



From the Chair...



Ho, ho, ho, or as our local friends would say “Happy, happy, happy!” We seem to say it every year: “How fast this year has gone.” It appears that the older one becomes, the faster the time seems to go by. Speaking of clocks, let’s do a brief time recoup of what has transpired this past year.



The first adult camp of 2015 was held at Skietfontein. Adult members were appointed to fill the various Exco positions. Let me take this opportunity to thank Cecily Beukes for her 7 years of leadership and guidance, and her many, many years of dedication and commitment to the Land Service Movement. (I know it was one of her great passions). It was, however, a bit “hartseer” not to see some of our old stalwarts at the camp. (Maybe we can change that in 2016.



This was the birth date of the Land Service Indaba, after a suggestion to start a quarterly newsletter was put forward at the camp the previous weekend. The start was a bit slow – there again, babies must crawl before they can walk, but by term 2 it was all systems go. The Land Service /Landsdiens Indaba was excitedly received and I need to thank everyone for their continued input – with a special thanks to the Secretary, Shirley, and Lynette for their hard work in editing, setting up and printing.



On 17 April we held our 2nd Adult Camp in Cradock. A special word of thanks to Maureen and Dirk Cronje for opening their home to us and for all the arrangements they made. Everyone enjoyed the weekend and it was “lekker om bietjie om die kombuisvuur te kuier.” Here we saw our second new birth – the new Land Service Club T-shirts. These were introduced to the members at the Provincial Camp.



As Chairman, I attended the first National Exco Meeting in Gauteng. Matters discussed at the meeting that were forwarded to the clubs, included:

1. Each province must elect 2 members to serve on the portfolios, and who in turn will be on the National Portfolio Committees. This happened at the meeting in April.
2. All 11 members whose names were put forward for awards, successfully received their Springbok Awards. Again, mooi so!



The Eastern Cape once again hosted the Youth Conference (30 April- 3 May). Congratulations to Cecily Beukes and her team for presenting a great camp, not forgetting the 9 learners who kept the Oos-Kaap flag flying high.



Unfortunately the Area Camp for 12 to 14 June was unable to fully materialise, as clubs already had a full schedule. Newton did, however, attend and had a lekker time at Skietfontein.



From 9 to 11 April I was again out of the province. This time it was in Delmas for the Special National Exco Meeting. A report back was sent to the clubs. N.B. Eastern Cape will host the National Exco Meeting and share the hosting of the National Camps in 2018.



On 9 August, an Eastern Cape Exco Meeting was held in Graaff-Reinet. Thanks to Tonie and

Marelize Botha for their hospitality and arrangement.

The Provincial Camp was discussed and letters were then forwarded to the clubs. Another newbie was the introduction of name tags at the camp and the re-introduction of a Guest Dinner on the last night of the camp.



The 3rd and final National Exco Meeting was held from 3 to 6 September in Wildeness. Matter discussed here were shared at the Provincial Camp.

Remember that the Introduction of the Provinces at the National Camp has to be in VLC format and not longer than 5 minutes. The flash disk with the introduction must be handed to a Western Cape representative on arrival at the National Camp.



Finally, the day we all had been waiting for arrived. 2 October 2015 - the start of the Provincial Camp in Hogsback. It was true to form. According to "feedback forms", there was plenty of delicious food, lots of fun activities, interesting discussions and handy handcraft.

The Guest Dinner on the final evening, where our new Springboks were congratulated and the names of the members elected to attend the National Camp were announced, was the cherry on top.

"Julle mense van Aliwal gee regtig om."



Friday, the 13th, unlucky for some, but certainly not for Oos-Kaap Landsdiens. Wow, dit was 'n baie lekker volwasse kamp! The venue was great. The food was scrumptious and even the meeting was short 'n sweet. The Jakarandas, the Valley of Desolation and the saam-kuier made for a very nice weekend break. Many items were discussed. (See latest e-mail.) Once again, thanks to the Graaff-Reinet span.



Enjoy your holidays – you all deserve it. Have a wonderful time with friends and family. Rest, relax, rejuvenate, rejoice (in our Lord's birth) and let's look forward to an even better and more active and exciting 2016.

God Bless
Ian



Laer Volksskool - Nasionale Parkeweek!

