

# CREATIVECOPPER NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2016. SINCE 1988

Dear All,

The good news is that we have had 16mm of rain which was unexpected but at the same time most welcome. We have been blessed to spend a weekend in the bush and there is simply no grass for the animals. The Elephants look very thin, the hippos are dying but on the flip side the buck look alright and nature is taking its course with the weaker animals. The King of the Jungle is fat flourishing and breeding!

We have run a one day madness sale and we were overwhelmed with the support it received. Thank you to all that gained a free pair of earrings.

South Africa goes to the polls next week and I believe this to be a watershed election, which will change the political landscape for the better. Watch this space - it is going to be exciting. The UK has a new iron lady and America is waiting in the wings for ...?????? We will have to wait awhile for this result. What I do find around election time the market seems to freeze, until the last vote is cast and then only do we get back to normal. We patiently wait for this to pass as a free and fair election?

Inge has delayed her return and will only be back in office on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The employees design competition is regrettably on hold until her return and then only will we be able to do the photo shoot for the 2016 catalogue. We do apologize and will priorities this most important project.

It continually surprises me with all the ideas unfolding as we push our wheel barrows on lives journey. Yes, the harder you push, the bigger the benefit and you will achieve your dream! Our newest project is with Marlien, to develop a "Crocodile Skin" range of bangles. Watch this space it is getting interesting.

We have settled our wages with the Union and we know - to be able to pay the wages, we need to supply good quality products as there can be no compromise. We know that our customers don't care about the price as they care for the value?

We spent a very interesting morning with PUM from Holland that offered us business advice by Dr Simone Scholtens and Sonje from the local Chamber of Commerce. We anxiously wait for the outcome of this visit which we believe will be a report and a true reflection of what they found at Creative Copper. Years ago we had Trudi , supplied by PUM as a designer .

Elena popped in for a visit from Germany and then Dan also visited and we are busy developing some very exciting copper products for him.

South Africa will be at the polls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and then we celebrate all the wonderful women in our lives on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We wish all you lovely ladies a wonderful day and may we celebrate women's day each day of next year.

**MICHAEL**