



FACTA NON VERBA

LAND SERVICE SOUTH AFRICA

FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

2026

“
**Our country's greatest
wealth is its people, finer
and truer than the
purest diamonds - Nelson Mandela**
”



LANDSDIENS LAND SERVICE

Each quarter is like a new season in our garden of hope.

Newsletter: Quarter 1

Dear Members,

The first months of 2026 swept in like a fresh breeze, clearing away the dust of the old year. The new year ushered us in with renewed energy and purpose.

We started with enthusiasm, shifted into gear smoothly, and can now look back with gratitude on a fulfilling first quarter.

During this time, Land Service members showed dedication and made a difference despite school, sport, and other commitments. Every act of kindness – from sharing a smile with someone in need, to tending vegetable gardens and distributing herbs and produce – allowed us to visibly live out Land Service values and bring light where it was needed.

Easter reminded us of the core of our faith. It was a time to reflect on the selfless love of our Heavenly Father. In the resurrection of Jesus lies our victory, reminding us of our calling to actively live out this message of love. This season encouraged us to give more, do more, and serve more.

May we continue to live out Facta non Verba – deeds, not words – and serve others and our environment with honour, respect, and care.

*Heleen Human
National Chairperson / Land Service*

MEMBER REGISTRATIONS

On Land Service's central database, activity is buzzing like a hive full of life as Club Leaders diligently register their members.

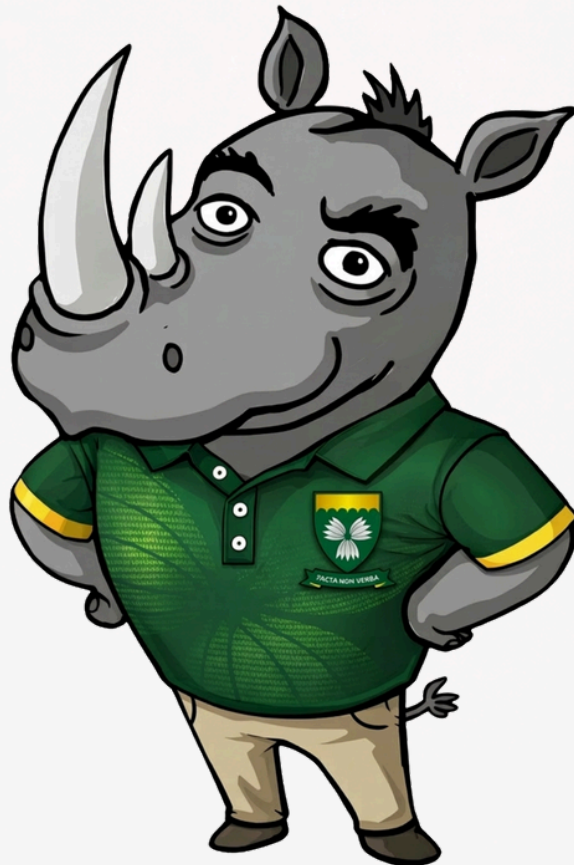
Registrations across all Provinces are in full swing, and we are filled with anticipation to grow our **2025** membership total of **12,446**.

New Clubs have launched with enthusiasm and are steadily beginning to experience the joy and excitement of a Land Service lifestyle that takes root and grows.

By the end of March, we already boast a total of **10,230** members, and Land Service currently has **162** Clubs, consisting of **75** High School and **86** Primary School Clubs.

Registrations remain open, and members can still register.

Please feel free to contact our Land Service Liaison Officer for more information at pro@landsdiens.co.za.





LANDSDIENS LAND SERVICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Land Service's Annual General Meeting, held annually at the beginning of March, serves as an anchor point for reflection and vision.

It provides an opportunity for the National Chairperson to reflect on the past year's activities, highlights, and areas that created room for improvement.

As we look ahead to 2026, the future is filled with possibilities that hold the promise of unexpected outcomes.

Land Service is a gem that should be shared with all. Our focus remains strongly on our youth, and the future offers ample opportunities to equip young people for the rapidly changing world beyond the shelter of home and the school environment.

The Deputy Chairperson: Treasury presented the financial statements, and with gratitude we acknowledge a healthy financial year that strengthens our foundation.

The year ahead promises to be filled with a variety of opportunities – each one a chance to create meaningful memories that further enrich the story of our community.

EXCO MEETING

The purpose of Land Service's management meetings is to ensure the organisation's direction, governance, and accountability. It provides a structured forum where Provincial Chairpersons make strategic decisions, monitor financial performance, and manage risks.

Land Service's Exco meets in person twice a year. The management team consists of the ten Provincial Chairpersons, the Liaison Officer, and the National Chairperson.

During the meeting, the newly elected Provincial Chairpersons for 2026 were welcomed to the management team. Congratulations were extended to the following individuals:

Re-elected as Chairpersons:

- Limpopo – Christa Darvall
- Northern Cape – Ada Rheeder
- North West – Chanè Venter
-

Newly elected Chairpersons:

- Eastern Cape – Stollie Duvenage
- Free State – Jaco Annandale

During the elections, Provincial Management Teams were also elected for the respective Provinces for the next three-year term.

