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Message from the Editor

Hi everyone,
It's been a busy few months since our last newsletter went out in April this year, and therefore lots to report on in this edition. Welcome to all the new folk that have joined us in the last few months. The end of the year is fast approaching, and it won't be long now till we're celebrating at our end year function. Keep up the good work as the year draws to a close, let's finish strong.

Caryn

Project News

Well done to Ronnie and his team who were awarded a prize at the recent WRC awards evening. The award was the 2013 WRC Research Award for Information Policy and Decision Making Transformation for our report on the State of Non-revenue water.



News

Management

WRP is excited to announce that negotiations are underway to set up a BEE Trust in order to reward individuals in the company who have shown loyalty and to improve our BEE scorecard rating. Currently Zama, Tshilidzi, Mthoko, Nsika and Takalani will form part of the Trust. Zama will also step into a roll as Director of WRP. Congratulations to these colleagues.

3rd REGIONAL AFRICAN WATER LEAKAGE SUMMIT 2013

Following on from the successful series of Water Demand Management Workshops and Water Demand Management Master classes held bi-annually by WRP Pty Ltd since 1997; the 2013 Summit event was again a great success and for the third time had full IWA support and approval. The South African event was held over 2 days in both Johannesburg and Cape Town attracting more than 220 delegates between the two venues from 11 countries. This year's events were by far the most successful events held to date and they highlight the growing importance of water loss control in the African environment as they attracted delegates from many parts of Southern Africa including Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Zambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar and South Africa. In addition there were speakers and delegates from the UK, Australia and Germany

MIDRAND EVENT



The Johannesburg event took place in the Vulindela Auditorium of the Development Bank of Southern Africa while the Cape Town event was held at the famous 5-star Bay Hotel in Camps Bay. The Chairman of the IWA Water Losses Specialist Group, Mr. Tim Waldron travelled from Australia to open the Midrand event where he provided a key-note address on the latest developments worldwide on water loss reduction.

In Cape Town, the City of Cape Town provided great help and support through the efforts of Johan Prins and his colleagues from the Water and Sanitation Department. The high level of support for water loss reduction in Cape Town was demonstrated by the opening address which was given by Councillor Ernest Sonnenberg who is the Executive Mayoral Committee Member responsible for Water, Sanitation, Solid Waste and Electricity for the whole of Cape Town.

The Chair for the event, Ronnie McKenzie from WRP indicated that this year's event was undoubtedly the most successful event of its type held to date in South Africa based on the very positive feedback provided to the organisers by the delegates. The event is run on a non-profit basis and in this manner, the attendance costs are significantly below any of the normal commercial events. More than 20 speakers presented at the event including many well-known local and international specialists. In addition, the event encouraged 5 new young water professionals to present case studies which were very relevant and well received by the attendees.

Mr. Waldron, the Chairman of the IWA Water Losses Specialist Group, commended the organisers and all the speakers on a very high quality event with excellent papers and presentations. He indicated that it is the best regional water loss conference he has attended and he will certainly give full IWA backing to future events in South Africa.

CAPE TOWN EVENT



Abigail:

"It is actually so good to be home. I can appreciate the simple things we take for granted and miss the most especially when another country cannot provide our little comforts. Having said that I can only tell you want an incredible experience this was for myself and the SA Angels team. So many proud moments for us. Wearing green & gold, knowing you representing your country. Winning every game under extreme temperatures of 44 degrees on most days to get to the finals to be in a medalling position. All our hard work and efforts paid off as we finished off in 2nd place and received Silver. After all our hard work most of the team toured through Italy for another 2 weeks which was a fantastic experience, we visited the leaning tower of Pisa, the Colosseum in

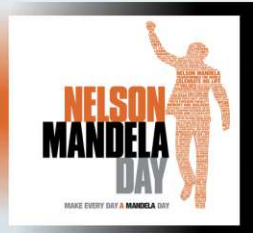


Rome, swam in the Mediterranean Sea off the Isle of Capri. We have been invited to participate in the European World Masters in Nice, France for 2015 and I have received my invitation to the World Master Games 2017 Auckland, New Zealand. So watch for more green & gold. Further to this the Provisional Masters Tournament is being held in Cape Town this month from the 20th – 24th September. I will be playing for one of the Ekurhuleni Gauteng teams (Cardinals)."



Congratulation Abigail,
you make us proud!

We extended a hand and touch so many lives on International Mandela Day, 18 July 2013.



The Vanderbijlpark Office donated a TV, DVD set, DVD movies and clothes, to the Vaal Aids Home Based Care in Sebokeng.





Project Boloka Metsi celebrated Mandela day with a special aged member of the Evaton Community, who was born on the same day as the founder of the day.



4Water Office spent their 60 minutes on the 18th of July at Daveyton Association for the Physically Disabled. The guys helped them by fixing their broken toilets. Irene, Khanyisa & Zoleka also helped them with the dishes and they donated food parcels & clothes to the centre.



The Pretoria Office donated toys, books and DVDs to the Mary Potter Oncology Centre at the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

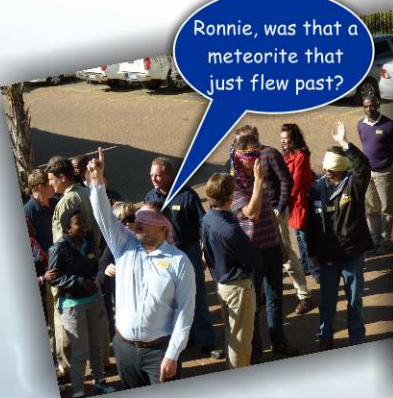
BIG thanks to everybody who contributed something on this day

The WRP Wadeville Office spend the day at Naledi Pre School in Katlehong. Toys & books were donated. Their play ground also got a face lift and all the playground equipment got painted.




Teambuilding


Thanks to everyone who participated in the team building event held in July. There was a great turn out, and it seemed everyone had a lot of fun getting to know colleagues different from those they normally work with. Congrats to the winning team who were able to work the best through all the challenges including tower building, lego construction, searching through a newspaper and a treasure hunt.



Ronnie, was that a meteorite that just flew past?



What did I do to deserve this?



I'm sure I can figure this out without the manual

