

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2017 *SINCE 1988*

Dear All,

We are still experiencing summer heat and no real signs of Autumn. The Cape Province is desperate for rain and high winds caused the 1st cancellation of the **Argus Cycle Race** in 40 years. We were disappointed with only 49mm of rain this year versus 196 for the same period last year. We are clearly a water scarce country and were caught with an excellent April 1 joke whereby the Table Mountain would be lowered by 200 meters to allow the sea rain to pass over the mountain with more ease, giving the dry areas at the back more rain! I am a sucker!!

We are really battling with our ZAR accounts that are either short paid or paid in excess. Some of you manage to pay us in full to the last cent and other miss the bull's eye by a yard? Please talk to your bankers as it is obviously very possible to convert perfectly.

Raw material this year has been a challenge with many stockists starting with no stock! We do apologise for any delays caused, as I am aware of the mosquito coil burners and salt bowls being caught up in this challenge.

The new display unit at O.R.Thambo is something special. We still need to tweak it a little to make it revolve a little easier and of course the photo frame does not show a Video - which is a bit of a headache. We are working to perfect this special unit designed by Inge. Please send us your thoughts if you actually see it in the Tax free section leaving SA.

My newsletter is late as a result of all the shenanigans doing the rounds by our President Zuma, who fired the Minister of Finance last Thursday night with 15 other ministers and their deputies. The ZAR has taken a tumble and this week will be politically very interesting. Please don't watch my space but we will certainly feature on World News, as we now believe we are firmly in the hands of the Guptas'. The latter are very wealthy visitors to SA that have wormed their way into the inner circle of the President and his family. Criticism of this man is no longer sufficient and we can expect big things to happen in the next few days and hopefully not weeks - as South Africa is not for sale.

My space that you must watch still remains a space and we too are hopeful that we can make an announcement soon as to the news to fill the space:

South Africa is alive and well! Too my surprise the dagga smokers won a case to legalise the growing and smoking of this drug at one's home. This now must pass

through Parliament and who knows? Medicinal marijuana is freely available in health stores and presently being used by many a cancer patient.

The 2017 "**Employee Design Competition**" has kicked off and we are excited as to what this New Year will bring. We are going to tighten up on the amount of entries and we are really looking for the top 12 designs. We too are anxious to get the designs sorted, that we can get our new supplement out earlier than last year.

We have been blessed with many visitors again and in particular Roger and Wendy Carter. Roger is the nephew of Roger Bushel who was the master mind in the Great Escape. Some of you must have seen the film with Steve Mcqueen?

Peter Stoll came with his family and friends from Germany.

We had Anne and Lauren from Australia who were here for the Nomad Golf Internationals.

Magalie from France (MondUni) was most welcome and we hope to see her again.

As well as many South Africans.

Easter is almost on us so a very Happy Easter and in this month we also celebrate Freedom Day on the 27th. I do hope our production is not effected too much with all these holidays and expected shutdowns?

Michael