



V-NEWS

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A word from Wynand...

We are at the beginning of a new year; 365 days we need to fill sensibly and productively. 12 months of stretching salaries and making them work out; 52 weeks of following sportsmen and women on television, wishing we were in their shoes.

But "*wishes are for fishes, that swim in the sea*", said the poet and oh, how true it is. Wishing is not doing and doing needs get done; there's an energy required for the doing; we need someone with spunk, someone with the will to make a difference.

The new year sometimes feels like it's the beginning of a new project. When the mind is stimulated, new thoughts come forth, an idea is born. And we sit down and make notes, we call up friends and get excited, we share our thoughts and the project takes shape in our heads.

And then we put putty on the thought; we weld up the frame work, we lay the foundations, we do the macro things first. Then the finishing follows; the idea became a thing, the project has come to fruition, we can see 'the thing' that we thought about. And the people cheer and clap hands and we declare that the system still works! A dream can indeed become a reality!

But with most people the thought never becomes reality. The seed is sown and at first watered well, but then the midday sun ruins it. We hide in the shadows, protecting our skin from the direct sunlight. We have forgotten our newly germinated plants are also in the sunlight. We do not have the unction to see the thing through. A few days later there's nothing left of the dream. The seeds have been scorched by the sun. The neighbours laugh in their sleeves. The moment has passed. The doer has not done.

We are all capable of doing great things, but we first need to dream great dreams. We first need to determine whether we really want a brighter future. If there is not that deep desire to overcome our circumstances, we will never make progress. Let us all do our utmost this year to make Daleside a wonderful, shaded, friendly place to live. Let's let

let the drug lords know their pathetic contraband is not for this community. I believe we have the capacity and the will to build a community the rest of South Africa will be envious of; but we do need the co-operation of every individual.

If you have not registered as a volunteer yet, please go to the website and register:

www.dalesidevolunteers.co.za Alternatively:

*Send an SMS to 083 776 2129

*Include your name, surname and address

I BELIEVE WE CAN

When I look at Daleside, I see a needy community, but I also see a capable community.

I believe Daleside can be a beautiful suburb.

I believe we should harness our collective powers, take hands, bend backwards, and give birth to a bright looking new suburb.

I believe I have the personal capacity to do much more.

I believe each one of you have the personal strength to do much more.

I believe the youth should not wait for us but organize themselves in useful groupings and serve the community.

I believe we should not wait for better days; we should make the better days!

I believe television should really be for family entertainment and not something children are glued to day and night.

I believe fathers should be fathers and mothers should prove they are the foundation of the community.

I believe all should come out at sundown into their streets and talk to each other.

I believe our suburb should be free of the scourge of racism.

I believe all Daleside people should sing in the Volunteer Choir.

I believe we should laugh more and swear less.

I believe even those who do not want to volunteer, are in fact volunteers; they volunteer to not be volunteers.

I believe in YOU!

Regards,
Wynand

TRANSNET AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Following up on our article PRASA STARTS DELIVERING, where we featured the AFRO 4000 series diesel locomotives for passenger trains, this month we would like to highlight the situation of Transnet where the government is decidedly bent on moving freight off the roads on to rail.

In a recently released report, it was stated that Transnet's National Command Centre located in Parktown, Johannesburg, exercises proactive real-time train control monitoring and is responsible for train service design, service planning, train movement management, emergency response, and business continuity management. This sounds highly impressive, but how will it affect the problems on our roads?

Maybe it is time to look at the possibility of a comprehensive intermodal system for South Africa, where economics determine the most appropriate modes or combination of modes. For example, recently the Ford Motor Company in North America developed an arrangement with Canadian National, Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern railways for the shipment of Ford's new Transit panel vans to dealers across the Continent. Three separate, privately owned railway companies were involved. The arrangement to execute a defined transportation task was well co-ordinated, in spite of a few major problems with the height of the new vans. Ford was able to make an economic decision to use different modes, ie. Different rail companies, as well as trucks in certain areas.

While rail is undeniably cost-effective for moving bulk commodities, such as mineral substances or containers from ports to distant terminals, it is the use of road transport at the beginning or end of the linehaul, that will prove most challenging. This is where the setting up of joint ventures between Transnet and private sector operators will benefit all participants. These joint ventures, if run properly and efficiently, will secure the proper levels of co-ordination and control.

If railways in South Africa are to regain anything like the position of dominance they occupied up until the 1980's, an intermodal system will have to be fully understood and applied.

(Source: *Automotive Business Review* Aug. 2014)

AFRIMAT KILN UPDATE

The situation regarding the smelter has not changed either way since the last article we placed in V-news. Afrimat has indicated all petitions have been

received and are being processed in the application process.

There are still a great number of uncertainties; however, this one thing seems certain: Afrimat has not yet been able to give more information regarding the detail, through to any of the interested and affected parties.



We are keeping our ears to the ground and will communicate any certain decision immediately to the community.