Die Landsdiensklub van Laer Volksskool het gedurende Nasionale Parkeweek, 'n besoek aan die Camdeboo Nasionale Park gebring. Hulle het by die toposkoop afgekyk oor die hele Graaff-Reinet en omgewing. Daarna het hulle al die pad op gedraf tot by die uitkykpunt en kon weer die wonder van God se skepping waarneem by die rotsformasies.

Interessante feite oor Suid-Afrika se Nasionale Parke, toerisme oor die algemeen en diere en voëls wat in die Bergkwaggapark voorkom is deur vriendelike parkpersoneel aan die kinders oorgedra.



Die kinders het mekaar se geselskap terdeë geniet, speletjies gespeel en het daarna noodgedwonge hul eetgoed met die blou-ape gedeel!



FACTA NON VERBA

Die vierde kwartaal begin ons Landsdiens met die Graad 5's. Hierdie keer het ons ons eie plakkershutte op die rugbyveld gebou.

Ongelukkig was sommige van die hutte nie waterdig nie, en was die bewoners die volgende oggend papnat van die reen.



Almal moes ook sorg vir hulle eie potjiekos die Vrydagaand.



Saterdag was ons baie besig met 'n staptog, boeresport en 'n handwerk - aktiwiteit. Gelukkig kon ons Saterdagagaand droog gaan slaap.

Na die kamp het ons nuwe waardering gehad vir ons lekker warm beddens en vir Ma se lekker kos.

November 2015

LAERSKOOL ALIWAL-NOORD LANDSDIENS – ONS GEE OM KLUB

Die vierde kwartaal het afgeskop met 'n lekker konsert-middag wat deur die bestuur aangebied is. Die Graad 4 tot 7's moes 'n konsert beplan en opvoer in groepe. Die leerders het dit baie geniet en daar was baie gelag en groot pret.



Tydens die afsluitingsmiddag is die Landsdieners beloon vir hul getroue bywoning, deelname en harde werk. Die nuwe bestuur vir 2016 is ook aangekondig en ingelyf (met 'n eier op die kop). Baie geluk aan al die Landsdieners wat toekennings ontvang het. Hoop om almal weer volgende jaar by die Landsdiens te sien!



Framesby Landsdiensnuus

(Bydrae deur mnr Helmut Terblans)

Al die projekte van 2015 is geskoei op die vier Liefdes van Landsdiens.

Ons het weereens vanjaar papier herwin en kon R4000 se troeteldiervoedsel koop om vir liefdadigheid te skenk.



Die Landsdienslede en monitorbestuur het saamgewerk en n geelhoutboom op die terrein geplant. Eufeeskomberse is gebrei en bolkerse is gemaak asook kraalkrokgedille.



Ons het ook miniatuurskilderye gemaak.

Daar is begin om met meelwurms en erdwurms te boer.



Crossways is besoek. Dit is die eerste nuwe dorpie wat in vyftig jaar in ons land ontstaan. Die Rhinohouse is besoek. Die huis is volkome selfonderhoudend en genereer selfs elektrisiteit vir die dorpie.

By Maitlands het lede op borde teen die duine afgery en ook die basiese beginsels van millitere spoorsny aangeleer.

'n Melkplaas is besoek waar 300 koeie gemelk word. 'n Erdwormplaas is besoek en indringerplante is vernietig. Lede het geleer om plante te propageer met die hulp van hormone en vermikuliet. Blomme is geplant in die Eerste Laanbedding en boompies is gesnoei.



Die streekkamp by Hogsback is bygewoon deur Shanleigh Havenga, Hanli Lintveld, Marli Opperman, Francois Kruger en Marcelle Muller.

Shanleigh en Hanli het die 2014 se Nasionale projek bygewoon terwyl Francois gekies is om die senior nasionale projek te Hoedspruit mee te maak.

Newton Land Service gets creative

On Friday, 16 October, the Land Service members displayed their creative skills.

Members had to bring empty coffee tins or yoghurt containers, which they painted and decorated.



They cut a slit in the lid of the can and placed a toilet roll inside the decorated tin (the core removed and the paper pulled out from the centre) which then exited through the opening in the lid – a decorative, useful dispenser. Other cans were also decorated and can be used as pen/pencil holders.



After all this hard work, the club members were rewarded with a lekker braai. As the exams were to start the following week, this was the last activity of the year.



Once again, congratulations to Asisipho Kondlo, on being selected to represent East Cape Land Service at the National Camp in December. Well done!



Volwasse Kamp

Graaff-Reinet

13 – 15 November 2015



