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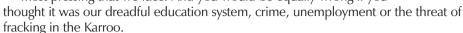
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#### **FRONT COVER**

As good as the original: a depiction of a national botanical garden ~ part of the Sanbi Kirstenbosch Chelsea Flower Show exhibit, reconstructed at Garden World in Muldersdrift.

# **COMMENT, by Pete Bower #SAFoodCrisis:** Get this

t is well-understood that South Africa has many pressing problems, but you would be wrong to think that Jacob Zuma, the Guptas, corruption or the parlous state of the economy are the biggest and most pressing that we face. And you would be equally wrong if you



For while it is true that Jacob Zuma and his cronies are conspiring to turn this country into the biggest banana republic Africa has ever seen, there is an issue so big, so historic, so complex and so all-encompassing that, if we as active citizens don't do our bit to rectify it, the crisis will lead to the death of thousands and the collapse of the country. Literally.

We're referring to what we will call the **food crisis**, for want of a better name. While it's not really a crisis in that it hasn't suddenly arisen, but has in fact been a part of South African life for many decades, it is without a doubt slowly getting worse and will one day develop into a full-blown crisis of epic proportions.

Because we can't go on like we are. For example, the billions disbursed each month to Social Grant recipients constitute not only the recipients' only real income, and thus the only wherewithal that they have with which to buy food, but also represents a sizeable chunk of the country's gross national product ~ its cash-flow, if you like. But there are now more social grant recipients in South Africa than there are people in formal employment, and the number of grant recipients is more than three times the number of individual taxpayers in the country. Does that sound like a sensible, sustainable situation? We don't think so.

But what food crisis are we talking about, you may ask? There is food on shop shelves, the recent good rains have seen to it that there will be a heartening surplus of maize (the price of which has halved as a result) and starvation is really not the problem it was a few decades ago. So what's the problem?

Well, the first problem is that there's not just one problem, but a myriad of interrelated issues affecting farmers, farm workers and consumers ~ you and me ~ alike.

The simplest and most visible way to see this issue is to ask yourself the question, "why does my food shopping bill seem higher every time I visit the supermarket?" But if you were a farm worker you may ask "why are my wages so low?" and if you were a farmer you'd be asking "why am I paid so little for my produce?"

We believe that too few people are aware of, and angry about, the problems in the food industry. We also believe that the politicians have abrogated their responsibilities in relation to the Constitution, choosing rather to take cover behind the convenient phrase "food security." And we believe that the time has come for us as citizens to take matters into our own hands and force the necessary changes to take place. But we can only do that if we are fully informed as to the nature and scale of the problem.

As a result, the Smallholder will, over the next few months, be publishing a series of articles with a common theme of #SAFoodCrisis. These will draw on a recentlypublished book by agri-economist and activist Dr Tracy Ledger entitled An Empty Plate which, if you are interested, we urge you to read (order it from Loot or Takealot.com), and various discussion papers and government reports.

Our articles will look at seemingly unrelated issues such as inequality, unemployment and wages, the parlous state of the farming industry, land restitution and why so many new Black farmers fail, the food value chain and agricultural marketing, corporate greed, nutrition and nutrition education, public health and social security, the futility of charitable works and grow-your-own efforts, government policy and the wrong assumptions upon which many of these policies are founded, and even economic theory and philosophy.

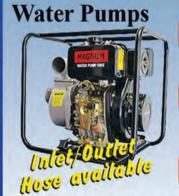
Why are we going to all this effort on this one subject? For two reasons. Firstly because problems in the food sector affect all of us, rich and poor, black and white, as consumers and citizens. And secondly because the development of a thriving smallholder farmer sector (of which by our very name we are part) will not succeed unless various aspects of agricultural policy are changed.

Thus, for us, it's become a personal fight, and we have become increasingly angry and alarmed and the way we are heading as a country. And for you, too, it should become personal because you are being fleeced each time you buy food and although you don't know it yet, there is going to come a time when there are insufficient farmers left to produce the food you consume unless you become angry and alarmed, too.









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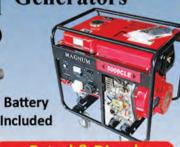
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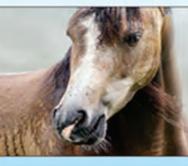
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# **NEWS**

# Gauteng's dirtiest air is ... where?

iven all the industries and machines around us that belch smoke into our air, we Gautengers live in a remarkably dirty environment. And here's just HOW dirty.

# Take a guess ... (and we'll bet you get it wrong)

The most recent World Health Organization update to the Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database came up with a surprise in terms of the area in South Africa with the dirtiest air. The database covers over 3 000 cities across the world, measuring fine particle matter (both PM2,5 and PM10 microns) in micrograms per cubic metre (mg/m³).

And in the latest figures, Hartbeespoort has the unenviable honour of having the dirtiest air.

The region's air quality is adversely affected by its proximity to Tshwane and Johannesburg, as well as to mining operations in the Brits area. Tshwane is second in South Africa and Johannes-

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# ID these 'LGBs' (little green birds)

ir ~ Are any of your readers able to identify the small flock of green birds that has been seen in the Bredell area recently? When I first saw them I thought they might be Rosyfaced Lovebirds, but when they flew into our garden again I noticed that they have long tails like a parakeet.

According to the Invasive Species South Africa website (www.invasives.org.za/newspreviews/item/898-rose-ringed-parakeet-psittacula-krameri), the Rose-ringed Parakeet is the most invasive parrot species.

I couldn't get a photo as they

blend in so well with the leaves on the trees. Has anyone else seen them in the area?

**Rosemary D** *Bredell* 

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burg is third. Other areas in Gauteng in the top ten in South Africa are Vereeniging, Sebokeng and Diepkloof. According to the National Environment Management: Air Quality Act, 2004, it is a legal requirement that provinces and municipalities must compile and implement air quality management plans. The challenges in Gauteng are great.

Take Ekurhuleni as an example:



# Why Gauteng's air is so polluted, and what you can do to make your

own air cleaner

it has 120 informal settlements of which 60% have no electricity, so they are coal, paraffin and wood dependent;

it has more than 20 townships, which are seasonal coal users;

it lists more than eight other categories of air pollution sources, including heavy industry and mine dumps;

there are three national roads and a number of regional roads carrying about

1,2 million vehicles per day on average, and,

it boasts the biggest airport in Africa, which contributes to air pollution as well.

However, cleaner air also starts with each one of us as individuals. Smallholders think that because we live in semi-rural areas we are not Continued on page 8

## Bird 'flu outbreak near Gauteng could spread

ith poultry imports from Zimbabwe halted after an outbreak of the highly contagious H5N8 strain of avian influenza (bird 'flu) there were reports as we went to press in the last week of June of an outbreak at a broiler farm in southern Mpumalanga near the Gauteng border.

According to sources 5 000

According to sources 5 000 chickens had died of the

disease, while the remaining 19 000 at the farm were culled, and the property placed under quarantine. Bird 'flu is a fatal viral infection. It is usually transmitted by wild birds coming into contact with domestic flocks and keepers of free range chickens are therefore urged to keep a close watch on their stock, which will inevitably come into contact with pigeons,

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hadedas, guineafowl and other free flying species as they roam around during the course of their day. While battery-reared and farmed poultry are less likely to come into contact with wild birds, and are thus protected to some extent from infection, an outbreak in the intensive conditions of a poultry farm will spread rapidly through the entire flock.



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# Kids' play at Garden World Festival

part from the recreation of the Sanbi Kirstenbosh Chelsea exhibit at Garden World's Spring Festival each year, and the professionally-designed show gardens, there are also a number of gardens designed by schools and youth organisations throughout Gauteng.

Aimed at encouraging young people to develop their green fingers, these are often

delightfully whimsical, while also being of a very high standard.

Thus, while a visit to the Festival show gardens can be an inspiration to the jaded adult gardener looking for fresh ideas for his or her outdoor areas, one's children can also be inspired and given ideas as to what they can grow and do in the little patches allocated to them at home or school, hopefully

with a view of nurturing their interest into a lifelong passion for plants, flowers and the beauty of nature.

Garden World's Festival opens

on 28 July and runs through till 3 September. It includes a number of events planned for various venues in the Garden



Pupils from The King's School get down and dirty preparing their school exhibit for the Garden World Spring Festival opening later this month

World complex, dates, times and details of which are all published in the Diary section of this magazine.

Moreover, Garden World is organising a competition for readers, the lucky winner of which will receive a hamper of seeds and bulbs especially put together with the needs of smallholders in mind, including a packet of veld grass reclamation seed to enable one to rehabilitate a paddock or field with good quality grazing for one's livestock.

Find the competition elsewhere in this edition, answer a simple question and stand in line to win. For more information: Garden World, tel 011 957-2046/7

## **AIR QUALITY**

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affected and that there is not much we can do to affect the bigger picture, but it requires a mind-set that acknowledges that we can all do our bit every day to live more environmentally consciously.

