



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

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**NEWSLETTER**

### **WELCOME BACK!**

A new year just started and we hope that all could enjoy and utilize the well-deserved break. Our deepest sympathy to those who unfortunately experienced very difficult circumstances during this time. May 2016 be a better and more prosperous year amid the drought. In some parts of our country, the rains might have come rather late in order to improve the growth of thatch which may cause huge deficits. But hope does not disappoint!

### **MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

Most of our members' membership certificates provide for stamps until 2015. A new membership certificate will be mailed to you after we have received proof of payment of your 2016 membership fees. The new members' certificates, who joined during 2015 and had to undergo the six month probation period will also contain a 2015 stamp. The new certificates will be valid until 2020.

### **THATCHERS ASSOCIATION'S TENTH ANIVERSARY AND 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We resend all the details regarding the Annual General Meeting and the TASA's Birthday Celebration. You are kindly requested to send the reservation form and proof of payment as soon as possible to the TASA's office. Please contact the office if you require further information, or assistance.

You are informed well in advance of the details of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and the arrangements regarding the TASA's tenth birthday celebration in order for you to make timely arrangements. Each member's presence will be greatly appreciated

On behalf of the management we would like to cordially invite all our members, especially those who qualify for the Ten Year Certificate to attend this memorable event.

This is truly a major milestone to have reached and a golden opportunity to acknowledge everyone who played a role in the comings and goings of the TASA, while also celebrating our tenth anniversary. Not to mention the pinnacle of our work - the launch of our 'Guide to Thatch Construction in South Africa.'

### **2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date** : **Saturday, 23 April 2016**  
**Venue** : **Forever Hotel @ Centurion**  
**Website** : **www.centurionhotel.co.za**  
**Address** : **C/o Rabie Street & Basden Avenue, Lyttelton**

If you prefer not to stay in the hotel itself, the under mentioned website gives information of alternate accommodation in the vicinity of the hotel.

<http://www.places.co.za/accommodation/forever-resorts-centurion-hotel.html>



The hotel has a shuttle service operating from OR Tambo Airport and is situated close to the Centurion Gautrain Station.

**Tariff** : Single room R1 334 (VAT included)  
 Sharing R 890 pp (VAT included)

**The reason why the TASA's notifications are sent early is that this hotel caters for groups and is fully booked quite quickly. If you want to do the booking at the hotel through the TASA, please notify the TASA office timeously.**

## **PROGRAM & AGENDA**

The Annual General Meeting will commence on Saturday morning at 09:00 and will end at 16:00. The TASA's financial year ends on 29 February 2016 and the *bona fide* contractors whose 2016 membership fees have been paid, have the right to vote.

The full program and agenda will be sent out closer to the time.

## **FORMAL TENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

**Dress code** : **Formal**  
**Cost** : **R250 pp**

The formal evening will be held at 19:00 in the Forever Hotel @ Centurion and the program will consist among other things of the following items:

- Welcome by the outgoing National Chairman, Mr Bertus Nieuwenhuis;
- Inaugural by the newly elected National Chairman;
- Presentation of certificates and vehicle stickers to members with continuous membership in ten years;
- Guest speaker;
- Introducing the TASA's 'Guide to Thatch Construction in South Africa;'
- Acknowledgements.



Key players from the larger industry, SABS and the press will also be invited to attend this function.

## **TWENTY ONE MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR THE TEN YEAR CERTIFICATE AND VEHICLE STICKERS**

### **Cape Province**

Jason Lucas Master Thatchers	Jason Lucas
Highveld Cape Thatchers	JC Steenkamp
Theunissen Thatching	Kosie Theunissen
Lucas Quality Thatchers	Abrie Visagie
Stephen Bursey Thatching	Stephen Bursey
Thatchscapes cc	Christian Munnik
Hantam Thatchers	André Fivaz

### **OFS & Northern Cape**

Kim Thatchers	Danie Meijers
Recon Thatchers	Bertus Nieuwenhuis

### **Natal**

Biggarsberg Thatchers	John Smith
Thatchmaster	Tinus Fick

### **Gauteng**

Dupcrete	Johan Munnik
Letaba Thatchers	André Friis
Ronayne Thatch & Decking Services	Bill Bragge

### **Limpopo**

Waterfront Pole & Thatch	Cobus Maritz
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### **Mpumalanga**

Hoffman's Thatching Specialists cc	David Hoffman
Safari Thatching Lowveld cc	Jan Steyn

### **Associate Members**

Firelab	Kobus Strydom
Megacover Brokers (Pty) Ltd	Madeleine Pool
Thatch Risk Acceptances (Pty) Ltd	Natasja Blok

South African Wood Preservers  
Association  
South African Timber Auditing  
Services

Bruce Breedt  
Abe Stears

**MAIN SPONSOR**

We want to express our deepest gratitude to Me Natasja Blok of Thatch Risk Acceptances who is the main sponsor of this event. Sponsorships will cover the cost of the certificates, vehicle stickers, invited guests function cost, printing of a number of copies of the "Guide to Thatch Construction in South Africa," etc.

**COST OF ATTENDANCE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER**

Annual General Meeting	: Conference facility, Documentation, Lunch and Snacks	:	R 600
Formal Dinner	:		<u>R 250</u>
Total cost (VAT included)	:		<b><u>R 850 pp</u></b>

A booking form will be sent to you early next year

We trust that you will be able to celebrate this memorable occasion with us.

Kind regards

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**NATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

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