

Upcoming club events

Property Insights and Networking for South Africans 24th June 2009 18:00 @ Home Ideas Centre - Southbank, Brisbane.

An exclusive event for South Africans in association with our Gold Sponsor, Why Property. Hosted by the Africa Club.

Come along to the evening to learn more about property, learn about the club and opportunities where and how the club can assist you in your business. 66 Merivale Street, South Bank Brisbane.

This event will focus on education, research and financing for South Africans looking to take advantage of the opportunity in the current market conditions.

The evening will be a great networking evening for South Africans to get together, learn about the property market and meet others while enjoying a drink and some snacks.

RSVP: Maggie Van Staden at maggie@whyproperty.com.au to confirm your attendance or for more information about current property opportunities.

RSVP: John Cook at treasurer@africaclub.org.au for more information about sponsorship opportunities with the Africa Club of Queensland.

Next Monthly meeting 26 June 2009 18:30 @ Wests Rugby Club

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, the 26th June from 6.30pm 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 and other South African goodies for sale

Support the Pirate Chef - he is one of our members

Aidan is selling his baked goods at markets and will also make to order. He is trading as The Pirate Chef, specialising in koeksisters, melktert, financiers, custard tarts, coconut & pecan tarts etc. Orders can be placed via email. aidan@thepiratechef.me / www.thepiratechef.me or find him on

Saturday 20th June at Moggill Markets, Moggill Road

Sunday 28 June at Mount Tamborine Market, Long Road

Past events

The Johnny Clegg concert was awesome. A bunch of us (23) went along to the concert. It started a bit slow with people being hesitant to get up and dance, but once he played Impi, he had us all dancing along to the rest of the songs. Just realised that we are now truly also "Scatterlings of Africa".

One of our members summarised the evening very well - read her story below.

"I attended the Johnny Clegg Down Under Concert at QPAC last night. What a performance!!

Johnny Clegg, the white Zulu, a man who has embraced the Zulu culture in a land in which we as white South Africans were prohibited from embracing. He is to be commended for taking that step which we never attempted because of the barriers imposed on us by the apartheid system in which we lived. We were cut off from other communities and the rich African culture in which we lived.

I left the concert hall feeling proud to be a South African, proud knowing that I belonged to a land rich in diversity with such proud cultures.

The most profound moment for me was when Johnny narrated the story of the great Zulu kingdom brought down by the might of the Victorian British Empire. Johnny related how in 1879 Lord Chelmsford launched a campaign against the Zulu kingdom, ruled by King Cetshwayo, whose uncle was the great Shaka Zulu. Many battles were fought but there was one which stood out. More Victorian crosses were awarded to the men who fought this battle than any other in the history of the British Empire. The Zulus lost the war and the Zulu kingdom was dismantled and divided up into 13 chieftains. Cetshwayo asked for an audience with Queen Victoria which was allowed. He travelled to London and requested the queen that he continue to rule his people. He acknowledged that Queen Victoria was now the ruler of his people and asked that her crown be placed above his own. Queen Victoria said she would consider his request and he would have his answer by the time he returned to Durban. Upon Cetshwayo's return he was imprisoned and he died 3 months later. The effect and impact of the Anglo-Zulu war, however, was felt throughout the British colonies and the might of the Victorian British Empire was called into question.

Johnny then by introduction to his next song said that at the end of those many battles this would be the song that you would hear and to the delight of the audience, Johnny burst into the strains of "Impi!" The crowd was up on their feet applauding and dancing with the white Zulu:

*Impi! wo 'nans' impi iyeza
Obani bengathinta amabhubesi?
All along the river Chelmsford's army lay asleep
Come to crush the Children of Mageba
Come to exact the Realm's price for peace
And in the morning as they saddled up to ride
Their eyes shone with the fire and the steel
The General told them of the task that lay ahead
To bring the People of the Sky to heel
Mud and sweat on polished leather
Warm rain seeping to the bone
They rode through the season's wet weather
Straining for a glimpse of the foe
Hopeless battalion destined to die
Broken by the Benders of Kings
Vainglorious General and Victorian pride
Would cost him and eight hundred men their lives
They came to the side of the mountain
Scouts rode out to spy the land
Even as the Realm's soldiers lay resting
Mageba's forces were at hand
And by the evening the vultures were wheeling
Above the ruins where the fallen lay
An ancient song as old as the ashes
Echoed as Mageba's warriors marched away
Impi! wo 'nans' impi iyeza
Obani bengathinta amabhubesi?*

Johnny Clegg leaves a mark, an impression. I am left with a nostalgic longing for those African Blue Skies. The old cliché - you take us out of Africa but you can't take Africa out of your heart and soul, rings so true."

Kim Calverley

Upcoming events - other

Bok Van Blerk Tour - 11 July 09 @ Southport Shark Function Room. Have a look at the website if interested.

VIP: \$85 Adult: \$65 Child: \$45 (Ages between 4 - 12) Kids 3 and under - Free

<http://www.bokvanblerkdownunder.moogo.com/>

Facebook

The Africa Club is now on Facebook . Check it out! Click on Facebook to go to the group.
Load your own pictures and start your own conversations.

Club sponsors

We have a three-tier club sponsorship scheme, with benefits depending on the level of sponsorship.

This year's sponsors:

GOLD: Why Property

New sponsors, please raise your hands! We aim to assist you promote your business through our club. Please join us now.

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 2009.

Sabona Magazine

We are eagerly awaiting the next release of the Sabona magazine to arrive, so that we can sent that out to all our members. Remember, your membership to the club gets you a free subscription to the Sabona magazine. Make sure we have your latest address details or you might not receive your copy of the magazine. To update your address details, email your full name and new address details to: secretary@africaclub.org.au. If you don't receive the magazine, then it may be due to the fact that you have not yet paid your membership fee for the year. Please contact us on the same email if that is the case so that we can assist you to become paid up till next year.

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.

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

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