

The Quaggafontein Feeswa 2024! - A Festive Tradition That Brings Joy to Kwaggafontein

Derek Craig



As 2024 drew to a close and many of us embrace the privilege of hard-earned annual leave, the festive season officially begins in Kwaggafontein with an event that embodies the spirit of Christmas: the annual *Feeswa*!

This cherished tradition, organized by the QNA, transforms a humble wagon into a magical Christmas spectacle. Pulled by a tractor, the wagon - draped in dazzling decorations - travels through the gravel streets of Kwaggafontein, spreading joy and laughter to all who gather.

The festivities commenced at the Ferreira Museum with a heartwarming moment: Father Christmas himself (portrayed by our own Claude) rang a large, wall-mounted bell to announce the start of the evening. The resounding chime echoed not only through the museum grounds but also through the hearts of all present, setting the tone for a magical night.



Katlego and his sister, waving shyly at the passing Santa



Children eagerly lined the streets, their faces alight with excitement as they waited for the wagon's arrival. Some youngsters even got to ride on the wagon, while others stood ready to receive the highlight of the evening: a gift pack brimming with sweets and treats.

Each gift, handed out with care by two young elves, Sion and WJ, served as a reminder of the joy of giving - a cornerstone of the Christmas spirit. The duo cheerfully greeted the children and made each stop along the route a special moment for every child eagerly awaiting their turn.

Adding to the merriment was a lively convoy of cars following the wagon. Many of the vehicles, equipped with security lights and sirens, turned the procession into an improvised colourful parade. The flashing lights and lively sounds added a playful touch, creating an atmosphere of excitement for all ages.

The weather tried its best to dampen the evening, with rain clouds looming ominously overhead. Yet, as if by a Christmas miracle, only a few drops fell, allowing the festivities to proceed uninterrupted.



Left: Luwan, Henju and Wilhandrie joyfully receiving a present from the Elves

Right: Little Stian, holding his daddy's hand tightly while admiring his present from Santa in the other



Behind the scenes, Esna and Cecil Richards from Hancor need a huge hug for sponsoring and making up the presents, which consisted of sweets and treats that brought such joy to the children. Likewise, the effort that went into decorating the wagon, organizing the tractor drivers, and setting up the sound system was no small feat. The Christmas carols that played along the route added an extra layer of charm, reminding everyone why this event is such a highlight of the year.

As we reflect on the evening, it's impossible not to be moved by the sight of children waiting so patiently, their anticipation growing with every passing minute. Their smiles, their laughter, their sheer delight - these are the moments that capture the true meaning of Christmas.

The *Quaggafontein Feeswa* isn't just about presents or decorations. It's about community. It's about coming together to create memories that linger long after the lights are packed away. And it's about reminding ourselves, amidst the busyness of life, that the greatest joy lies in giving and sharing with others.

To the organizers, the volunteers, and everyone who contributed to this beautiful tradition - thank you.

As the festive season continues, we wish our community a time of peace, love, and safety. To those traveling, may your journeys be safe and to the QNA members remaining on duty to keep Kwaggafontein safe, we salute you.



Carlane, Joshua, and AJ, looking with joy at the passing Christmas wagon after receiving their gifts





PRINT HOUSE

DRUKKERS • PRINTERS

DESIGN • PRINT • SIGNS

COMMERCIAL PRINTING • SIGN MAKING
PROMOTIONAL GIFTS & CLOTHING



082 386 5988 051 444 1103

printhousebfn@gmail.com • find us on

@PrintHousebfn/ PrintHousebfn/

www.print-house.co.za

Building Connections: The iclix Story and Its Impact on Our Community

Derek Craig

Iclix, a prominent internet service provider (ISP) in the region, has become a household name over the past 16 years. But beyond its role in delivering uncapped internet and innovative solutions, Iclix has built connections that go beyond technology.