One of the biggest sources of air pollution is vehicles. But we live outside town, and we have to go further to work, to school and to shop. With more planning and combining our errands, we can take fewer trips, as well as using the most fuel efficient route. We can adopt more careful driving habits to reduce our car's emissions, such as accelerating gradually, using cruise control on the highway and obeying the speed limit. Keeping the care

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# Dreaming of a quiet winter? Forget it

ields cut and grass baled: check. Firebreaks made: check. Firefighting equipment unpacked, checked and available for use: check. Lawnmower serviced and prepared for winter storage: check. Frost cloth placed over vulnerable plants in the garden: check. Winter vegetables planted: check. Horse blankets washed, repaired and in use: check. So, as the days become a parade of endless sunshine and blue skies and the nights turn frosty, you can relax beside a nice warm fire with a bowl of hearty stew and a glass of good red wine. Well, no. You can't.

# Here are the jobs that should keep you busy during the cold months Repairing a fence could mean nothing more than tightening the odd loose wire or

Because now is the time to do all the jobs around your plot that you don't ever have time for in summer, such as repairing fences and painting gates and posts. And the endless days of blue skies and sunshine with almost no rain make it easy and convenient to plan and schedule all the outside maintenance necessary.

Repairing a fence could mean nothing more than tightening the odd loose wire, or replacing hopelessly corroded wires with new strands. More often than not, however, it will mean resetting posts that have pulled out of the

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tuned, replacing the car's air filter and keeping tyres properly inflated will also help.

When shopping for your next car look for the most efficient, lowest polluting model or even choose either a non-polluting car or zero emission vehicle.

Have a look at the department of environment's *Handy Guide to Green Cars* (www.environment.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/publicat ions/greencar\_handyguide.) Be more conscious of products that you use in your home or at work. Select products that are water-based or have low amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOCs); use water-based paints and paint with a brush,

not a sprayer; store solvents in air-tight containers; use a push or electric lawn mower. Use safer products, such as bicarbonate of soda instead of harsh chemical cleaners. Instead of using chemical-filled air fresheners, use essential oils, herbs and flowers to make your home smell nice

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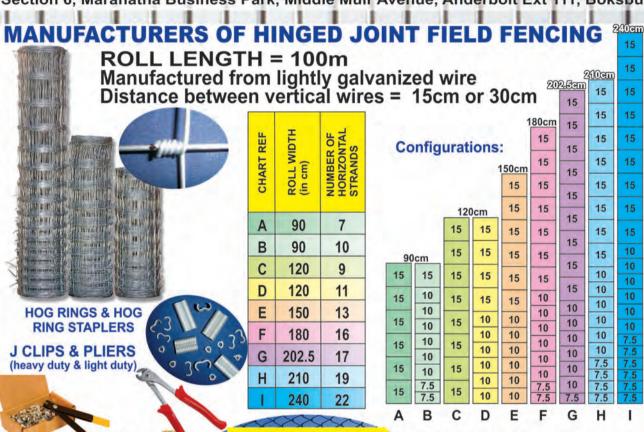
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ground or been pushed skew. This inevitably means loosening all the wiring from the post, cleaning out the post hole, repositioning the post and its associated stay, resetting the post and stay with new concrete and allowing it to set firm, before refastening and tensioning the wires. There is, sadly, no easier way of doing it. It is worth noting that the reason posts pull out of the ground is often related to the fact that they were set too shallow in the first place, or that the stay was fastened too low down the post, allowing it to swivel up and over the stay when higher strands are tensioned.

And, while on the subject of tensioning wires and fixing broken wires, a handy new tool is available, that is far superior to the traditional chain and ratchet tensioners usually available in South

#### Maintenance to electric fences should also be done at this time of year

Africa. You can learn more about it elsewhere in this edition.

Maintenance to electric fences should also be done at this time of year, which if nothing else should comprise checking the conductivity of the various strands, cleaning any leaves, twigs or grass that may have fallen on to the strands and cleaning away cobwebs that may have developed. The isolators along each strand should also be washed clean of dust, debris and bird droppings.

Electric fence strands, if properly installed, will have tensioners or turnbuckles built in to allow loose strands to be tightened.

Fence post and gate painting also has its unique art and is not simply a case of slapping a coat of fresh paint on top of

the old.

Loose paint should be removed by chipping and scraping, a time-consuming process to be sure, but one that, if the post is properly painted, should not need doing again for at least two vears.

Any rust that has developed should, next, be treated with a rust remover.

Then a primer should be applied and, once dry, a top coat in your chosen colour. And here's a tip. Rather than doing all the chipping, then all the priming, then all the top coating (sometimes days apart depending on the size of your property and the amount of work involved), rather do each post or gate (or no more than a couple, ie as many as vou can complete in a day) from start to finish, before

moving on to the next. That's because it's a bit pointless to allow freshly chipped or de-rusted bare metal to lie exposed to the elements, only to become rusted again, before you return some days later to prime it. And, also, modern paint formulations have better adhesion capabilities when coats are not allowed to dry out and harden too completely. So adhering to the paint manufacturer's drying times will result in a better bond between coats and a longer life.

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And while on the subject of painting, the quiet winter months, after the cutting, raking and baling has been done, but before the ploughing season starts, is a good time to repaint your implements. For a really professional job you will want to spray paint, but if it's simply a case of preserving them,

hand-painting will work as well.

Wooden posts and beams, etc, will also benefit from a coating with a preservative such as creosote (if you don't mind the smell) or tanalith. With most of the land-work out of the way, and the ploughing season still a way off, now is also a good time to service your tractor. At the

bare minimum this should entail checking the fluid levels, and replacing or cleaning the air, fuel and oil filters. Every couple of years the gearbox/diff should be drained and refilled, regardless of how much or how little the tractor is used, because the oil absorbs moisture, rendering it opaque and causing possible damage. The same applies to the engine oil and radiator fluid, which should be replaced periodically even if the machine spends most of its time idle.

Finally, on a smallholding tractor, one aspect that is often neglected is to ensure that wheel bearings and other moving parts are properly greased and lubricated. In a couple of months' time you will be hard at work pruning your fruit trees and roses, so a workshop task for this month can be to clean

and sharpen your pruning tools

The cold nights will have seen to it that you are heating all or parts of your house. Maybe this is done in the most ecologically sensible way, namely by burning old, dead timber. This, however, requires you to maintain a woodpile, so one of your tasks may be to cut up and split felled and fallen trees on your property.

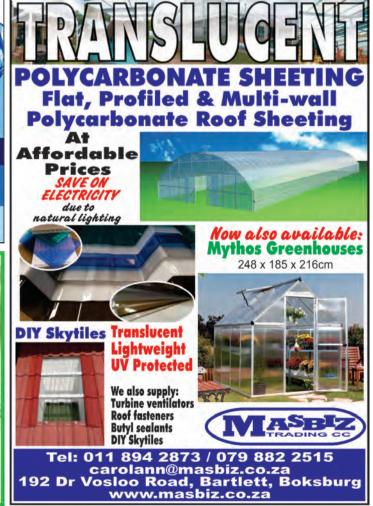
Any tree felling exercise results in a mound of scrub, some of which will make kindling for your nightly fire but most of which will simply be in an unsightly pile, which is firstly a fire hazard and secondly a wonderful hole to snakes and vermin.

Another winter task, therefore, can be to run this stuff through a shredder, to make mulch for your spring and summer plantings.









## **FIRES**

# Sidewalk grass fires: Do you have recourse?

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hile you may have taken care to prepare your plot for the winter fire season, what happens if your local authority neglects to do the same to the verges that surround you, allowing the grass to remain uncut? And what happens if the said uncut verges catch fire, and that fire jumps you firebreak, burns out your field and, let's say, burns down your barn or, worse, your house? For, the National Veld & Forest Fires Act is quite clear on this if a property owner (or occupier) neighbour should neglect to carry out his responsibilities with regard to fire prevention, and a fire spreads from his property to yours. If you have made "reasonable preparations" of firebreaks etc, and have taken "reasonable precautions" to prevent the fire from spreading, including the "reasonable" provision of equipment and personnel ~ in other words if you have done your bit in terms of the law  $\sim$  and a fire from a neighbour's land destroys your property, you have a very good chance of winning a claim against him. But what happens if the negligent party is a municipality or a local authority? The good news is you have a claim against the authority in much the same way that you do against an individual. Leading environmental legal expert Douw Venter explains: "The pillars of our

law on delict stand on the omissions (failure) with regards to mandate of municipalities. Municipalities which fail to maintain their streets, for instance, are responsible for consequential damage and or injuries which can be related to the poor conditions of roads (potholes, etc).

"Municipalities who fail to properly treat their drinking water can be held responsible for disease related to such water. There are many examples.

"Municipalities are legally obliged to maintain their roads, sidewalks and parks and are responsible for consequential damage as a result of fire damage to property or lives.

"Where fire spreads from a sidewalk where the grass was not cut resulting in your house burning down, the municipality is, in terms of our law on delict, responsible for such loss.

