

CHIT-CHAT
FROM WAKKERSTROOM
5 MARCH 2017

Dear Wakkerstroom Residents,

I suppose everybody is busy getting organised for the Music Festival and Easter which follows rapidly on its heels. Hopefully we have a very busy village for the next few weeks.

1) **RAIN** - We have had some lovely rain in the past 2 weeks or so. It is a pleasure to watch the vlei flowing and a number of people have mentioned that the waterfalls in the area are pouring water.

2) **SNAKES** - It seems to be the season again so keep alert. Poor Gaylen has had a bit of a run, a snake in the chicken house, one near her DB board and the cherry on the top - one in her car engine! If you need someone to remove your snakes here are 3 numbers Anton Muller 078 084 0002
Tiaan Nel - 083 407 1223 Paul Grobler - at Bistro

3) **POTJIE HOLDER** - Shirley Head picked up something in the road that looks like a gadget that you would rest a potjie pot on to cook. She thinks maybe it fell off the back of a bakkie. If you have lost one please contact her.

4) **NATURAL FIBRE FAIR**- 9th Annual Wakkerstroom Natural Fibre Handcraft Fair is being held here again on Saturday 20th May at the NG Halls from 8.30 until 3.00. The entrance fee is R20 per person with children under 10 years free. This is always a delight to visit so please diarise now!

5) EASTER MARKET - Time is marching on and if anyone is interested or would like to possibly support the market please contact Claudine asap. History has shown that this is a very successful event, it has traditionally been held in Badenhorst street which works well. As such, business owners in town, especially in Badenhorst street are encouraged to participate in the planning and organisation of the same.

6) MUSIC FESTIVAL - Only a number of days left for this very successful event. If you would like to see the program so that you can decide which events you would like to watch - it is on the website. Some of the children from e Sizameleni have been practising playing the Marimbas for months under the excellent guidance of Charity Nsibande. They will also be participating at the festival on Saturday 18th March at 14.00 at Papillon. A group of us practiced for weeks last year and discovered it was not an easy thing to learn. I think the children learnt more in one day than I did in one month!!!

7) CAR BOOT SALE - The next car boot sale will be on Saturday 25 March. Now is a good time to clean out those cupboards and garages. You can either donate clothes and furnishings to Twice Is Nice or can sell all other "stuff" at the car boot sale and make a bit of pocket money.

8) QUAIN T WAKKERSTROOM - I did ask in the last CHIT CHAT if we could gather up a little support in cleaning the entrance to Wakkerstroom before the Music Festival. To date I have only had one volunteer which is really sad as so many people comment on the litter in town and some of the verges which are really tatty. Some businesses have done a wonderful job keeping their verges neat, tidy and pretty but there are sections that look really scrappy. I was hoping that we could meet at the new info centre on Friday at 9.00. Please could you phone me if you can give up an hour or so of your time. I am hoping we can work from Mucky Duck to the hall and try and do the best we can. Please phone me if you available so we can see if this will be viable.

9) NEW INFO CENTRE - We moved in last weekend and how happy are we!!

The new centre is awesome and Ina and Ian have made us so welcome and comfortable. It has been wonderful to see how many people from all walks of life in Wakkers have popped in to admire the place. Thank you everyone for your visits and your positive comments. If anyone has a spare morning or afternoon to help us man the centre I would be DELIGHTED to hear from you. We already have such a dedicated group of people who have my eternal gratitude as we never would have got this far without them. However people are often going away and I then need replacements. It is not an onerous task and most days you can relax, work on your computer or just read.

10) CD SHOP -Melvin and Ria Bell from Wakkerstroom have opened a CD store in Volksrust opposite the Wimpy and they are well worth a visit.

They can order anything for you and the prices are very reasonable. They have plenty of African music of all genres. Please support our local villagers in their new venture.

11) PARGO - I have to apologise to Anton Muller as I haven't been to find out exactly what this is , but I believe it is a courier company that will deliver anywhere in South Africa for R100. He is offering it at Ye Refill Shoppe.

12) THYME OUT - Sean and Jilly opened the doors on Saturday for coffee and pastries at 10.30 and prego rolls and salad at 12.30. The food was divine and the atmosphere sitting under the Wistaria was awesome. They will be open next weekend and the weekend of the Music Festival and Easter. Sean also has a full bar on offer.

13) WAKKERSTROOM INN - I believe that the hotel has new owners and I see all sorts of renovations happening at the Inn - The dining room looks so light and bright and the garden at the back also looks good. Keep up the good work guys - the hotel is such a nice place to sit and schmooze and is an important part of any small village.

14) QUIZ EVENING - Quiz evening this Friday at 18h00 at the Crowned Crane. If you feel like an evening out, please join us. We always have a lot of fun and Scotty asks some really good questions! Claudine will be serving supper so you can relax, kick the shoes off and enjoy. No cooking and washing dishes!!! What a treat! Please phone me (Sue) to organise tables and place you at a table of four.

15) FNB ATM -There's a new ATM in town at Torazzo. Unfortunately, Wakkerstroom seems to have a jinx as far as ATMs go anyway! It got struck by lightning on Saturday night.

I think that's it for this week. If you have any news please send me a message or an e mail so I can include it next time. If I have forgotten something my apologies - as my sister said to me the other day "Mr Al Zeimer" keeps popping!!!

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