

# CHIT - CHAT

## FROM WAKKERSTROOM

3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016

**Please pay particular attention to Number 5!!**

Dear folks of Wakkerstroom,

1) **UPCOMING EVENTS** - a) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October - Computer Course at The Crowned Crane. These have been well attended and quite popular. There is only one more after this for the beginners' course and then Eric will run a more advanced course. b) 8<sup>th</sup> October - The DANA BAZAAR - 09h00 until 16h00. High quality meat will be sold from 11h00. Come along and have a delicious breakfast or lunch listening to music!

c) 8<sup>th</sup> October - The Luneberg Family Fun Day. Registration for Mountain Biking is at 7h00. There will also be a 10 km Mountain run/ walk for the more energetic.

d) 9<sup>th</sup> October - At 12h00 -A second Bring and Braai at The Crowned Crane. Bring your meat along and it will be cooked for you. Salads and rolls will be supplied. To help with catering please could you let The Crowned Crane know if you will be coming along. The last one was very pleasant and enjoyed by all.

e) 11<sup>th</sup> October - Bird Club Outing to the Berry Farm near Charlestown. Meet at the library with your binocs, a snack, coffee and a hat. Now that it is getting warmer we will meet at 7h00.

f) 28<sup>th</sup> October - Market Day at the Espresso Arte Café in Volksrust. Book a stall for only R30. Phone 017 7351070

g) 29<sup>th</sup> October - Mozambiquan Rocktober Fest - at Papillon 15h00 - Food and Drinks on sale and back by popular demand are "The Spillages" band. This should be a fun evening for all.

- 2) **DISCHEM AT NEWCASTLE** - an updated snippet from Owen Castleman - The opening date is 1 April 2017. The address of the proposed Dischem is Cnr Allen Street and Memel Road. The site will be called the Newcastle Crossing Shopping Centre.
- 3) **SAVE OUR WATER** - Approximately 120 people gathered to form the words "SAVE OUR H<sub>2</sub>O ( Save our Water ) in support of the Mabola Protected Environment last Saturday morning , in protest against a planned coal mine set to cause irreversible damage to the wetlands, pans and endangered grassland eco systems in the critical water catchment areas. Thank you to everyone who turned up to make a statement. We need to hold thumbs that it will work.
- 4) **PETITION** - There is a petition in Wakkerstroom Central for all interested members to sign - all against the coal mines to please sign said petition.
- 5) **ANOTHER MINE IN THE OFFING** - There will be a meeting at The Wakkerstroom Country Inn on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9h00 to discuss another mine that is going to be a problem. Please be there to hear how it is going to affect us as we desperately need all residents' attendance!
- 6) **HERITAGE DAY WALK** - Wakkerstroom Walks and Trails held its second heritage event with a 5km walk around Wakkerstroom on Saturday 24 September. Approx 30 villagers, friends, kids and some dogs followed the route looking at a number of the villages heritage sites and national monuments. After the walk many stayed on for a braai at the Meelsak, where a food hamper raffle was drawn. The winner was Dale Sullivan from Volksrust.
- 7) **WACKY KNITTERS** - have left a lovely Christmas Hamper at Crow's Nest for viewing and raffle tickets are selling like hot cakes. The Knitters are very chuffed as it helps swell the Dana cause for hospital beds.
- 8) **ANNUAL ALPACA SHEARING AND OPEN DAY** - The Alpacas are only shorn once a year and this year the event will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November ( weather permitting ) Otherwise it will happen on the 12<sup>th</sup> November between 9h00 and 15h00. The entrance fee is R10 and there will be Alpaca yarn, fleece and products for sale
- 9) **DANA HERITAGE RAFFLE** - run by DeKotzenhof has postponed the draw of the raffle until all the tickets have been sold. Anticipated draw date will be at the end of November 2016.
- 10) **LOUIS HILDEBRANDT CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT** - A Christmas Party for pre-and primary school children will be held at Die Meelsak on the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 14h00. Father Christmas will hand out gift boxes to the children during this

function. High School children's boxes will be delivered on the 11<sup>th</sup> November to the Home in Volksrust. Volunteers who would like to sponsor a box can call Ronelle Van Eeden on 083463 7561. Once your sponsored box is ready call Ronelle who will arrange to collect it. All gift boxes must be ready no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

11) **BIRD Life** - 2017 Calendars are now in stock! With a stunning colour photo for each month, they will make lovely gifts for Christmas. They are selling at R130 each. Please contact Shireen Gould at [membership@birdlife.org.za](mailto:membership@birdlife.org.za)

12) **OUDE STASIE** - Greetings to everyone! On Saturday evening 8/10 Oude Stasie will have live entertainment from 7pm till late. Please book as they have limited space available. R120 p.p with Chicken Schnitzel, cheese sauce and mash dinner. Or R50/p no dinner. To book call Sharmaine on 082 418 8906

13) **CHRISTMAS MARKET** - De Oude Stasie are having a Christmas Market on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Save your pennies everyone and stock up on delicious Christmas goodies. If you would like to book a stall please contact Sharmaine.

Regards to all

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