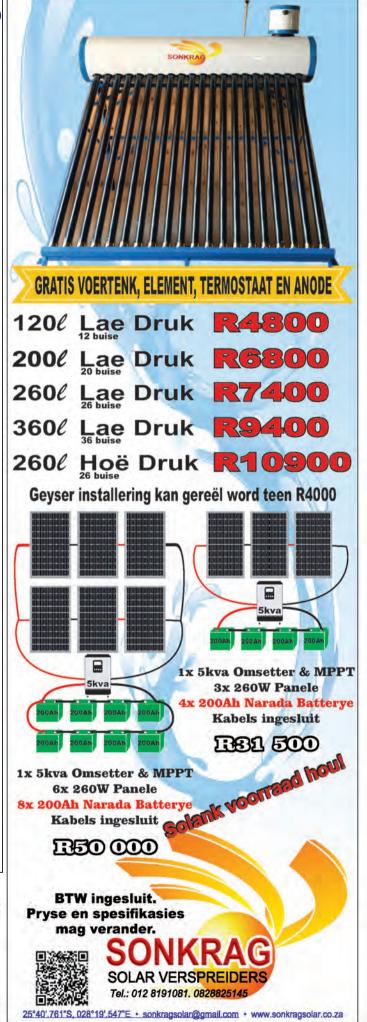
"There is much case law confirming this."
However, Venter points out that the case would need to be fought in the High Court, and litigation is expensive, with no guarantee of a successful outcome.



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## **HEATING**

# How to make winter firewood

ith Gauteng nights felling stage to firewood takes ranging from cold, to bitterly cold householders' thoughts turn to how best to heat their dwellings, and smallholders are no exception ... although we have an advantage over city dwellers in this regard in that many of us have a plentiful supply of free firewood, as a result of tree pruning and felling activities on our land.

> However, getting a tree or limb from

a certain amount of effort, and requires certain tools. The result, though, a neat and plentiful woodpile, is a pleasure to behold and gives one a feeling of great satisfaction.

Here are some pointers as to how best to make a woodpile for winter with the least effort.

Unless you are a sucker for punishment and want to spend hours sweating over a bowsaw, you will need a chainsaw, probably with a couple of spare chains, but

definitely with the usual safety gear of helmet and face-screen, gloves, proper footwear and safety trousers. For cutting up firewood a small, lightweight unit with a 35-50cm cutting bar is adequate.

You will also need some means to split the resultant logs into manageable, burnable pieces ~ either a long-handled log splitting axe or a hydraulic or electric log splitter machine. The latter will become almost essential if you are producing a large quantity of firewood for, say,

> a guest lodge or a number of cottages. If you use a hand axe you will also need a sturdy cutting block. This

can be the sturdiest part of the tree trunk, cut level top and bottom, to about thigh height, and anchored into the ground with metal poles to stop it from moving around. Make it thigh height so that you aren't bending down each time to pick up and position the bit you're splitting, and yet not too high that the full force of your stroke with the axe is not maximised.

Now assuming you have felled a dead tree, the most efficient way of preparing it for the fire is to cut it once, where it fell, into grate size lengths, then move these little bits of wood to near your wood pile, and split them there. You will therefore spend longer cutting up wood "in situ" where the tree fell, but you will thus avoid

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double cutting and handling of longer logs into shorter grate sized pieces. Making firewood can be a one-man task. Having an

assistant to handle the pieces and do the stacking is helpful, but requires the wielder of the implement ~ chainsaw, log splitter and axe ~ to be much more vigilant as to where he is pointing the saw, axe etc, and where the assistant is.

A felled tree produces a remarkable quantity of scrub ~ twigs, leaves etc, and material so small that it does not warrant burning. This should be trimmed away from the firewood-sized branches and stacked separately to be shredded or chipped later. The resulting pile of chips or shredded material can either be composted or, better still, used as mulch on your garden and vegetable beds.



A neat woodpile fashioned out of used pallets

Experience with your particular fireplace ~ its size and how it draws air ~ will

wood of a particular size. Remember that the principal of combustion is that the temperature of the fuel must reach combustion point for it to burn. Thus, if the fire is too small, or its ability to draw air so weak, that it cannot heat a log sufficiently to combustion temperature you will find yourself constantly adding paper, or blowing, in an attempt to keep the fire burning. Or you will simply finish up with unburnt logs in your fireplace.

Conversely, splitting the wood into tiny pieces is also counter-productive: firstly there is the extra effort involved in the splitting, and secondly the wood will simply burn faster, thus using more fuel than necessary each night.

Finally, you should try to gauge how much wood you will need through the winter and prepare only that amount ~ a difficult task, granted, but a good thing to do because wood cut and exposed is more likely to suffer from the attention of wood borers in the summer than logs with bark still intact. By the same token, if you can store your wood in a neat pile under cover you are less likely to be faced with a pile of rotten, dusty, maggoty matter well on its way to becoming compost next season, after having been rained upon during the summer.

And a neatly stacked woodpile is less unsightly, and takes up less space, than a pile of stuff simply hurled together.



# **TERMINOLOGY**

# Agroecology is the way to go for smallholders

here are many different approaches to the growing of food and managing our agricultural resources. Some of the methods include sustainable farming, permaculture, biodynamic methods, biological farming and organic agriculture.

A philosophy that is being put forward as being appropriate for emerging farmers and smallholders is agroecology. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines agroecology as "an ecological approach to agriculture that views agricultural areas as ecosystems and is concerned with the ecological impact of agricultural practices". Ecology is the study of the relationships between plants, animals, people, and their environment, and, most

# An approach to farming that brings together various techniques and practices in a sustainable, environmentally-friendly way

importantly, the balance amongst these relationships. Agroecologists talk of the practice of sustainable agriculture (often based on local indigenous knowledge), as well as being associated with a growing movement of people globally advocating for a different and sustainable way to consider agriculture and its relationship with society.

Five core principles are associated with agroecology as the applied science of making agriculture more sustainable. These can be summarised as:

Balance and optimise

nutrient flows within the system by enhancing the recycling of biomass. (Biomass refers to the total quantity or weight of organisms in a given area or volume or it can refer to organic matter used as a fuel.)

- ☐ Secure favourable soil conditions for plant growth by managing soil organic matter and raising the activity of soil organisms.
- Minimise resource losses that arise from the flow of energy, water or air by designing relatively closed systems.
- Promote the functional biodiversity of the system

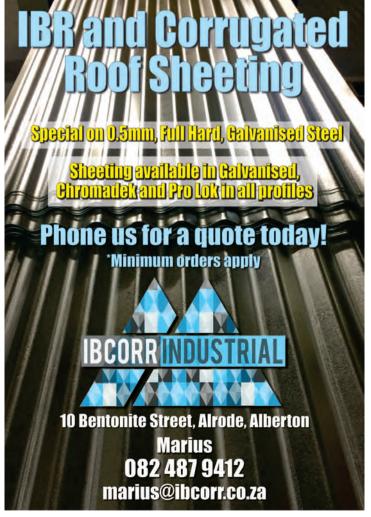
(species that work together to make the system more healthy and productive), including within and between species, above and below ground, and in time and space (on farms and in the wider landscape).

☐ Enhance the beneficial biological interactions and synergisms between system components that can provide key ecological processes and services within the system. In practice this means that the agro-ecosystem will comprise complex "polycultures" that mix crops, trees and other beneficial plants and animals in the system; makes use of successions of plants and crop rotations that increase diversity between seasons and over the years; uses cover crops and creates micro-

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climates within the system to optimise soil fertility and increase synergies (Altieri 2005).

These approaches involve the maintenance or introduction of agricultural biodiversity (diversity of crops, livestock, agroforestry, fish, pollinators, insects, soil biota and other components that occur in and around production systems) to achieve the desired results in production and sustainability. In practical terms, agroecologists practise:

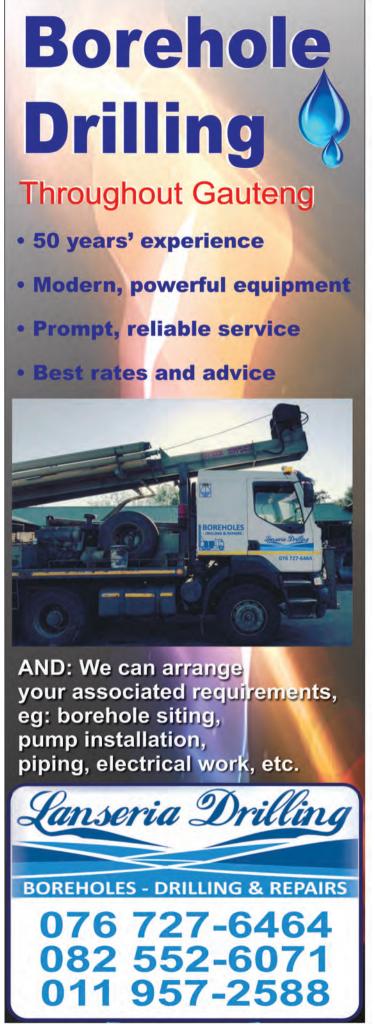
- ☐ Crop rotation: Temporal diversity incorporated into cropping systems, providing crop nutrients and breaking the life cycles of several insect pests, diseases and weed life cycles.
- Polycultures: Complex cropping systems in which two or more crop species are planted close together, which results in competition or complementation, thereby enhancing yields.
- Agroforestry systems: An agricultural system in which trees are grown together with annual crops and/or animals, resulting in enhanced complementary relations between components.
- ☐ Cover crops: The use of pure or mixed stands of legumes or other annual plant species under fruit trees for the purpose of improving soil fertility, enhancing biological control of pests and modifying the orchard microclimate.
- microclimate.

  Animal integration in agro-ecosystems, which aids in achieving high biomass output and recycling.

