



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

Dear TASA member

ITS 6th GENERAL MEETING 2019 IN JAPAN FROM 17 TO 23 MAY

It is with pleasure that we can report that the following persons will represent the TASA during the International Thatching Society's Congress in Japan during May 2019.

They are:

Abrie and Sanrie Visagie	JNA Thatchers
John and June Smith	Biggarsberg Thatchers
Bertus and Cecilia Nieuwenhuis	Recon Thatchers
Jason Lucas	Jason Lucas Master Thatchers
Andre Friis	Letaba Thatchers

SANS 10400-XA 2018 : ENERGY USAGE IN BUILDINGS

The above mentioned Regulation regarding Energy Usage in Buildings is now in the stage where the SABS committee must give permission for public comment, known as the DSS stage. **Only when this document is published (possibly in early 2019) is the Regulation enforceable.**

This is the new energy zone map of South Africa.



The list of cities with their various energy zones is listed in this Regulation.

The TASA cannot alter the test results of the performance of thatch. We are therefore bound to these thicknesses as a requirement.

“In a roof assembly that consists of thatch the thickness of the thatch shall be as follows:

1. Fine thatching grass or reed in all zones except 5H: 210 mm or R value of 3.7
2. Fine thatching grass or reed in zone 5H: 175 mm or R value of 2.7
3. Coarse thatching grass or reed and water reed: 300 mm.”

A TINY BEETLE IS KILLING SA’S TREES – AND NOTHING CAN STOP IT

According to News 24, a tiny beetle from South East Asia, no bigger than 2 mm has found its way to South Africa and is infesting and killing huge trees throughout South Africa at an alarming rate, while little can be done to stop it. The infestation of this beetle remains undetected until it has killed each tree from within and results in their having to be cut down and burnt.

Fear is rising that Johannesburg’s massive manmade forest could be decimated. The little beetle has a long name – the polyphagous shot hole borer. Infested and dead trees are a breeding ground for shot hole borer.



Recent chemical tests indicate that one heavily infested tree contains over 100 000 beetles— these dead trees need to be removed and disposed of Responsibly. Currently known area of established infestation are Johannesburg, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, George, Knysna and Hartwater. Fortunately Eucalyptus and Pine trees do not appear on the latest list of infected trees.

Links: <https://www.news24.com/Green/News/tiny-beetle-is-killing-sas-trees-and-nothing-can-stop-it-20180904>
Beetle that kills SA trees: Prof. Wilhelm de Beer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRND-qz0v2g>

TASA MEMBERSHIP

When tenders are issued, the TASA experiences a surge in application for membership. Also during this time confirmation of membership is requested. This means that even members whose membership has lapsed or canceled, reapply.

The provision of the Constitution is still followed, namely that an inspection report of SATAS must first be obtained before an application can be considered. Unfortunately, there are thatching contractors who do not pass the inspection or they do not want to be inspected.

The fact that the TASA has made this measure protects our members as well as our Industry.

We would like to welcome the following new members: Sun Thatch in Gauteng and an Associate member namely Wolf Fasteners & Accessories.

Kind regards

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