuine connection. Handcrafted goods lined the stalls, stories were shared, and strangers became neighbours under the banner of purpose.

By day's end, **R100,000 had been raised**, a remarkable feat made possible by countless small acts of kindness. This was not just a financial achievement, but a reflection of deep-rooted community strength and solidarity. Every ticket bought, item sold, and hour volunteered added up to something truly life-changing.



A Lifesaving Success

Round Table 252 is proud to celebrate the success of their Blood Drive, where 25 incredible donors stepped forward to give the gift of life. Each donation holds the power to save lives, and the turnout was a powerful reminder of the compassion and unity within the community.



Spreading Joy: 252 Easter Egg Drive

What a privilege it was for Round Table 252 to share the joy and warmth of Easter with our incredible community. This season of renewal and hope brought us together in a powerful way, as we handed out all 3320 Easter eggs so generously donated by each of you. Your kindness created countless smiles and reminded us of the impact of simple, heartfelt gestures.



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Die Eksperimenteringsfase: Die Fondasie van Doeltreffende Projekte in Round Table

Die eksperimenteringsfase is nie bloot 'n toetslopie nie. Dit is 'n gestruktureerde en doelgerigte proses wat vir Round Table-klubs die geleentheid bied om nuwe idees op 'n beheerde, klein skaal te ondersoek. Dit stel ons in staat om te sien hoe 'n konsep in die werklikheid funksioneer sonder om dadelik groot hulpbronne of tyd in te sit. Die fase dien as 'n beskermingsmeganisme teen mislukking, en verseker dat ons pogings op 'n verantwoordelike en volhoubare manier ontplooi word.

Wanneer 'n nuwe projek-idee ontstaan, word dit eers teen die kernwaardes van Round Table gemeet. Stem dit ooreen met ons strewe na vriendskap, diens en leierskap? Getuig dit van die innoverende gees wat ons beweging dryf? Indien wel, word 'n loodsprojek ontwikkel, 'n kleiner weergawe van die uiteindelijke projek. Hierdie weergawe stel die span in staat om die praktiese uitvoerbaarheid van die projek te toets en waardevolle terugvoer te versamel, sonder om die hele organisasie of begroting te belas.

Wat die eksperimenteringsfase so waardevol maak, is dat dit gefokus is op leer. Dit gee vir spanne die kans om nie net sukses te meet nie, maar ook struikelblokke betyds raak te sien. Terugvoer vanaf deelnemers, gemeenskapslede en selfs ander Tafelaars word ingesamel, geanaliseer, en gebruik om die projek te verbeter. As 'n fondsinsameling-veldtog byvoorbeeld nie die verwagte resultate lewer nie, bied die eksperimenteringsfase die geleentheid om die strategie aan te pas voordat dit op 'n groter skaal bekendgestel word.

Die krag van die eksperimenteringsfase lê in die vermoë om idees te versterk deur praktiese toepassing. Dit moedig 'n kultuur van nadenkende aksie aan, waar kreatiwiteit gebalanseer word met verantwoordbaarheid. Vir Round Table beteken dit dat ons nie net dien nie, maar dien met doel en deursigtigheid. Elke loodsprojek is 'n belegging in toekomstige impak. Om hierdie fase as standaardpraktyk te aanvaar, is om ons verbintenis tot leierskap, vernuwing en dienswerk te bevestig. Dit herinner ons daaraan dat werklik betekenisvolle projekte nie toevallig gebeur nie. Hulle word gebou, getoets, en voortdurend verbeter, deur mense wat bereid is om te leer, aan te pas en weer te probeer. En juis daarin lê die hart van Round Table: om aan te neem, aan te pas en te verbeter.

Jason Carlisle

Binne Round Table ontstaan ons projekte dikwels uit 'n diepgewortelde passie om 'n positiewe verskil in ons gemeenskappe te maak. Elke inisiatief begin met 'n idee, 'n waarneming, 'n gesprek, of 'n behoefte wat nie langer geïgnoreer kan word nie. Maar voordat enige idee in 'n volwaardige projek omskep word, moet dit eers deur een van die belangrikste fases gaan: die eksperimenteringsfase. Dit is in hierdie stadium waar ons dapper genoeg is om te toets, te leer en te verfyn.

Ware diens begin nie by perfektheid nie, maar by die moed om te leer, aan te pas en weer te probeer.

Camaraderie: The Cornerstone of Every Strong Table

Andrew Mc Neill

In the Free State Area, camaraderie is not just encouraged, it is championed as the heartbeat of every successful Round Table seat. Beyond projects and meetings, the true strength of Round Table lies in the friendships forged around its tables.

When camaraderie is strong, so too is collaboration. Members support each other, decisions are made with unity, and projects thrive with shared purpose. This bond also plays a crucial role in member retention. When Tablers feel seen, heard, and valued, they stay invested.

More than that, camaraderie encourages growth. Within the safety of trusted peers, individuals grow in leadership, confidence, and service. It drives better fundraising and service initiatives and echoes the very spirit of Round Table, fellowship, fun, and purpose.

The Free State reminds us all that camaraderie is not a luxury. It is a necessity. Without it, a Table risks losing its fire. But with it, we build something lasting, together.

Ficksburg Golfdag deur die oë van Bloemfontein 25

Jason Carlisle

'n Helder en energieke dag in die Oos-Vrystaat het die jaarlikse Ficksburg Golfdag plaasgevind, 'n gebeurtenis wat reeds 'n vaste plek in die Round Table-kalender het. Hierdie keer was Ficksburg 98 die trotse gasheerklub, en soos altyd het hulle uitmuntend gelewer. As verteenwoordiger van Round Table Bloemfontein 25 het ek die voorreg gehad om dié besondere dag saam met mede-Tafelaars en vriende by te woon.

Vanaf aankoms op die baan was dit duidelik dat Ficksburg 98 nie net gefokus het op die spel nie, maar op die ervaring as geheel. Alles was professioneel georganiseer, van registrasie en spanindeling tot die gholfbaan self, wat in uitstekende toestand was. Die gees onder deelnemers was lewendig, met lag en kameraadskap wat die dag se atmosfeer oorheers het.

Vir Bloemfontein 25 was die dag meer as net 'n sportgeleentheid. Dit was 'n platform om bande te versterk met mede-Tafelaars in die streek en om nuwelinge aan te moedig om deel te word van ons beweging.

Hierdie soort byeenkomste is waar ware broederskap gebou word, verhoudings wat dikwels lei tot samewerkende projekte, ondersteuning oor klubgrense heen, en 'n sterker, meer saamgesnoerde Vrystaat-area. Tydens die kuier na die tyd en prysuitdeling het dit duidelik geword dat die dag nie net oor gholf gegaan het nie. Dit het gegaan oor verbinding, trots, en 'n gedeelde roeping tot diens. Die energie, die stories, en die gesamentlike lag rondom die tafels het getuig van iets groter as 'n sosiale dag, dit was Round Table in aksie.

As bywoner was ek opnuut geïnspireer deur die entoesiasme waarmee Tafelaars saamkom, en as verteenwoordiger van Bloemfontein 25 was ek trots om deel te wees van 'n kultuur waar dienswerk en vriendskap hand aan hand loop. Ons neem nie net goeie herinneringe saam terug huis toe nie, maar ook 'n hernieuwe waardering vir wat Round Table vermag wanneer ons saamstaan.



WILD WEST ARTSA 2025 A FIRST-TIMER'S UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Eli Cocosulis

The Wild West ARTSA 2025, held from 24 to 26 April, was nothing short of spectacular. As my very first experience with Round Table, I was blown away. The festivities kicked off on Thursday night with an electrifying musical performance featuring a duo on electric drums, enhanced by striking lights and pyrotechnics. An introductory video captured the heart of what Round Table is all about, setting the tone for the days ahead.

From networking with fellow Tablers from across Southern Africa and the world, to engaging in informative sessions like the constitutional meeting, every moment added to my appreciation for the organisation. Friday's highlight was the Area Tables, where the Free State impressed with flavourful food, unique drinks, and a captivating tale of Die Mystic Boer, earning us the win. Saturday's AGM and induction dinner wrapped the weekend with purpose and elegance. I was honoured to be inducted alongside three new members, marking the start of what I know will be a meaningful journey in Round Table.



WILD WEST ARTSA 2025 Freestate Crowned Food Table Champions

Koos Maartens

Tablers from across the Free State arrived in Parys with one mission, to impress the taste buds of ARTSA 2025.

Thanks to the culinary brilliance of Area Chairman Stephan Theunissen, his wife Chané, and the dedicated Tables of the Free State, they did just that, proudly walking away with the prestigious Area Food Table Award.

Guests were treated to a gourmet journey starting with a duo of beef carpaccio and trout pâté paired with Maluti Lager, followed by a standout main course featuring biltong steak with Piet's signature cowboy butter, cherry bacon oopsies, and potato crumpet bombs, beautifully matched with Mile High Syrah Tannat.

Dessert was a decadent Amarula-infused peppermint crisp tart with chocolate-covered sunflower seeds, paired with traditional coffee liqueur. While winning the award was a proud moment, the true highlight was the camaraderie shared among Tablers and their families. ARTSA 2025 will be remembered not only for the victory but for the spirit of unity behind "Die Mystic Boer rocking thru Free State."



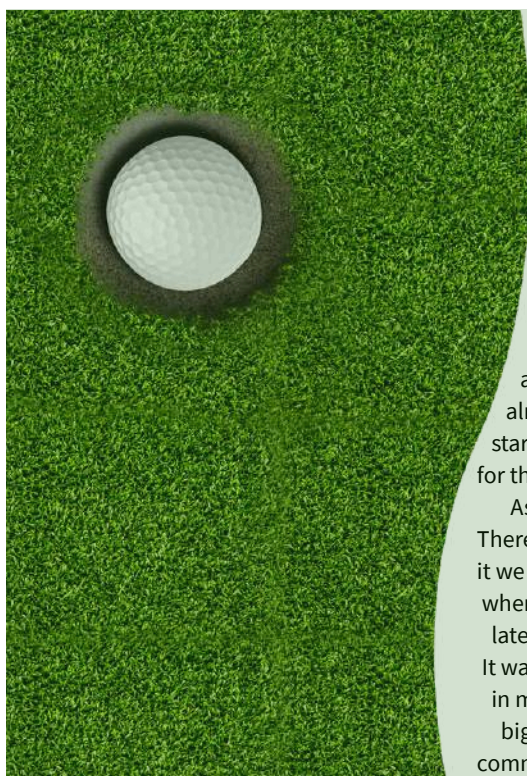
FICKSBURG 98 GOLF DAY

Eli Cocosulis

Ficksburg 98 is a table which has undergone large scale restructuring as the only member who has been there for longer than a year is our Chairman, Roedolf Brits. This being the case, our first project was a tough one. We had to learn how to work with one another. Find the strengths and weaknesses of each member of Ficksburg 98.

24th of May 2025 Ficksburg 98 golf day finally came to fruition. Up and down we went early in the morning to sort out the final tasks to be done for the day. Watering holes, prizes, auction, putt putt and a Jägermeister stand. Before we could rub our eyes clean it was already 11am and the golfers were off. As the golfers were playing the Roundtable team started preparing half way lunches. With a few trips into town to buy the small things needed for the day everything was running smoothly.

As the day was nearing an end the golfers came back to the club house for the prize giving. There were prizes in all shapes and sizes from wine to car cleaning vouchers to hats. You name it we gave it. Halfway through the prize giving we had an Auction to auction off some other items where we managed to auction off a Double brandy and Coke TWICE!!! As the night grew cold and late the Jägermeister did not disappoint and kept us warm all night long. It was a substantial experience teaching the new Round Table 98 how to work together to bring in money for the community, by the community. I am proud to say that we might not be the biggest table but we have the heart and drive to make a difference in our very supportive community and the the surrounding communities.



Bloem 158 Brings the Spirit to Ficksburg

By Juan Marx Viljoen II

On Saturday, 24 May 2025, members of Bloem 158 made their way to Ficksburg for a memorable and laughter-filled raid.