  All of the above diversified forms of agro-ecosystems maintain vegetative cover as an effective soil and water conserving measure, met through the use of no-till practices, mulch farming and use of cover crops and other appropriate methods. They also provide a regular supply

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of organic matter through the addition of organic matter (manure, compost, and promotion of soil biotic activity). They enhance nutrient recycling mechanisms through the use of livestock systems based on legumes, etc and promote pest regulation through enhanced activity of biological control agents, achieved by introducing and/or conserving natural enemies and antagonists. The concept of food sovereignty is particularly important in this method of agriculture. Agroecologists state: "Food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems. It puts those who produce, distribute and consume food at the heart of food systems and policies, rather than the demands of markets and corporations. It defends the interests and inclusion of the next generation. It offers a strategy to resist and dismantle the current corporate trade and food regime, and directions for food, farming, pastoral and fisheries systems determined by local producers. Food sovereignty prioritises local and national economies and markets and empowers peasant and family farmerdriven agriculture, artisanal fishing, pastoralist-led grazing, and food production, distribution and consumption based on environmental, social and economic sustainability. Food sovereignty promotes transparent trade that guarantees just income to all peoples and the rights of consumers to control their food and nutrition." (From the Declaration of



## BEEKEEPING

# A hobby you can do into old age

eekeeping: welcome to this most fascinating farming occupation that starts in the back yard and extends far beyond just keeping bees, but also into the vast, wonderful and beautiful flora of our country and into the pollination of any number of crops imaginible. The beekeeper has all these features at his front door to enjoy. He becomes the friend of every farmer and a most sought after person when he has to remove troublesome bees from odd hidev-holes. In cases where he offers free pollination services to farmers, he is always "baie welkom."

Beekeeping is successful and most enjoyable when one, with some knowledge of bees, can work with confidence and determination. This is obtainable by working with and learning from an

Interested in beekeeping but don't know where to start? Here's some insight into this fascinating obtained from each flow. To and vital pastime that can become a lucrative business, by Peter Clark, chairman of the Eastern Highveld Beekeepers' Association

experienced beekeeper. It is this "hands on" learning that cannot be attained from books or classroom lectures. As one meets successful established beekeepers, one will find that all of them were taught by an established beekeeper at the outset of their careers.

The craft is capital intensive and a very costly outlay to build up to an operating outfit. However it is an undertaking where one can start small and grow at one's own pace of development. Mostly the work is outdoors, often into night hours, so one has to be healthy and fit and not be troubled by back ailments. Hard work that can be hard on the back is the

order of the day if one is to succeed.

One becomes attuned to the demands and requirements of the bees and to discipline oneself to these situations spells great success.

Good planning is essential, as goals must be set and adhered to, as one needs to know what will be happening twelve months hence, and then through every month as the year progresses.

One learns to observe the various plants that flower throughout the year and what crops will be flowering, and how one is going to get the honey from those flowers in those days. Therefore one has to keep proper and accurate records of honey flows and

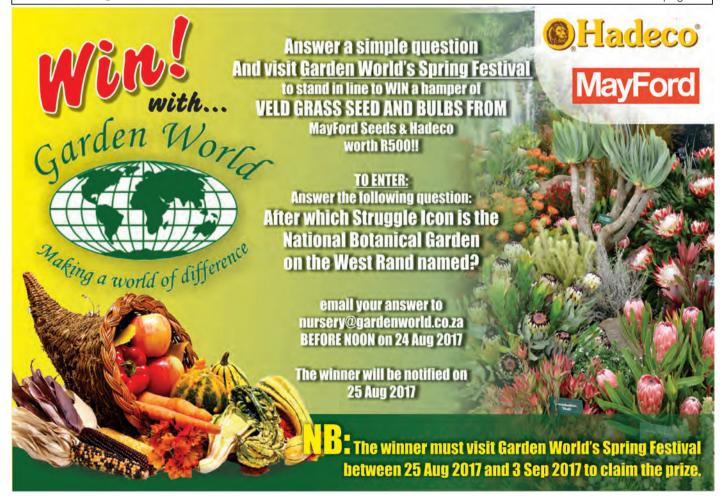
the amount of honey meet these requirements the bees have to be kept up to strength at all times.

Beekeepers are loners and because they have succeeded at a great cost of time and money to obtain good sites for their apiaries, they are very reluctant to disclose their sites and any details of their operations.

The value of the bee industry cannot be assessed. By some it is stated as a R20 billion industry and by others far more.

That's because one needs to consider the value of foreign revenue brought in by the fruit export industry, the fresh juice industry, the cooking oil and the use thereof in the food preparation industry. Then add to that the pollination of crops for the fruit and nut production industries, for

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the development of seed for the sunflower, onion, lucerne, all melons, pumpkin and related crops, for without the production of seeds these crops would simply not exist. The list is never ending, and all of this work is done by bees provided by beekeepers. Therefore the role played by beekeepers is most valuable to our country.

Our African bees are strong health-wise and are able to resist many diseases that exist in other countries.

And, as a result of bad farming practices, such as spraying and not giving due regard to the importance of bees, many northern hemisphere countries have lost their bee populations and are completely out of bees. Our bees swarm off prolifically and losses are easily replaced, but not so in those countries. There is a move afoot, but still in early stages of develop-

# South Africans consume 5 000 tons of honey annually, but our beekeepers produce only 3 000 tons. ... opportunity knocks?

ment, to replace bees in those countries with bees transported from South Africa. This will be something for our industry to consider in the not too distant future.

beekeeping is the ideal activity for a small farm. Switzerland has more the who produce all that conneeds, so why can't we

The latest figures at 2016 were that our country required 5 000 tons of honey for domestic consumption. Our own beekeepers produced about 3 000 tons, resulting in a shortfall of 2 000 tons, which was imported. It has been projected that our consumption will double by 2020 and it is up to the future beekeeper fraternity to meet this requirement or else South Africa will need to import even more honey. For South Africa should be able to produce all our own requirements, like Australia and New Zealand, and especially so as

beekeeping is the ideal activity for a small farmer. Switzerland has more than 20 000 hobbyist beekeepers who produce all that country's needs, so why can't we? We have the flora, and good sunshine, but unfortunately erratic rainfall seasons. Interested in becoming a beekeeper? Too many enthusiastic would-be beekeepers venture into this field, lay out a considerable sum of money, buy beehives and related equipment, but

don't know the end picture or rather the bottom line of what they have set out to accomplish, and within a short period the operation is abandoned.

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Most of all they need to be encouraged to rather press on and overcome this momentary disappointment by joining an association and just mixing with fellow beekeepers who share the same interests and disappoinments.

There are beekeeper associations in all the provinces and one should join

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orse lovers who have spent time observing their animals will know that there is truth in this admonishment, for left to their own devices horses will eat for between twelve and 18 hours a day. These hours are broken up into about 15 to 20 grazing periods.

It is unremarkable, therefore, that horse owners who understand how the horse's digestive system works are likely to have fewer digestive problems with their animals. Horses are herbivores ~ they are designed to eat plants, which should make up the horse's entire diet in one

form or another.

They are also non-ruminants, and have what is referred to as a "simple stomach" ie, one compartment that functions a lot like the human stomach. The anatomy of the horse's digestive tract is straightforward.

It is made up of:

- the mouth and teeth,
- oesophagus,
- stomach,
- small intestine,
- □ cecum,□ large colon,
- large colon,
- small colon,
- rectum, and,
- anus.

Digestion means the breaking

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## BEEKEEPING

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touch with developments in the bee world.

There are three associations in Gauteng alone, colloquially known as "Southerns," "Northerns" and "Easterns". Southerns draws its membership from Johannesburg, the West Rand and the South, Northerns draws its membership from the Pretoria area and Easterns covers from west of Kempton Park, east to Waterval Boven, north to Verwoerdburg and south to Van der Bijl Park.

Easterns has been in existence

since 1918. The association went into recess from 1938 to 1946 during the war years but reopened in 1946.
Easterns meets at Highveld Honey Farms, 186 Uys Road, Rynfield, Benoni on the third Saturday of the month at 09h30.

The association's activities are varied to cater for all aspects of beekeeping from beginners to the "old hands," and ladies, gents and juniors are all welcome.

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fire-fighting solution. It is not recommended that backpack blowers be used in grass taller than knee height or on very hot fires, as this becomes dangerous for the operator. Blowers should only be used where beaters would otherwise have been used, and can never replace water out in the field. It is also important to assess the terrain - walking through thick bush or climbing through fences with a backpack blower could be challenging. Fires should never be tackled head on, but rather from the sides and the back of the blaze while waiting for the fire-tender to arrive.

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down of foodstuffs in the body into a form that can be absorbed and used or excreted.

A horse's diet is made up of water, carbohydrates, fats, protein, minerals and vitamins and each of these components is digested in specific areas of the tract. If something happens where it shouldn't, problems and digestive upset can easily occur. You particularly need to guard against gastric ulcers and the dreaded colic. Almost all digestion of simple carbohydrates, protein, and

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fat mostly takes place in the small intestine, though it begins in the stomach. Simple carbohydrates (starches and sugars) and protein begin digestion in the stomach by being slightly broken down, and then the majority of the digestion of these nutrients occurs in the small intestine. Fats are slightly hydrolysed by enzymes in the stomach, but the majority of fat digestion also occurs in the early small intestine.

