



# THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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## NEWSLETTER

It is with great pride that we can reflect on the first year of existence of TASA.

Members took part in discussions and could express their opinions with openness at the latest Regional meetings during which new management teams were elected for 2007.

The way forward became clearer and workable solutions found for irksome stumbling blocks that caused ructions among members. The forthcoming AGM creates a valuable platform for the resolution of differences.

You are requested as a matter of urgency to attend the AGM as well the Workshops.

Please offer your input and support to strengthen TASA so as to build an Association on which everybody can be proud of and such that it will make a difference to the Trade, clients and you as members.

### SELECTION OF NEW REGIONAL COMMITTEES

<b>WESTERN CAPE</b>	Regional Chairman : Mr Abrie Visagie Vice Chairman : Mr Richard Nel Secretary : Mr Dirk Oosthuizen	Lucas Quality Thatchers Somerset Thatching Thatchsure
<b>GAUTENG</b>	Regional Chairman : Mr Pat Wilson Vice Chairman : Mr Kobus Strydom Secretary : Mr Terry Wilson Additional member : Mr Hanro de Jager Additional member : Mr Riaan van Graan	Micon Coatings Fire Lab Thatch-it Redruth Germain Thatching
<b>NATAL</b>	Regional Chairman : Me Tasha Still Vice Chairman : Mr John Smith Secretary : Mr Tinus Fick	Dolphin Coast Thatching Biggarsberg Thatchers Thatchmaster (Durban)
<b>OFS &amp; NORTHERN CAPE</b>	The voting resulted in a tie and the new management will be decided on at the AGM. In the mean time the present management will continue till new members are elected.	
	Regional Chairman : Mr Garnet Sephton Vice Chairman : Mr Danie Meijers Secretary : Mr Kobus Pietersen	Oranje Lapas Kim Thatchers Spitskop Pale
<b>MPUMALANGA</b>	Regional Chairman : Mr David Hoffman Vice Chairman : Mr Japie Taljaard Secretary : Me Sandra Myburgh	Hoffman's Thatching Spec. New Image Develop. Sol. ThatchCo
<b>EASTERN CAPE</b>	A regional meeting was not held and therefore no new management members were elected.	
	Representative : Me Sharon Oakley	Lapa Thatching

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL CONGRESS

The AGM will be held together with the National Congress on the 9 and 10 March 2007 at Pure Joy Guesthouse, Derdepark Pretoria. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend. However, only fully paid up members will have the right to vote.

## **AGENDA WITH INFORMATION ON ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

The Agenda of the AGM, information on items to be discussed as well as the Program for the Workshops to be held on Saturday, 10 March 2007 are attached herewith.

### **Information on items to be discussed**

*The Information as attached contains suggestions made during the various Regional meetings. Examples of matters to be discussed are contained herein.*

*The suggestions made will be carried as motions and voted upon.*

Please make yourself thoroughly conversant with the content of the suggestions so that fruitful discussions can be forthcoming. There will unfortunately not be enough time available to introduce these matters to the unenlightened.

Any additional suggestions may still be submitted but time is of essence as it will still have to be circulated among members.

## **BOOKINGS ON PRESCRIBED FORM**

Final number of guests attending must be given to the Lodge .

Please submit your details and requirements as set out on the form as soon as possible.

The completed form and payment must be submitted to our office as soon as possible.

**Payments appear on the TASA bank sheet without identification of the name of the business or what the payment is for. No booking form is received either.**

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The number of rooms to be made available by Pure Joy must be confirmed. TASA will be held responsible for the cost of these bookings. Please send your completed form as well as proof of payment if you are interested in booking with Pure Joy.

The booking form is available on the website. Confirmation of your booking and proof of receipt of payment will be made.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PERSONS WHO MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE TRADE**

At the Friday evening function TASA would like to give recognition to those who contributed to the Trade over the past years. No nominations or suggestions have been received and it will be appreciated if our office could be advised.

## **COMPETITION**

You are also reminded of the competition in the following categories.

- Most aesthetic structure
- Largest (single) thatch roof
- Funniest thatch photo

For your information:

- Late entries will be accepted until 6 March 2007
- Only paid up members may participate
- Members may enter for more than one category
- **The number of entries are unlimited**
- Adjudication will be done by those present at the Friday evening function
- All entries will be displayed

## **Sponsor**

Koppers Arch sponsors all three prizes.

## **Entries for placement in the SA Timber and Homes Magazine**

Photos received up to 21 Feb 2007 will be submitted for placement in the Magazine. Ten members have already submitted their entries. Some even sent three to four entries per category. It is not possible to have all photos placed in the forthcoming issue but at least one photo of each entrant will appear in this issue of the magazine. Late entries and those not placed will appear in future issues.

All entries will also appear on the TASA website after the prize giving event.

We are looking forward to welcome you at the first National Congress and AGM of the newly created Thatchers Association of SA

Kind regards

**Abrie Visagie**  
**NATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

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