



# **DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID - AFRIKA THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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## **NEWSLETTER**

It is with much appreciation that the rebirth of the Thatchers Association can be announced and that its continuation will be ensured through diligence and dedication. It has not only donned a new coat, but the Area and National Management structures ensure that it will be a strong, sound and representative Association.

Membership number is already 69. This indicates that numerous others in the Thatchers and associated businesses are still outside in the cold. The purpose of our monthly newsletters is to introduce these businesses to our Association and to invite them to become part of a National representative Association, which has attained the status of the National mouthpiece of the Thatchers Trade in South Africa.

It is also the intention to arrange an Annual General Meeting that will coincide with a National Conference at which experts will enlighten us on various related subjects. During this two-day conference various workshops will also form part of the Agenda.

We also want to bring the following to your attention:

### **AREA MANAGEMENT**

Quarterly meetings will be held in the various Areas. Area Managements will keep the National Committee informed and will also ensure participation of members in the activities on Area level apart from gaining new members. Information about Area and National Committee members is available on our website [www.sa-thatchers.co.za](http://www.sa-thatchers.co.za)

### **FOUNDER MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE**

Founder Membership Certificates will be issued for the 2006/7 financial year and will be available to paid-up members. The Certificates will be posted to members on receipt of proof of full payment. An example of such a Certificate is attached.

Subsequent Certificates will be provided with six small blocks to receive stamps for the next consecutive years. The first stamp will be in gold to indicate the status as a Founder Member. In the event of a non-founder member, the block will be left open. Every stamp will be issued on receipt of the full yearly membership fee.

### **TRADE-MARK**

The logo of the Thatchers Association has been revamped and a paid-up member will be entitled to use the logo on his stationary in accordance with the laid down guidelines. The logo in tiff format (high resolution for printing) and jpeg format (low resolution for website use) will be sent on CD as the file is too big for e-mail purposes. A guideline for the use of the logo is incorporated in the CD. The logo may only be used with permission granted by the Association, as it is a registered trademark. Misuse will not be tolerated.

## **STICKERS FOR VEHICLES**

Stickers, for use on vehicles, are attainable at the Office. They are available in two sizes namely 300 x 600 (R65) and 150 x 300 (R50) plus postage. If ordered timeously, it can be sent with the CD and Certificate. Paid-up members will receive the above during the week 9 to 12 May 2006 per registered post. A magnetic type (300 x 600) is also available at R130 each and 150 x 300 at R90 each plus postage.

## **WEBSITE**

Members are kindly requested to submit their website information to the Office to enable a link to be established between the membership list on the Association's website and that of members.

Anton Heydenrych of SuproNet, the TASA webmaster, is extending his willingness to members to assist them with the design of their websites at a reasonable fee.

## **UPDATING OF THE TASA WEBSITE**

An updated membership list will appear weekly on the website. New articles and relevant information will appear monthly.

## **LINK WITH THE SA TIMBER HOMES MAGAZINE**

Our first article covering the rebirth of the Association with introductory material and photos appeared in the April/May issue of SA Timber Homes, introducing also Area and National Managements.

The website of the above magazine can be obtained through our website under the heading "News and Notices." You can also contact the Editor, Marius Crous to order the magazine.

His contact particulars are as follows:

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Website: [www.satimberhomes.co.za](http://www.satimberhomes.co.za)

## **LINK TO "A GUIDE TO GOOD THATCHING PRACTICE**

Links are available on our website which will enable you to download "A Guide to Good Thatching Practice" in black and white in pdf format, free of charge. It is also available in colour as "read only."

This Guide is available at our office at R200 as well as the SANS 10407:2004 Specification at R75 plus postages.

**Slots for Adverts on our website are available and will be shown in the Afrikaans and English sections at the following rates**

Banner Advert: R400 per year

The advert will show the text and any of the special graphics for example the logo (electronic) with a max of three frames "animated gif"

Side Adverts: R300 per year

The advertiser provides the text and any other special graphics e.g. the logo (electronic) with a max of three frames "animated gif"

Provisos: Adverts will only be accepted on a full year basis.

## **ARTICLES AND MATTERS OF INTEREST**

To keep our website up to date, keeping in mind that articles are published in the SA Timber Homes Magazine, photos and articles of interest are required. Information on “uninvited guests” seeking refuge in thatch, quality measures for newly built thatch as well as to decide the condition of existing thatched roofs, the maintenance of thatch, early warning signs of deterioration etc., are only a few examples. These articles can be a major source of information and education. We rely on your support. Photos submitted electronically and of high resolution (300 dpi at least) are preferred.

The articles are approved for acceptance by the Executive Committee and will appear under the member’s reference.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Consensus was reached at all Area Meetings that membership fee for 2006/7 will be R3 000 of which the R500 paid to float the Association, is refundable and can thus be subtracted.

The establishment of a Thatchers Association with legal status necessitates the settlement of membership fees for 2006/7, paid-up before 31 May 2006.

You are invited to contact the office if you require an extended payment option, or if any uncertainty exists as to the functioning of the Association.

I consider it a privilege and a challenge to lead the Thatchers Association of South Africa in its inaugural year with its new identity. As much as the inception of TASA dependent on a team effort, so much so will the future success depend on the team effort of all the members.

Your continued and loyal support is much appreciated.

Kind regards

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**NATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

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## MEMBERSHIP 2006

Name of Business: .....
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Postal Address .....
Code: .....

Physical Address: .....
Code: .....

Telephone .....	Fax .....
Mobile .....	E mail address .....

Names of contacts .....
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Are you registered for VAT?    Yes    /    No	Registration number :.....
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How long has your firm been in operation? .....	Is Thatching your firm's full-time occupation? .....
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ENCLOSED MY CHEQUE / CASH / DEPOSIT SLIP FOR R3 000-00 PAYABLE BEFORE 31 MAY 2006. (Please contact the office if you require an extended payment option)		
I / WE UNDERTAKE TO FURTHER THE OBJECTIVES OF THE THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND TO MAINTAIN THE REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS OF THE ASSOCIATION.		
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SIGNATURE	CAPACITY	DATE

<b>BANKING DETAILS</b>			
Bank :	ABSA DERDEPOORT	THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA	
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		Mobile 083 283 8429	
		Fax : 086 6409 151	
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