

Hi,

### Urgent – volunteers needed

Two committee members have stood down for re-election this year so, we urgently need 2 or 3 people to put up their hand and volunteer to be part of the committee. As requested, I will continue as President for the year but am looking to retire next year. We, the committee, can only work efficiently if there are enough of us to share the workload.

Last year the committee consisted of five members (who did an admirable job) and although three of us have agreed to stand again this year, we need help. Please volunteer!

As a non- profit organisation we are reliant both on volunteers to help run the club efficiently and on the funds we obtain through membership fees and sponsorship. The club is not only an avenue to meet and socialise with other Africans but also as a support network for new immigrants coming in from overseas and migrants moving interstate. Many members have told us how much they have appreciated the social interaction and opportunity to network both personally and professionally. In some cases this has led to long lasting and deep friendships.

Please take a look at website where you will find details on events that are scheduled for the rest of the year, [www.africaclub.org.au](http://www.africaclub.org.au)

We raise funds by:

- Charging an minimal entrance fee for non- members at functions ( Members and kids free )
- Offering advertising on the website with links to your webpage.
- Obtaining sponsorships i.e. Gold, Silver & Bronze.
- Advertising in the Indaba magazine.

We need your support, please join the committee, the club or renew your membership.

### Monthly meeting Friday 25 April

It's that time again and although it is Anzac day we hope to see you on Friday from 6pm at:  
West Brisbane Bulldogs Rugby Club  
Memorial Park, 65 Sylvan Road  
Toowong. (between the Regatta Hotel and the Milton Rd junction)

- Plenty of parking.
- Children friendly (there's a large park adjacent to the clubhouse).
- Boerewors rolls for sale - \$3

### South African Wines – Hanli & Dane

Our premium range is sourced from some of South Africa's most respected wineries based on their reputations for making wines of outstanding quality and value for money. The final test for a wine is "will the enjoyment put a grin on your face?" Our wineries share a similar philosophy; good wine for good times and good friends.

As a customer of South African Wines you can buy on-line with complete confidence. All wines are covered by our 100% money back guarantee and the latest in security encryption

technology ensures that credit card information is sent safely and securely. Or you can choose to print out your order and post it with a cheque or money order to South African Wines. Your wines are then promptly packed and delivered to your door.

We sell in multiples of 6 or 12. For your convenience and enjoyment your wine selection can be mixed bottles of various varieties. We recommend that you purchase in multiples of 12 as freight charges are relatively more economical.

<http://www.southafricanwines.com.au/>

## Events for 2008

Please forward any suggestions you might have with regards to social activities we could plan for the year.

## A living piece of South Africa - Coming to Victoria

Various steam powered South African Railway and Harbour Tugs, beautiful ships painted in brilliant colours with unique yellow and green funnels serviced various ports. Throughout the years, many of these unique vessels have been lost, and now there are only three surviving South African steam tugs left anywhere in the world! They are the "Ulundi", "JR More" and "Alwyn Vintcent." The "Ulundi" and "JR More" form part of the Port Natal Maritime Museum at Durban, both vessels being non - operational.

However.....The "Alwyn Vincent" was one of five almost identical steam tugs built in Italy for the South African Railways and Harbours Administration in 1958. Delivered under tow by the Dutch tug "Hudson", she arrived In Cape Town on 26th May 1959.

Following successful completion of sea trials, she was sent to Mossel Bay which thence became her main port of service and was officially commissioned on 15th July 1959. She was named after Alwyn Vintcent, a past chairman of the Mossel Bay Boating Company and member of the harbour's advisory board.

Her design was unusual, having an uncluttered aft deck for an additional role as a passenger tender for various large ships including the weekly "Union Castle" mailships when they anchored to load passengers and cargo.

Any South African able to contribute to assisting the "Alwyn" settle into her new home will be welcome to come and step aboard the vessel as many times as they like over any length of time, completely free of charge and enjoy a very real part of "home." To find out more please go to <http://alwynvincent.wetpaint.com/>

## Club sponsors

We have a three-tier club sponsorship scheme, with benefits depending on the level of sponsorship. This year's sponsors: BRONZE: ChangeLever International (Geoff Rip). Entelect Solutions (Shandell & Rialet) & BlueSky Financial (Hunter Wolf ). New sponsors, please raise your hands!

## Membership

The club started over 20 years ago and is a social forum and meeting ground of kindred spirits whether settling in Brisbane or just passing through. Our focus is to look forward, accept and become part of our new country with optimism, while not forgetting our past, our traditions, families and loved ones that may be very far from us. We are more than happy to provide information to new immigrants. Membership fee is \$30 per family for 2008.

## Donations

As always, we are looking for donations for our monthly lucky door prizes. We've had donations from Springbok Foods (boerewors & hampers), ChangeLever International (administrative support), Mirage Boat Hire (\$180 boat hire vouchers), Spar Chapel Hill (\$50 voucher), Simple Pleasures (\$100 voucher), Lisa Welsh (¾ hr free massage voucher), Pam Spratt (African tableware salad servers), H&K Restaurant Systems (movie tickets), Olivetto's Restaurant (\$75.00 voucher) Entelect Solutions (xmas gifts) ABSA Office Supplies (voucher)

## Website

Please browse our newly updated website. All advertisers, sponsors and latest photographs from our events and meetings are online at [www.africaclub.org.au](http://www.africaclub.org.au).

## Spread the word

Please spread the word about the club. Invite your friends and join us for a dop, a chat and a couple of hours, or more, of enjoyable socialising. Children are welcome.

Look forward to seeing you there  
Best regards

*Alison*

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PS - should you wish me to add a contact to my mailing list please forward their details to me

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