



Nama Karoo Foundation

Karoo News
Summer 2013

From the Chairman

Rare early summer rainfall throughout much of the Karoo led to record Blue Crane breeding in the High Karoo Park and surrounds.

Many small towns reported a consistently busy holiday season. Our accountants have a theory that when the Karoo is green, people spend money - we think they are right.

We wish Karoo News readers & NKF friends a wonderful year ahead.

Grahame Lindop



High Karoo Park Wetlands & Wildlife



This December photo of a **Booted Eagle** documents the 7th recorded eagle species in the High Karoo Park.

Black, Marshall, African Hawk, Black-Breasted Snake, Tawny & Fish Eagles have been documented over the past 10 years.

We hope to have documentation of bullfrogs soon!

Our feathered Nama Karoo friends from Namibia Nature Foundation are leading the way with plans for extensive research & experiments with bird & power line collisions together with NAMPower. [CLICK HERE](#) to read their excellent report.

Did you know...



French scientists found dung beetles to be the first creatures on Earth to use the Milky Way for navigation. Certain livestock doses can kill dung beetles, who play a key role in keeping Karoo ecology clean & healthy.

Karoo Architectural Network Model Town for Karoo Heritage Preservation



Rainbow over Rhodes, Dave Walker

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the excellent documents on Karoo Architecture. Rhodes is the Karoo's best preserved town.

Ready, steady...sit
The town & farm stoeps of Rhodes are polished & ready for you with tasty Karoo treats.

This is South Africa's 1st ever Stoep sitting festival.

Springbok Trial Updates



Our observations show that Springbok withstand a 25% annual mortality. When NKF bought it's experimental herd of Springbok in July 2008, 4 of the 16 escaped and 1 ram died in a fight. Since Winter 2008, 11 Springbok have multiplied to over 42. While conservationists in Southern Africa are alarmed at the decline in Springbok numbers, they have more than a 10% return on investment thus far.

Dates to Diarize

1st Stoepsitfees, Rhodes

February 14 & 15 Thursday & Friday

R200 for your 2-day Rhodes Passport which will allow entry to enjoy refreshments ranging from Tea to Tequila on the verandas, porches & stoeps of Rhodes.

contact@rhodestourism.co.za 045 974 9290

1st Craddock Food Fair

March 21-23 Thursday -Saturday

In conjunction with Slow Food Karoo

Courses, demonstrations, special menus, Karoo market & potjiekos competition

lisa@tuishuise.co.za 048 881 1322

20th Annual Prince Albert Olive Festival

March 26 & 27 Friday & Saturday

250 year old Prince Albert is home to the Karoo's best restaurants & cooking schools as well as wine, fruit & olive farms plus the southern hemisphere's largest fig farm. www.patourism.co.za

Athol Fugard & JM Coetzee Combo Festival, Nieu Bethesda & Richmond

May 23, 24, 25 & 26 Thursday - Saturday

Excursion to Nieu Bethesda on Sat 26th

www.richmondnc.co.za

Land Management SA's 1st Soil Conservationist

The SPCA, National Historical Society, SA's first illustrated botany book, SA's first illustrated historical home book, founder of SA's National Art Gallery, resident of one of the first tin-roofed houses in Johannesburg & restorer of Adriaan van der Stel's wine farm, Vergelegen....these are just some of the many accomplishments of Lady Florence Philips, of South Africa. Raised in the Karoo town of Colesberg, she was the first advocate of soil conservation measures and paved the way for legislation to control the over burning of Cape veld for grazing purposes. Her passion for flora & fauna came from traversing the Karoo on ox wagons & stage coaches between the mines of Kimberly & Johannesburg to Cape Town & Port Elizabeth before railway lines were built.



Karoo Kos In the last Karoo News, we reported that food is the #1 reason why people visit the Karoo. Exciting culinary developments are happening across the region. Middelburg is starting a Farmer's Market in the park on Saturday mornings. By the end of 2013, a food-specific festival will be taking place in at least one Karoo town from each of the three Cape provinces.

Why is the Karoo becoming a renowned culinary destination? [CLICK HERE](#) to read a short & hilarious Karoo food write-up about the new Karoo food trends.

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