

# whatsUp!

Waterberg News, Happenings and Events January 2020

A New Year so I thought we'd kick off with a fresh look, and open our first whatsUp! of 2020 with the report on the AGM, our last meeting of 2019. Reports by the secretary and chair showed the WNC in a healthy position with further plans to expand the 'Teaching the Teachers' programme.

Our speakers yet again stole the show and were the highlight of the meeting. Good



news is always welcome and I'm sure we were all relieved with **Welgevonden** researcher **Carmen Warmenhove's** update on the orphaned cheetah cubs, now able to hunt and survive on their own. A wonderful heartwarming story from Welgevonden and something which could not have happened without the 'ethical' intervention of Carmen and her team.

**Heinrich Hattingh** spoke on **Dust and Erosion Control** and his new technology water retainer **Agri600 Polymer** which assists in using half the water that would normally be used in agriculture; a serious matter and a vital factor in our water-scarce country.



Then of course on to some serious socialising and networking.

*A fitting end to the WNC year - except it wasn't quite!*



The Zeederberg gardens was the setting for the Teaching the Creche Teachers' year-end presentation well attended by 11 of the teachers who enjoyed the occasion and even showed some cool dance moves!



**The Living Museum will be open from Sunday January 26**

**Restaurant Tea Garden and Bar - fully licenced**

Tuesday to Saturday 09.00 to 17.00 Sundays 09.00 to 14.00 closed Mondays

As WNC chair I was asked to speak and present prizes at the **Waterberg Academy** year end **Achievement Awards** ceremony. The enthusiasm of the students was most impressive. An eye opener for me, my contact with young people is very limited these days. It was a really interesting experience and hats off to the Academy for great organisation.



While on the subject of the Academy, Headmaster **Mark Godfrey** and WNC EXCO member retired at the end of December and will pursue his own ambitions with some matters agricultural. We wish him well in his new venture. At the same time we welcome the new Head **Vernon Rorich** and look forward to his involvement in our community.



With its easily accessible mountainous terrain just 2 hours from Gauteng the Waterberg should be a prime mountain bike destination. **Simone and David Baber** with **Waterberg MTB Summerplace Farm**, are determined to make that happen. On the weekend 11th to 13th Jan they held a training camp for more than 90 young bikers. It was a huge success and introduced many bike fanatics to this wonderful biking area.

Regretfully the Lindani Bike Race, scheduled for May, has been cancelled. This is due to a conflict of dates with a race being announced in Gauteng on the same day. As most riders come from Gauteng it was clearly impossible for Lindani to continue. However, the planned **Art Festival** featuring local artists, will go ahead - watch this space!

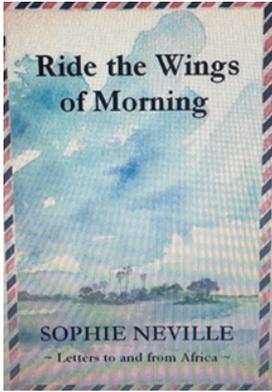


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## **New members:**

The Living Museum      Vivienne Pepper      Mark and Wendy Godfrey

The WNC would like to thank all those members who have already paid their membership for 2020 - Brilliant, a reminder to those who haven't yet paid.

## **Next general meeting: Thursday February 13th at NG Kerk**

**With top speakers on important matters for all Waterbergers**

A full programme will be sent nearer the date

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