On the other hand, complex carbohydrates (cellulose, lignin) are digested mostly in the cecum and partly in the colon. There is also a small amount of protein that may be digested in the large intestine. The cecum and colon are where the microbes that digest the fibre in your horse's diet (most of the contents of hay, pasture, etc.) live, so these areas are where these substances are finished

digesting.

After food is gathered up into the mouth, chewed, and swallowed, the stomach kicks into gear. The main functions of the stomach are to add gastric acid to help with the breakdown of food, to secrete an enzyme to begin

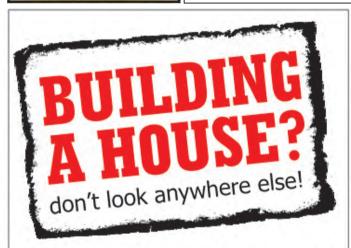
protein digestion and to regulate the passage of food into the small intestine. Basically the stomach is a holding and mixing tank. While food breakdown may begin in the stomach, it continues in the small intestine. where secretions help with the further digestion of protein, simple carbohydrates and fat. The small intestine is also the main site of nutrient

are in small enough form. Amino acids, glucose, vitamins, minerals, and fatty acids are taken into the body as they move along the small intestine, so progress shouldn't be too fast or too slow.

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absorption once they look like they do nothing other than eat Left to their own devices in a field, horses will



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The processes that occur in the cecum and colon are less about breaking down food into smaller, absorbable particles with the aid of enzymes and more about fermenting complex carbohydrates (fibre) into useful end products with the assistance of the "good bugs." In addition to generating fatty acids, which supply energy or calories, these helpful microorganisms also produce Bvitamins, Vitamin K and some amino acids. The colon then serves not only to absorb these nutrients but also a portion of the water that accompanies food as it moves along the digestive tract. About 70% of the diet should be made up of fodder or roughage. Roughage requires more chewing than concentrates, which leads to more saliva being produced. The saliva helps to neutralise stomach acid which leads to healthy stomach environment. It is therefore important that horses have access to roughage at all times. Good quality grazing and hay will improve the horse's overall condition. In general in Gauteng, you

have a choice of three species of baled fodder. They are two Eragrostis species, E teff, commonly called teff, and E curvula, called eragrostis, weeping lovegrass or oulandsgras, and a Digitaria species, D eriantha, formerly known as Smutsfinger grass. Common field grazing will

include these species and many others which the horse will consume according to their palatability ~ and availability.

Concentrate per meal There are many bran horse concentrates of market. Some come form, others are pelled.

You can also consider baled lucerne as a fodder but this generally is fed in very small quantities, especially to children's' ponies, lest they become impossible to manage.

The general rule for feed concentrates is that 1% of the horse's body weight per day should be enough. Horses can only digest about 2kgs of concentrate per meal.
There are many brands of horse concentrates on the market. Some come in meal form, others are pelleted and still others cubed. Small ponies may find the size of cubes too large for their mouths.

Some feeds contain maize, some are free of certain components such as maize, but all are rated according to their protein content, stated in a percentage. Common protein percentages are 10%, 12% and 14%. All made-up feeds must be registered and certified in terms of the Animal Feeds Act although buyers should be aware that this is not a guarantee of quality of the feed or its ingredients, but rather a simple certification that the proportions of the stated ingredients are present in the stated proportions. Factors such as the size and age of the horse, its breeding

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Generally, riding horses and

work should thrive on a 10%

ration twice daily, at a rate of

a couple of kg a feed (half a

bucket or so). More athletic

ponies and those on light

avoid colic.

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rats' pupils to contract, rendering them (like humans) temporarily unsighted. This disorients them and they

soon leave the area in search of safer hidev-holes. The device is about the size

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horses will require a 12% concentrate while racehorses etc will be fed a 14% ration or such as mares in foal or horses recovering from injuries might

The key to feeding horses is "little and often." In practical terms most owners feed hard rations twice a day, morning and night, with either nets of hay provided during the day, or free access to grazing. The morning feed should comprise a ration of protein (concentrates) while the evening feed should comprise concentrates and a large net of fodder with which the

horse will settle down for the night. If, for whatever reason the horse is kept in its stable during the day it should have a net of fodder available to keep it busy (which will help, but not eliminate, the development of stable vices). Horses allowed free access to pasture graze more or less continuously, but peak grazing periods occur just after dawn and just before dark. They spend about 70% of daylight hours and about 50% of night hours grazing. This is another reason why we have to provide a hay net if we stable the horses at night.

one chooses and how much. but one should bear in mind higher. Special circumstances that horses are also individuals, and, like humans, some do better on one diet than on require higher or lower another. A certain amount of protein rations. experimentation is called for, with the proviso that any change in diet ~ be it of concentrate or fodder ~ should be made gradually

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Mossiewa lift trailer attached to tractor's 3-point hydraulics

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of a man's hand and is simply mounted on a handy rafter or roof beam pointing at the rats' nest. Power is supplied from the house mains and there is a switch on the light, although in reality you will want to switch it on and off at the mains rather than clambering into the roof to activate and deactivate it. It can be bought for R980 and installed as a DIY job, or Eco-Solutions will install it for you for R1 490.

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13mm x 13mm	1.6mm	1	1	1
13mm x 25mm	1.0mm	1	1	1
13mm x 25mm	1.25mm	1	1	1
13mm x 25mm	1.5mm	1	1	1
13mm x 25mm	1.6mm	1	1	1
13mm x 25mm	2.0mm	1	1	1
25mm x 25mm	1.0mm	1	1	1
25mm x 25mm	1.5mm	1	1	1
25mm x 25mm	1.6mm	1	1	1
25mm x 25mm	2.0mm	1	1	1
25mm x 25mm	2.5mm	1	1	1
25mm x 25mm	3.0mm	1	1	1
25mm x 50mm	1.5mm	1	1	1
25mm x 50mm	1.6mm	1	1	1
25mm x 50mm	2.0mm	1	1	1



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25mm x 50mm	2.5mm	1	1	1
25mm x 50mm	3.0mm	***********	1	1
50mm x 50mm	1.6mm	1	1	1
50mm x 50mm	2.0mm	1	1	1
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100mm x 100mm	2.5m	1	1	1

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## Aussie design fence tensioner beats chain type hands down

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For a start, you'll know that the little metal clasps that hold the wire have a tendency to come loose as you ratchet the fence up, particularly on new shiny wire, often with a resounding "FLANG!!!" as the whole thing springs apart.

Then, as you try to join the wires you're tensioning you will know that the chain, now under tension itself. lies exactly parallel to the wires you're working on, making gripping them and twisting an exercise in frustration as you constantly become entangled with the chain.

And finally, when you've

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ioined the wires to the best of pliers to loosen the chain your ability and you hit the

(another "FLANG!!" as it all metal clasps with your fencing jumps apart), you will know



Australian-design fence tensioner form Backsaver

as you see much of the tension you'd achieved going to waste as the loop of wire you'd been working on takes up much of the tension you'd achieved in the rest of the

Well, here's some good news: the ever-innovative Michris Janse van Rensburg, designer and manufacturer of the Backsaver range of small farmer implements and planters, has developed a tensioner that overcomes all of those problems. Based on an Australian design, the new tensioner comprises five lengths of sturdy steel flat bar bolted together to form a device that looks much like a pair of lopping shears. The two long handles are

way up their length in such a Continued on page 35

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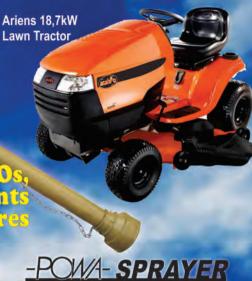
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## **INVASIVE ALIENS**

## Replace aliens with indigenous lookalikes

ou might not wish to cut down an established tree on your property just because it is an alien unless ordered to do so by an authority because such an action may leave an unsightly gap in your garden. However, there is good news: in many cases you can go ahead and remove alien trees, replacing them with indigenous alternatives which perform in much the same way in terms of shade, height

and spread, and which are less damaging to the environment

The Gauteng Smallholder has written extensively over the years about the challenges we face in dealing with invasive alien plants (IAPs). And, of course, winter is a good time to cut down exotic trees or remove dead ones and to replace them with a suitable indigenous tree.

Our focus would be on eliminating invasive aliens,

which are a threat to our natural biodiversity. What makes an alien plant become an invader?

- ☐ Absence of natural enemies.
- ☐ Similar conditions to native country.
- ☐ Vegetative reproduction.☐ Prolific seed production, long-lived seeds.
- Effective seed dispersal mechanisms, such as water, wind and birds.

However, just because a tree

is indigenous doesn't mean that it will grow well on a Gauteng plot. Trees from the Western Cape with its wet winters or from some areas in Kwa Zulu Natal will find our frosty winters too hard to handle.

A common alien tree that should be replaced is *Acacia mearnsii* or Black Wattle. This tree competes with and replaces indigenous grassland and riverine species. Your

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way that they each grip the wire to be tensioned, and the harder you pull the handles together the harder they grip the wires, so there is no danger of them loosening, even on smooth wires.

Because of the length of the handles, (which can be made as long as you like by slipping a piece of pipe over each

handle end) you are able to achieve a good strong tension with the force building up on much the same fulcrum principle that a nut-cracker works on.

