

CHIT-CHAT
FROM WAKKERSTROOM
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Dear People from Wakkerstroom,

You have had to wait about 2 weeks for this Chit-Chat! My apologies but we were away and we really battle with internet out our neck of the woods. Anyway - here we go!!! A problem which has just arisen is that the WTA's database e-mail is not working at the moment. John Barrow and James Scott are working on it.

- 1) QUIZ EVENING - Finally on the go. The WTA have waited till it's warmer and the date set is Friday 25th November at 18h00 at The Crowned Crane. The format will be - teams of 4 with an entry fee of R100 per table (R25 each). To enter your team please phone me (SUE) at 0823785637 to book your seat. Couples or singles must phone and we will accommodate everyone into tables of 4. Either give me the names of all 4 at your table or we will just ensure everyone is seated within groups. You need to bring pencils, pens and erasers with you. We will be serving snax and you will be able to order drinks. Scotty McCabe is going to be your compare for the evening so get your friends together and let's have a fun filled evening!!!!
- 2) CAROLS AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - Can you believe it is nearly Christmas again. The beautiful Carol service and bible readings will take place at the Catholic Church on 17th December at 18h00.
- 3) CAROLS - There will also be an earlier Carol Service by candlelight at The Crowned Crane on the 9th December. This will be a simple sing along but will get everyone practicing before Christmas!
- 4) SHOPS IN WAKKERSTROOM - A special request from Lizzie - Please could ALL the shops open on Tuesday 22nd and stay open till at least 4 30. A group of ladies from Amersfoort will be visiting and wandering around and hopefully spending money. Unfortunately most of the shops are closed on Tuesdays so Lizzie is making a special request as it is important that we show a group of visitors an open town.

- 5) CLEANING LIQUID - As I was writing about the shops I thought I would just mention a cleaning liquid sold by Anton at his shop. I bought it the other day and it is the most marvellous stuff I have ever used. ONE liquid cleans everything - sinks, basins, toilets, walls, tiles, cars, and even dirt spots out of clothes. In comparison to buying 6 or 7 different cleaning products this is a massive saving. Thank you Anton!
- 6) 3RD TWOMEY MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - Select 3 photos taken in and around Wakkerstroom. Email your photo to wackersbirdclub@gmail.com with your name, category entered and your camera make and model. Entries must be received before 3rd February 2017. Entry is free and professional entries will not be permitted. Winners will be announced on 4th March 2017 at the Wakkerstroom Bird Clubs AGM.
- 7) POTJIE COOK OFF -Come on all you cooks!!! This sounds fun! WAG fundraiser event on 4th December. Tickets are R60.00 each. Four cooks will hash it out over hot potjies and ticket holders will vote for the winning meal. Rice and salads provided and a complimentary glass of wine or sherry on arrival. Ticket holders will automatically go into a lucky draw for a Christmas Hamper. Tickets are limited and available from Carol Preston 0837014570.
- 8) CHRISTMAS DONATION - For those of you with pets and use Dr Gin - don't forget that if you would like to contribute a donation to Dr Gins Christmas" pakkie" then please staple your contribution to a piece of paper and mark it DR GIN so John will know what the cash is earmarked for. Donations are anonymous.
- 9) BIRDING BOOKS - Brian Guerin has a complete set of "Africa Birds and Birding" in slipcases and a full set of its successor "African Birdlife" loose to give away (or for a small donation to the club). All in excellent condition and he is loath to break up the set. Anybody interested?
- 10)WACKY KNITTERS - Wacky Knitters had a very successful raffle. They thank all friends, family and visitors to Wakkerstroom for their continued support of the knitting group. Paul Tubb drew the raffle at the Bazaar and the winner was Mr Gert Bierman, a resident of DANA. All proceeds were handed into the office towards new hospital beds for Dana.

- 11) PLANTS - After all this lovely rain Rosemarie now needs plants for the Wakkerstroom Clinic. If you are separating plants or throwing out strong healthy plants that you are tired of please could you give her a call or drop them at her house. She needs to get them established before the ground goes rock hard again!
- 12) COSTUME JEWELLERY - An interesting request from Rita who loves her costume jewellery. She recently had most of hers stolen so was wondering if anyone in town had fun, spunky costume jewellery that they do not wear and would like to give to her. Rita - the jewellery suits you - you always look stunning!
- 13) HISTORICAL CEMETRY SIGNS - Thanks to funding from the St Mark's Memorial Wall Fund, these two signs have been replaced. We are grateful to Rupert and Owen for putting them up.
- 14) CHRISTMAS MARKET - will be held at Oude Stasie on Saturday 10th December. I have just spoken to Sharmaine and you will all be thrilled to know that the road in front of the Stasie was graded yesterday! Stall holders can start setting up at 7h00 and the market will be officially open from 9h00. There will be food on sale, the bar will be open and there is a car display by David Rutherford and friends. There are still a few available stalls to rent if you have some goodies to sell. If you need any more info please contact Sharmaine at the Stasie.
- 15) SMILEY'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTS - Wilna is collecting little gifts for all the children who go to Smiley's on a Friday evening. There is a list of names and ages in the info centre. If you could buy a small gift, wrap it and go to the info centre. Pick a child's name, tick it off and then put your pressie in the box with the child's name on it. Many thanks. John Barrow and myself have already bought up ALL the bags of marbles at Spar!!
- 16) OPEN STREET - On Saturday 17th December anyone who would like to put up a table on the pavements in Badenhorst street and sell some goodies is welcome.
- 17) ROWLAND AND ASSOCIATES - Over and above computer work Eric can now also do DSTV installations, relocation and fault finding. Household single phase electrical installation and repairs. Alarm System installation, repairs and fault finding. Intercoms, Gate Motors and Access Control, repairs and fault finding. Etc

- 18) CROWNED CRANE NEWS - The next 2 braais will be on Sunday 27th November and Sunday 11th December. So please pop in your diary. You just need to bring your meat and drinks. Your meat will be cooked for you and salads and rolls are supplied. You do need to let Howard know if you are coming to the braai though so that they can prepare enough food.
- 19) MARTIN'S DAM - Phillip popped into the info centre the other day to tell me Martin's Dam is overflowing!!! The first time in a year. Wonderful news Phillip!
- 20) An appeal to all businesses in Town. Last year over Christmas the town looked quite sad except for some outside décor at DeKotzenhof and maybe a very few others. Let's take the Christmas further this year, get with the spirit (Maybe not too much of the bottled stuff) and put up some décor and lights for all to see and enjoy. It does give added life to the town. Maybe some good soul will donate a bottle of the Christmas spirit as a prize for the best display

There was so much to remember and I am sure I have left something out. If so - my apologies!

Sue

PS. For those that love the KNP and Lowveld and have seen the devastation caused by the recent drought, the good news is that at last they have had good some rains and a recovery should now start