Community Engagement and Support

The Kwaggafontein Neighbourhood Association (QNA) faced connectivity challenges with their CCTV cameras, which are essential for community security. Iclix stepped in to support the initiative by providing the necessary connectivity using their towers, ensuring the cameras operated seamlessly. Additionally, they sponsor ongoing connectivity for the Neighbourhood Association’s cameras at no monthly cost.

This act of generosity underscores Iclix's commitment to fostering safer, and more connected communities.

Soon, the company will install new Iclix boards, a visible sign of their expanding presence. Local business owners and residents alike have benefited from Iclix's tailored services, which range from wireless internet to security solutions like remote camera setups for farms.

Pioneering Technological Innovation

Iclix is always ahead of the curve, continuously upgrading equipment and services. David Camcho shared plans for adopting Wi-Fi 6 by 2025, which will bring exponential increases in bandwidth and speed.

Whilst rolling out fibre requires dense population areas to be financially viable, the company is keeping a close eye on developments, ensuring they’re ready when the time is right.

For customers concerned about cybersecurity, David explained the systems are built with robust security practices, compliance, and measures taken to protect client’s data and privacy.

Whilst rolling out fibre requires dense population areas to be financially viable, the company is keeping a close eye on developments, ensuring they’re ready when the time is right. For customers concerned about cybersecurity, David explained the systems are built with robust security practices, compliance, and measures taken to protect client’s data and privacy.

Addressing Service Challenges

Weather, tower theft, and power outages are some of the challenges Iclix faces, yet the company has implemented measures to minimize disruptions. Many of their towers stay operational even during load-shedding. When disruptions do occur, David emphasized the importance of communication, encouraging customers to report issues directly.

To make this easier, Iclix launched the **Iclix Client App**, a handy tool available on the Google Play Store. The app lets users receive push notification and make support, sales, account and general enquiries.

“Feedback is king,” David says with a smile, “The sooner you let us know there’s an issue, the sooner we can help resolve it!”

To download the Iclix Client App, simply scan the QR code:



A Vision for Growth and Sustainability

Looking to the future, Iclix is committed to expanding its infrastructure for greater control and uptime. Their new headquarters, designed and built to their specifications, reflects their growing ambitions. Beyond internet services, Iclix now offers a range of technology solutions, including solar installations, CCTV, virtual server hosting, hotspots, VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), automation, software and website development solutions, as well as domain & email hosting.

David Camacho is one of 4 partners behind Iclix, together with John Antunes, Gerhard Pienaar and Rowan Budding.

David’s passion for IT began in his school days, playing LAN games with friends. This curiosity evolved into a career when he studied Computer Systems Engineering, blending networking, programming, and electro-technical knowledge. From its humble beginnings, Iclix has grown into the largest wireless internet provider in Bloemfontein and has spread its wings all over the Free State as far as Riebeeckstad in Welkom and surroundings in the North, Senekal and Ficksburg in the East, Springfontein in the South and Jagersfontein in the West

David emphasized his focus on innovation and community-centred solutions. The Iclix Client App, a reflection of this ethos, empowers customers to stay connected while ensuring their concerns are addressed efficiently.

Message to Clients

As Iclix continues to innovate and expand, David’s message to clients is clear: “We’re here to provide reliable, cutting-edge solutions while staying deeply rooted in the community we serve.”

Through their commitment to technological advancement and community impact, Iclix stands out as more than just an internet provider—it’s a partner in progress for the people and businesses it connects.



Makietie saam met inheemse spesies

Claude Jones

Baie Kwaggafonteiners sien uit na die vakansietyd in Desember om net bietjie af te skakel en tyd saam met familie en vriende deur te bring. So ook natuurlik na ons jaarlikse buurtbraai.

Die buurtbraai was gehou op 27 November 2024 by die “studentehuis” saam met van die inheemse spesies.

