

Message from the Editor

Hello all, and welcome back.

Hope you all had a great break and wishing you all the best for 2012. We have so much news we had to add some pages to this edition. See photos from the 2011 end year function, meet some new colleagues and catch up on family news. Enjoy!

Caryn

All the best for 2

News Award

New Water Demand Management Studies

The Water Demand Management section has done us proud with the award of three major new projects: Wadeville, Emfuleni and Ekurhuleni. They won the jobs against tough competition, and all three are large jobs which should keep the section busy for a couple of years.

Our Sebokeng Pressure Management Project won the prestigious International Water Association 2011 PIA-Development Award in the Drinking water category. The inaugural awards ceremony and reception took place at the 2nd IWA Development Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 23 November 2011.



The Drinking Water "Hardware" category was the most competitive category and received entries from all over the world. The WRP/Emfuleni project took the top award and it is a good reflection on our expertise.

Charity

Manie en Gerda's effort with their stationary project, Woord en Brood, paid off with about 1600 children benefitting. Thanks to those who contributed enormously, all the stationary costs were covered.





Long Service Awards

10 years and more



Front left to right: Chantelle Neethling, Paul de Sousa, Ronnie Mckenzie Back left to right: Willem Wegelin, Niel Meyer, Pieter van Rooyen Absent from photo: Susan Swart

5 years and more

Front left to right: Riana Renke, Mathilda Mabena, Caryn Seago Back left to right: Brad Astrup, Mthoko Mhlotshwa Zama Siqalaba, Manie Maré, Colin Talanda Absent from Photo: Constance Makola

Special Awards 2011

Best Development



Mthoko Mhlotshwa & Takalani Mamphita

Best Attitude



shiamo Mphane & Boeta Swart



Mathilda Mabena

Client Recognition

Nsika Zondo



Friendliness

Tshilidzi Godzwana



Best Photo

Tshidi Ford



In December 2011 Ronnie came 84th in the SA champs in which 120 competed, 80 of which were international pilots.



Meet a colleague



Bennie Haasbroek

Bennie Haasbroek has been working closely with WRP for a number of years now. Bennie is a Hydrologist and studied at the University of the Free State (Institute of Groundwater Studies). He then started working at DWA: Hydrology as a bursar where he received in-job training on hydrological and systems analysis basin studies. After leaving DWA in 1998 he was appointed as Hydrologist with the CSIR: Environmentek and then left the CSIR in 2002 he started his own company called Innovative Solutions. The company was later rename Hydrosol after some changes. Hydrosol is a small company that specialises in hydrology, systems analyses and model development. Bennie manages most of the DWA model development work, a task which comes with its challenges a lot of the time. WRP is working with Bennie on a few water resources studies, with a steady flow of work going between the 2 companies.