It is senseless to repeat the same uncertainties every month *ad infinitum*. If any reader has any better information, we request that such information will be communicated to us as we are committed to preventing the kiln being built. Meanwhile, we request all should refrain from spreading rumours that Afrimat is busy buying up property and making purchase offers to homeowners in Daleside; there is NO truth to this at all.

ATHLETICS CLUB

After a long waiting period, our application for the registration of an athletics club was granted by Athletics SA. In fact, the specific category we registered for was that of an adventure club, which means we may host events other than just marathons as well.

There is no club in a radius of 5km from Daleside, which was one of the requirements for registration. People from Daleside, Highbury, Henley, Meyerton and Walkerville may all register with us as club members.

We are in the process now of submitting our calendar of activities for the next two years to Athletics SA. We will keep you informed of the progress being made.



FUN AND FITNESS EVENT: Join us on Tuesdays for jogging or walking 17:00 at the Trim Park.

WARNING: CRIMINALS IN DALESIDE

Daleside residents, please note there are coward criminals active in the community. Their modus operandi is to approach children or women during business hours when most adults are at work. They claim to have been sent by the owner to measure up something inside the house.

In every incident so far they knew the name of the owner and they even pretend to have a contact

Homeowners are warned and requested to make sure their relatives know about this situation and that all will be forewarned and prepared. When this situation arises, please call the police without hesitation

telephone number. They would put up a bogus telephone call with a person whom the people at the target home would think to be the owner of the house. Then, when it seems all have been confirmed, they gain access to the property and rob it.

WHAT'S ON IN DALESIDE/WAT GEBEUR IN DALESIDE?

AFM SHABACH PRAISE CENTRE

316 Geelvink Street. Sunday service 09:00
Contact Pastor Jacob Radebe 083 491 0814

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Every Wednesday 17:00-18:20

Contact Charlotte 083 945 0202



Please inform us of any other activities that the community should know about!

ESKOM BAILING OUT OF SOLAR PROGRAMME

Eskom is bailing out of the solar water heater programme, warning the industry that it would process claims for rebates only if the equipment was installed on or before January 2015.

While the Treasury has always allocated a budget for the programme to the Energy Department, Eskom has until now been the implementing agent. Now Eskom says this role is being handed back to the Department.

While it is general knowledge that Eskom is facing a financial crisis owing to the high costs of running generators on diesel in recent months, opposition energy shadow minister Lance Greyling said Eskom should withdraw its notice to withdraw from the programme as it puts thousands of jobs at risk.

“Eskom now risks creating a major disruption in the solar water heater industry with its woefully inadequate notice of withdrawing from the programme,” said Greyling.

Since its inception in 2008, the rebate programme has subsidised 417 000 solar water heater installations – up to 30 September 2014, less than half of the Energy Department’s target.

Greyling said there had been a massive slowdown in delivery of the programme because government had imposed an 18 month moratorium – only recently lifted – on the installation of low pressure solar water heaters.

Eskom itself said that the number of suppliers of the solar water heaters had grown from a mere 20 to 400 in 2011.

On the Eskom website, it noted that the solar water heater systems reduce electricity demand in residential areas and thus pressure on the electrical grid in certain areas. This results in a more stable power supply in reducing the amount of energy loss through the transmission and distribution of electricity. This is just another way that solar energy can help light up South Africa.

Go solar, forget load shedding!

Source: Fin 24

ONTHULLING VAN ‘n GEDENKSTEEN: SKOOLBUS / TREIN ONGELUK

Dit is nou 45 jaar gelede dat die skoolbus op 28 Januarie 1970 op die spoor gestol het en deur ‘n trein getref is. Die gevolg was dat 23 kinders tragies gesterf het. Dit is sonder twyfel die grootste ramp wat hierdie omgewing in mensegeheuenis getref het. Ons het verlede jaar besluit dat dit moontlik ‘n goeie idee sou wees om ‘n gedenksteen op te rig waar die ongeluk gebeur het. Die gedenksteen is deur die

agbare Raadslid Rob Jones onthul. Verskeie bekende persone en raadslede was teenwoordig, onder andere die Speaker meneer Freddie Peters, meneer Dawie Louw die bekende held Johan le Roux se beste vriend, asook leerders van Dr. Malan Hoërskool netjies in hulle pragtige skooldrag en die Skoolhoof meneer Rossi Briers. Ons eie *Volunteers-koor* het opgetree.

Ons langtermynplan is om te verseker dat die publiek ongestoorde toegang tot die perseel sal hê oor naweke en op publieke vakansiedae. Verdermeer is ons reeds besig om reëlings te tref vir die aanbied van n vol marathon elke jaar Januarie, ter herdenking aan die ongelukslagoffers.

Indien u weet van enige oorlewendes van die ongeluk, kontak asseblief vir Charlotte sodat sy 'n profielsamestelling van diesulkes kan doen en hulle aan ons voorstel in die V-News.

Ons nooi u hartlik uit om die gedenksteen met u gesinne to gaan besigtig; dis in die steeg langs die grasdakgebou in Bokmakierie Straat (Highbury House).



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