When you have the wires as taut as a guitar string, a chain is hooked between the handles to hold them firmly together.

A piece of flexible binder wire is then twisted around the wire to be tensioned outside each of the handles and, using a screwdriver, the handle of your fencing pliers or a fencing tool, you twist the wire around and around the wire to be tightened, each twist drawing in the slack and making the fence taut.

This is achievable, without becoming entangled with the tool, because the fulcrum of

## **-**USEFUL STUFF

the two arms is kept well away from the work area by the length of the arms, and a short piece of steel that joins them.

Once you have achieved the desired tautness, the securing chain is detached from one arm and the tool removed to

reveal a perfectly-tensioned wire, as taut as it was when you were working on it. The fence tool may be ordered from Backsaver and can be delivered by mail. For more information: Michris Janse van Rensburg, tel 073 454 -111









## **INVASIVE ALIENS**



Rhus lancea (Karee) in flower will attract bees and other insects.

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plot can be invaded by dense thickets of black wattle, which reduces the grazing area for your livestock. An evergreen tree growing 5-10m high, black wattle has dark olive-green, finely hairy leaves, rough, greyish bark, small pale yellow to cream, globe-shaped flowers in large, fragrant sprays, (August to September) and finely haired, dark brown seed pods. If you are replacing the tree in your garden, you will want something of a similar size and shape.

You might consider one of the species of Karee as a replacement.

Rhus lancea Karee is a very hardy, evergreen, drought resistant tree with a graceful, weeping form. The dark, fissured bark contrasts beautifully with the long, thin, bright, trifoliate leaves. The inconspicuous yellowgreen flowers (male and female flowers on separate plants, therefore only female

plants bear fruit) from June to September attract insects and bees and are followed by bunches of edible fruit that attract birds. The small flowers are borne in abundance and give the tree a lacy look when in bloom. It thrives in clay soils and is fast growing if watered regularly, even though it is also drought hardy. It makes a great climbing tree for children if the lower branches are not pruned off. Plant in sun or semi-shade in virtually any soil type and it grows up to 8m.

Rhus leptodictya, Mountain Karee, is also a very hardy, evergreen, drought resistant, small, decorative tree with a drooping crown of bright green foliage. The bark on young stems is reddish brown, becoming darker and rougher as the tree matures. The lovely reddish wood is used to make beautiful small pieces of furniture.

The inconspicuous flowers

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are borne from January to April. These are followed by bunches of edible fruit which attract birds to the garden. It grows in most soil types and makes a beautiful, graceful tree that is ideal for a small garden in sun or semi-shade. It is also beautiful as a small avenue tree.

It is a valuable fodder tree especially in times of drought or when little else palatable is

Buddleja saligna or False Olive

green in the veld.

The replacement tree should also not be too slow growing. Of course the terms 'fast' and 'slow' in the context of trees are relative terms. Indigenous highveld trees usually grow at a rate of between half a metre to a metre in a year patience is always required when growing trees.

The Buddleja saligna, False Olive, has become one of the most popular indigenous trees

in Gauteng, due partly to its relatively fast growth. It can reach a height of 3-4 m in just a few years, thus providing excellent screening in the shortest possible time.

However, being fast does have its disadvantages. Sometimes the Buddleja can look 'scruffy' after a few years, and because the branches are not as strong as other species, they often tend to droop after heavy rains, especially if they are carrying masses of flowers. Despite these potential drawbacks this is still a worthwhile species to choose. If you allow it to grow into its

natural form, you will be rewarded with masses of white flowers which attract a multitude of insects, and it's not uncommon to see this plant covered in beetles, ants, butterflies and bees during the flowering season.

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Succulents may be described as plants which are adapted to store water in their leaves. branches or stem bases in order to be able to survive long periods without water. These plants come in all shapes and sizes, from trees such as the baobab at more than 20m tall, to miniature soil huggers, just a few millimetres high, which mimic their pebble-desert surroundings.

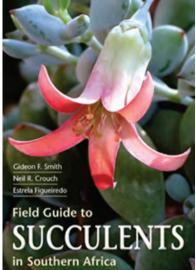
This user-friendly, richly illustrated field guide features more than 700 southern African succulents, focusing on the most interesting and commonly encountered species.

An introduction to families and their key features will help readers identify the relevant plant group, while concise accounts describing the plants' diagnostic features, along with distribution maps, will enable quick ID of species.

More than just an ID guide for plant lovers, this book will inspire gardeners who are turning to indigenous, lowmaintenance and waterwise plants for cultivation. The book is published by Penguin Random house and

the recommended price is

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## Songs of Love and War ~ The **Dark Heart of** Bird Behaviour

here is a wide variety of bird books available, but this one is somewhat different in focus: Songs of Love and War ~ The Dark Heart of Bird Behaviour, by Dominic Couzens (Bloomsbury, 2017), R389.

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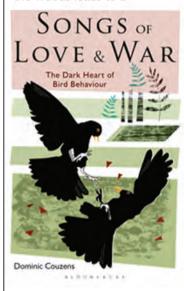
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The author delves into bird behaviour and uncovers its purpose and meaning. But this is more than just an inside look at bird behaviour, as this book also represents a personal journey of discovery. What starts as a desire to learn more about the birds encountered on a regular father-and-son walk through the woods leads to a



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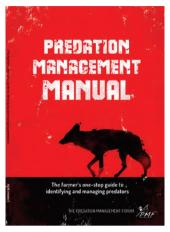
The Predation Management Forum (PMF) provides a platform for liaison and coordination of activities of commodity organisations in the livestock and game ranching sectors, aimed at reducing losses incurred as a result of predation by means of ecologically and ethically acceptable methods which protect the biodiversity of South Africa. The wool, mohair, red meat and wildlife industries have pooled their resources to create a space for collating and analysing reliable information on predation and predation management methods, which will be made available continuously to a manageBOOKSHELF

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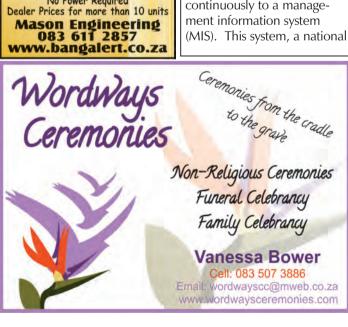
asset, will make information readily available to all users. The forum has partnered with Agri Connect to produce a predation management manual in collaboration with industry experts Dr Gerhard Verdoorn and Niel Viljoen. This manual is a one-stop tool aimed at helping farmers and smallholders to identify the predators on their properties and to choose the best methods to control them.

The manual gives information about the PMF and its Code of best practices. It introduces the concept of integrated predation management, discussing preventative and remedial measures. Veld, small-game and livestock management are unpacked, followed by a detailed chapter on identification of predators. Readers are also helped at the post-predation stage in terms of identifying cause of livestock death.

The manual is available, free of charge, in English and Afrikaans. Go to www.sasmallholder.co.za and find the download under the O&A tab.











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## **DIARY**

ATTENTION CRAFT MARKETS, CLUBS ETC: If you would like details of your events included in the Diary, please fax or email your information to the Editor. For non-commercial enterprises this service is FRFF

NOTE: FARMERS' & CRAFT MARKETS. For a listing of REGULARLY HELD markets and fairs please see the separate section on page 47. Only markets that are held infrequently are now listed in this calendar section.

Every Sunday
Cattle drive with City Slickers breakfast,
Diamond X Cowboy Ranch, near Cullinan.
Call Rudan on 082 410-3180
horses@diamondxranch.co.za,
www.diamondx.co.za, R500 per person.

Mnandi Methodist Church, 09:00, Mnandi Centre, cnr Tulip and Short Streets, Jen 012 651-5509. Gail 072 477-0708., A small community who worship together. We have a Youth and Children's church.

Premier Mine Presbyterian Church, Lower Oak Ave, Cullinan. Garden of Remembrance (Columbarium), 079 060-9990 or 012 734-1640, Worship and Sunday school. Holy Communion for all on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Every Monday Alcoholics Anonymous. 'Courage to Change' Group meeting, 19:30, Benoni Agricultural Holdings, Marcus 082 0427730. Warren 082 335-0049. Glen 072 239-3024., If you want to drink – that's your problem! If you want to stop – that's our problem! No fees; no dues; just concerned fellowshin

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#### <u>July</u>

1: Snake Awareness First Aid For Snakebite and Venomous Snake Handling, Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge, Gauteng. Email Ashley -

admin@africansnakebiteinstitute.com
1: Crafts in the Park Food & Craft Market,
Bokkie Park, Southvale Road, Parkdene,
Boksburg. 09:00 to 14:30. Free entrance.
Up to 80 craft and food stalls, live music.
Call 072 713-3332 or
info@craftsinthepark.co.za

2: Country Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-8003

3-7: Cattle pregnancy testing and calf rearing, five-day course, Krugersdorp. Call 078 546-7985

4-5: Dairy Processing Course: Yoghurt and Maas Manufacturing (2 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. Call Annetjie Loubser, aloubser@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-9153 or Thabisho Phasha, PhashaT@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-7273