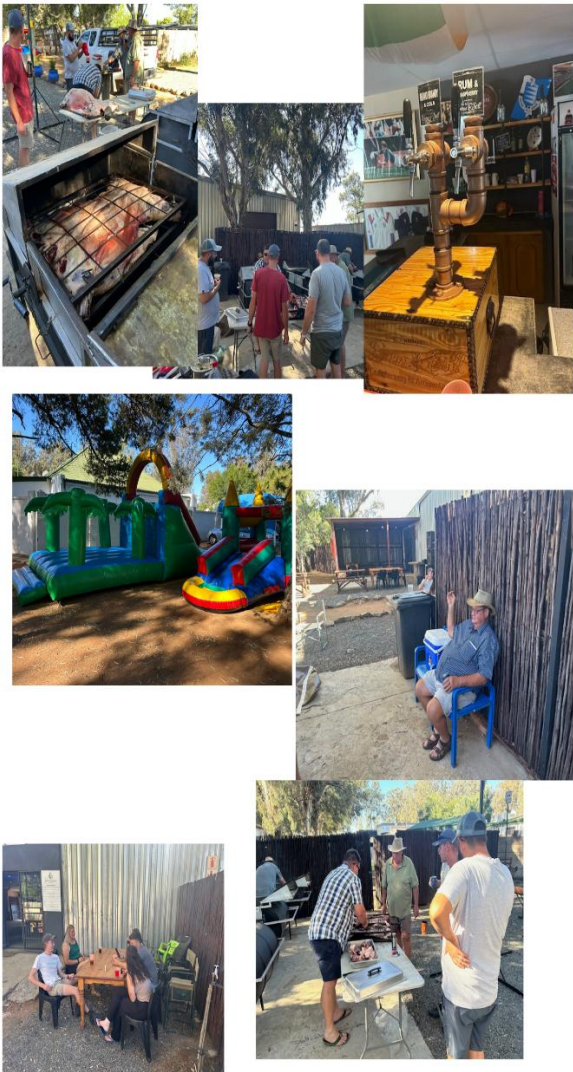
QNA se bestuurslede het gesorg vir die groot en lekker makietie. Ons het iets anders die jaar probeer as net ’n tradisionele “Bring-en-Braai” of “Dop-en-Tjop”. Ons het ’n Spit met lekker bykosse gemaak - aartappelslaai en dan klein cocktail buns. Vir drinkgoed was daar “Rum en Raspberry” en “Brandy En Cola” kegs gewees. Oom Bart se Welkom Shooters was ’n treffer.

Die byeenkoms was heerlik. Nuwe vriendskappe is gebou en ook ou vriendskappe weer hernu. Almal het lekker makietie gehou en rugby gekyk soos dit hoort in ons buurt Kwaggafontein. As Jy nie daar was nie het jy baie gemis, of as jy daar was en dit nie geniet het nie, was jy dalk nie by dieselfde makietie gewees nie.

Ons as QNA-bestuur wil graag aan elke Kwagga en inheemse spesie baie dankie sê vir die van julle wat daar was. Ons wil ook graag almal bedank wat dit moontlik gemaak het dat ons Kwaggas ’n lekker watergat gehad het vir die aand. So bou ons samewerking en buurtgees.

Maak seker dat julle 2025 se jaareinde buurtbraai bywoon.

Kwagga-groete.



"Zibi Returns: Kwaggafontein’s Feathered Custodian Takes Charge"

Derek Craig

Guess who's swaggering back into our lives? It's none other than Zibi, South Africa's most beloved ostrich, and he's on a mission to make Kwaggafontein cleaner than ever.

The grand launch of the Zibi project took place on Wednesday, the 29th of November 2023, and the Kwaggafonteiners were already abuzz.

But wait, how can you, dear citizen of Kwaggafontein, contribute to Zibi's quest for cleanliness? It's as easy as taking a leisurely stroll outside your property. Pick up any papers, plastic, or discarded items you come across, throw them into a black bag, and leave the bag outside your gate on the morning of collection day. Then, leave it in the capable hands of Oom Bart, Zibi's chauffeur, who will drive past your address and whisk away your bag of refuse—free of charge!