Juan Marx Viljoen II, Jeffrey, Louis (Rads), and Juno packed two cars and headed off to participate in Ficksburg 98's annual golf day, an event that continues to grow in energy and fellowship each year.

The team took to the course in an American scramble format, starting the morning under slightly overcast skies. As the day warmed up, so did the players, with the foursome finishing strong on a commendable 70 strokes. There was no shortage of banter, with Juan joking that his back was aching from "carrying the other three," although praise was also given to their AMI Chairman, who landed a few clutch shots onto the green throughout the round.

Following the golf, Bloem 158 joined Tables from Bloem 25 and Welkom 40 for a Fines meeting and vibrant fellowship session. While some members returned home that evening, others stayed behind to keep the spirit alive well into the night, until, to everyone's dismay, the brandy ran out.

The day was a tremendous success, with strong attendance and fantastic camaraderie. Bloem 158 extends its sincere thanks to Ficksburg 98 for hosting another well-organised and enjoyable event, and they look forward to returning next year for more great memories.



Marc Dalton's Tabling Journey

By Henning de Wet

For Marc Dalton of Kroonstad 42, Tabling is more than just community involvement, it's the continuation of a family legacy. A few short months ago, Marc took his first steps into Round Table, beginning as a guest, then a pipeliner, and now a proud Tabler. Though his time has been brief, the journey has already been rich with growth, connection, and meaning.

What makes Marc's story unique is the history behind it. His father, Chris Dalton, was a committed member of the same Table, Kroonstad 42. Chris's dedication to service and fellowship left a mark not only in his community but also on his son. Now, Marc walks a path laid before him by his father, honouring that legacy by living out the values of Round Table.



In his short time with the organisation, Marc has already experienced the deep camaraderie and sense of purpose that defines the movement. He speaks with gratitude about the projects that have challenged him, the travels that have broadened his perspective, and the friendships that have uplifted him.

From the quiet farmlands to the bustle of cities, Marc's journey has taken him to diverse places, each filled with laughter, learning, and memories. Whether sharing stories around a fire or engaging in meaningful service, he has come to appreciate what it truly means to be a Tabler.

Marc is now writing his own chapter in the Dalton family's Round Table story, one defined by honouring the past, embracing the present, and looking forward to all that lies ahead.

"I'm not just walking in my father's footsteps, I'm making my own mark through Round Table."

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#PimpMyScooter

When you hear “Sandown 150,” your mind might race to wild engines and long roads, especially with their legendary Cannonball Run known for flaunting the flashiest rides in the land. But this time, the mission wasn’t speed or style. It was about heart. And it came with wheels of a different kind.

Enter Johann. Recently, Johann’s only means of mobility, a scooter that gave him independence and dignity, was stolen. At the same time, the Sandown crew got wind of another local individual, someone urgently needing to sell a mobility scooter. That’s when the lightbulb moment happened.

Instead of treating it like a simple purchase, the Tablers saw something deeper. They saw the chance to change two lives in one bold move. With typical Sandown flair and a whole lot of heart, the team sprang into action. They bought the scooter, gave it some much-needed TLC, and then in true #PimpMyScooterStyle, gave it a full Round Table makeover. With help from Octangle Marketing & Signage, the final product was a gleaming, branded beauty, ready to hit the streets again. And Johann? He was back in the driver’s seat, cruising forward with renewed confidence, independence, and pride.

For Sandown 150, this wasn’t about wheels, it was about restoring freedom. It was about Tablers doing what Tablers do best, stepping in, taking hands, and turning a small act into something life-changing.

Rolling With Round Table



A Bond Beyond Borders



By Henning de Wet

Northridge Round Table 117 proudly sent one of our own, Mr Timothy Jay Evans, to represent us at the Mauritius Round Table AGM 2025. For Tim, this was more than just a trip overseas, it was the beginning of a transformative chapter in his Tabling journey.

As a first-time international delegate, Tim embraced the experience wholeheartedly, stepping into the vibrant world of Round Table Mauritius 3 with open arms and a full heart. What began as a visit to a foreign country quickly became a deeply personal and unforgettable adventure, one filled with laughter, learning, camaraderie, and connection.

The pre-tour alone was a masterclass in hospitality and fellowship. From fascinating museum visits and rum tasting tours to breathtaking sundowners on the beach, the Mauritian Tablers spared no effort. Tim joined in as the island was transformed into a playground of joy and shared experiences, catamaran trips across crystal-clear waters, quad biking through the sugar cane fields, beach parties under the stars, and unforgettable cultural dinners.

Tim shared how this trip reignited the twinning relationship between Northridge 117 and Mauritius 3, a bond founded on shared values, strengthened by mutual respect, and now carried forward by a new generation of Tablers. **“From meeting people I’d never known before to building friendships that will last a lifetime, this was something special,”** he reflected.

His journey serves as a powerful reminder of what Round Table offers each of us; the chance to explore new horizons, build international friendships, and become part of something much larger than ourselves.

“It was my first time travelling for Round Table, and it definitely won’t be my last.”

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Blankets and Beats Warmfees 2025



Calvin Parker

Another winter, another unforgettable Warmfees Project hosted by Round Table Secunda 231, side by side with the 41ers of Secunda and sharing the event with Martin Bester & Band from Jacaranda 94.2. Held at Laerskool Trichardt, Warmfees 2025 didn't just raise the bar, it raised the roof, the spirits and a staggering mountain of blankets.

As tradition now demands, entry to Warmfees was a blanket per person per day, or R150 per person per day, the latter used to purchase additional blankets. This isn't just a music festival; it's Round Table Secunda 231's flagship community project, built hand-in-hand with their 41er counterparts, and rooted in a shared passion to uplift others during the coldest time of the year.

This year's festival, held over Friday 11th and Saturday 12th July, packed more than just powerful performances. Attendees were treated to an eclectic line-up of artists, SANBS was there for blood donations, a car show and shine competition, a car sound competition, and for the first time ever, a potjiekos competition. Though a modest beginning, the potjie event brought flavour, warmth and a little friendly rivalry, a first step towards a culinary tradition in the making for future Warmfees events.

WHERE MUSIC MEETS MISSION, AND EVERY BLANKET TELLS A STORY

But what truly stole the show were the blanket donations. So many were collected that they overflowed the bin of an 8-ton truck, a visual reminder of just how generous the community continues to be. And it wasn't just about numbers. Many attendees brought double or even triple the required number of blankets.

Watching families arrive, arms full of warmth for strangers they'll never meet, speaks to a depth of compassion that no stage light can match. Even the icy Secunda nights didn't keep the crowds away. With temperatures plunging to near zero and later below zero degrees celsius, supporters stayed late into the evening some until 9 or 10pm, wrapped in scarves and beanies, the thickest jackets and a few cosy fire pits, singing along under the stars. Their dedication wasn't for the music alone, but for the cause.

What Secunda 231 and the 41ers of Secunda have created within the TEKS community is more than an event. It's a movement wrapped in purpose. One that keeps growing year after year, fuelled by camaraderie, generosity and a powerful reminder that warmth doesn't just come from blankets, it comes from people.

Dipping into Mental Health Awareness in Mpumalanga

by Calvin Parker

In recent years, Mpumalanga's Tables have rallied around the Don't Camo Yourself campaign, created by Border Tabler Dylan Love, using the bold Ice Bath Challenge to spark conversations around men's mental health. What began as a few brave dips soon caught fire. One of the earliest plunges saw Secunda 231 leap into "Altus se dam" on a cold Monday night in 2023. From there, a chain of challenges followed. Border's Sean Richter and then Vice Chairman Carl van Staden reignited the plunge at Secunda Warmfees, and this year, Area Vice-Chairman Dean van der Walt joined Sean in the icy waters again, setting off the now-famous "Ysbeertjie Challenge", started by Middelburg 126.

Across the province, Tables answered the call. Calvin of Secunda 231, Sean, Keeno and Frans of White River 64, and many others dove in. Keeno even took it a step further by handing out SANCA flyers, pushing the message beyond the water and into the community.

From solo dips to province-wide participation, the challenge has become more than a stunt. It's a movement, reminding men that vulnerability is strength, and that we are never alone when we show up for each other.



How Mpumalanga Tables Turn Small 'Change' Into Lasting Impact

by Calvin Parker

In an inspiring show of community spirit, all five active Tables in the Round Table Mpumalanga Area have contributed meaningfully through donation drives tailored to their regions. From handing out R5 coins to sharing R10 notes, these thoughtful gestures have grown into significant collections of food, clothing, blankets and toiletries. Each project has helped meet real needs in their local community, and the collective impact has been truly uplifting. Here is a look at the role each Table played within their community.

White River 64 - The R10 That Keeps on Giving

At the White River SuperSpar, White River 64 continued their much-loved R10 Donation Drive Project. This recurring initiative, held 2-3 times a year, invites shoppers to accept a R10 note and use it or top it up with their own money to purchase non-perishable goods such as rice, pasta, canned food or toiletries. Some donors even return the R10 note with their purchase, allowing it to circulate throughout the day. Starting off with just R1,000 in R10 notes, the White River Table managed to gather goods to the astonishing total of R24,559.57. This simple idea continues to inspire a spirit of generosity year after year.



Secunda 231 - Grit, Cold Winds and Big Hearts

On an icy morning (below sub-zero weather with chilling winds) members of Secunda 231 set up for their Winter Knights Project at the Boere Mall in Secunda. Despite the cold, the team drew in crowds with boerewors rolls and collected a wide range of donations. The effort was led by Pipeliners Timm'y' Lourens (Convenor) and Reece 'Jester' Palmer (Co-convenor), who had only recently progressed to Pipeliners from active guests earlier this year. Timm'y' generously funded the day's activities which came to a total of R1,629.94, and by the end, the Table had raised goods worth R10,209.94, along with 40 hours of community service hours. Their dedication showed how new members can make a real impact and follow in the footsteps of those Tablers before them.

Barberton 67 - Food Hampers from Afar

Barberton 67 opted for a structured approach to their Food Drive Project. Under the leadership of Pipeliner Dean Byleveld, the Table sent out appeal letters requesting businesses and community members to sponsor food hampers, each valued at R453.42. The hampers, sourced from Johannesburg, were delivered to families in need in the Barberton area. The campaign raised R9,500 in total and contributed 16 hours of community service work. It was a practical and efficient way of supporting the community.

Powerlines 239 - A R5 Coin That Made a Difference

At Saveways SuperSpar in eMalahleni, Powerlines 239 ran a simple but effective R5 Coin Campaign using R5 coins to encourage food donations. Once the idea was explained, shoppers were quick to join in, purchasing various non-perishables for the cause. The effort resulted in approximately R14,454.33 worth of goods being distributed to local residents, backed by 27 hours of community service worked. It proved once again that even the smallest gesture can spark meaningful change.



Middelburg 126 - Winter Knights on a Mission

Middelburg 126 continued their Winter Knights Project by spreading the word across social media and within the local community. The call for blankets, warm clothes and non-perishable food circulated widely and brought in much-needed support. The project reflects the Table's long-standing commitment to helping others, particularly during the colder months.

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Swakopmund's Trolley Dash Puts Service in Motion

Harry Rencs

Round Table 145 once again proved that when community spirit meets creative flair, something special rolls into town. On 12 April 2025, the annual Trolley Dash, hosted in partnership with FNB Insurance Brokers, returned with new energy and a vibrant twist, a bustling market day.

The result? **A full day of fun, fundraising, and fellowship.**

The main event, the ever-entertaining trolley races, brought out the best in team spirit and imagination. Four-person teams raced decorated shopping trolleys around a custom course, cheered on by crowds of all ages. While some took the competition a bit too seriously, laughter and unity were the real winners of the day.



Adding extra charm to this year's event was a festive market showcasing nearly 30 local vendors. From artisan crafts and farm produce to sizzling food stalls, the market became a lively hub that drew families, friends, and curious visitors together in celebration. FNB Insurance Brokers raced their way to first place, with FNB Swakopmund claiming second and Komatsu taking third. While these teams led the race, the broader victory lay in the event's purpose - raising over N\$20,000 for Round Table Swakopmund 145's community initiatives. Each rand raised represents another step towards meaningful change in the region.

