

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2017. *SINCE 1988*

Dear All,

Firstly I must apologise by fitting you all into this category of "ALL" my technology simply cannot send out 500 personalised newsletters. I thank you for accepting our ancient system and maybe one day we will be able to install a better program?

Cyclone "DONEO" passed through here 2 weeks ago and until today we have hardly seen the sun. The initial wave went through with 135mm of rain. Strangely no high winds experienced, which could have been expected. So far we have recorded 282mm here at our studios! We report no damage and the surrounding areas are looking lush and beautiful. The dam that feeds us, is filling up nicely from the 25% during the horrible drought.

Our State President gave his State of the Nation address against a backdrop of a party wanting one minute's silence for 94 mentally disturbed patients dying in state care and another party trying to disallow the nation hearing his speech. In short, the latter party was physically removed. They say this is true democracy at work?

Tourists visiting our shores increased by 13% over the 2015 period and we had 10 million visitors. Our Cape Town International Airport was rated the best airport on the African Continent. O.R. THAMBO was number 4.

Lisa Sheard, Executive Director of tourism at KLCB, penned the following: Tourism can create jobs, is sustainable, is accessible, barriers of entry are relatively low, it encourages pride of place, is "woman full", brings the world to your doorstep, it rewards hard working people. Regrettably our Government has paid little attention to this sector - which is still regarded as a certain section of our population industry???? Lisa did get mention in the Budget Speech by Pravin Gordhan.
Lisa - we are proud of you.

Thank you to all of those that took up the offer of 100 pieces in the pre- stock take sale. We definitely ran at a loss for your gains during these troubled political and economic times.

We are frustrated not to advertise the breaking news! So please bear with me and watch this space:

We have placed a large 6 sided display at the largest Tigers Eye store in O.R.Thambo at the International side of the airport. It sports a photo screen which brags pictures of work in progress. We too have a very good VIDEO in digital form and if you would like to view it, please give me a shout.

As of March your price list will increase by 6% which could have been a lot bigger had it not been for the poor economic conditions the world finds itself in. Our Rand is the strongest it has been in 15 months and can simply change with the change of a Minister!

Rhino's remain to be on a high priority list for the poachers and they have now added Donkeys to the list for the gelatine extract from their skins. Lion paws are in high demand by the Chinese, so all these items like Abalone, are highly sort after aphrodisiacs? There seems no end to the slaughter?

We are very busy with stock take and can assure you we have substantial stock to satisfy your needs. Sometimes you must allow us to substitute to speed up your order and to get product onto your shelves.

Both Inge and Duncan are working tirelessly on new designs. Watch this space for news.

Again visitors came through the doors:

C & D Jury from Melbourne , Australia.

Sue Lankers from Ethiopia.

Renee Dodger from Swaziland.

Rene Duyvelaar (Parsifal) Holland.

May you all have a very productive March.

MICHAEL