Future Zibi days will be announced on the community WhatsApp group, so keep your eyes peeled for the next chance to help “Zibi”

So, let's all join hands, or feathers, and make Zibi's return a roaring success. Kwaggafontein, get ready to witness the cleanest streets and the happiest ostrich.

Send a Picture to the “Kwagga ‘Rant” with you picking up rumble.



THE FACE OF CRIME
HAS CHANGED



I T R - WE SECURE



Change to the Company that is a step ahead!

For ALL your security needs

Professional Ethical Efficient

Tel 051 422 5454 Cell 082 7759197

Steel & Wood Pro’s: Crafting Dreams One Beam at a Time

Derek Craig

Francois du Toit, the proud owner of Steel & Wood Pro’s, has been shaping the Free State landscape—one sturdy roof at a time—since 2006. Whether it’s a carport, a massive storage shed, or even an aviary for exporting exotic birds, Francois and his team are the go-to solution for all things steel.

But how did it all begin? Francois’ journey to becoming a steel maestro started long before his welding sparks ever flew. Born with a knack for working with his hands, Francois explored various crafts in his youth. After high school, he pursued a degree in Agriculture at the University of the Free State, followed by an honour’s degree in wildlife science. However, life has a funny way of forging unexpected paths, and Francois found himself drawn to steelwork.

Operating primarily in the Free State, covering areas like Bethlehem, Brandfort, Petrusburg, and Bloemfontein, Francois thrives on constructing functional and durable structures, especially for farms. His work comes almost exclusively through referrals which is a testament to his reputation for quality.

A Growing Business and a Fiancé’s Valued Contribution

Francois lives on a plot in Kwaggafontein, where some preparation for projects begins, but most of his work happens on-site.



Over the years, Francois’ fiancé became an integral part of his business, managing the books with the kind of precision only a partner could muster.

As the business expanded and projects became more complex, the finances turned into a challenge of their own. Francois recalls with a laugh, “She handled the books like a champ in the beginning, but when the figures started resembling algebra equations, she threw in the towel!” Smiling, he added, “It was either bring in a bookkeeper or let the finances take over our relationship!”

Now, with a professional bookkeeper in charge and his fiancé happily cheering from the sidelines, Francois can concentrate on what he does best: creating stunning steel masterpieces and driving his business forward.

Craftsmanship and Collaboration

Francois’ love for steel shines through every project. From designing sloped roofs for solar panels to constructing a 1600 m² aviary in Bainsvlei, his technical expertise ensures durability and functionality. He’s also a team player—if you need electrical work, flooring, or even solar panels installed, Francois knows just the right contractors to call. “We tend to find each other on construction sites,” he says. “It’s like a quality assurance club—if one of us recommends someone, you know they’re good.”



The 6 P’s Philosophy

If you’re wondering how Francois maintains his impeccable standards, the answer lies in his business philosophy: Proper Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance. These six P’s are more than just words; they’re the foundation of Steel & Wood Pro’s success and the reason clients keep coming back for more.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, Francois envisions taking on bigger and more complex projects, continuing to innovate and customize designs to meet client needs. “If it can be welded together, we’ll build it,” he says confidently.

Get in Touch with Francois

Ready to bring your dream project to life? Francois is just a phone call away. For a free, no-obligation quote, contact him at 083 329 4821. You can also check out his work on Facebook, but chances are, you’ll hear about him through the grapevine—just like most of his happy clients.

Steel & Wood Pro’s: where every beam, weld, and design tells a story of craftsmanship, collaboration, and community.



6P’s t/a

Steel & Wood Pro’s

Propper Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance

Sheds, Carports, Warehouses, Fencing etc.

083 329 4821

Kwaggafontein’s Battle Against the Flames: A Story of Community and Courage.

Derek Craig



On Saturday, December 14, 2024, Kwaggafontein experienced a dramatic and potentially devastating fire - just days before Christmas. Known for its spacious plots and veld vegetation, this rural community faced a significant challenge when a blaze erupted on the border of Kwaggafontein and Fichardt Farm. The fire, originating from a small building, quickly spread through the dry vegetation, fuelled by shifting drafts.

