

Hi,

Monthly meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, the 27th March 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 for sale

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Friday. Only members may stand for nomination. As per the constitution the existing committee must stand down and be re-elected and a new committee formed. Please submit your nominations and/or your willingness to participate on the committee for 2009. I will not be standing for re-election and will be proposing Morne Barnes, our current Treasurer, to take over as President.

Voting in the South African election

Voting in the South African election South Africans living temporarily abroad and who are registered as voters are allowed to cast their vote in the upcoming South African elections. There will be a special voting day on 15 April 2009.

If you would like to vote, you have to apply for a special vote by 27 March 2009. You need to fill in a VEC 10 form, which can be emailed to the Independent Electoral Commission in South Africa. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.elections.org.za/Documents/Voting2009/VEC10%20absence%20from%20the%20Republic1.pdf> and it needs to be emailed to vec10@elections.org.za. You will need to take your green, bar-coded ID and passport when you go to vote. Voting in Australia is only at the South African foreign mission in Canberra.

You can check whether you are registered to vote on the IEC website at <https://www.elections.org.za/amregister/amregister.aspx>. More information is available from the IEC's website www.elections.org.za.

The Hippo Pool by Wendy Squair

In March 09 Book Guild Publishing will be publishing a book by Wendy Squair, *The Hippo Pool*. It is a story anchored in the village rondavels of Zimbabwe, involving tradition, family loyalties, betrayal, guilt and passion, *The Hippo Pool* encapsulates all the complex social dilemmas and opportunities confronting modern Africa. www.bookguild.co.uk

Sabona

Last year we trialled taking the middle pages of the Sabona magazine in place of publishing our own Indaba. We received positive feedback and will be doing same in their next edition. If you have a story to tell, an advert with an editorial, photos, recipes etc please forward to us so that we can make our Africa Club section and enjoyable read. All members will receive the Sabona magazine for 09.

Facebook

The Africa Club is now on Facebook - search for "Africa Club of Queensland".

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, BRONZE: 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 2009.

Donations

As always, we are looking for donations for our monthly lucky door prizes. Over the past year we've had donations from Award Wine (South African Wines), Springbok Foods (boerewors & hampers), The Butcher's Block (2 x \$25 gift vouchers), ChangeLever International (administrative support), Mirage Boat Hire (\$180 boat hire vouchers), Spar Chapel Hill (\$50 voucher), H&K Restaurant Systems (2x \$50 vouchers), 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 & 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.

SAbizConnect website

The aim of this website is to provide a free, comprehensive directory listing of Southern Africans in business in Australia that might be of need or value to expats.

This website has grown from a desire by Southern Africans in business to get to know what other "African" immigrants are involved in. To network together and to enjoy the benefits of working alliances, as well as being able to find products and services which are of value, whilst creating support and opportunity for fellow migrants. www.sabizconnect.com.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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President Africa Club

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

GOLD Sponsor: Why Property

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

BRONZE Sponsor: BlueSky Financial

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Donations: Springbok Foods

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