Events like these are not possible without partners and sponsors. Special thanks go to Nova 1035's Karlien for outstanding media support, and to the many generous contributors whose efforts made the Trolley Dash and Market Day a resounding success. From FNB Insurance Brokers and Komatsu to Reptile Mineral Resources & Exploration, King Price, Abenteurer Afrika, Voltech, DP Renovations and Maintenance, Atlas Plumbing and Leak Detection CC, Alu Pride Aluminum, RM Bramwell & Associates, Pick n Pay Swakopmund, Megasave Swakopmund and the Swakopmund Adventure Park & Paintball Centre, your support ensured this event made a lasting impact.

The 2025 Trolley Dash was more than just a community day out, it was a moving reminder that when locals come together, lives are uplifted, memories are made, and the spirit of Round Table shines brightly.

Hochland 154's 2025 Bowls Day Leaves a Lasting Legacy

Mario Plaatjes

Table Hochland 154 hosted their much-anticipated Bowls Day at Eros Bowls Club, bringing together 16 teams and over 64 players under the uplifting theme "La Dolce Vita." It was a celebration of sport, fellowship, and purpose.

More than just fun on the greens, the event raised a remarkable N\$111,901, including N\$72,000 from team entries and N\$39,901 through sponsorships and an auction. Most importantly, N\$38,276.78 was donated to Children in the Wilderness, affirming Hochland 154's ongoing commitment to empowering youth.

From lively competition to light lunches and music by The Ells, the day was filled with joy and connection. Every player walked away with a prize, and Cirrus Capital took home the trophy, ending Wilderness Safaris' winning streak.

Bowls Day 2025 was not just about sport, it was about service, unity, and legacy. It reflected the very essence of Round Table: creating meaningful impact through camaraderie and collective action.



Round Table Namibia Area AGM 2025

Taonga Namate

Table Walvis Bay 36 hosted the Namibia Area AGM at the scenic Nkandla Lodge, just outside Walvis Bay. The event welcomed 75 attendees, catered by Melissa's Kitchen and Tuckshop, and was marked by strong fellowship and celebration.

Among the honoured guests were over 20 Tablers from South Africa, including the Round Table Association President, Vice President, and Secretary, as well as the 41ers Association President, President-Elect, and Vice President.

The AGM also saw four dedicated members transition from Round Table to the 41ers, with a combined 20 years of service.

Guests from Tables across South Africa, including Pretoria, Boksburg, Kloof, Durban, and more, added to the weekend's success. The event concluded with the election of the 2025/2026 council, led by new Area Chairman Werner Wormsbaeher. Sincere appreciation was extended to the outgoing council under Basson van Rooyen for their dedicated service.



Namibia's 2025 Induction Dinner A Night of Renewal and Reflection

Round Table Namibia hosted a memorable combined induction dinner for Hochland 154, Welwitschia 213 and Windhoek 34. Held at the elegant Hotel School of NUST, the evening celebrated more than new leadership, it honoured legacy, connection and renewal, fittingly in a year when long-awaited rains brought fresh life to Namibia's landscape.

Amize Adams, serving as Master of Ceremonies, led a dignified yet heartfelt programme. Highlights included tributes to outgoing Chairmen, the induction of new leaders, and emotional farewells to members transitioning to the 41ers Association. Awards recognising commitment and excellence were also presented, including Windhoek 34's Tabler of the Year and Attendance Trophy. A photo booth, lively dance floor, and the late arrival of Namibia Area IRO Kama, now a proud new father, added personal touches to an evening that balanced formality with festivity. More than a dinner, the event marked a recommitment to Round Table's purpose. As Namibia blooms anew, so too does the spirit of fellowship among its Tablers.



Farewell to Three Legends as They Age Out of Round Table Walvis Bay 36

Round Table Walvis Bay 36 bid farewell to three remarkable members who reached the age threshold of 40 and, as per tradition, stepped down at the following AGM. Together, these three Tablers share over 19 years of dedicated service to the organisation and their community.

Leigh Westerdale, who began his Tabling journey as a pipeliner in June 2014 and became a full member by October that same year, has served as Chairman twice and held numerous portfolios within the club. He also contributed significantly to the Namibia Area Council as Webmaster over several years, playing a vital role in advancing the club's digital presence.

Joppie "Katoet" Kotze joined as a pipeliner in July 2021 and became a member in October 2021. His leadership journey saw him serve two consecutive years as Vice Chairman before concluding his active Table career as Chairman for the 2024/2025 term.

Medic Rush 2025 Brings Healing and Hope to Tsumkwe's Remote Communities

From 26 to 29 May 2025, the annual Round Table Hochland 154 Medic Rush once again brought vital healthcare to some of Namibia's most isolated communities. Travelling over 1,650 kilometres from Windhoek to Tsumkwe and surrounding villages such as Ben-se-Pos, N#ama and Dou, this year's initiative reached far beyond medical assistance – it offered dignity, relief and connection.

Now in its 18th year, the Medic Rush was originally shaped by the vision of neurologist and 41er, Dr Vaja Zatjirua. What began as a small outreach has grown into a significant humanitarian project that delivers essential healthcare to areas where hospitals and clinics are hundreds of kilometres away. In Tsumkwe's case, the nearest hospital is in Grootfontein, 280 kilometres away.

This year's effort saw 750 patients receive free medical care. For many, it was the first time they had access to a professional consultation in years. Medicines and supplies worth approximately N\$240,000 were dispensed, all at no cost. The outreach also included the distribution of sanitation items such as soap and hand sanitiser to assist in preventing disease outbreaks.

A team of 22 healthcare professionals – including doctors, nurses, students and interns – volunteered their time, converting community spaces into makeshift clinics. Their work was supported by 13 dedicated members of Round Table Hochland 154, under the leadership of convenor Matthew Vudzijena, who ensured seamless logistics and coordination.

The 2025 Medic Rush proved once again that when medical care meets genuine commitment, lives are not only changed – they are uplifted. For Tsumkwe and its neighbouring villages, the journey of this convoy of compassion brought more than healing. It delivered hope.



Waldo Lassen, a pipeliner from November 2021 and member since September 2022, was a driving force in the club's outreach projects. From assisting shack fire victims to ensuring essential supplies reached those in need, Waldo played a hands-on role in realising the spirit of service. He is also known locally for his work with the Walvis Bay Fire Department.

Round Table Walvis Bay 36 extends its heartfelt appreciation to Nicole Westerdale, Melissa Kotze, and Van der Merwe Renske for their unwavering support of their husbands' commitment to Round Table over the years.

As Leigh, Joppie and Waldo transition into the 41ers Association, they leave behind an enduring legacy. Round Table Walvis Bay 36 wishes them every success in their future endeavours and reminds them that they will always have a home at any Table function.

Once a Tabler, always a brother.

The 2025 Fishing Boogie That Brought the RTSA to the Namib Desert



There are fishing trips... and then there are Boogies. The 2025 Fishing Boogie was not just another line in the water. It was a roaring five-day celebration of camaraderie, shared adventure, and unforgettable moments that stitched together four nations in the heart of Namibia's wild west. From deep-sea catches to dune-side tales, this year's edition was proof that the Round Table brotherhood is alive, well, and thriving across borders.

The Start of Something Special

The Boogie kicked off, as every good story does, with a bit of chaos. As the convoy gathered bright and early at 41er Philip Barnard's home in Windhoek, one crucial member, Alex, was mysteriously absent. Turns out, he was working away in Philip's guest bedroom, blissfully unaware that the rest of the team had already hit the road. Thanks to a well-timed airport run by Werner, who was collecting German guest Konstantin, Alex was retrieved, and the Boogie was officially underway.

The convoy meandered through the rain-soaked Bosua Pass, soaking in Namibia's rugged beauty and the scent of fresh earth. With stops for cold beers, a wors-and-brötchen summit lunch, and even a surprise appearance by a curious chameleon, the road already offered its own stories. A trailer puncture was no bother, it simply became the first of many shared challenges turned into memories.

Arrival at Wlotzkasbaken

The first official checkpoint was Windpomp 14, where Walvis Bay 36 and South African guests joined the growing convoy. From there, the team rolled into the Boogie House in Wlotzkasbaken, a charmingly remote village between Swakopmund and Henties Bay. The evening was crowned with juicy plankie steaks and a massive paella side dish, signalling the calibre of cuisine that would define the days to come.

As the sun set, some retired early. Others, like the writer, found themselves still kuiering around the fire at 04:16. The spirit of the Boogie had officially arrived.

From Dunes to Draft

Tuesday was all about thrill and dust. The convoy aired down their tyres and took to the towering dunes of Long Beach under the expert guidance of Wenzel. After some spirited off-roading, the verdict was unanimous: when it comes to dune conquering, Toyota rules. No Chinese SUV, German luxury wagon or budget bakkie stood a chance.

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Friday morning came too soon. After traditional coffee and rusks, the team packed up and rolled out. A final lunch at the Swakopmund Brauhaus gave the group a chance to laugh, reflect, and share one last cheers. Some made their way to the Round Table Namibia Area AGM, others headed home, each carrying a week's worth of stories, new friendships, and sun-kissed skin. A Tribute to the Legends Behind the Scenes None of this would have been possible without the extraordinary effort of a few dedicated Boogie champions: Philip Barnard, for hosting, leading, and setting the tone throughout. Werner, whose driving, logistics, and culinary

**Boogies are
built for
legends.**

The Fishing Begins

Wednesday morning brought the true heart of the Boogie - fishing. Equipped with a custom draught machine serving ice-cold Namibian beer straight from the bakkie, the beachside operation began in earnest. Kabeljou, kolsterste, babers, klipvissies, and even two impressive sharks were landed over the next few days.

IPP Antonie Smit bagged the first shark and dramatically declared he'd been bitten (a minor scratch, more likely from a rock than from jaws). The tale grew with each retelling, until his wife Debby arrived and, as expected, Antonie's storytelling tempo slowed noticeably.

Each day was fuelled by hearty meals: wors, burgers, fresh brötchens—every bite soaked in sea air and good banter. Walvis Bay 36 treated the group to a kabeljou-and-chips feast on Wednesday evening, using catches from their boat expedition.



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Until Next Time

The 2025 Fishing Boogie was not just a trip. It was a testament to the power of fellowship, of laughter shared around fires, of fish stories both true and embellished, and of the unspoken connection that comes when good men come together with a shared sense of purpose and play.

Bottomless Fellowship, Topped with Camembert and Camaraderie

Mark Kissler

Money may make the world go round, but pizza – it seems – brings Tables together like little else. On the final Friday of March 2025, RT 34 hosted its inaugural Bottomless Pizza Evening at The Rare Smokey Mare, the celebrated venue of Area Chairman and fellow 34 brother, Werner Wormsbächer. The evening was born from a desire to ease the financial burden of club upkeep, while also reigniting the flame of fellowship in a more relaxed, light-hearted setting. And by all measures, it delivered.

Fifty-seven guests, including over ten 41ers, family members, and Tablers from four of Namibia's five Tables arrived with good spirits and hearty appetites. What unfolded was a night of laughter, connection, and storytelling that rekindled the essence of Round Table fellowship. For many, it felt like an Area conference in miniature.

Over three hours, Windhoek's finest thin base pizzas made their way from kitchen to table, the highlight being the venue's signature Smokey Mare pizza, topped with smoked brisket, camembert, and red wine caramelised onions.

The admittance fee included a drink and, more importantly, a warm welcome into the spirit of camaraderie.

In a surprise highlight, the evening saw four brave volunteers take on a fiery challenge: consuming four slices of extra spicy pizza and downing a Zamalek in record time. 41er Romeo Arendse took home the glory – and a N\$400 voucher – with Walvis Bay Vice Chairman PJ Badenhorst earning a respectable second place and a N\$200 prize. RT 34's Bottomless Pizza evening met – and exceeded – its dual purpose: raising essential clubhouse funds and creating lasting fellowship moments. The stories shared, the memories made, and the bonds formed have reaffirmed the club's mission and purpose.

