



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

The information regarding the AGM and National Congress is submitted again. Please send the proof of payment for attendance of the above to the TASA office as soon as possible. Attendees are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL CONGRESS

It was decided to hold this year's AGM and National Congress in Bloemfontein as the OFS, Northern Cape and North West regions have never really been able to show any progress in recruiting new members. Confidence is expressed that this will offer the necessary injection as many Thatching Contractors in these regions are still ignorant about the impact and function of the TASA.

It is also important that regional representatives are elected before the AGM and Congress with regard to the election of the new National Council

VENUE, TIME AND DATE OF AGM AND NATIONAL CONGRESS

Location: Recon Park, 22 Faan Ferreira Street, Bloemfontein
Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011
Time: The AGM will start at 10:00 so that members can still arrive on Saturday morning.
Cost: R500

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation can be booked by yourself at Bains Game Lodge which is located just 500 meters from Recon Park. Rates and contact details are attached. Members from other regions must make arrangements for Saturday night as the prize-giving function would probably last till about 22:00.

PROGRAM AND AGENDA

Saturday morning will be devoted to the AGM and Congress and 3 hours in the afternoon will be assigned to a demonstration regarding the proper use of scaffolding as required by Law. The day will conclude with a prize-giving ceremony which will start at 19:00.

The Agenda and program will be dealt with in the next Newsletter. The main item on the Agenda will be the discussion of the SANS 10400: T (Fire) document and the updating and amending of the SANS 10407 (Thatch Roof Construction) Specification to establish a workable specification for the Thatching Industry.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM?

Although only members whose subscriptions are up to date have voting rights, any Thatching Contractor or persons from related businesses may attend. We encourage our members, especially from regions OFS, Northern Cape and North West to invite as many Thatching Contractors to attend as possible.

NATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION FOR TASA MEMBERS

Only the National Photo Competition for TASA members will take place this year and members are requested to send their entries to the TASA's office as soon as possible. The photos will be published in glossy magazines and must have a high resolution - not less than 2 MB in size.

The categories are as follows:

Largest single structure

Most aesthetic structure

Smaller structures such as lapas

Funniest thatching photo or video

Two entries per category per member of the finished structures are allowed. You are welcome to send in photos taken during the building process, but the end product must be a photo of the finished structure.

REPLACEMENT OF THE NATIONAL THATCH ROOF CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION

Suggestions that can replace the National Thatched Roof Construction Competition are awaited. It was decided not to hold the above competition again, because not enough entries are received.

SANS 10400 & 10407

The SANS 10400 - T (Fire) document and the SANS 10407 (Thatched Roof Construction) Specification will be discussed. The SABS has decided to retain the SANS 10407 and the TASA were requested to submit suggestions on how to get the document updated and amended to be a workable specification for the Industry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIESL SCHOONRAAD WITH HER EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE

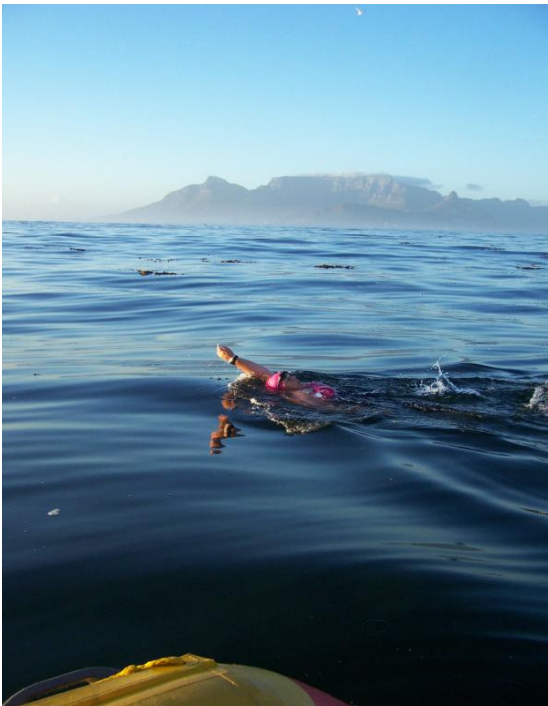
Liesl Schoonraad swam 5.6 miles/9 km from Robben Island to Blouberg Beach on 2 April 2011, on her fortieth birthday for Cerebral Palsy Awareness. Strong currents, blue bottles, jelly fish, freezing temperatures and sharks makes this swim one of the most dangerous, most extreme swims in the world.

Liesl is one of the founder members of the TASA and her next challenge is the Strong Woman Competition in December 2011.



Besides the boat she was just a dot in the ocean.

Holding back for the Robben Island ferry to pass.



After the ferry passed, she caught the waves and from there the ocean just became tougher and tougher.

