

CHIT - CHAT

From Wakkerstroom

9th DECEMBER 2016

Dear People from Wakkerstroom,

We on the countdown to Christmas! Many of us are going on holiday or heading off to see family. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday and a very happy Christmas.

On to the news

- 1) WAG FUNDRAISER - Well done to Carol Preston for an excellent job of organising the Potjie Cook Off. Not only was the food awesome but we had a really pleasant afternoon sitting around eating and chatting. Even the weather was divine. The best potjie winner was Grant Du Plessis. Well done Grant - your food was yummy!
- 2) HATS OFF TO DR. NKOSIN - A young man from e Sizameleni (a past pupil from Uthaka High School) followed his dream, got into Wits Medical School, has worked incredibly hard and has just qualified as a medical doctor. Well done Dr Nkosinathi Nkosi!!!
- 3) 3RD SANDY TWOMEY MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - Select 3 photos taken in and around Wakkerstroom. Email your photo to wakkersbirdclub@gmail.com with your name, category entered and your camera make and model. Entries must be in before 3rd February 2017. Entry is free and professional entries will not be permitted. Lovely prizes!
- 4) QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK! - with a new home at the Crowned Crane. The last event was organised by the WTA and Quiz Master Richard McCabe! Teams of 4 people battled it out and the winning team won R200 to share. Well done to team No 1 - you guys were boffins! We will be having another quiz in January so hope to see you all there! You only have to pay R25 each and either submit a table of 4 names or just phone me and I will arrange tables of 4. Was great fun -lots of laughs and NO pressure.

- 5) RECYCLING PROJECT - by Birdlife Wakkerstroom has seen some great increases with regard to community members bringing in recycling.

The following totals are the year to date :PAPER-1616kg GLASS-2096kg Metal/Tins - 785kg Plastic - 739kg Mixed - 843kg TOTAL - 6079kg. There were 18 persons/businesses who brought in recycling in November which means a total increase of 643kg which works out to 35.72 kgs per household/business for November. Well done everyone!

- 6) SOCIAL WEAVER - The Social Weaver is now open. Hannes and Leonie are pleased to announce that the refurbishment of accommodation and restaurant is now complete. You can order breakfasts, pizzas, burgers and hot and cold beverages. The liquor licence is pending. Trading hours are Sun-Thurs 08:00 - 20.00 and Fri & Sat 08:00 - 21:00
- 7) KNITTING MACHINE - Jessie Dennett has an Empisal360/260 Knitting Machine with Ribber attachment, lace carriage, punch cards, punch and instruction books looking for a home. The machine is in excellent condition. ANY OFFERS?
- 8) FROGGING - Wakkerstroom Frogging Experience! This exciting event is happening on the weekend of 13/14 January 2017 at Birdlife. Join Nick Evans, Richard and Candice McKibbon in the magical Wetlands of Wakkerstroom to find incredible frogs and have a great time. Contact Kristi if you are keen. It might be an idea to arrive in gum boots!!
- 9) SMILEY'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS - Wilna is still hoping to get more pressies for the kids who frequent Smiley's on a Friday evening. Just a little gift with perhaps a sweet attached would be SO welcome. Please drop off at Info centre or with Wilna asap.
- 10) DeKotzenhof - will be open throughout December for Deli, restaurant, putt-putt and accommodation. Do remember all meals or functions need to be pre-booked. They seat 16 people in the intimate restaurant. CHRISTMAS luncheon bookings are now open. Call asap and remember it is BYO.
- 11) CROWNED CRANE - Will be hosting a Christmas party with snax on Friday 23rd December from 18:00 until 22:00. And a CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on Christmas Day from 12.30 until 15.00

- 12) HENNIE FROM JACKPOT - David Rutherford says that Hennie has been here for a few days and David saw him for a little chat. He says he misses Wakkerstroom and all the people and sends his best wishes to all who know him.
- 13) NEW HOME - Welcome to the Guerins for finally moving everything and settling in their new home in Kana. Looks like you going to be busy gardening!!
- 14) OLD BIOSCOPE - The renovations of the old movie house are coming along and the place is looking stunning. Ian -you are doing a marvellous job! The info centre will be moving in as soon as Ian gives us the go ahead. I think we will be very happy there and it's also going to be so easy for "passers-by "to find us now.
- 15) RAIN - How divine has all the rain been!! The farmers must be over the moon. When I drive around I see a really bumper crop of mealies coming along!!
- 16) MUCKY DUCK - Are opening on Christmas Eve and having a potjie for R50 pp. They will also open on NEW YEARS EVE but I am not sure at this point what they are doing. Watch this space.
- 17) GRASSLANDS - are also offering a CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON. If interested book quickly they nearly full!
- 18) TWICE IS NICE - Would like to wish everyone a huge hearty thanks for all the donations in time for Christmas. Many thanks also to the anonymous donor who left boxes of clothing on the shop steps last Wednesday. Twice is Nice will be closing on 17th December and will re-open on 6th January.
- 19) CHRISTMAS CAROLS - next weekend (Saturday 17th at 18:00) at the Catholic Church. Definitely not to be missed. I think this becomes more and more popular so the little church will probably be bursting at the seams.
- 20) CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - Come on everyone/businesses lets really get going and ooze Christmas spirit this year. How about LIGHTS, CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATIONS, ETC all over town especially in the shop windows!!

I am sure I have left stuff out but I will write another Chit-Chat next week to try get everything in before the New Year. If you have any info for me, please send an sms asap so your news does not get left out!

Happy shopping everyone!

Sue

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