The overwhelming success has already set the wheels in motion for another edition later in the year. Because at the end of the day, when fellowship is served hot, who could ever say no to another slice?



Opinion: **FEBRUARY HURTS** - And It's Time We Did Something About It!

The numbers don't lie. Clubs across the association are seeing a pattern of resignations and disengagement, especially in February. But behind each statistic is a choice – and a challenge. What will we do differently?

There is no way to sugar-coat it: February is tough. Whether you are a business owner, manager or auditor, it is likely the month that marks your financial year-end. That means stock takes, provisional tax submissions, budgets to finalise and rolling over to a new fiscal year. It is mentally, physically and financially demanding. But for Tablers, February carries an even heavier burden. In the world of Round Table, February is resignation season. It is when leadership councils transition, and men who've turned 40 are gracefully exited from the brotherhood. It is also the time when resignations quietly trickle in - often unnoticed until it is too late. And if we are honest with ourselves, we know the reasons all too well: rising costs, limited time, and diminishing returns on the personal investment into this organisation we claim to love.

Take a look at the figures. In just three years, Windhoek 34 has declined from 11 to 7 active members. That is a 36% drop in membership. While some of these are positive transfers to clubs at the coast due to new opportunities, a win for Round Table as a whole, the broader trend is clear. And it is not just about money or time.

It is about **engagement**.

Or rather, the lack thereof.

Here's a simple truth: people don't pay for what they don't use. If you're not actively participating in events, if you're not connecting with your fellow Tablers, if you're not feeling heard - then why stay? Low engagement is a slow and silent killer. Members begin to fade into the background. They stop attending meetings, ignore comms, and slowly disappear. It doesn't happen overnight, but the result is the same. One less seat at the table. One less brother in arms.

This disengagement is contagious. Even your most active, fired-up Tabler begins to feel the void when others don't pitch up. Fellowship fades. Motivation drops. And eventually, they start asking themselves: is it really worth it?

Round Table is worth fighting for, but only if we're **willing to change**.

The competition is not asleep. Rotary, Lions, motorcycle clubs, sports leagues, even online communities, are all offering spaces where men feel valued, heard and inspired. Some are cheaper. Some offer more flexibility. Some are simply better at staying relevant. But this is not the time to look outward. This is the time to look inward. We need to ask ourselves some hard questions. Are we truly offering value to our members? Are we creating opportunities for real connection and growth? Are we adapting to the realities of today's younger generation, who are not drawn to tradition for tradition's sake?

The good news is that the solutions are within reach.

We can start by launching a feedback survey. Show our members that their voices matter. We must create new ways to get involved, perhaps more family-friendly initiatives, more mentoring, or more project-based involvement.

“It's time we pull the handbrake and stop the bleeding, before we lose more than just members.”

We need to be louder about our impact - in our communities, in our friendships, and in our personal growth. We must train and empower our leadership to serve, not just to manage. And above all else, **we need to stop making excuses and start making changes.**

Only once we've stemmed the outflow, once we've reignited the passion among our current members, should we shift our energy to attracting new ones. Otherwise, we are simply pouring water into a bucket full of holes.

Round Table is a 98-year-old organisation with a heartbeat that still pulses strong. It offers so much. But we, its current stewards, must be brave enough to admit that we are the reason it's bleeding. And we must be bold enough to pull the handbrake, course correct and lead it into a future that our founders would be proud of.

Just imagine: you're 75 years old. You walk into a Round Table reunion as a proud 41er. The fire is still alive. The stories are flowing. The legacy is intact, because back in 2025, you decided to do something about it.

Wake up, Tablers. **The legacy is in our hands.** And history will judge us not by what we inherited, but by what we chose to pass on.



Round Table Swakopmund and Rotary Club Walvis Bay Join Forces for Jonah Home Donation

Bertus Venter

Round Table Swakopmund 145 recently joined hands with the Rotary Club of Walvis Bay to support the Jonah Home for Children, an orphanage in Walvis Bay. The Rotary Club organised care packages for the children, including towels, washcloths, toothbrushes, hygiene products, sanitary items, toys, colouring books and sweets. In support of this initiative—and in line with our Winter Knights campaign—Round Table Swakopmund donated 25 blankets valued at N\$5,500.00 to provide warmth and comfort to the children.

This collaboration marks a meaningful step towards greater cooperation between coastal service clubs. Despite sharing similar values and goals, such partnerships have been rare in recent years. It was both refreshing and inspiring to work alongside Rotary on this project. We believe this is only the beginning of a stronger working relationship that can enhance the impact of future community initiatives.



NATAL NORTH COAST AREA

Alpine Adventures and Austrian Fellowship

Henning de Wet

Every journey in Round Table is unique, but some take you far beyond your borders – into castles, mountain towns, and the warm company of international brothers. That’s exactly what happened when Henning de Wet had the honour of representing the Natal North Coast Area (NNCA) at the 2025 Austrian AGM, stepping in on behalf of the Area Chairman.

This wasn’t just a meeting, it was a chapter in a much bigger story, one that began in 2001 with the signing of an exchange agreement between NNCA and Round Table Austria. Over the years, this partnership has grown into one of the longest-standing international exchange agreements in the Tabling world, standing as a proud example of fellowship across continents.



Touchdown in Vienna – Let the Journey Begin

Henning’s journey kicked off in the elegant streets of Vienna, where he met Tabler Tommaso from Luxembourg. The two wasted no time embracing the local culture – which, as one might expect, involved hopping between traditional bars, soaking in the sights, and enjoying a few Gemütlichkeit-filled conversations. Vienna’s charm set the tone: this was going to be a Tabler’s journey to remember.

From City Lights to Alpine Heights

From Vienna, Henning boarded the ÖBB train to Gmunden, a storybook lakeside town that played host to this year’s AGM. The setting was nothing short of magical. A helicopter ride welcomed him with sweeping views of the Austrian Alps and an AGM banner draped on a mountaintop, an impressive (and very Tabler-like) flourish.

The opening evening was a cultural celebration of note, think lederhosen, live music, and lots of spritz. But the highlight came at the gala dinner, where Henning proudly signed the traditional deerskin scroll, a symbolic part of the official NNCA-Austria agreement and a rite of passage for any visiting Chairman or delegate.

Castles, Cruises, and Camaraderie

The AGM itself was held in the historic Schloss Ort, a lakeside castle that looked like something straight out of a fairytale. A sun-soaked boat cruise across the lake for the official banner exchange before heading to the gala dinner wrapped up the weekend, reminding everyone that the heart of Round Table is built not just on meetings, but on memories.

Hitting the Road, Hitting Potholes

No journey is complete without a little adventure. Henning joined RTI Past President Marc Germishuizen for a post-AGM trip through Villach, Hallstatt, Klagenfurt and even over the border into Italy for a proper pasta-and-wine dinner.

During one of their sight-seeing adventures, they managed to help a stranded couple with a flat tyre, before ironically needing roadside assistance themselves thanks to one of Austria’s very few potholes.

“This wasn’t just a trip. It was a Tabler’s journey in every sense, full of fellowship, culture, unexpected laughs, and lasting connections” - Henning de Wet



RBCT Supports Round Table Richards Bay

Henning de Wet

Round Table Richards Bay 200 is honoured to once again be a recipient of the RBCT Annual Standard Donation, receiving R40 000 for the 2025/26 financial year. This generous contribution will support our ongoing community initiatives and outreach efforts in and around Richards Bay.

The donation was awarded as part of the Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT) 2025 Annual Standard Donation event, held on 14 May 2025. A total of R1 317 500 was distributed among 33 local NPOs, reflecting RBCT's continued commitment to uplifting communities across Zululand.

RBCT, the largest coal export facility in Africa, plays a key role not only in the regional economy but also in the social development of communities. Under the leadership of CEO Mr Alan Waller, the annual donation programme has become a cornerstone of its CSI efforts. In his address, Alan Waller emphasised that the growth of the programme is a testament to the company's ongoing dedication to community welfare.

Round Table Richards Bay 200 has a long-standing record of impactful projects, and with RBCT's generous support, we are better equipped to continue serving our community under our guiding motto: Adopt, Adapt, Improve.

RT200 extends their sincere thanks to RBCT for their continued support and partnership in helping us serve where we can make a real difference.



"RBCT's continued support empowers us to serve our community with greater impact, turning generosity into lasting change."

Purpose in Action

Calvin Smit

In June 2025, Round Table Ballito 221 reaffirmed its commitment to service through impactful community-driven projects. Partnering with Operation Restore Africa, the Table distributed first aid kits to Early Childhood Development Centres, benefiting over 1,000 children and helping create safer learning environments.

The Table also donated over 400 books to Salt Rock Library, promoting literacy and lifelong learning. In a continued push for food security, Ballito 221 supported the Potatoes4Kids initiative by donating 90 buckets of seed potatoes to families and care centres.

Looking ahead, the Table is preparing for its annual IPSS Search & Rescue Golf Day on 7 August 2025 at Umhlali Country Club, with the aim of raising R75,000 for a Disaster Communications Tower to improve emergency response in the region.



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NATAL SOUTH COAST AREA

From Noddy to the Berg

My 7-Year Table Tale

By Matthew Hayes, Sani 152

Seven years ago, I walked into a meeting at Kloof 190 because a guy named Matthew Helm reckoned I'd be a good fit for Round Table. Little did I know that one introduction would change the course of my life, not just socially or in service, but for my family too.

From day one, I've held a portfolio, jumping straight in, sleeves rolled up. And for the past four years, I've been privileged to serve as a Chairman in various forms, now ending my tenure as Area Chairman. Leadership has shaped so much of my Table journey, but so has passion, especially my passion for events. Before Table, I was already running wild with ideas through The Gentlemen's Club, but Table gave that energy a purpose. Being able to channel that creativity into fundraising, hosting, and creating impact? Game-changing.

"Round Table didn't just give me a platform to serve, it gave my creativity purpose, my leadership direction, and my family a community to belong to."



At Kloof 190, I found my footing. One of my proudest achievements there was starting the Annual Golf Day fundraiser, an idea brewed over beers (as most good ones are), and it's still swinging strong seven years later. That sense of legacy has always stuck with me. Then there's the moment my childhood and adult life hilariously collided: as a kid, I sat wide-eyed at the Uncle Jumbo's Christmas Show... never imagining I'd one day be Noddy on that very stage. Bell hat and all. That was the magic of Kloof, you didn't just join a Table, you joined a family, a circus, and a theatre troupe all in one.

I later transferred to Westville 189, at a time when the Table had only three active members and barely a fundraiser in sight. But in true Round Table fashion, we rallied. Over two years, we grew the membership to eight, reignited the fundraising calendar, and laid the foundation for the strong, thriving Table they are today.

It was also during my time at Westville that the seeds of one of the most meaningful connections in my life were planted, our international twinning with Fulda 189 in Germany. What began as a friendly exchange grew into something much bigger. Today, the friendships I've formed through Fulda 189 continue to expand my worldview, reinforce the global spirit of Round Table, and - bonus - make for some great stories.

Even while at Westville, I was already showing face at Sani 152 events, supporting their efforts and slowly building friendships with the brothers in the Berg. That connection deepened year by year, until my wife and I made the decision to pack up our lives, kids and all, and relocate to Underberg for a fresh start. We knew we wanted a better quality of life for our family, but we also knew we wouldn't be doing it alone. The support system through Sani 152 gave us the courage to take the leap.

And while it's been rewarding, I won't pretend it's been easy. Moving towns and starting from scratch has come with challenges, financial pressure, isolation, and the kind of quiet stress that creeps in when no one's looking. It's weighed heavy on my mind at times. But having an incredible, supportive wife and a group of Table brothers who genuinely care? That's been my saving grace. Conversations around the fire, helping hands, and open ears have reminded me that this movement is just as much about mental health as it is about service.

Now, as an official member of Sani 152, I'm gearing up to run my first local fundraiser: "Jail & Bail," with the goal of raising R30,000. (If you see community members behind bars, don't worry - it's only temporary. And only slightly dramatic.)