The article and video can be viewed at: www.swimforfreedom.co.za

Kind regards

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ACCOMMODATION

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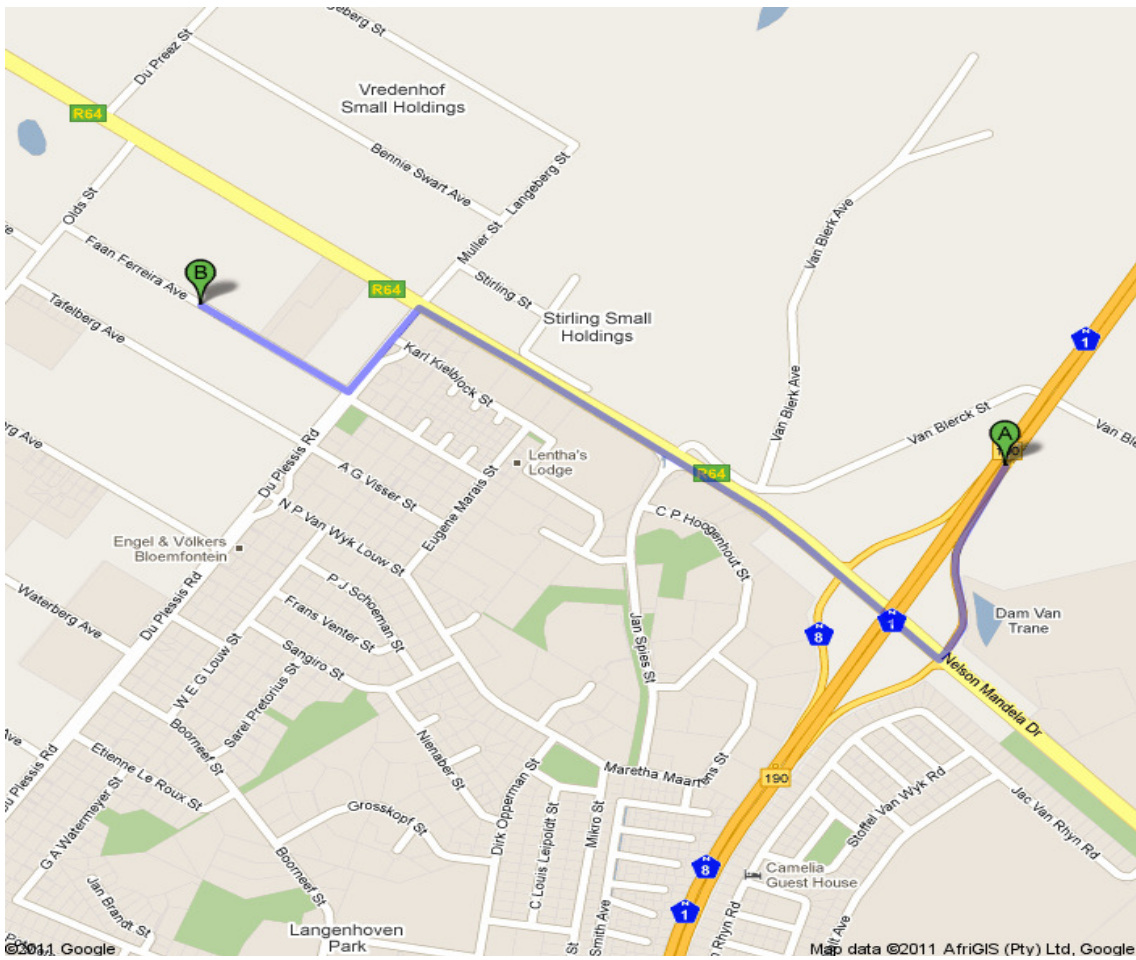
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Chalets:	Bed only	Single:	R449	Double:	R599
Executive Chalets:	Bed only	Double:	R999	3 Persons:	R1 098
				4 Persons:	R1 199
Hotel rooms:	Bed only	Single:	R599	Double:	R699
	Suite	Single:	R799	Double:	R899
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	3rd floor	Single:	R499	Double:	R549

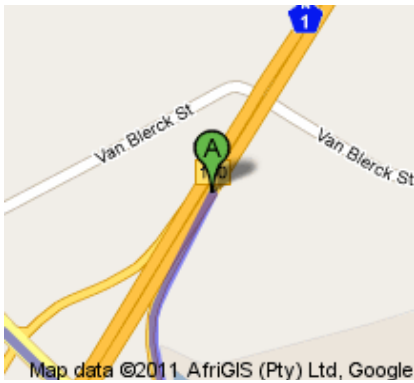
Breakfast is extra: R69

MAP TO RECON PARK WHERE THE AGM & CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

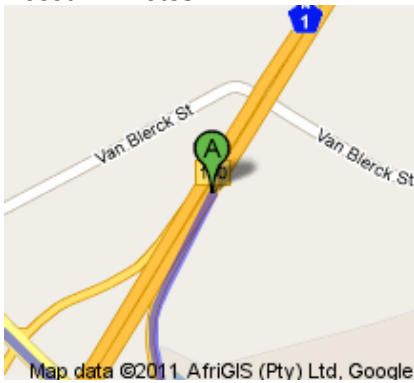
Directions to Faan Ferreira Ave, Bloemfontein.
3.2 km – about 7 minutes



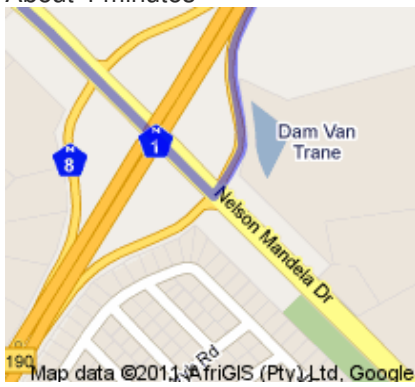
Exit 190



1. Head **southwest** on **Exit 190** toward **Nelson Mandela Dr/N8**
About 2 minutes



2. Turn right at **R64**
About 4 minutes



3. Turn left at **Du Plessis Rd**