The alarm was first raised via the Kwaggafontein Neighbourhood Association (QNA) emergency WhatsApp group, initiating a well-coordinated response. The QNA’s central command immediately activated higher-level groups like the Bloemfontein “Brand Group” and the “Sector 6 Family group”. These communication networks, monitored by dedicated role players, proved critical in mobilizing resources.

First Responders Spring into Action

The QNA firefighting team was among the first on the scene, equipped with two firefighting trailers carrying pumps and water tanks. Alongside these vehicles, community members armed with rubber "plakke" tackled the flames head-on. Initially, the team managed to control the fire. However, as the water tanks ran dry, the fire regained momentum, spreading rapidly with the shifting wind direction. The urgency of the situation grew as the fire advanced toward residential areas, including Brandkop and Ou Bos.

Reinforcements Arrive

The sight of additional responders brought relief to the embattled team. Among the reinforcements were the Mangaung Fire Department, Fire Ops SA (the firefighting wing of AfriForum), ADT, and Working on Fire (WoF). While vehicles provided crucial support in reachable areas, the rugged terrain of the kopje required the expertise of foot teams like Working on Fire. Armed with blowers and plakke, they bravely confronted the blaze.

At Ou Bos, the fire came dangerously close to a shed filled with braai wood. Swift action by the combined teams prevented what could have been a significant loss. Remarkably, no injuries to people or animals were reported during the firefighting efforts.

Heroes Amongst Us

The fire highlighted the extraordinary spirit of the Kwaggafontein community. The young Bennie Richards became a local hero when he noticed a tortoise trapped in the flames. Without hesitation, Bennie rescued the tortoise, ensuring it was unharmed. His bravery was a bright spot in an otherwise tense situation. Well done, Benjamin. Oom Jannie, a cherished figure in the community, made his mark on the day in true "Oom Jannie style." While navigating the rough terrain, his vehicle suffered a flat tire, possibly from a stray nail. Of course, the community couldn’t resist teasing him, suggesting that next time he leave the bakkie at home and bring one of his trusty tractors instead. After all, with his fleet of machinery, he’ll surely be unstoppable!

Gratitude and Reflection

SP Nel, the QNA chairperson, expressed profound gratitude to all the role players who assisted during the crisis. “The QNA cannot make Kwaggafontein work on its own. Collaboration is essential,” he stated, emphasizing the importance of community partnerships. He also extended special thanks to Alta, the QNA control room chief. Despite being wheelchair-bound due to Multiple Sclerosis, Alta’s dedication to monitoring communications and coordinating efforts are always invaluable.

A Community United

This incident is a testament to the power of community spirit and collaboration. From the swift response of local firefighting teams to the support of organizations like Fire Ops SA, Mangaung Fire Dept., ADT and Working on Fire, the combined efforts ensured a successful outcome.

Looking ahead, we plan to dedicate a separate article in the new year to honour all the role players who contributed to the firefighting efforts. Each organization involved has its own remarkable story to share. For example, did you know that AfriForum has partnered with Fire Ops SA and established branches not only in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal, but also here in Bloemfontein? These partnerships highlight the incredible scope and dedication of the groups and organizations that rally in times of need.

Gratitude and Reflection

SP Nel, the QNA chairperson, expressed profound gratitude to all the role players who assisted during the crisis. “The QNA cannot make Kwaggafontein work on its own. Collaboration is essential,” he stated, emphasizing the importance of community partnerships. He also extended special thanks to Alta, the QNA control room chief. Despite being wheelchair-bound due to Multiple Sclerosis, Alta’s dedication to monitoring communications and coordinating efforts are always invaluable.

A Community United

This incident is a testament to the power of community spirit and collaboration. From the swift response of local firefighting teams to the support of organizations like Fire Ops SA, Mangaung Fire Dept., ADT and Working on Fire, the combined efforts ensured a successful outcome.