From my days as Noddy to now chasing bail money, Table has given me more than I ever imagined, purpose, creativity, leadership, and most of all, friendship. The connections I've built across the country, and even internationally, have made the biggest impact on my life.

**Every journey begins with a single step, but it's the footprints we leave behind, in service, in friendship, in impact, that truly define our legacy.
Keep walking.
Keep giving.
Keep growing.**



NORTHERN CAPE

Augrabies 273's Enduring Bond with Oranje Rus

By AB Tromp

In the sunbaked heart of the Northern Cape, where the landscape is as tough as its people, there's a quiet tradition of tenderness that's been growing stronger for over two decades. Round Table Augrabies 273's deeply rooted relationship with the Oranje Rus Retirement Home began around 2003, sparked by the compassion of their 41'ers, and today it remains one of the Table's most beloved and enduring community service projects. What makes this initiative so special isn't just its longevity, it's the way it brings joy, dignity, and connection to the elderly, many of whom feel forgotten in their later years. It's about hot potjie, warm arms, and even warmer hearts.

“Jy weet nooit waar die lewe jou gaan vat nie. As ons vandag omgee vir ons bejaardes, kry ons dalk eendag daardie selfde omgee terug.”
– Rupert Viljoen, Voorsitter van RT Augrabies 273

Every year, Tablers from Augrabies 273 arrive at Oranje Rus with open arms and full pots. Their most recent visit featured a hearty spread of three potjie options, afval, skaap, and hoender, served with rice. The clear favourite? Afval, hands down. “Ons was knie diep in die pot,” one member laughed, as they recalled the chaos of accidentally forgetting dessert. But no one seemed to mind. The joy was in the moment, not the menu.

For the gentlemen residents, there's always “ietsie om die kele nat te maak,” while everyone is encouraged to bring along plastic containers to take home leftovers, a thoughtful touch that makes the care stretch beyond just one day.

It's not only the food or gifts that matter. It's the presence. “Die ou menses wil altyd die kinders vashou en drukkies gee,” shared one Tabler, describing bittersweet scenes of affection and loneliness. For some, these visits are the only time in the year when they feel seen, and held.



*Projects like this remind us that service doesn't always require scale, **only sincerity**. One visit. One warm meal. One memory made. That's all it takes to change someone's day, and sometimes, their life. Let us not forget those whom the world so easily forgets. Let us be there, as Augrabies 273 has been, with a pot, a smile, and a heart wide open.*



The project's heart beats strongest when generations come together. Children run between wheelchairs, laughter echoing in the halls. One year, the kids took turns spinning each other around in one of the residents' wheelchairs, a moment of pure joy that blurred the line between giving and receiving. While the older members have long carried the torch, younger Tablers are being drawn in too, often through simple things like Facebook posts. “Ons maak seker om foto's van die kuier op ons Facebook blad te plaas en tag ons lede om bewustheid te skep onder die jonger manne.” It's working. Slowly, the seed planted by the 41'ers is being nurtured by a new generation of men with hearts just as committed.

Fundraising for Oranje Rus is handled through raffles and prize draws, and the proceeds go toward maintaining the home, fixing rooms, improving communal areas, and even adding new books to their modest library. It's not glamorous work, but it's deeply necessary.

The men of Augrabies 273 don't do it for recognition. They do it because it feels right. Because, as Rupert Viljoen said, “we never know where life will take us.”

As long as Round Table Augrabies exists, its members say, they hope to continue this legacy, not just of service, but of shared humanity. **“Elke lid van ons se harte is in hierdie projek,”** one member said. And it shows.

From Augrabies to Belgium

By Henning de Wet

In the month of May, the spirit of fellowship crossed borders as two Tablers from Round Table Augrabies 273 donned black jackets and proudly represented Southern Africa at the 75th AGM of Round Table Belgium in the heart of Brussels. This unforgettable experience was made possible through collaboration with Round Table Northern Cape and the ARTSA 2025 team.

With cobblestone streets beneath their feet and the colours of international Tabling all around them, our Augrabies Tablers embraced the moment to its fullest.



SOUTH CAPE

Footprints Across Southern Africa

The South Cape Story

By the Tablers of Round Table South Cape Area

In Round Table, we often speak about impact, about service, about legacy, about community. But impact is not always about fanfare or flashing cameras. Sometimes, it's quieter. Sometimes, it looks like a child hearing for the first time. Or a family sleeping a little warmer under a donated blanket. Or a beach, cleaner by just one plastic bottle at a time.

In the South Cape, our Tables may be small in number, but never in heart. From Knysna to Oudtshoorn, from George to Mossel Bay, we've left behind more than footprints in the sand. We've changed lives. We've answered calls for help. And we've done it together. Here are four stories, four powerful footprints, that tell the tale of what's possible when Tablers rise to meet the moment.

Knysna 59: Baby Zaiden and the Sound of Hope

By Bernie Naser – Chairman, Knysna 59

When Knysna 59 was officially rechartered in 2025 after a five-year silence, no one expected our first call to action would come so soon, or be so urgent.

A local paediatrician contacted us. A young boy, Zaiden, was losing his hearing rapidly. Without an urgent and specialised procedure, he would become completely deaf. But there was no medical aid, and no time to wait.

We were a brand-new team. We could have said, "We're not ready." Instead, we said, "Let's go." We rallied. We fundraised. We booked appointments, managed logistics, and refused to give up. And when Zaiden woke up after the procedure, the world sounded different, for the first time, he could truly hear.

What followed was remarkable. A boy who once struggled to form words now speaks in full sentences. His parents, once unsure how to help him, are now watching his personality bloom.

That's what a footprint looks like.

And this is just the beginning. Knysna 59 is dreaming bigger, planning a regional hearing health campaign to help even more children like Zaiden. Because no child should go unheard.



George 30: Santa Flight — Christmas at 10,000 Feet

By Niel Enslin – Chairman & IRO/PRO, George 30

What if Christmas could take flight?

That was the dream, and today, Santa Flight is one of the most beloved events on our Table's calendar. Partnering with local service clubs, businesses, and aviation enthusiasts, we give underprivileged children something they'll never forget, their first flight.

Every November, nearly 100 children are treated to rides in helicopters and small aircraft. They receive gifts, enjoy festive meals, and, most importantly, feel seen, loved, and celebrated.

One of our proudest stories? A young boy once told his pilot, "I'm going to fly like you one day." Today, he's a qualified commercial pilot. Santa Flight is not just about presents. It's about planting purpose. It's about lifting spirits, and lives, off the ground.

And to the Association Exec? You're invited. Come see what real Christmas magic looks like - you'll need tissues.



Oudtshoorn 33: Winter Knights and the Warmth of Brotherhood

By André Burger – Vice-Chairman, IRO/PRO, Oudtshoorn 33

In the Klein Karoo, winter bites hard. And when the cold sets in, so does the need.

Winter Knights isn't just a campaign, it's a promise. A promise that no one in our community should face the cold alone. From handing out jackets to boiling soup in the early hours, we take to the streets, schools, and farming communities to deliver warmth and dignity. Led this year by Tablers Johan Hendriksz and Daniel Smuts, our Table gathered everything from blankets to beanies. Every hand that helped made a difference. There's a moment we look forward to every year: the smile of someone who's just been handed a warm jacket. Not a casual smile, but the kind that says, "You saw me." It's a feeling you never forget. And it's why we'll be back again next winter, and every winter after that.



Mossel Bay 32: Turning Plastic into Purpose

By Paul Hoeksema – PRO Assistant, Mossel Bay 32

We love our beaches. But loving them means looking after them. That's why we launched #BeachCleanup, a monthly project where we tackle plastic pollution along the South Cape coastline, one bag at a time.

It started with a simple idea: get hands dirty and clean what we can. But it's grown into something bigger. With the help of local groups like S.M.A.R.T., we weigh, record, and report every cleanup, creating awareness while creating change.

Each wrapper we pick up is one less threat to marine life. And sometimes, what we find shocks us: labels faded from over a decade ago, proving just how long our waste lingers.

The best part? People notice. Kids ask questions. Tourists join in. Locals thank us. The message is spreading: this is our ocean, and we're its caretakers. Looking ahead, we hope to bring #BeachCleanup into schools, blending education with action. Because the future of our oceans depends on what we do today.



Service in Motion

The true measure of a Table is not in how loudly it speaks, but in how deeply it leaves its mark. In the South Cape, every Tabler understands that service is about showing up. About following through. About standing together, whether you're rechartering a dormant Table or pushing through a windy morning to clean a beach. From hearing aids to helicopter rides, from soup kitchens to sandy shores, our impact is visible. Tangible. Lasting.

These are the footprints of Round Table in the South Cape. And the path we've walked is only the beginning.

Every road forward begins with purpose.

In Round Table, we do not walk aimlessly. Each step we take, each project we launch, each life we touch, it all begins with a clear purpose. It is this sense of direction that unites Tablers across towns, provinces and borders. No matter where the road bends, we travel it together, driven by service, fuelled by fellowship, and guided by the belief that the journey matters just as much as the destination.



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A Legacy of Service RT47 and the Potchefstroom Diens Sentrum

Calvin Parker



In Potchefstroom, a long-standing partnership between Round Table Potchefstroom 47 and the Potchefstroom Diens Sentrum continues to uplift lives and strengthen the community.

Potch 47 played a key role in founding the Diens Sentrum and has remained closely involved ever since, not just through donations, but through active engagement and hands-on support.

One of the most significant projects born from this partnership is the Bus Service Project, the oldest initiative of Potch 47. Remarkably, it began even before the Diens Sentrum was established. The service provides essential transport to elderly residents and those in need, helping combat isolation and improve access to services. Its continued operation is a testament to the power of early vision and lasting commitment.

This partnership thrives on regular communication and mutual purpose. The Table and the centre work closely to ensure their efforts are relevant and impactful. Together, they show how collaboration can deliver lasting change.

RT Potchefstroom 47's ongoing support of the Diens Sentrum reflects a deep-rooted culture of service and community spirit. Their legacy is not only one of projects completed but of lives touched, a powerful example of what can be achieved when organisations unite for the greater good.



Empowering Communities

Calvin Parker

Round Table Vereeniging 20 has built a strong and compassionate partnership with the Holy Country community, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to uplifting those in need. Over the years, this relationship has grown into a vital support network marked by reliability, trust, and care.

Whether through regular food donations during difficult times or festive gift drives that bring joy to children, Vereeniging 20 consistently shows up when it matters most. Their support is not seasonal or symbolic, it is practical, heartfelt, and ongoing.

The connection between the Table and the Holy Country is rooted in mutual respect. The appreciation expressed by Holy Country residents continues to inspire the Tablers, motivating them to deepen their impact and remain actively involved.

This partnership stands as a clear example of how Round Table service, when paired with empathy and consistency, can truly empower communities and change lives.



A Heartfelt Connection

Calvin Parker

Round Table Vereeniging 20 shares a deeply rooted bond with Huis Belinda, a children's care home that provides a safe and nurturing space for vulnerable young lives. This relationship has grown steadily over the years, built on compassion and a shared purpose.

The Table supports Huis Belinda through regular donations and festive gift drives, ensuring that the children have the essentials they need, along with moments of joy and celebration. More than just material support, the Tablers are present – offering time, care, and encouragement.

Inspired by the dedication of the staff and the resilience of the children, Vereeniging 20 remains committed to this journey. Their continued involvement reflects the true spirit of Round Table, standing beside those who need it most and making a lasting difference, one act of kindness at a time.



Real People. Real Impact.

WESTERN PROVINCE



High Stakes, Higher Purpose: Round Table Yzerfontein 276's Glamorous Charity Casino Night

**A night of giving.
A night of glamour.
A night to remember.**



In the picturesque coastal town of Yzerfontein, where the waves meet the West Coast breeze, something extraordinary unfolded, an evening where flair met philanthropy. Round Table Yzerfontein 276 hosted their inaugural Charity Casino Night at the vibrant Weskus Kitchen, delivering not only glitz and glamour but also heartfelt impact.

