



GRASSHOPPER COUNTRY

The Great Brak River Museum News Letter

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Dear Friends

Grasshopper Country has just put the 2006/7 New Year celebrations behind us and to start this bright new year, we are changing our format. We have increased our membership quite considerably and in doing so; we hope to bring you more interesting news about our little village, the museum and what's going on.

The **Information Office** is open every day from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm and our three ladies will provide you with all your accommodation enquiries and information on the town and surrounding areas.

We are also home to the **Great Brak River Forum** and copies of all minutes are available for inspection. The Forums news letter can be found at forum@greatbrakriver.co.za

Our Museum Curator Nisde Mc Robert is the town's historian and is able to supply many details on Great Brak River's history.

The Museum Shoppe has many interesting items for sale including wooden toys, cards and other gifts. A large collection of previously owned books is on sale.

The 1924 Hydro Power Station dedicatedly restored by the Mossel Bay Municipality is in full working condition and the only remaining historic working hydro in South Africa. The hydro may be visited by contacting the museum in advance.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

The Hands on Crafts Workshop begins again on Tuesday 16th January at 9.30 am in the museum.

Contact Hope at 044-620-5124 or 083-378-1232.

Diarize the 24th January for the museum AGM being held in the Museum at 2.30 pm. Tea and cake will be served. **We need your membership and constructive input.**

Future Events

Watch out for 2009 Great Brak River will be 150 years old and we will be celebrating in style. Many special events will be organized. Any ideas? Contact Ina at 044-620-3338.

May 2007 The biannual craft display at the museum. Contact Hope at 044-620-5124.

HAVE YOU VISITED
OUR LOCAL
RESTAURANTS?

Stonehill

in Little Brak River for
exceptional dining.

[Phone 044-696-6501](tel:044-696-6501)

Whispering Waves

in Beach Boulevard.

Dias Beach

Small & intimate.

[Phone 044-692-8600](tel:044-692-8600)

De Dekke

on the R 102,
Great Brak River.

Variety restaurant & Bar.

[Phone 044-620-2531](tel:044-620-2531)

Pepper Tree

Long Street,
Great Brak River.

Coffee Shop and light
meals.

[Phone 044-620-3081](tel:044-620-3081)

Oddist Tea Garden

Old George Road,
Little Brak River.

Tea Garden and light meals.

[Phone 082-829-8587](tel:082-829-8587)

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De Dekke extension, R 102,
Great Brak River.

Coffee Shop and light
meals.

[Phone 044-620-2230](tel:044-620-2230)

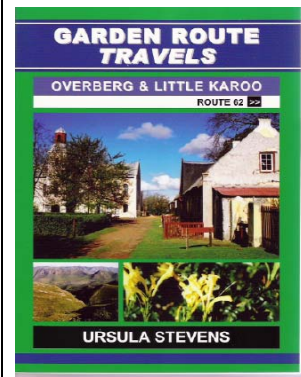
New Book on Sale!!!

GARDEN ROUTE TRAVELS

Overberg & Little Karoo Route 62

by *Ursula Stevens*

An easy-to-use travel guide to our area. Very contemporary with beautiful photos, sketches and written from first hand experience. So often guides just update and copy information. This guide is truly different! Excellent for foreign and local visitors and a must-have for those who want more detail on visiting even the smallest village on the Garden Route.



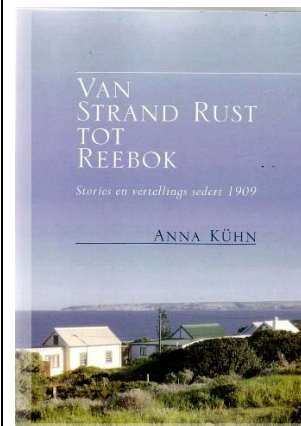
Only R145.00

VAN STRAND RUST TOT REEBOK

Stories en vertellings sedert 1909

Deur Anna Kühn

'n Pragtige boek met 'n gelamineerde voorblad wat sal hou as die boek oor en oor gelees word. 'n Kleinood vir enigiemand wat bekend is met Reebok, die geliefde stranddorpie van talle Karoo en binnelandse families. So ook die van Anna Kühn. Die boek word in 17 hoofstukke verdeel met 'n vooraf vertelling en 'n nawoord. Dan is daar ook 'n aanhegsel van dokumente en briewe. Hier en daar is sketse en blokkies met boere rate en resepte. Die boek boei die leser vanaf die eerste bladsy. As jy iets van die kultuur van strandhou in Desember weet, moet jy hierdie boek aanskaf. Jy sal saam met die skrywer nostalgies raak oor die ou dae en ure se genot uit hierdie heerlike boek put.