9: Full moon

6-9: SA Green Industries Council training in the identification and management of invasive alien species, Pretoria. Four modules of one day each. Cost per module R912. Contact Hazel or Kay at Tel 011 723-9000 or download the forms at www.invasives.org.za/legislation/item/936-sagic-invasive-species-training. 9: Antiques & Craft Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-8003

18-21: Dairy Processing Course: Cheese Manufacturing (4 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. Call Annetjie Loubser, aloubser@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-9153 or Thabisho Phasha, PhashaT@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-7273

23: New moon

24-26: Sheep and goats course, Krugersdorp. Call 078 546-7985 28 – 30: Aloe Weekend at Witkoppen Wildflower Nursery, 363 Valley Rd, North Riding. 8:00 - 17:00. Ph 011 516-0262 29: Topic: Experience Chelsea 2017 at Garden World, Muldersdrift. Join Kirstenbosch-SA Chelsea designer David Davidson & Efekto for an informative morning on David's experiences at the Chelsea Flower Show in London. 09h30 for 10h00. Cost: R80 pp & includes the talk & slide show presentation, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. For more information & to book, contact Garden World on 011 957 2545, 011 956 3003 or 083 997 6142 or visit

www.gardenworld.co.za 29: Snake Awareness First Aid For Snakebite and Venomous Snake Handling, Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge, Gauteng. Email Ashley -

admin@africansnakebiteinstitute.com



30: Advanced Snake Handling, Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge, Gauteng. Email Ashlev -

admin@africansnakebiteinstitute.com

#### August

5: Mother & Child Fun Day with a Flower Arranging Course at Garden World, Muldersdrift. Join Colleen McGillivray and Interflora for a fun-filled morning where we will show you how to make a beautiful flower arrangement, the perfect workshop for mother & child. 09h30 for 10h00. Cost: R130 per child & includes the workshop, refreshments as well as fabulous prize giveaways. For more information & to book, contact Garden World on 011 957 2545, 011 956 3003 or 083 997 6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za

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info@craftsinthepark.co.za

6: Country Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-

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Pretoria Uitzig: 2 Ha te koop tussen Hartbeespoortdam en stad. Netjiese 4 slk, 3 badk, moderne kombuis, TV/sit/eet kamers. Veilige braaiarea, dubbel motorhuis, netjiese tuin met besproeing, sterk boorgat. Baie stil en mooi area. Eienaar tree af. R1,6 milj 072 390-8892

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Belfast: Wednesdays - Ermelo: Thursdays - Standerton: Fridays

Vleissentraal Ermelo 017 819 1106 www.vleissentraal.co.za





9: Dairy Day at Belnori Boutique Cheesery, Nest Park, Bapsfontein. 09:30 for 10:00. Wide range of speakers as well as exhibitions and stalls. Food on sale. Booking essential. Email Rina Belcher on belnori220@gmail.com

9: Makeover with Hannon Bothma, the Glam Guru, at Garden World, Muldersdrift. Rediscover your own beauty potential and look at yourself in the mirror again with a fresh new perspective. 09h30 for 10h00 Cost: R200 pp & includes the demonstration, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. For more information & to book, contact Garden World on 011 957 2545, 011 956 3003 or 083 997 6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za

12: Cooking Demo with Johan 'Panda' du Preez from Starke Ayres at Garden World, Muldersdrift. A fun filled, informative morning with gardening and cooking professional Panda. He will teach you how to sow summer vegetable seeds with flair, and how to whip up a delicious meal with his own brand of joie de vivre! 09h30 for 10h00. Cost: R150 pp & includes the talk / demonstration, a goodie bag, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. For more information & to book, contact Garden World on 011 957 2545, 011 956 3003 or 083 997 6142 or visit

www.gardenworld.co.za 13: Antiques & Craft Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-8003

15-18: Introduction Course to Beef Cattle Management (4 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. R2 680. Call Annetiie Loubser, aloubser@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-9153 or Thabisho Phasha. PhashaT@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-7273 19: 50 Shades of Green with Denny van

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walnut, prune, pomegranate, pecan nut, apple, cherry

pear, fig, quince, mulberry, lemon and grape vines.
Shade Trees

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21: New moon 21-25: Introductory Course in Poultry Production (5 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. Call Annetjie Loubser, aloubser@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-9153 or Thabisho Phasha, PhashaT@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-7273

26: Growing Edible Flowers in your Spring Garden at Garden World, Muldersdrift. Join Sandy Roberts for her talk on growing edible flowers in your spring garden with recipes & delicious samples to taste. The Margaret Roberts books, Herb Journal & new 'Indigenous Plants' book that she cowrote with Sandy will be on sale. 09h30 for 10h00. Cost: R100 pp & includes the talk / demonstration, a goodie bag, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. For more information & to book, contact Garden World on 011 957 2545, 011 956 3003 or 083 997 6142 or visit

www.gardenworld.co.za

26: In Tune with Nature at Garden World, Muldersdrift. Join MayFord Seeds for a delightful spring afternoon laced with good gardening advice from gardening editor Tanya Visser, paired with heavenly music & song brought to you by SA's most wellknown conductor, Richard Cock. 13h00 for 13h30. Cost: R100 pp & includes the event, a goodie bag, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. For more information & to book, contact Garden World on 011 957 2545, 011 956 3003 or 083 997 6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za

30: Sheep Day, organised by Hi-Performance Feeds, Meyerton. Inoculation and de-worming, planning and management of pastures, optimal feeding and livestock management. Venue: Zomerlust. Cost R100. Booking essential, by 25 August. Vall 016 366-1398 or 083 676-8607 End August, dates to be confirmed: Second

Purebred Dexter Spring Show at the Willem Prinisloo Agricultural Museum, Rayton district. For details contact Kobus van der Linder 082 783-9605

#### September

2: Paint your own Unique Wall Clock at Garden World, Muldersdrift. Trudie Ayres from Mulberry Lane will show you how to paint your own unique Wall Clock using Annie Sloan Chalk Paint. 09h00 for 09h30. Cost: R350 pp & includes the workshop and everything that you will need to create your Wall Clock - including the clock movement & hands (clock diameter 35 cm), refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. For more information & to book, contact Garden World on 011 957 2545, 011 956 3003 or 083 997 6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za

2: Crafts in the Park Food & Craft Market. Bokkie Park, Southvale Road, Parkdene, Boksburg. 09:00 to 14:30. Free entrance. Up to 80 craft and food stalls, live music. Call 072 713-3332 or

info@craftsinthepark.co.za 3: Country Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-

5-7: Artificial Insemination of Cattle Course (3 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. Call Annetije Loubser,

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6: Full moon

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10: Antiques & Craft Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-8003

11-15: : Introductory Course to Small Stock Management (5 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. Call Annetjie Loubser, aloubser@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-9153 or Thabisho Phasha, PhashaT@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-7273

18-22: Aquaculture Management Course (5 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. R2 680. Call Annetjie Loubser,

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20: New moon

22: Equinox

24: Heritage Day

#### 25: Heritage Day spillover holiday

#### October

1: Country Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-8003

5. Full moon

7: Crafts in the Park Food & Craft Market, Bokkie Park, Southvale Road, Parkdene, Boksburg. 09:00 to 14:30. Free entrance. Up to 80 craft and food stalls, live music. Call 072 713-3332 or

info@craftsinthepark.co.za

8: Antiques & Craft Fair at Uncle Tim's Centre, High Road, Brentwood, Benoni. Call 010 590-8003

9-13: Meat Processing Course (4 days), ARD Animal Production, Irene. Call Annetije Loubser, aloubser@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-9153 or Thabisho Phasha,

PhashaT@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-7273 10: 14 hours of daylight in Gauteng (required by chickens to lay). Ends 12 March.

16-20: Introductory Course in Poultry Production (5 days), ARC Animal Production Trene Call Annetiie Loubser aloubser@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-9153 or Thabisho Phasha, PhashaT@arc.agric.za, tel 012 672-7273

19: New moon

#### **November**

4: Full moon

4: Crafts in the Park Food & Craft Market, Bokkie Park, Southvale Road, Parkdene, Boksburg. 09:00 to 14:30. Free entrance. Up to 80 craft and food stalls, live music. Call 072 713-3332 or

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7-10: Introductory Course in Pig Production (4 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. R2 680. Call Annetjie Loubser,

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18: New moon

22-23: Introductory Course to Veld/Rangeland Management (2 days), ARC Animal Production, Irene. Call Annetjie Loubser, tel 012 672-9153



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## Regular Gauteng Farmers' Food Markets

NOTE: This is a listing ONLY of markets held to a regular weekly or monthly schedule. Markets held less frequently are listed in the DIARY section of the magazine and we urge readers to check each month for dates and events of interest.

