



# THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

Newsletter 2/2013

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## NEWSLETTER

Dear member

### 1. 2013 NATIONAL BUDGET

The 2013 National Budget will not have a major impact on our industry and job opportunities will remain on the tight side. However, the fuel increase this year will have a huge impact on building activity and if the toll system in Gauteng comes into effect, smaller roofs such as lapas will just be too expensive.

**Sapa reported as follows: 'No impact on property market'**

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's 2013 Budget will have no impact on the residential market, Jawitz Properties CEO Herschel Jawitz said on Wednesday.

"The 'business as usual budget' with regard to residential property was not unexpected, and will have no impact on the residential market in the year ahead," he said in a statement.

Transfer duty and the capital gains tax, which remain unchanged, were the two main issues with which the industry was grappling.

"A drop in the threshold, or rate, would have certainly provided a welcome boost, especially for the lower end of the market, and for first-time buyers."

Transaction costs for buying property were relatively high.

"Coupled with deposit requirements from the banks, a first-time buyer purchasing a home of R800,000 may need to have as much as R80,000 in cash to put down, pay legal fees and transfer duty," he said.

"Many buyers simply don't have that kind of money and are being kept out of the market despite being able to afford monthly repayments, as interest rates are at low levels."

### 2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN NATAL

It is this year Natal's turn to host the Annual General Meeting.

The details are as follows:

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Venue:**

**Cost:**

**Bookings:** A booking form is attached. Please send the completed form together with the proof of payment as soon as possible to the TASA office.

**Transportation to and from the airport:**

### **3. NOTICE OF THE MEETING AND AGENDA**

The formal Notice of the Annual General Meeting and Agenda is attached for your information. Enough time is allowed to make flight reservations and for comments regarding the proposed new Constitution to be forwarded to the TASA office at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **4. AGENDA**

#### **1. The Chairperson's report**

#### **2. Presentation of the Association's Annual Financial Statements**

#### **3. The appointment of Auditors**

#### **4. Membership**

#### **5. Other appropriate matters.**

5.1 Approval and acceptance of the proposed new Constitution and revised Source documents.

5.2 International Thatching Society's Congress and Thatching Fair in Cape Town during February 2014.

*The letter of Mr. Abrie Visagie (ITS organizer) is attached for your attention.*

5.3 Increase of membership fees

#### **Background:**

Since the reviving of the TASA during 2005, a founding fee of R500 was imposed and a membership fee was set at R3 000 per year from 2006. The membership fee was increased in 2010 to R3 500 and remained unchanged to date.

If an increase is approved, it will only come into effect from February 29, 2014.

#### **6. The election of the Executive Committee members**

### **5. CONSTITUTION AND SOURCE DOCUMENTS**

The TASA's original Constitution did not meet the legal requirements and should be reviewed and adjusted to also curb any misinterpretation,

All comments on the proposed new Constitution must reach the TASA office in writing at least seven (7) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

### **6. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Please note that your membership fees must be paid in full for you to cast a vote at the Annual General Meeting. Only bona fide Thatching contractors are entitled to vote.

### **7. ANNUAL NATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION**

The annual photo competition almost became the focal point of the Annual General Meeting last year. You are again warmly invited to come and showcase your roofs.

Members are asked to develop their photos (A3 size) so that it can be displayed for the entire day. The winners will be announced during the evening function.

An independent judge will appoint the winners in the four categories and prize money will be made available through sponsors to the winners, together with a certificate from the TASA.

**The different categories are as follows:**

- Largest single structure
- Most aesthetic structure
- Smaller structures
- Funniest photo

You are still very welcome to participate in the competition although you might not be able to spend the day with us. It will certainly be displayed if you forward the developed photos well in advance to the TASA office at:

Thatchers Association of South Africa  
P O Box 15936  
LYTTELTON  
0140

We rely on your cooperation and we trust that most of our members will be able to attend this very important Annual General Meeting.

Kind regards

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## BOOKING FORM

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE

VENUE

TIME

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people who will **only attend the meeting**: : \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile :: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile : \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of persons who will make use of the accommodation facilities:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Room</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Friday night / Saturday night</b>
Name : _____	Double _____	Single _____	_____
Name : _____	Double _____	Single _____	_____
Name : _____	Double _____	Single _____	_____

**Do you need transportation to and from the airport?**

Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Flight \_\_\_\_\_

Depart \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Flight \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send the completed form along with proof of payment to the TASA office*

A road map is included for your convenience.

**GPS coordinates:**



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

ITS host survey/1

12 February 2013

Dear TASA member

### **INTERNATIONAL THATCHING SOCIETY'S CONGRESS AND FAIR TO BE HELD IN CAPE TOWN DURING FEBRUARY 2014**

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, the International Thatching Society (of which TASA is a member) annual Congress and Fair will be held during 5 to 8 February 2014 in South Africa. The Western Cape Region will host this important event.

During these dates, the official Conference and Fair will take place in the Cape, but at the ITS Congress in Germany last year which was also attended by a TASA delegation, the representatives expressed the need to see more of South Africa during their visit here.

The idea is that the TASA arrange short optional tours of a maximum of four (4) to five (5) days in the different regions, before and after the official Congress and Fair and that TASA members act as hosts / organisers thereof.

This might be a good business opportunity for some of our members since many have the facilities to offer something like this.

We would like to know if you would be interested and what your proposal is for such a short tour. We will then choose one member in each region. If, however, there is more than one member per region to host the tours, we will arrange that the members work together

It would be appreciated if you send the following information as soon as possible to the TASA's office

1. Are you interested to act as host / organiser of a short tour?

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Part of the country where the tour will take place : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you attend to offer?

Accommodation: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour information: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons that can be accommodated: \_\_\_\_\_

Available dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost per person and what it entails: \_\_\_\_\_

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There is no guarantee of numbers. Everything depends on the reservations of the guests. It is therefore essential to make these optional short tours as attractive and affordable as possible.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Thatchers Association, but we need the support and cooperation of all our members to make it a success.

Kind regards

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**ORGANISER**  
**ITS 2014 CONGRESS & FAIR**

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