All of the above individuals are volunteers who dedicate their time and energy for the benefit of our valued Land Service members. These teams approach their responsibilities with seriousness and passion and are willing to lead from the front.

Further discussion points included:

- Focus on long-term vision, goals, and strategic direction;
- Planning for National projects for 2026;
- Strict financial monitoring to ensure budgets and cash flow remain healthy;
- Providing a platform for collective and critical decision-making;
- Addressing potential risks and challenges with due attention.

Space was also created for meaningful discussion, with a focus on the most important aspect of our organisation – the well-being of our members.

A full programme has been scheduled for 2026.



LANDSDIENS LAND SERVICE

LAND SERVICE'S MANUAL: INDABA

In the year marking Land Service's 112-year existence, the Manual was reviewed with fresh perspective.

A highly successful indaba was held in April 2026, during which the Land Service Manual was examined in detail.

During the five-day event, every paragraph was thoroughly reviewed for accuracy, relevance, and applicability.

Thanks to the dedicated management team, the process proved to be a productive working session, resulting in a document that will now move through a process of refinement, amendment, communication, and final discussion.

The final product will be presented for approval at the 2027 Annual General Meeting.

NATIONAL PROJECTS: 2026 NATIONAL CAMPS

In December, Land Service hosts its flagship event – a highlight for members selected by their respective Provinces to form part of the national team.

These camps, a proud national project, are presented annually and provide Provincial Management Teams with the opportunity to manage the arrangements. Final approval rests with the National Management, ensuring that all standards are upheld.

In 2026, the Southern Cape will host the Primary School camp, while High School members will experience the hospitality of KwaZulu-Natal. Management teams have already been engaged in thorough planning for some time to ensure these camps become unforgettable experiences.

We look forward with excitement to meeting the proud ostriches of the Southern Cape and experiencing the majestic flow of the Mkomazi River – symbols of the adventure and community that await.

Keep an eye on Land Service's social platforms for more exciting updates.

PRESERVATION OF LAND SERVICE MATERIAL

Why it is important for Land Service to preserve material at the Heritage Foundation

The preservation of Land Service's documents, records, and other collective heritage material at a recognised institution is of critical importance. Land Service material is preserved at the Heritage Foundation, which plays a vital role in ensuring the sustainability and integrity of our organisation.

As a 112-year-old organisation with a rich history and deeply rooted values, this material forms part of our identity and serves as evidence of Land Service's contribution to youth development over decades.

By preserving this heritage professionally, future generations are ensured access to reliable, well-documented sources that reflect the story, growth, and impact of Land Service.

Collaboration with an institution such as the Heritage Foundation also offers the benefit of expert archiving, preservation, and digitisation. This reduces the risk of loss, damage, or fragmentation of important documents that may otherwise be scattered across various stakeholders. It further strengthens Land Service's institutional credibility and accountability.

Background on the Heritage Foundation:

The Heritage Foundation is located at the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria. Established in 2002 as a non-profit company, it is today a respected role player within the South African cultural heritage sector.

Through a well-established archive, library, and museum storage facilities, the organisation actively oversees the preservation of valuable historical and cultural material. It also plays a significant role in protecting heritage sites across Southern Africa.

As part of its educational mandate, the Heritage Foundation offers dynamic exhibitions that are regularly updated to highlight a variety of themes and historical perspectives. Its reference library and archive are accessible to researchers, academics, and other interested individuals.



LANDSDIENS LAND SERVICE

The preservation of documents at the Heritage Foundation not only protects the past but also ensures that the stories, values, and contributions of today are carefully carried forward to the leaders and communities of tomorrow.

Take a moment to visit the Voortrekker Monument – a place where history and heritage converge. A visit to the Heritage Foundation is certainly worth your time.

NEW... WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

A fresh addition to our newsletter is a series of warm and engaging stories!

Throughout the year, we aim to create space in our quarterly newsletter for stories from Land Service members – memories from the past and inspiration from current leaders.

We invite you to share your Land Service experiences with us: good habits and traditions, campfire conversations that warm the heart, and the personal meaning Land Service holds for you.

Together, we want to share the valuable stories that Land Service has woven into the memories of our members over the years.

Please send your story, typed and concise (maximum 300 words), via email to pro@landsdiens.co.za.



**+
CLOSING MESSAGE**

Land Service – our diamond: strong, bright, and precious.

A diamond has many facets that capture and reflect light. Our focus is on values – the four loves, brought together through care and respect.

Every volunteer and member of Land Service is a gemstone. Each gemstone has its own unique colour and brilliance, and it is this diversity that makes a crown stand out. In the same way, each member brings a unique contribution – a skill, passion, and personality – that makes our organisation special.

When a diamond and its gemstones come together, they radiate a light that cannot be hidden. So too does Land Service shine when each member lives out their values and full potential within the community.

Together, we are not just a group of people, but a jewel that can make the world sparkle.

This jewel must be shared with our environment and our world.

Let each of us shine in a world that longs for love, care, and respect. I trust that this newsletter brought a smile to your face and that you look forward to the next edition.

Kind regards

**Heleen Human
National Chairperson**



FACTA NON VERBA

LAND SERVICE SOUTH AFRICA

“

#2026

”