With cards shuffled and dice rolling, guests were swept into a world of Vegas-style entertainment, all for a noble cause. The beneficiary? Huis Van Heerde Kids Home in Moorreesburg, a safe haven for children in need. As laughter echoed and bets were placed, a powerful undercurrent of generosity wove its way through the evening.

From the moment the first chip was placed to the last item auctioned, the event radiated energy, excitement and purpose. Guests embraced the casino theme wholeheartedly, enjoying timeless favourites like blackjack and roulette, while an electrifying charity auction raised the stakes, and the funds. In total, an astounding R30,000 was raised, a testament to the giving spirit of the Yzerfontein community.

The night was brought to life by the unwavering support of local businesses, donors and community members, whose contributions and enthusiasm ensured the event's success. Their support will directly benefit the children of Huis Van Heerde, enabling access to essential resources, care and support.

Yet, beyond the fundraising total and flashing lights, it was the camaraderie and community spirit that truly defined the evening. The event was a reflection of what Round Table stands for, fellowship, fun and service. It was a celebration of what's possible when people come together with a shared purpose, to uplift and empower those in need.

As the chips were cashed in and the curtains drew to a close, the message was clear, this is just the beginning. Round Table Yzerfontein 276 has set the stage for what promises to become a signature event on the Table calendar.

Honouring the Hearts Behind the Table

JG Marais

Behind every strong Table stands a team of extraordinary women. Round Table Robertson 115 takes immense pride in celebrating ours, powerful, passionate and unwaveringly supportive.

This year, their commitment was recognised in true style as they were named WP Area Table Ladies of the Year. A proud moment that echoes what we already knew: Robertson's ladies are nothing short of phenomenal.

From late nights behind the scenes to tireless support at every project and event, their impact is deeply felt. Our journey would not be possible without their strength, grace and selfless spirit.

To our incredible women, thank you for walking beside us, lifting us higher, and serving with unmatched heart.



Spectacular Projek Bring Hoop en Heldersiendheid aan die Gemeenskap

Michael de Winnaar

Sedert die afskop van die Spectacular Projek in Julie 2022, het Round Table saam met VDM Oogkundiges 'n indrukwekkende en tasbare verskil gemaak in die lewens van talle mense in die gemeenskap. Hierdie projek is gebou op 'n eenvoudige maar betekenisvolle doelwit, om kwaliteit oogversorging beskikbaar te maak aan dié wat dit nie self kan bekostig nie.

Tot dusver is 216 mense se oë professioneel getoets en 185 van hulle het reeds brille ontvang, elk sorgvuldig aangepas om hul sig en lewensgehalte te verbeter. Die geskatte waarde van hierdie brille beloop reeds meer as R243 000. Danksy ruimhartige donasies van brilsrame uit die gemeenskap, kon kostes laag gehou word sonder om aan gehalte in te boet. Elke ontvanger kry 'n volledige brilpakket, van die oogtoets en raamkeuse tot 'n netjiese sakkie en lappie, en stap weg met hernude selfvertroue en hoop. Hierdie projek is 'n viering van samewerking, menswaardigheid en die vermoë om saam werklik 'n verskil te maak.



Stepping Up for Future Champions

Round Table Robertson 115 recently laced up support for two rising athletics stars, Elzario and Wilton, by donating brand-new running shoes to help fuel their sporting dreams.

In just a short time, these determined young men have delivered remarkable performances, proof of their dedication, discipline, and natural talent.

Well done, Elzario and Wilton! Your journey is only beginning, and we are proud to be a small part of it.



Stepping Up for Future Champions

Round Table Robertson 115 proudly rallied behind a local young man with a big dream, representing South Africa as part of the Protea Deaf Cricket Team.

Thanks to generous support from our community, that dream is now a reality. His journey to the international stage is not just a personal victory, but a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we stand together.

This is why we Table: to uplift, empower, and leave a legacy of hope.



Wheels of Care

In a meaningful partnership with the Langeberg C3 Heart Network, Round Table Robertson 115 proudly donated three wheelchairs and three rollator chairs to the newly upgraded casualty unit at Robertson Hospital.

This project was made possible thanks to the ongoing generosity of our supporters over the years. Your unwavering backing empowers us to respond where help is needed most.



Winter Hunt for Hope

With winter in full swing and fresh produce in short supply, Robertson Round Table recently took action to support local soup kitchens by organising a hunting trip to collect much-needed venison.

Partnering with Round Table Kirkwood 78, the team was welcomed with open arms and experienced true fellowship from the first moment. The weekend was filled with camaraderie, shared laughs, and a strong sense of purpose, a reminder of what Round Table is all about.

In total, 18 impalas were hunted, yielding an impressive 470 kilograms of meat. This will go a long way in feeding those who need it most during the colder months.

Special thanks go to Paaltjies Kraal, River Reeds, and everyone who contributed.

To Kirkwood 78, the next round of hospitality is on us!

From Flicker to Flame. The Revival of Cape Town 9

How agility, strategy, and a little cheekiness reignited RT9's purpose.



Nick Austin

In early 2023, Cape Town 9, one of the last remaining city Tables in the Cape Town metro, stood on the edge of closure, again. The Table had dwindled to just three members. They met monthly in a clubhouse big enough for a rugby team, yet empty enough to echo. With one member in Melkbosstrand, another in the Northern Suburbs, and only one near their “home base,” the team joked that internal communication needed a toll gate.

This was not unfamiliar ground. In 2019, the Table had clawed its way back from a single member to six. But with an average age of 37 and time marching on, momentum was hard to sustain. Then came COVID. Online meetings replaced socials, DIY nights filled the calendar, and the energy slowly faded. By 2023, most had aged out or stepped back for family and work. Still, the Table did not fold.

Two transfers, from East London 1 and Durbanville 165, brought just enough spark to keep going. For two years, it remained a trio. Same faces, same voices, same jokes. New guests often felt like they had joined a book club. Projects dragged. But instead of closing, Cape Town 9 got strategic.

In 2024, they embraced a new approach. Facebook ads, BNI networks, and community-focused events replaced the old playbook. They also improved the guest experience, shorter meetings, fewer formalities, and refreshments covered by admin funds. The goal, make it easy, make it fun, make it memorable.

They reached out to Tables across South Africa, asking for referrals. Friends, cousins, colleagues, anyone moving to Cape Town. The response was positive. And it worked.



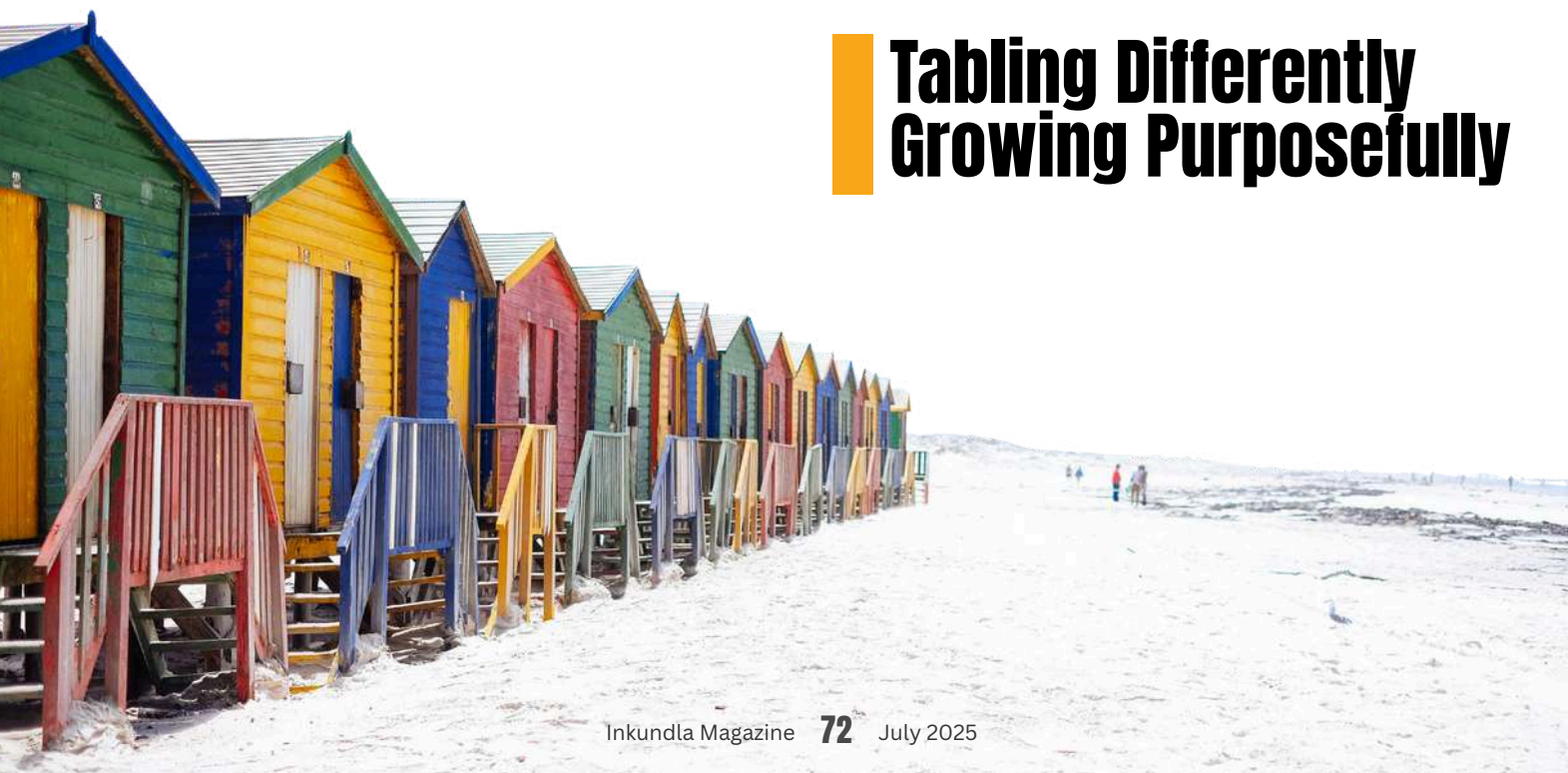
By 2025, Cape Town 9 had doubled its numbers. With six members, two pipeliners, and regular guests, the Table is not only surviving, it is thriving. The energy is high, the average age is lower, and the mix of fresh ideas with seasoned experience, including a past and current Area Chairman, has given the club renewed direction.

Cape Town was once home to over seven thriving clubs, complete with clubhouses, properties, and legacy projects. But like many metros, retaining young Tablers has been a challenge. Cape Town 9, however, refused to become another obituary.

Instead, the club redefined what Table could look like in a modern city, agile, persistent, and community-driven. They proved that even a small Table, with the right mindset and maybe a few smart Facebook ads, can spark something lasting.

To any Table facing low numbers or uncertain futures, this is proof. It is worth it. Sometimes, all it takes is three committed Tablers, one braai, and a shared dream.

