

CHIT CHAT

FROM

WAKKERSTROOM NO.5

Hi all Wakkerstroemers and friends,

WOW! What a weekend we have just had! A fun filled busy and windy long weekend. The general opinion was that the whole weekend was so successful and everyone had a lot of fun.

1) MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE - Rupert has written a lovely article on the Wakkerstroom Challenge in the Recorder. For all the details you will have to buy one next week! It was a huge success and had the second highest number of entries ever. Whole families (complete with dogs) competed and won a medal (including the dog)! We had 3 very brave local "dapperstappers" who walked 21 kms - Bob and Mary Scholes and David Rutherford. Our 2 local Landman medical girls also participated in the run. Coreen did the 21km and Marilee did the 10 km. Well done ladies!

The feedback though is that everyone enjoyed the new route and many comments were made on the beautiful scenery. The overall winner of the best water table was Dirt Maniacs. Well done guys!! No Wakkerstroom event is ever complete without the Dana Pancake ladies! Thank you girls - your pancakes are always SO welcome! Get your 2017 diary ready everyone - next year has already been diarised - 17 June and you all did such a good job you are on duty again!!

2) ARTS AND CRAFTS RAMBLE - Was also a huge success. Many thanks to the organisers who worked so hard to get it going. The craft workshops were well attended and most enjoyable. We had many new visitors to the area and the town was very festive, with the craft work being displayed around town there was a lovely vibe. Thanks to Woza Moya from Hillcrest Aids Centre and Penny and Linda who brought some new crafts to Wakkerstroom. They did exceptionally well and sold many of the craft goodies that they brought. The auction on Sunday afternoon was great fun. Wine and music by Eric finished off the weekend with a laugh and a blast! They managed to raise about R8000 which will be very welcome at the frail care centre at Dana. Well done everyone for opening your hearts and pockets. The art movies were a novel idea and added extra flair.

3) CENTENARY OF RAILWAY LINE. - On Tuesday 7 June many community members from Wakkerstroom gathered at De Oude Stasie to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the railway line between Wakkerstroom and Amersfoort. In true SA Railways style we had pie and gravy for supper and finished off with melktert and coffee. It was such a fun evening and Rita and Berthus were the stars of the show. Rita

had researched all the information and gave us a wonderful idea of the history of the railway line and Berthus kept the atmosphere going by blowing whistles and playing a soundtrack that sounded like a steam locomotive approaching a station!

4) **INNOCULATIONS** - Wakkerstroom Animal Group with the help of Dr Gin is doing a dipping and inoculation clinic in e Sizameleni on Saturday 30 July. This will be in the community hall and surrounding grounds. They are looking for sponsorships for the inoculations, loans of gazebos and cool drinks. They will also be making up dog food packages on Monday 25th July so assistance here would also be appreciated. Please tell your staff. .

5) **SEWAGE** - As we all know, Wakkerstroom has been plagued with sewage problems for quite some time and either nothing or little has been done by the municipality to solve this. Anton Muller has now laid a criminal case against Seme Municipality, holding them liable for the damage to the vlei etc. We will keep you informed.

6) **MINING** - Wendy Watson received notification of the Yzerfontein Mining approval. HORRIFYING!! The proposed Yzermyn underground Coal Mine / Sahra looks like it's going ahead. Please read the whole document Wendy and let us know so we can try and fight it!

7) **WATER-WISE** - Our very own Buhlebuyeza Day Care Centre on the entrance road to e Sizameleni is water-wise! These little mites won first prize in a competition held by the Mpumalanga Dept. of Agriculture to create water awareness in pre-school children. They had to show off innovative ways of saving water with limited resources. Fantastic!

8) **PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION** - All you ardent photographers out there - take note!!! The Sandy Twomey Photographic competition is due to start on 1st August. Photographs can be taken from then on in order to be able to capture the seasons. Details coming soon.

9) **BINGO** - Tudor Rose on 23rd June from 2pm- 5pm. R50 per head. Nigel says - please pop along and join in the fun. Audience participation is MOST welcome!

10) **CAR BOOT SALE** -At DeKotzenhof this Saturday 25th June. Bring your "junk" to sell or just come and browse and do some shopping.

11) **WELCOME** - to all the new residents and weekenders arriving in Wakkerstroom. It's so nice to see new faces and hope they will be very happy here. Justus and Engela van den Hoven opened the new conceptual art gallery. It is called IJUBA (They kept Adrian Bothma's name for his house). Adrian has moved to Kana.

Welcome also to John and Michelle Moreland who have bought a plot of land and are already planning building! Another welcome to Dr Ruth Boyce and family.

12) BIRDLIFE - There is a special offer at Birdlife from the 25th June until 25th August. You stay 3 night's midweek and you get one night free. Time to invite all the rellies!!

13) CHRISTMAS IN JULY - 9th July - Rocking with Santa- a musical medley to stir your heart. Come in your Christmas hat and enjoy the fun at Papillon. See you there. 23rd - 25th July - Christmas fare at Owl and Hare and The Garrett. Wait for details. Please get in the mood and decorate your shop or business in July for "Christmas in July ". Come on everyone - let's get RED and FESTIVE!! Maybe we will be lucky and even have snow!

14) REFILL SHOP - Anton assures me that pensioners will get a 10% discount. He is now open every day so take up this bargain and visit Anton.

15) CALLANETICS - in town at Mandi Pretorius in Vlei Street.

16) PUTT_PUTT - time is nearly up but you can still challenge your dad to a game of putt-putt until the end of June. The winning pair will go into a lucky draw and could win a dinner for 4 at DeKotzenhof. Good luck all the dads.

17) DIE MEELSAK - The fun run for Duncan last weekend went very well and was enjoyed by everyone who took part. It looks like the run made one third of the money for the operation on Duncan's legs. Die Meelsak had a lucky draw and Oom Ben Pretorius was the lucky winner. He then donated his winnings to Duncan. What a generous gesture Oom Ben .Thank you.

Well everyone I think I have said enough! I apologise for any mistakes in this issue. I seem to have made a mistake in every past issue - so here's hoping this one is jinx free!

Cheers

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P.S. Please let me know about any newsy items for the next chit chat!