We would like this list of food markets to be as comprehensive as possible. If you know of farmers' food markets that are not listed here, please email us the contact details of the organisers, and details of the market. Only FOOD markets are included. Similarly, if you know of markets in this list that have CLOSED please inform us so that we can delete incorrect or outdated information. We invite you to tell us of your experiences when visiting these markets so that we can better inform our readers. Were they as advertised? Was the produce on sale plentiful, well-priced, well-presented and fresh? Email your comments to editor@gautengsmallholder.com

DAY	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO TO CONTACT	WHAT TO EXPECT
			Thurs	day	
Every Thursday	Bryanston Organic & Natural Market	09:00 to 15:00	Culross Road (off Main Road), Bryanston.	Konrad or Glenda 011 706-3671 or glenda@bryanstonorganicmarket.co.za	Quality hand crafted goods, unique art and fresh organic and naturally grown produce
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1st Friday	The Shed Night Market	18:00 to 22:00	109 Malcolm Road, Randvaal	Felicity 073 232-0017 or 081 011-9456	Food & craft market.
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Every Saturday	Tuinhekkie Farmers Market	08:00 - 14:00	cor Lazar Ave & Merwe Road Bootha Plots, Randfontein	Amanda Hefer 073 565-8905	Handmade products, numerous food stalls, flowers live entertainment most Saturdays, farmyard for the kids
Every Saturday	Verster Park Tuin Mark	09:00 - 15:00	Plot 21, Lang St, Verster Park Bronkhorstspruit	Maggie van Rheede 061 887-4149	Hand crafted goods, art, naturally-grown produce Community market to promote local business
Every Saturday	Wholefood Country Market	09:00 - 14:00	Sawasdee Exotic Nursery, cor Main & Zinnia Roads, Kyalami	Robyn 083 311-4768 wholefoodmarket@gmail.com	Variety of organic & homemade foods
Every Saturday	The Shed Food & Craft Market	08:00 to 15:00	109 Malcolm Road, Randvaal	Felicity 073 232-0017 or 081 011-9456	Food & craft market.
Every Saturday	Pretoria Boeremark	05:30 to 09:30	Pioneer Open Air Museum, Silverton.	012 804-8031 or 082 416-3900 blinsga@lantic.net	Fresh produce and traditional bazaar treats like jaffles, kaiings with pap and boerewors rolls.
Every Saturday	Bryanston Organic & Natural Market	09:00 to 15:00	Culross Road (off Main Road), Bryanston	Konrad or Glenda on 011 706-3671 glenda@bryanstonorganicmarket.co.za	Quality hand crafted goods, unique art and fresh organic and naturally grown produce
Every Saturday	The Hazel Food Market	08:00 to 14:00	Greenlyn Village Centre, cor Thomas Edison & Mackenzie Sts, Menlo Park, Pta	Rietha 083 554-5636. www.hazelfoodmarket.co.za	Fresh produce straight from the producer. Coffee, eats on sale
Every Saturday	Walkerville Farmers Market	09:00 to 15:00	R112 Main Road, Walkerville	079 076-7680 info@wfmarket.co.za	Fresh produce, arts & crafts, food court and kids play area
Every Saturday	Walkerville Country Market	09:00 to 15:00	Walkerville Showgrounds on the R82	Noorunisha 074 141-8485 market@walkervillesa.co.za	Fresh produce, crafter's market, food court, craft ber Kid's play area and pet friendly
Every Saturday	Bosheuvel Fresh Produce	09:00 to 15:00	54 Glory Road, Muldersdrift	Mitch 082 553-2846	Meats and vegetables, delicacies, honey, cheese, brewery, crafter's market and children's entertainment.
Every Saturday	Market @84	09:00 to 14:00	84 On Main, Walkerville	Ariel 078 223-9238	Fresh organically grown produce and crafters market
Every Saturday	The Fresh Produce Co-op Weekly Farmers Market	07:00 to 11:00	49 Olifantsfontein rd, Glen Austin	Stall inquiries: fpcstalls@gmail.com Co-op: info.freshhproducecoop@gmail.com	Fresh produce, pickles, preserves and home industry and craft, food etc.
1st Saturday	Jozi Real Food VEGAN Market	09:00 to 15:00	Pirates Sports Club, Braeside Avenue, Greenside	083 532 2992 whitespace@mweb.co.za	Arts & crafts, live music, vegan cuisine, organic vegetables & coffee
1st Saturday	The Green Market	09:00 to 12:00	Pretoria Botanical Gardens 2 Cussonia Avenue, Brummeria, Pretoria	Melissa 083 562-5249	Products ranging from solar equipment to organic food
1st Saturday	Victus Christi Arts & Crafts Market	08:00 to 14:00	24b Miles Sharp Street, Rynfield, Benoni (north side of Bunny Park)	Schalk 082 561-9409 info@victuschristi.org.za	Arts & crafts, fine art, food, fresh meat & produce and home industry
2nd Saturday	Brakpan Boeremark	09:00 to 14:00	cnr van der Walt and Dirk van der Hoff Brakpan	Marius 011 744-2322 082 904-8852	Over 50 stalls. Food, arts, crafts, etc.
Last Saturday	Fresh2U Farmers Market	08:00 to 14:00	Corner Main Street and High Street Modderfontein (behind 33 High Street)	Jane 083 376 5567 Chantelle 082 338 7818 wardek@iafrica.com	Over 50 stalls. Fresh produce, home made goods, plants, food and more.
Last Saturday	Fresh Produce Market	08:00 to 13:00	Lakeside Mall Boathouse	Alma 079 940-0201 realfood4realpeople@gmail.com	Local fresh produce direct to the public
Last Saturday	Windpomp Market	08:00 to 14:00	Broodblik & Koffiepit on the R51 between Petit & Bapsfontein	adelekoffiepit@gmail.com 083 445-1608	Homemade crafts & food stalls bakery & coffee shop and entertainment
Sunday					
Every Sunday	Fourways Farmers Market	10:00 to 15:00	Corner Montecasino Boulevard and William Nicol Drive, Fourways	011 465 0827 www.ffmarket.co.za	Get your groceriesIn the garden!
Last Sunday	Aloe Valley Food, Arts & Craft Market	10:00 to 14:00	48, R511 Doornrandjies	012 669-3043 info@serendiptiycafe.co.za www.serendipitycafe.co.za	Community market to promote local business



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## Take a restorative break

olidays may be the preserve of the well-to-do but in this country where all is not always as it seems and madness and chicanery are features of our daily lives, it is very easy to become angry and depressed.

And let's be honest, if you're in business, either for yourself or for a boss, trying to make headway in the current recession can

be pretty depressing in itself.

To maintain, if not restore, one's sanity, and to start to see the world through refocussed eyes, one must take a break from this madness.

And there's nothing like a bit of enforced idleness on a beach, in the Karroo or high in the mountains to bring about the required calmness of mind to carry on.

Calmness, it must be said, that junkies probably receive from a good joint. But let me hasten to add that I am in no way encouraging the ingestion of prohibited substances. I am merely making an observation.

And on this matter I think I speak from experience ... not about the joint, you understand, but about the need for holidays. For many years our family was too poor and too busy building

up a business to take proper holidays and certainly those that we did do, to the South Coast, for example are vividly remembers by our now adult children as having been memorably exceptional.

We certainly weren't a family, like so many of those Transvaal families of the 50s and 60s were, that spent every June holiday at Southport or Margate or Toti in the same accommodation, and doing the same thing, year after year.

In more recent years, however, my wife-of-long-standing and I have been taking a regular annual break and I have come to realise how essential these have been.

You see, for my entire life I have been an avid consumer of the daily news. There was a stage, before newsfeeds on one's cellphone and computer came into being, that I would read at least two, if not three or four, newspapers a day, in addition to listening to news bulletins on the radio and watching the evening news on TV. You could say I am a news junkie, and, certainly, I am an asset to any team in the general knowledge section of a pub quiz night.

But nowadays? I become increasingly depressed at the contents of newsfeeds and bulletins. Crime. Corruption. Incompetence. Theft and grand larceny. The Guptas. Jacob Zuma. Nkandla. Recession. Gigaba. Prasa. Eskom. The nuclear deal. White

Monopoly Capital. Not to mention Brexit and Donald Trump, global warming and Islamic militants. Was it ever ... EVER ... as bad as this in the old days? I don't think so.

This endless diet of grunge, served up with a liberal side-helping of bullshit-speak by the politicians and their spokesmen, inevitably leads one to anger. And anger inevitably leads one to view the situation as "us versus them" (and I don't need to spell out who the "us" is and who the "them"is).

And this in turn leads to a sense of hopelessness and despair.

Maybe it's time to pack up and go... And I have to admit that for the first time ~ ever ~ dinnertime conversation in our family has turned to questions such as "If I were to leave, where would I go?" and "What qualifications does one need in Thailand/Korea/Canada/Australia/New Zealand to teach/practice/work/whatever?" "Stop the world, I want to get off." Well, no. That's not necessary if you climb into your car and take a drive through our incredible country. Drive slowly down the Stormberg Pass (my favourite). Or cruise endlessly



through the Great Karroo. Or wind your way through the Valley of a Thousand Hills. And stop in small villages, and stay in quaint B & Bs. And smile at the locals, who will smile back and greet you as only South Africans do.

And slowly, minute by minute, hour by hour and day by day you will feel your equilibrium and sense of reality return, as will your love of the country and its people.

And maybe, if you're lucky, you'll return from your equilibrium-restoring sojourn to find the Saxonwold Shebeen has closed, Jacob Zuma in jail and the Guptas have gapped it to Dubai. Ah, well... we can but dream...

But drive slowly on your holiday, to avoid the potholes that lurk on every unmaintained backroad you care to travel along. And don't drink the water if you can help it. Firstly because there isn't much and secondly because it's hopelessly polluted, thanks to municipal incompetence and bureaucratic larceny.



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