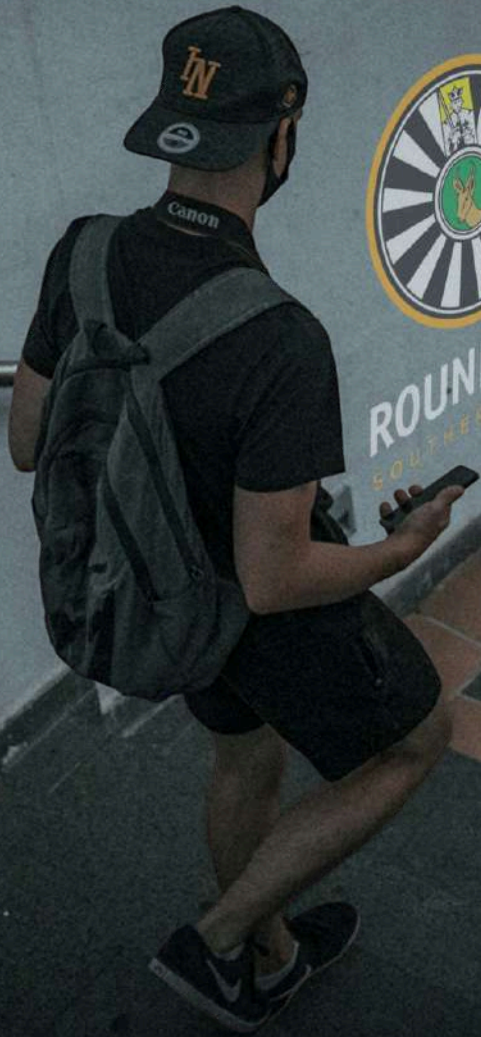
Tabling Differently Growing Purposefully



NOT JUST FRIENDS,
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Your Difference Makes the Difference

By Wium Hagen

In the quiet heart of the Karoo lies Cradock 37, a Table where tradition meets transformation. Here, a new voice is beginning to echo through the halls of Round Table, a voice rooted in compassion, leadership, and service. Meet **Lizwi Mdolomba**, a health care professional, restaurateur, and foster parent, who recently began his journey as a pipeliner at Round Table Cradock 37. His story reminds us of the power of living authentically, serving humbly, and leading purposefully.

A Life Already Lived in Service

in Queenstown and now firmly rooted in Cradock, Lizwi carries many titles, father, professional, entrepreneur, but the one he holds dearest is **“foster parent.”** His life’s work is deeply personal. “Before I heard about Round Table, **my choices already resembled those of a Tabler,**” he says, reflecting the many lives he has quietly touched over the years.

When not working or running his restaurant, you’ll likely find Lizwi exploring new destinations or buried in a leadership book. “My newest hobby is my online Afrikaans classes,” he shares with a smile, proving that growth never stops, no matter where you are on your journey.

Finding Round Table

Lizwi’s introduction to Round Table came not through marketing or social media, but through a personal connection. “Through my business dealings, I met Harland Willard, a 41er, who became like a big brother. After a conversation about Round Table’s values, I was intrigued.” That conversation led to an invitation from Tabler John Tom, and the rest, as they say, is history in the making.

His early experience in Table life has been nothing short of eye-opening. “ARTSA in Parys was a highlight. I made notes during the conference that continue to shape me,” he says. More than just events and meetings, Lizwi is inspired by the depth of commitment he’s seen in others. **“I love to see how passionate people are about this organisation.”**



Bringing Difference to the Table

What makes a great Table? For Lizwi, it’s not about sameness, it’s about celebrating what each individual brings. “We often focus on our similarities, but **it’s the differences that create value.** Your difference is what makes the difference.”

In just a short time, Lizwi has articulated a perspective that is both mature and refreshing. He believes a Table works best when its members are self-aware, intentional, and driven by a shared goal. “**Commitment to a common vision is the starting point, but the true magic lies in understanding and appreciating what sets us apart.**”

Calling Others to the Cause

When asked how he would invite others into Round Table, Lizwi is both thoughtful and practical. “There are many myths around Round Table. I would start by clearing those up and then reaching out to people whose values naturally align with ours. It’s not about convincing; **it’s about connecting.**”

The Journey Has Just Begun

Lizwi Mdolomba may still be a pipeliner, but his path in Round Table is already marked by **purpose.** His life and leadership speak volumes about what it means to serve, not just through grand gestures, but in daily, meaningful ways.

As Round Table Cradock 37 continues to grow, it’s clear that the next generation of Tablers is not only capable but deeply inspired. Lizwi reminds us that you do not need to have decades of Table experience to lead with impact. Sometimes, all it takes is a heart for service and the courage to bring your difference to the table.

Difference Drives Impact

A Vision Rooted in Purpose

Lizwi’s vision for his Table journey is clear: to **serve with impact.** Drawing from his professional background, he sees opportunities to address real health challenges among youth. “Young people are making life-altering choices without understanding the consequences. As Tablers, we could create programmes in high schools to promote healthy living and informed decision-making.”

He’s also passionate about extending the reach of Round Table’s healthcare-related projects. “I was particularly inspired by the ARTSA and SANBS blood donation collaboration. I want to contribute meaningfully to similar initiatives.”





From a Whisper on the Coast to a Roar on the Global Stage

Kama Vinga's Candidacy for RTSA IRO 2026/2027

By Henning de Wet

Every journey has a defining moment. For Kama Vinga, that moment came during the 2022/2023 Namibia Area AGM. In what began as a candid conversation with then Association President Louis Radley, Vice President Antoine Smith, and Vice President-elect Vos Botha, Kama shared his vision for Round Table Southern Africa. What he didn't expect was the impact that moment would have. Their encouragement and insights lit a fire that has fuelled his journey ever since, a journey that has now led him to stand as a candidate for RTSA International Relations Officer (IRO) for 2026/2027.

What followed was not just a dream, but deliberate action. Kama has spent the past few years deeply immersed in Tabling, travelling thousands of kilometres, navigating over ten airports and five train stations, often with nothing more than a carry-on bag and a mission. He's attended meetings, built connections, and committed himself to the cause, not for accolades but for impact.

His Tabling résumé is a testament to his dedication. He currently serves as IRO for the Namibia Area (2024–2026), is Chairman-elect of RT Hochland 154 for 2025/2026, and served as Minute Secretary at the AMI Council Meeting during the RTI World Meeting 2024 in Maastricht. His presence has been felt at two RTI World Meetings, two AMEI AGMs, three ARTSAs, two KZN TRI meetings, and AGMs across Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana. He has engaged in Round Table business and fellowship from Paris to Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

It's no surprise that fellow Tablers have affectionately nicknamed him “Mr. Worldwide”, a title he embraces, not for the travel, but for the relationships and representation it represents. Each journey has helped him grow as a Tabler, a leader, and most importantly, as a listener.

After ARTSA 2025 in Parys, Kama had the opportunity to once again share his aspirations, this time in front of the newly elected Association Executive Council and four Past Association Presidents. It was a powerful moment, reflecting just how far his journey has progressed since that initial conversation in 2022.

Kama's vision is both local and global. At home, he seeks to strengthen the bonds between Tables across Southern Africa, creating a sense of unity that surpasses borders and fosters a shared identity. Internationally, he hopes to position RTSA as a formidable voice in the global Round Table community, building meaningful relationships and promoting the values that define the region.



“Mr. Worldwide” - not for the miles travelled, but for the bridges built.

His campaign centres on continuity, momentum, and legacy. Building on past themes such as Impactful Change and Unstoppable, Kama's message is clear: **“We are not just two countries and fourteen areas, we are an extended family and a movement.”**

While the position of RTSA IRO for 2026/2027 is contested, Kama enters the race with a track record of commitment and a deep sense of purpose. For him, this is more than just a campaign, it is a continuation of a mission that began with a simple conversation and has grown into a passionate pursuit of service, unity, and representation.

As the AGM slowly approaches, the future of RTSA's international voice lies in the hands of its members. Wherever Table leads next, expect to see Kama Vinga walking alongside it, with purpose, pride, and a vision to connect Southern Africa to the world.

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Round Table Kids





Bringing Colour to the Table

Round Table Southern Africa recently hosted a vibrant colouring competition designed especially for the Round Table Kids. This heart-warming initiative invited children of Tablers from across the association to express themselves through art, offering a colourful glimpse into their imaginations. Alongside their creative entries, the young artists shared their thoughts in delightful interviews, reminding us all of the joy and innocence that lies at the heart of family and fellowship. Through crayons, laughter and conversation, the next generation of Round Table showed they're full of promise, and colour.

Frederik Hagen

Crakock 37

WINNER

**Age Group:
3-5 Years**

Scarlett Stevenson

Jeffreysbay/Humansdorp 252

WINNER

**Age Group:
6-8 Years**

Carmien vd Merwe

Eshowe 24

WINNER

**Age Group:
9-12 Year**

Carmien van der Merwe, 10 - Eshowe 24

Carmien's superhero is "Mr Moneybags," who keeps the admin accounts full. She describes her dad as a hamburger because he enjoys them, and thinks kids should be allowed to attend meetings and make their own rules. She believes her dad is the best planner in Round Table and fondly recalls dancing at a Night Golf event. One day, Carmien wants to organise events herself. She understands that helping others means being considerate and contributing to charity, and she loves the camaraderie of camping trips with fellow Tablers.



Madelein van der Merwe, 8 - Eshowe 24

Madelein calls her superhero "Rondel Hero" with telekinesis powers. Her dad is a pizza maker, literally, as he built a pizza oven. She wishes for a silly rule where Uncle Ashton gets hit with the plank every meeting. Madelein appreciates her dad's fun event planning and remembers camping at the Dads and Lads weekend. She hopes to make Round Table events even more enjoyable in the future. Madelein sees helping others as giving money and finds Round Table a fun place to make friends.



Frederik Hagen, 5 - Cradock 37

Frederik's superhero is "Liewe Jesus," and he describes his dad as a pineapple because he loves pineapples. His silly rule is that naughty uncles must do a funny dance. Frederik knows his dad works hard and tells funny stories while helping others. His favourite moment was when "Oom Jacques" ate pickles at a Round Table event. Frederik believes helping people means supporting them with things they cannot do themselves and enjoys the friendly conversations with Tablers.



Lorelie Hagen, 6 - Cradock 37

Lorelie's superhero is Spider Man with laser eyes. She imagines her dad as a chicken pie because, well, he looks like one. A silly rule she proposes is wearing flower dresses if you misbehave. Lorelie's proud her dad helps people and children. Her best memory is when all her friends were at the Round Table clubhouse. She hopes to help others by providing money, food, and essentials. Lorelie feels Round Table is important because it feeds the needy and loves building clubhouse forts with friends.



Scarlett Stevenson, 6 - Jeffreysbay/Humansdorp 252

Scarlett's superhero is Wonder Woman because girls must be strong. She describes her dad as a chef who cooks delicious food. Her silly rule is wearing funny clothes, and she says her dad holds many meetings to help people. Scarlett is proud that her dad gives Easter eggs to children and the elderly. She thinks Round Table's role is to care for those without food or blankets and enjoys meeting new friends at weekend events with other children.



Danika Kotze, 12 - Walvis Bay 36

Danika names her superhero "Gumdrop" with invisibility powers. Her dad is a hamburger because of his tummy. She wants to raise the minimum age for Round Table membership and include younger members. Danika admires how her dad is friends with everyone and enjoys family socials and shooting competitions. She aspires to be chairwoman and organise family events. Danika understands that helping people means giving food and believes Round Table is key to community support and entertainment.

Amory Kotze, 7 - Walvis Bay 36

Amory imagines "Patrick," a superhero with sleeping powers. He thinks his dad is a marshmallow because of his shape. He wants more kids involved in Round Table activities. Amory enjoys camping with other Tablers and loved a recent children's show. He dreams of designing pins, coins, and shirts for Round Table. Amory believes helping means giving clothes, blankets, and food, and values making new friends through the organisation.



Neil Calitz, 5 - Kirkwood 78

Neil calls his superhero "SMASH," who bakes cupcakes for everyone. His dad's favourite meal is steak. Neil's silly rule allows kids to bring sweets to throw at their parents. He says his dad talks and eats during meetings and does what he must to avoid trouble. Neil's favourite event was the Round Table braai at an old age home. He thinks sharing with those in need is important and loves playing golf at the Kirkwood clubhouse.



Andries Hagen, 3 - Cradock 37

Andries chose Ryder from Paw Patrol as his superhero because Ryder always saves the day. He wished there were more sweets at the clubhouse and found it funny when everyone had to wear silly hats during their meeting. If he could eat his leader, he said they would definitely be a watermelon! Andries's fun energy and creative ideas made his superhero entry truly unforgettable.



Emma Calitz, 11 - Kirkwood 78

Emma's superhero is a cheetah who helps people and flies. She describes her dad as a lemon because he is sour. She wants meetings to have a pajama dress code. Emma is proud her dad raises money to help people and treasures attending area conferences with other kids. She hopes to help wherever she can, knowing some people depend on Round Table support to survive. Emma enjoys family time at golf day events and other social gatherings.