Looking ahead, we plan to dedicate a separate article in the new year to honour all the role players who contributed to the firefighting efforts. Each organization involved has its own remarkable story to share. For example, did you know that AfriForum has partnered with Fire Ops SA and established branches not only in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal, but also here in Bloemfontein? These partnerships highlight the incredible scope and dedication of the groups and organizations that rally in times of need.

A Year of Collective Achievements

As the year draws to a close, this fire stands as one of many events that defined an extraordinary 2024 for Kwaggafontein. The community has continually demonstrated its commitment to progress, unity, and preparedness. Significant milestones achieved throughout the year include road repairs, replacing damaged stop signs, and organizing association meetings. Beautification projects such as sidewalk maintenance further enhanced the area’s appeal.

Safety remained a priority, with daily security patrols and the finalization of CCTV monitoring, bolstering vigilance. The community’s rapid responses to emergencies, be it fires, crime incidents, or other crises, were a testament to its readiness.

Social gatherings, including the much-loved community braai, the *Geeswa!* and the *Kerswa!*, fostered solidarity and strengthened bonds among residents.

Among the year’s notable achievements, the QNA successfully refurbished one of its firefighting trailers, transforming it into fully functional equipment. Additionally, the association acquired a tractor with a trailer and a *“bossie kaper” (pun intended)*, expanding its capacity to maintain the area’s green spaces. In another effort to enhance the environment, the QNA partnered with Anchor of Hope to clear and maintain the sidewalks across the community.

These collective accomplishments highlight the resilience, resourcefulness, and pride that define Kwaggafontein. From small yet significant projects to large-scale emergency responses, the community has shown what can be achieved when neighbours come together with shared purpose and determination.



Marnus Kritzinger from Fire Ops, mopping up.



KWAGGA
BAR & EATERY

**AFTER
WORK**

WEDNESDAY
& SATURDAY

DANCE NIGHT

Dance first | think later
It's the natural order!

8PM TILL LATE

2ND AVENUE KELLYSVIEW BLOEMFONTEIN



VR SEC

**Why you should choose
VR SEC and VR MED**



VR MED
Emergency Medical Service

This year marks 28 years since we started VR Security to provide a professional and quality service to residents and businesses in Bloemfontein.

Numbers to Save
VR SEC – 087 2500 005
VR MED – 087 537 2662

Alarms – CCTV – Off Site Monitoring
Events – Guarding – Medical Response
Armed Response

VR MED is a Bloemfontein private ambulance service that has proven time and time again why they are the best



QNA Gemeenskapsprojekte

Claude Jones

In ons eie dorp waar al die Kwaggas van Kwaggafontein bly, was ons baie besig met verbeteringe in ons woonbuurt. Daar was 3 projekte wat gedoen was in die tydperk van ’n maand: Baie van die oorgroeide gedeeltes was skoon- en netjies gemaak. Die meeste van ons padtekens is ook vervang waar dit dringend noodsaaklik was en laastens was daar van ons ingangspaaie ook weer netjies en mooi gemaak. Ons as QNA bestuur wil graag hoë standarde stel om Kwaggafontein een van die beste gemeenskappe te maak.

Eerstens: Baie van die wilde grasvelde was skoon- en netjies gemaak. Benewens dat dit onnet lyk, hou dit groot gevaar in tydens brande. Ons het op die dag sommer ook ’n baie lekker Trekkerfees gehou. QNA het in samewerking met Anchor of Hope die projek aangepak oor verskeie dae.

Tweedens: Meeste van ons padtekens is ook vervang waar dit noodsaaklik was. Soos almal weet het Kwaggafontein het stop- en toegetekens. Het Julle dit geweet? Ons as QNA-Bestuur het besluit dat uiters dringend was om dit reg en in plek te kry, voor dronkies in mense se heinings in ry; dit mag dalk ’n klein nagmerrie wees. So op ’n baie warm dag op 2 November 2024 het van ons QNA-bestuurslede in samewerking met van ons QNA patrollielede die belangrikste borde vervang om die dronkies bietjie te keer. Derdens: Ons het ingangspaaie ook weer baie mooi gemaak. Op Maandag 2 Desember 2024 het van QNA-bestuurspanlede saam met Tau Pele die projek aangepak om weer van ons Paaie reg te maak. Die projek het omtrent ’n week geduur. Dankie ook aan Sangweni vir hulle borgskap om dit moontlik te maak.

