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KNOW YOUR STREET NAMES

(Final Instalment)

Duiker Street runs parallel to the railway line at the top of the industrial part of Daleside. If it wasn't for the railway bridge, it would have connected with Bokmakierie Street. The **Duiker** is a small to medium-sized antelope native to Sub-



Saharan Africa. The name comes from the Afrikaans word for *diver* which refers to their practice of diving into tangles of shrubbery.

Duikers are split into two groups based on their habitat: forest and bush duikers. All forest species inhabit the rainforests of Sub-Saharan Africa, while the only known bush duiker, grey common duiker, occupies savannahs. Duikers are very shy, elusive creatures with a fondness for dense cover; those that tend to live in more open areas, for example, are quick to disappear into thickets for protection.

Oorbietjie Street is a very short dirt road right at the North-eastern side of Daleside

Oorbietjie (*Ourebia ourebi*), like the street, is a very small buck, about 65cm high and about 100cm body length. Rams have two straight little horns growing as long as 19cm. They have a silky, yellow to redbrown fur with white

underside and small black tail. They prefer grassland savannah but will also eat leaves or planted grain. You will find them in East,



Central and Southern Africa. Their natural enemies are leopards, lynx and pythons. And of course humans.

Eland Street runs North to South parallel with Kroonarend Street. Eland Street used to be connected to Blousysie and it was then called **Settlement Road**. I wonder how many people remember why that street was blocked off and divided into two separate streets? Here is the reason:

Trucks coming from Heidelberg used to turn right from Karee into Blousysie (Settlement Road) and travel full speed down that road, skipping the crossing with Witkruisarend. One day just as the school children were coming out the gates on their way home, a grade one child was overrun by a truck and killed. The road was then closed after that so that the trucks were forced to turn at Kroonarend to travel towards the industrial area.

The **Common Eland** is a savannah and plains antelope found in East and Southern Africa. It is the second largest antelope in the world, as big as cattle,

around 1.6 metres tall at the shoulders, and can weigh up to 942 kilograms.

Mainly a herbivore, it prefers grasses and leaves and avoids dense forests. They

form herds of up to 500 animals. It has been domesticated in many areas and provides leather and rich, nutritious milk.

Koedoe Street runs parallel with and next to Oorbietjie in the Northeastern corner of Daleside.

The name of the animal was imported into English in the 18th century from isiXhosa *iqhude*, via Afrikaans *koedoe*. Like many other antelope, male kudus can be found in bachelor groups, but they are more likely to be solitary.

Their dominance displays tend not to last long and are generally fairly peaceful, consisting of one male making himself look big by making his hair stand on end. When males do have a face-off, they will lock their horns in a competition to determine the



stronger puller; kudus' necks enlarge during the mating season for this reason. Sometimes two competing males are unable to unlock their horns and, if unable to

disengage, will die of starvation or dehydration. Males are seen with females only in the mating season, when they join in groups of 5–15 kudus, including offspring. Calves grow very quickly and at six months are fairly independent of their mothers.

Leeuw Street, written according to the old Dutch spelling, crosses Kroonarend and Eland and intersects with Koedoe and Oorbietjie and runs right down to the Klipriver. Of course the mighty lion needs no introduction, but I will elaborate a little on it. It is one of the four ‘great cats’ in the genus ‘Panthera’ and the second biggest after the tiger. Males are easily recognised by their magnificent



manes and weigh between 150 and 250kg. Apart from humans, lions used to be the most widely spread mammal, all over Africa, Europe, India, and

the Americas. Currently they are only found in sub-Saharan Africa and a small threatened surviving Population in the Gir-forest National Park in Asia.

In nature, lions live up to 14 years, while they can live up to 20 years in captivity. Lions love a warm climate and hunt in groups. Typical they will be found in savannah, although they can also be found in bush and shrub-land.

They are unusual in that they are a social lot. A pride of lions consists of blood-related lionesses and their young, with a few mature males. They hunt together as a team to catch large prey such as buffalo and blue wildebeest.

Our very last street to be introduced in this series of ‘Know your Street Names’ is **Luiperd Street**.

Luiperd Street runs parallel to Leeuw, from Duiker right down to the river.

The leopard (*panther pardus*) is the fourth largest in the cat family, after the tiger, lion and jaguar. You will find it in Africa and Asia, as well as the Caucasus (outer fringes of Europe). They



are regarded as an almost-threatened species. Their dimensions and mass vary according to distribution. Leopards in the bush are normally smaller than those in open spaces, which tend to be larger and slimmer. Males weigh about 40-90kg and can grow to be up to 3 meters from head to tail tip. Females are smaller.

COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM (CPF)

We were approached by the Chairman of the Kliprivier CPF with a request that we should co-operate with SAPS in establishing a CPF in Daleside. One could possibly simply have said ‘yes’, it sounds like a good idea and jump into it. That would have been the easy way out. We chose not to do so. What we proposed was that Mr. Boxall allows us until end March to reach a decision. We need to have information before we can commit ourselves.

There are a number of issues we all have to understand before we enter such a venture:

- We will need all residents to co-operate. All are affected by crime.
- We will need to be well organized from the outset. Time management is critical. It will be expected of us to attend meetings; we cannot be lax about these meetings; we need to be timeous and well disciplined.
- We cannot expect ten or twelve people to take the full responsibility for a CPF.
- Community matters are time consuming; anyone who makes themselves available to serve in some kind of capacity will have to understand from the outset there is effort involved.
- We will require funds. There are a number of things a CPF is expected to do which require that we have money available.
- Committee members will need the active support of all.



We decided to embark on an exercise where we make sure we have enough information. Therefore we invited a number of groups to speak to us about their ‘crime’ concerns. We have set aside a number of Monday nights to do this. The groups are: neighbourhood watches / business people / church leaders / youth / teachers, etc.

Then once we have the information, we will call a general, public meeting to discuss the possibilities. After the public meeting we will then put a decision to the vote. This should happen towards the end of March.



FUN AND FITNESS EVENT:

Join us on Tuesdays for jogging or walking 17:00 at the Trim Park, Thursdays 18:00 at Leon’s Bridge.

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

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Contact Pastor Jacob Radebe 083 491 0814

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Contact Charlotte 083 945 0202
Please inform us of any other activities that the community should know about!

GOOD READS

Bryce Courtenay: *Sylvia*

This is a story about the Children's Crusade, which occurred in the year 1212. It is perhaps the strangest true event to have taken place in European history. It surely took some digging among scattered ancient texts to uncover information, buried in a dark corner long out of mind. Written by one of the best storytellers of our times, you will get to know Reinhardt the Pied Piper of Hamelin, Nicholas of Cologne, the boy-preacher who persuaded thousands of children between the ages of 5-14 to follow him



on a futile quest to the Holy Land. It is also a story of how, throughout some of the darkest medieval times, the redeeming power and strength of a young woman's love and intelligence prevail over poverty, brutality and bigotry.

Brought to you by members of the Afrikaanse Leeskring, meeting every second Thursday of the month at Randvaal Library.

BIG BROKEN POLITICAL PROMISES

Isn't it time for politicians to realise that grandiose dreams and promises are surely not the same thing? Good intentions will not curb the disappointment of people waiting indefinitely for RDP homes, promised services or deterioration of existing services. Realistic planning before promising would restore trust of the man on the street in the powers that be. Let us look at some of the broken promises during the last few years.

1. Promised Health Facilities

213 new clinics and community health centres, as well as **43** new hospitals, refurbishment of **870** health facilities in NHI districts.

Progress made:

5 community health centres are in final design stages, **8** in planning phase and **8** under construction. **7** hospitals are in planning phase, **1** in construction phase. Refurbishment work to start in mid-2015.

2. Promised Energy Facilities

Generating additional energy through the completion of three large power stations: Medupi, Kusile and Ingule, and **1.3 million** homes to get solar water heaters by 2018/19.

Progress made:

Technical Problems have delayed full completion of Medupi's Unit 6, and only **32 000** water heaters have been installed, mostly in Johannesburg. The shortfall of more than a million solar heaters is a serious challenge. (*See article in February V-News* **ESKOM BAILING OUT OF SOLAR PROGRAMME**)

3. Promised Water Supply

The **R3-billion** De Hoop dam launched in March 2014 was to supply communities with fresh water.

Progress made:

Lack of planning and weak execution are delaying the supply of water to communities.

Pipeline 1: Work underway to connect the pipeline to the Steelpoort River. Construction was **68%** complete in 2014 and should be finished by April 2015.

Pipeline 2: Work to start in 2015.

4. Promised Schools to boost Education

1 000 new schools promised

Progress made:

89 schools built between April and December 2014. In the meantime schools (and libraries) are being burnt to the ground in protest actions and these will need to be rebuilt.

5. Promised Job Creation in Industry

3 200 jobs provided by new factories.

Progress made:

605 jobs created, mostly in the private sector. Looking for opportunities in Eskom and Transnet to increase the number.

Just as in our past history, the upgrading of the Railway and Energy systems will help alleviate unemployment. This will have to be planned and executed carefully.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it – lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’.

Sources: Mmanaledi Mataboge, ANC Report, Luke 14

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THE EXPLANATION

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.



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