Chad van der Merwe, 7 - Kokstad 35

Chad's superhero is "Tableman," with kind powers. He sees his dad as calamari because he likes it. Chad's silly rule bans rondels on shirts. He says his dad helps people in need and is friendly. His favourite memory is the Kokstad Town clean-up. Chad aspires to be the IRO and sees charity work as key to Round Table. He enjoys the meetings and spending time with fellow Tablers.



Casey van der Merwe, 11 - Kokstad 35

Casey imagines "Round Table Girl" with teleportation powers. Her dad is a pineapple because she loves them. She wants girls to be able to trade shirts and admires her dad's dedication. Casey recalls a big toy donation to a children's home and hopes to cook food for Round Table since she cannot join as a girl. She aims to make a difference and raise funds to help people while making friends.

Logan Warren, 8 - Northridge 117

Logan's superhero rehomes abandoned dogs. His dad is ribs because he is skinny. He wants ice cream served at all meetings. Logan's dad helps people with blankets and food, and his family enjoys holiday swimming trips. He dreams of giving ice cream to all kids worldwide and believes helping people means providing warmth and essentials to the homeless.



Ruhan Warren, 11 - Northridge 117

Ruhan's superhero keeps the world warm in winter. He describes his dad as a donut due to his beer belly. His silly rule is finger painting with eyes closed. Ruhan's dad donates goods and services, showing care for many. His favourite event was the Sabie Tube Race. Ruhan hopes to run projects to help sick children and values making new friends while assisting less fortunate people.



Mieke Roeloffze, 10 - Pretoria FSB 41ers

Mieke imagines Round Table's superhero as "Eman," who can fly and shoot laser eyes. She playfully describes her dad as a double cheeseburger because, in her words, "I am a delicious Dad." Mieke's silly rule for Round Table? Kids should be allowed to play with fire! She proudly says her dad helps the poor by collecting food and blankets, and her favourite memory is handing out R2 coins during Table projects. Mieke hopes to be a good leader one day. She values Round Table because it brings people together to help those in need and fosters strong friendships.



Amy Oldacre, 11 - Northridge 117

Amy's superhero "Wolfman" provides unlimited blankets. She says her dad is sweet like sweets. Her rule would be compulsory Saturday braais with pranks. Amy's dad helps with fundraisers, and she is proud of his community work. She fondly recalls a river and dam clean-up and wants to continue giving warmth and hope to those in need. Amy loves the friendships made at functions and the impact Round Table has on saving lives.



Lisa Oldacre, 8 - Northridge 117

Lisa's superhero is "Blanket Man," who blasts blankets out of his hands. Her dad is pasta, her favourite food. She suggests bringing a live chicken to meetings. Lisa says her dad helps many people and enjoys handing out blankets to dogs. She hopes to save animals, provide homes and food, and values the care Round Table offers everyone. She loves the places Round Table takes them to.



Kyna-Rae Cramp, 11 - Stutterheim 103

Kyna-Rae's superhero is "Mr Help," who eliminates poverty. She describes her dad as a hamburger because they are filling. She wishes children could attend special functions. Kyna-Rae is proud her dad gives time and service and has learned to do the right thing. Her favourite event was "Stutt Stumble." She hopes to help those less fortunate and appreciates the many friends made and the positive difference Round Table brings.

Christelize Erasmus, 12 - Secunda 231

Christelize's superhero is Batman with mind reading and teleportation. She compares her dad to an avocado, hard outside, soft inside. Her silly rule would be funky jeans with socks and flip-flops as meeting attire. She sees her dad attending many meetings and helping those in need. Christelize values helping others and fondly recalls attending a black-tie dinner. She hopes to design t-shirts for Round Table and believes helping people is rewarding, especially through exploring new places and experiences.



Kaylee de Wet, 4 - Richards Bay 200



Mariska Grobler, 16 - Richards Bay 200





**Every colourful
step we take
today paints a
brighter future
for tomorrow.
That's the heart
of Round Table.**

In Round Table, every act of service is more than just a moment of giving, it is a lasting imprint on the lives we touch. Much like a child's foot dipped in paint, each step we take adds colour, joy, and meaning to the communities around us. Whether it's through uplifting a family, supporting education, improving health, or creating opportunities, our efforts are woven into the fabric of something much bigger than ourselves.

These colourful footprints tell the story of men who choose action over apathy, compassion over comfort, and purpose over passivity. They remind us that we're not just passing through life, but actively shaping the future for those who will walk behind us. In every footprint left behind, there is hope, change, and the spirit of Round Table.

LADIES CIRCLE



A Season of GROWTH & GRACE

Ladies Circle South Africa enters a new chapter under the capable leadership of Susan de Kock, who was formally inducted as President during the organisation's recent Annual General Meeting hosted by Shiraz Ladies Circle 8. The weekend was a celebration of service, connection and vision, with Circlers from across the country gathering in true sisterhood.

Susan's appointment marks the beginning of a term rooted in the values of growth, kindness and purpose. Her chosen motto for the year ahead, **"Grow with Love,"** signals a deliberate shift toward strengthening not only the organisation, but also the individual women who make it what it is. The motto was unveiled alongside a logo featuring the Tree of Life, symbolising strength, tradition, and interconnectedness.



Drawing from her own journey within the organisation, Susan acknowledged the invaluable mentorship and guidance she received from previous presidents, notably Yolandi Gray-Browne, who now steps into the role of Immediate Past President. Under Yolandi's tenure, LCSA achieved a period of vital stability and structure, laying the groundwork for the next phase of expansion and self-development.

"LCSA is now at a point where we can grow – in numbers, in reach and in spirit," Susan shared during the AGM. Her vision for the year includes a dual focus, revitalising membership through practical strategies and fostering personal development among members through skills-based workshops, emotional intelligence building and leadership engagement.

As the organisation looks ahead, Susan's leadership promises to centre on compassion, empowerment and collective purpose. Her approach encourages Circlers to create environments where members feel heard, valued and inspired to grow, both within and beyond Circle.

With passion and clarity guiding her path, Susan de Kock stands ready to lead Ladies Circle South Africa into a season defined not only by progress, but by love.



LCSA BOARD

The incoming board for 2025–2026 reflects a balanced blend of continuity and fresh energy, comprising:

Immediate Past President: **Yolandi Gray-Browne**

President: **Susan de Kock**

Vice President: **Nicola Midstrup**

Secretary: **Sulette Van Der Berg**

Treasurer: **Emmine' Mostert**

Webmaster: **Sandra Lawrenson**



Getting to know... Roche Agenbag

Birthday: 04 January

Age: 28

Circle: Newcastle Crowns LC28

Favourite Season: Spring

Favourite drink: Coffee

Roche's perfect day

Being around children.
Hearing their laughter and
feeling the love in their hugs.



Motto for 2025
"Be the change you
wish to see in the
world"

What fictional place would you most like to visit?

The chocolate factory in Charlie and
the Chocolate factory 🍫
Chocolate being my favourite candy.

What is something you saw recently that made you smile?

If I have to be truly honest now 🤔 My
cat, Nacho, trying to annoy my dog,
Sassy, and Sassy being all calm and
not giving any reaction. And him
walking away annoyed 🤔

Who do you admire most and why?

I have to say my granny. She is
ALWAYS there for everyone and
anyone. She ALWAYS helps when we
need her. And she has the best advice.

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Reason Roche joined Ladies Circle

"Since 16 years old I just had a passion for
children. With my background in pageantry, I
started hosting pageants to raise funds for our
baby home here in Newcastle. With this I just
knew wanted to do even more in the community.
That's when I was invited to join a Ladies Circle
meeting and never looked back. The amount of
change we can do as a Circle in the community is
just so heartwarming."

SPRING

Stiletto or converse?



A Journey of Heart, Service, and Sisterhood

From her very first taste of the Round Table world, it was clear that Yolandi Gray-Browne was not just going to observe from the sidelines. Her journey began with a night out at the East London City Hall to watch Melodrama, a moment that would unknowingly shape her future. When her husband Gareth was later approached to join Round Table, the decision came as naturally as breathing. There was no hesitation. They both knew it would not simply be a commitment, it would become a lifestyle, a family, and a shared purpose.

"Circle has not only shaped the woman I am today, but it has given me a family I never knew I needed."

A defining moment for her came during a blanket drive at Beacon Bay Retail Park. Although going through a difficult time personally, Gareth encouraged her to join him for the handover in the Ducats area. That day, the joy and gratitude in the eyes of those receiving the blankets left a lasting imprint on her heart. It was a moment of pure connection, where humanity, compassion, and service collided in the most beautiful way. It reminded her of why this community exists.



The projects they tackled as a Circle were not just events, they were heartfelt missions. One that stood out was their Quiz Night in support of the Cinderella Fund, a project that quietly supported two local students over three years. From providing basics like school uniforms and groceries to creating a full fairytale matric farewell, the initiative exemplified the heart of Ladies Circle. Seeing those two girls transformed into princesses for a night was nothing short of magical.

Another unforgettable moment came during a Santa Shoebox Project at a home outside East London. As the team arrived, they were met by more children than they had gifts for. But the magic happened in the most unexpected way. The house mother explained the situation with such grace, and the children, many of whom had very little, simply shared what they had without complaint. It was an emotional reminder of humility, generosity, and the deep bonds that come from true community.

As Gareth became a proud member of Round Table East London No. 1 around 2012, Yolandi found herself immersed in the energy that surrounded the organisation. Though initially not a member herself, she was there through it all, watching projects come to life, attending functions, and listening intently to stories from meetings. The values, structure, and sense of purpose ignited something within her. She wanted more than to just witness the magic, she wanted to be a part of it.

Soon after, as East London Ladies Circle 23 began to form, it felt like destiny. Having seen the heart of Round Table, Yolandi did not hesitate when invited to be part of something new. She proudly became a founding member, taking on the role of PRO during the in-formation period and the year after their charter. From there, she stepped up to every portfolio over time, ultimately serving her first term as Chairman in 2016. In fact, she has never had a year without serving on council, such was her dedication and passion for the Circle.

"In every moment of service and sisterhood, I discovered strength I didn't know I had and friendships that will last a lifetime."



As her Circle journey expanded beyond the local level, Yolandi embraced opportunities to serve at a national scale. In 2017, she attended her first LCSA AGM and began her two-year term as National Treasurer. Though she later stepped back briefly for family and work, she was drawn back into the fold, serving as Vice President in 2023 and proudly as President in 2024.

Her passion for nurturing new Circles became a highlight of her leadership. East London LC23 acted as the Godmother Circle to Newcastle Crowns LC28 and later to Midlands LC42. Helping guide these Circles from their first meetings to full charters brought her a sense of purpose and pride that words can hardly capture.

Travel also became a big part of her Circle story. From her first solo road trip to a Council meeting in Swellendam to attending charters across the country and international gatherings such as the Mid-Term Meetings in Cape Town and Harare, she embraced each opportunity. Whether driving long distances alone or attending events abroad, one thing always remained true, she was never truly alone. Circle had gifted her with a network of friends across South Africa and the globe, all bound together by shared values and friendship.



The friendships that blossomed through Circle became the heart of her journey. At the start, many of them were just acquaintances, but through shared experiences, hard work, and lots of laughter, they became a chosen family. These friendships sustained her through life's challenges and made the joyful moments even more special.

More than anything, Circle taught her to grow. From chairing meetings and handling finances to working with different personalities and navigating both challenges and triumphs, she developed skills and confidence that she will carry with her always. Ladies Circle became a space of growth, acceptance, and belonging.

As she looks toward her retirement from Circle in 2026 due to the age rule, Yolandi reflects with a full heart. She is proud of how much has been achieved, grateful for every memory, and excited for the future of Ladies Circle South Africa. What began with a simple invitation has turned into a lifelong journey, one marked by service, sisterhood, and soul-deep friendships that will remain long after titles and terms come to an end.

With love and immense gratitude, she carries forward the spirit of Circle, knowing that once you are part of this family, you are never truly done.



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