In ’n neutedop is dit wat plaas gevind het in ons geliefde Kwaggafontein wat projekte aan betref. Ons as QNA-bestuur kan dit nie doen sonder ons mede-Kwaggas nie.

In ’n neutedop is dit wat plaas gevind het in ons geliefde Kwaggafontein wat projekte aan betref. Ons as QNA-bestuur kan dit nie doen sonder ons mede-Kwaggas nie. Dit is ook dat die gemeenskap kan sien hoe die ledegelde jaarliks bestuur word. Dit is om ons Gemeenskap Kwaggafontein beter te maak. Ons as Kwaggafonteiners doen dinge self en tesame.

Anchor of Hope kan gekontak word by: 0833251899



Are You Looking For

ELECTRICAL SERVICES

- INSTALLATIONS.
- MAINTENANCE.
- BACKUP SYSTEMS.
- SOLAR SYSTEMS.
- REPAIRS.

Contact us for any and all electrical and solar solutions. We are always here to assist you.



079 979 9880
stephan@iskservices.co.za
www.iskservices.co.za

Die Trekkerfonds-projek

Claude Jones

Quaggafontein Neighbourhood Association(QNA) is besig met ‘n trekker projek ter bate van die gemeenskap en hulle benodig julle hulp. Quaggafontein Neighbourhood Association(QNA) se mikpunt is R75 000.

QNA se voorsitter verduidelik graag die doel van die trekker koop vir die buurt; “Om paaie wat gereeld ‘n skraap nodig het te skraap, en die paaie beter in stand te hou. Verder gaan ons probeer sypaadjies van betalende lede ook te sny. Die trekker kan dan ook gebruik word om betalende lede se veld skoon te sny vir n minimale fooi wat ten bate van die gemeenskap se finansies gaan. Ons wil graag ook noem dat ons nou reeds...R31 200 beskikbaar het vir die doel van QNA se kant af en dat ons graag nog R45 000 van die gemeenskap wil invorder. Sodra ons dan op die R75 000 merk is, dan koop die buurt hulle eerste trekkerjie.”

Dink net hoe mooi sal dit wees as ons eie gebrandmerkte trekker te besit. ‘n QNA trekkertjie in die strate van Kwaggafontein rondbeweeg. Om nie te praat van hoe mooi die area gaan lyk nie. Dit sal natuurlik ook ons brand gevare op vele vlakke verlig. Help asseblief mede Kwaggafonteiners.



BEST HOME SECURITY COMPANY

WINNER 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

STOLEN Yes, it happens... Got it back!

HELP US TO SECURE OUR THRONE AND VOTE US BEST HOME SECURITY

WINNER 10 YEARS

051 430 2010
WWW.BLOEMSEC.CO.ZA

BLOEMSEC



In the Trenches

In die Loopgrawe

Hannes Etsebeth

27 Aug: We receive information form one of our informants in the area regarding two suspicious men walking in Foelie Street. The team investigated the incident and requested the people to leave the area.

05 Sept: We received a tamper warning on a gate motor; the team responded swiftly and found that the gate motor was faulty, and the technician was busy working on it.

10 Sept: The team responded to a veld fire between Langenhoven Park and Kwaggafontein. We had to work hard with Mangaung fire, Fire Ops and Working in Fire to get the fire extinguished. Even though it caused quite a bit of damage we were able to stop it before it caused damage to any structures and or too much field.

14 Sept: We received great news that the VW Polo that was responsible for two burglaries in Kwaggafontein was apprehended, and the occupants were arrested on numerous complaints including attempted murder, breaking, and entering among other.

14 Sept: The team responded to report of a suspicious persons climbing through the fence at De Stallen Guesthouse. ITR security supplied backup and the team patrolled the area in search of the two men, but were unable find them.

