

CHIT-CHAT No7

FROM

WAKKERSTROOM

Dear friends of Wakkerstroom,

Can you believe it is nearly August! Where does the time go?

1) QUIZ -The quiz we were going to have on Tuesday night has been postponed until warmer weather kicks in. Too many people have commented on the fact that they don't like to go out in the cold, so we thought we would rather wait till it was warmer and hopefully we could get a huge gathering next time!

2) BINGO - Another Bingo afternoon in August. Details to follow

3) CAR BOOT SALE - The next car boot sale will be soon. Come along and spend a fun filled morning shopping or selling your unwanted stuff.

4) CHRISTMAS MARKET - Diarise these dates -18/19 November. We decided to do the Christmas Market in November so people can do their Christmas shopping here in Wakkerstroom before they have shopped in Volksrust or Newcastle!! So everybody put on your thinking caps and plan to do something in town to attract visitors. Craft stalls - book stalls- planned walks (historical or scenic) - busking - art displays - craft workshops - Christmas carols - etc. We would really like all the shops, businesses, restaurants to work with us and make the town festive and Christmassy.

5) TWICE IS NICE - Is open on Fridays 10-2pm and Saturday 10-12.30. They love to receive any donations of clothing, shoes, and accessories (Men,women,children). Babywear, household linens and soft furnishings are always needed. Please let all your friends and family know. Ask them to have a big winter cleanout and send you the stuff!

6) ROCKING WITH SANTA - For those of you who did not manage to attend this function at Papillon, you missed a great evening of entertainment of 60's

and 70's music by The Spillage People. Maybe next time! However, you can still participate in the last few events for Christmas in July. Both The Garrett and Owl and Hare are organising a Christmas in July dinner. Bookings are essential and menus are available on request. Both menus look so delicious it is going to be a difficult decision as to which one you choose! See everyone there!

7) THE CROWNED CRANE - This Friday night is Sing-a-long night from 19h00 to 20h00. You can also watch the Vodacom Super Rugby 1st Quarter final. The time is still TBA. They now supply pub lunches which are yummy as they are all supplied by the Wakkerstroom bakery. Thank you guys for supporting local enterprises.

8) BOOKLOVE - The place to be on a Saturday morning is at the BOOKLOVE table outside Wakkerstroom Central. Not only will you find a large selection of second-hand books at unbelievably low prices but you're also likely to bump into friends and acquaintances, have a good chat and catch up on what's happening in Wakkerstroom. BOOKLOVE is in its third year of selling books for charity, and its beneficiaries together receive 100% of the proceeds of its sales. Income and donations amounted to R21 100 during 2014, R27 500 during 2015 and R20 000 up to 26th June this year! BOOKLOVE'S beneficiaries are : E Sizameleni Orphans Fund , Dana (new beds at frail care), Wag, Smiley's, The Clay Foundation in e Sizameleni, St Stephen's English Reading and Literacy Project, and one off donations to assist with emergencies like the Disaster Relief Fund for victims of the tornado in November 2015.

9) Condolences to the family of a grand old man, Glyn Field, who died at Dana after a short illness. The village will sorely miss his cheerful and friendly face around town. His memorial service is on Saturday at the Catholic Church at 14h00.

10) WOMEN'S DAY - There will be a celebration of youth, hope and love on Women's Day 9 August at 12h30 until 15h00 at Papillon. The celebration and lunch will cost R150. Our hottest, youngest and most aspiring local young female, Tisha Willemse, will be performing during the lunch. Come all you ladies out there - get your friends together and support this function. Just think - you don't have to cook or wash the dishes - just come and relax and enjoy your afternoon.

11) GOLF DAY - Dana Tehuis are having their annual Golf Day on Saturday 30 July. The tee off is at 8h00 while registration will be at the clubhouse not later than 7h30. Apart from the Bazaar, this is the other big occasion by Dana Tehuis for fund raising as they do not receive subsidies. Way to go guys - I hope you have a very successful day.

12) ELEN STRYDOM - For those of you who remember Elen, you will be thrilled to hear that when she presented her thesis for her B.Tech Degree the committee reviewed her work and agreed that it was of such a high standard that if she were to write up the additional work that she had already done they would allow her to submit this as an M.Tech Thesis. This has only happened once before and this attests to the hours and days of hard work she put into this work. We are really proud of Elen and she has put the Wakkerstroom Secretarybird population onto the map.

13) WAKKERSTROOM BIRD CLUB - the Bird Club celebrated its 4th year of existence in June this year, living proof that time does indeed fly when you are having fun! Well done! There will be the monthly meeting at Birdlife on Wednesday 20 July. A spectacular David Attenborough DVD on New Guinea's Birds of Paradise, the amazing colours and mating displays are a wonder to watch. 17h30 for 18h00 start.

14) SANDY TWOMEY MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMP - is on the drawing board and some excellent prizes are being assembled. The subjects will be People, Fauna and Flora, Seasons, Scenery, Buildings and Architecture and MUST reflect life in Wakkerstroom. Full details will be available soon via posters in town. Entries from professional photographers will not be accepted.

15) WINTER CAR COUNT - This will take place on Saturday 30th July with a briefing at the Crowned Crane at 17h00 on Friday 29th July. Please do your best to be there, experienced counters and novices, to get an update on the counting procedure. The bird club would like some new faces to travel with "old hands" in order to widen the pool of observers to call on for future counts.

16) SPEED HUMPS - At long last!!!! Thank you to anyone who had any influence in getting these done. They have already put in 4 and they are really nice and high so hopefully this will put paid to all the speedsters who scream through Wakkerstroom without slowing down at stop streets. This should make our main

road a much safer place to wander! Especially as, on Tuesday 5 July a pedestrian was fatally injured in a hit and run next to the bridge in Wakkerstroom. (I am not sure if it was the bridge at the vlei or the bridge leaving Wakkerstroom) A white Volkswagen Polo was involved.

17) ARTISTS IN THE VILLAGE - a reminder from Carol Preston (by the way - welcome back Carol) - the next exhibition at the Wakkerstroom Central is on birds and animals, the art needs to be submitted by 25th July as it will be displayed on the 30th July.

18) WALKS - Tuesday walks from the hotel start at 7.30 at the moment. These are such fun and everyone is welcome - you don't even have to be fit! We finish off with a sociable cup of coffee at the hotel or various other venues and you can be home by 9.30. See you there!!

19) ART STUDIO - Carla Muller has opened an art studio at the back of Anton's shop. She does art courses and you can even make your own pottery. If you feel the cold you can even paint on the stoep in the sun. For more details contact Carla.

20) OWL AND HARE - Sue has made a new brew!! It was kegged last Monday and will be on tap this weekend. This one is a Tawny Ale and the next one will be an Oatmeal Stout! Sounds good!

21) BUS - Dana has a bus that goes to Volksrust quite frequently if anyone would like to make use of the service. It will only cost you R30 per trip and you will be picked up outside the hotel or library. The next few trips are on 29th July, 12th August and 26th August. Should you be interested please phone Maisie Webster at 017 7300779. The bus will also go to Newcastle once a month at the cost of R60. You will need to phone Maisie for the dates.

22) VOTING - On 3rd August. Don't make other plans. You need to go and put your cross!

Cheers for 2 weeks

Sue

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