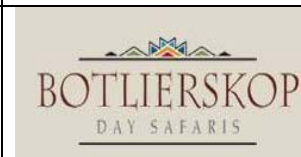


Slegs R 120.00

SA Tourism Snippets

"SA has the ability to safeguard every person coming to the 2010 Soccer World Cup", Danny Jordaan, says. Cape Times 18.10.06

Black domestic visitors spent on average more than whites for accommodation as well as for entertainment as per a tourism survey. However, they spent less on attractions. Cape Times 02.11.06



Just around the corner
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Points to Ponder

A man who cannot tolerate small misfortunes can never accomplish great things. - Chinese Proverb

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. - John Wooden

Nothing would be done at all if one waited until one could do it so well that no one could find fault with it. - John Henry Newman

KOETS STASIE IN
MOSSIENESLAAN??
Weet u dalk enigiets
van 'n koetsstasie wat
in Mossieneslaan was?
Indien u enige
inligting het, skakel
asb vir Ina by
044 620 33338

MUSEUM HOURS

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS: 9 AM- 4 PM

SATURDAYS: 9.30 - 12.00

The Great Brak River to Glentana Accommodation Portfolio

gbrtourism@intekom.co.za

We have more accommodation providers; email the Great Brak Information office at the above address or click on one of the following:

ESTABLISHMENT	ACCOMMODATION TYPE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	AREA
AMBIENCE AT GOLFERS BAY BOTLIERSKOP CALLASEKAIA CARPE DIEM CORRIEVALE EVERGREEN KIA-ORA	4 Star Guest House Guest House 4 Star Game Farm Self Catering Accom. Seeker Self Catering Self Catering Guest House	jcsteyn@mweb.co.za stay@golfersbay.co.za botlierskop@mweb.co.za pogi@mweb.co.za paulag@mweb.co.za corrievale@mweb.co.za evergreeng@telkomsa.co.za kiaora@kia-ora.co.za	Outeniqua Strand Tergniet Little Brak River Great Brak River Great Brak River Great Brak River Great Brak River The Heights, GBR

THE CURATOR'S CORNER

Great Brak River Hydro Power Station no. 2

Not many people realise that Great Brak River actually had a second hydro power station generating electricity. Just before World War II, in 1936, the second hydro power station came into operation.

Early in 1935 Searles Ltd. decided to modernise their factories and together with the increase in the demand for electrical power it was decided to change over from Direct Current to Alternate Current and to build a second power station of 150kW. The power station was to be situated in the valley directly below the present day water purification works.

Tenders were called for and in August 1935 Stewart and Lloyds were awarded the contract to supply and install the Gilkes Turgo Impluse Turbine and all associated civil works, A.E.G. Germany was awarded the tender to supply and install the 150kW alternator, electric motors and electrical gear.

All the Searles Company's four reservoirs are in the area called "Die Vlakte".

"Power Dam", so named as it was built for the first power station. Klipdam was constructed in 1928 to supply water to Power Station no 2. and after the water was used for generating power it was used in an interesting siphon action to convey water to a reservoir above the town. Although no longer in use the furrow which lead water down to the power station can be seen below the present day water purification works. It then runs below the remains of Power Station No. 2, under Amy Searle Street and up around the hill above the town. Remains of this furrow can be seen above the cottages in Long Street.

"Osdam" was built in 1936, and finally "Kunhardt's dam, named after the contractor who built the reservoir, in 1942.

Not much remains of the power station today but the ruins of the building can still be seen in the valley above Greenhaven and just below the water purification works when viewed from Amy Searle Street. At the Museum two photographs of the ruins can be seen.