26 Sept: We got a report of a motorcycle accident on the N8 close to the Brendar turnoff. When we arrived, EMS was already on scene treating the injured person. We assisted in taking the damaged motorcycle to the owner’s home.

29 Sept: The team responded to a veld fire at Brandkop at the Pelissier side. We were able extinguish the fire before it got too high up the hill.

01 Oct: Another veld fire, this time behind Itau, the wind was blowing quite strong, so the team had to move quickly. We were able to detain the fire, but unfortunately, it burned down quite a big part of the zoo’s field. Some wildlife was unfortunately killed also.

12 Oct: One of our residents reported a person jumping the fence and running in the field. The team responded quickly but unfortunately were not able to find the person.

16 Oct: We were requested to assist on yet another veld fire. This one more in the direction of Kelly’s View, but the wind was pushing the fire in our direction. We responded with our firefighters and extinguished the fire before any severe damage to property was caused.

29 Oct: Suspicious person moving around in Foelie Street taking note of all the electric gate motors. One of our team members confronted the person and assisted him in leaving the area.

07 Nov: We responded to a suspicious red Audi with Gauteng number plates. Before we arrived at the scene the vehicle left, but we were able to track it via our cameras, and we confirmed that it left the area.

15 Nov: We got a report of a vehicle loading what seems to be copper cabling next to the N1 close to the N1 bridge at Brandkop. We responded and found freshly burnt cable armoring under the N1 bridge. We also found a spot where cables were stripped right next to the location where the vehicle picked up the cables. The authorities were notified, and they are investigating the case.

16 Nov: One of out patrollers found a man seriously intoxicated in Marjolein Street. We removed the person from the street onto the sidewalk to prevent him from being driven over and or causing damage.

21 Nov: We responded to an attempted rape at the clubhouse at Brandkop. When we arrived, the assailant was already gone. We did, however, got a good look at his face on the cameras, and we circulated the footage.

27 Nov: We got a distress call from one of our residents in need of an ambulance and assistance with the gate not opening. Ricus form Bloemsec responded swiftly to the scene and assisted the ambulance personnel to get access to the premises.

27 Nov: Report of a suspicious person lying in the street in Marjolein. The team responded and assisted the person to leave the area.

03 Dec: Attempted burglary at Haldon House. The team responded in a record time and the person was apprehended close to the Truckstop at the Makro robot. SAPS was on scene and the case is still being investigated.

12 Dec: We assisted our neighbors from Bloemdal with a big veld fire. They had some severe damage including houses and vehicles that were burnt down.

14 Dec: Big veld fire close to the Fichard farm, the fire spread onto Brandkop and caused quite a bit of damage. A lot of our team members participated in fighting the fire.

28 Dec: Veld fire next to the railroad in Marjolein street. Power line fell over, and the transformer was on fire. Our team responded and got all the necessary authorities on scene asap.

As you can see, we participated in quite a bit of veld fire fighting this year. On 1 November we engaged in 31 veld fires already. Some small, and other quite big ones. Furthermore, the number of suspicious pedestrians picked up over the last four months: Remember YOU are the eyes and ears, please notify us of any suspicious movements in the area, so that we can investigate and be visible in the area.

May you all have a prosperous 2025

Yours in safety

Hannes Etsebeth



Om te adverteer in die “KWAGGA ‘RANT” kontak enige van die onderstaande persone. Maak nou die regte besluit en bemark jou besigheid by Ons.

- Claude Jones (Redakteur)

+27 67 138 4408
- Derek Craig (Nuusredakteur)

+27 74 862 9641

Om enige Bydraes of Dienste te lewer aan die QNA te maak gebruik die QR Kode of kontak asseblief vir SP Nel by +27 83 552 2030

NOODNOMMERS

- Ambulans

10 1777
- Polisie

10 111
- Brandweer

051 405 8141
- Mangaung

051 405 8911
- Centlec

051 409 2252