



Alfred County Herald 2025

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Chairmans Chatter



Alfred County had a very successful rally at Tweni Lagoon Resort after we were informed by Hibberdene River Resort that major maintenance is to be done and that they cannot accommodate us.

Although only a few members attended, all enjoyed an oxtail pot prepared by me as well as celebrating my birthday. Saturday we also had a very nice braai at the Lapa.

Alfred County is in the process of planning the rally programme for 2026 and will hopefully be finalised at the AGM. Please make a date in your diaries for the AGM on 26 July 2026 during the rally at Marlon.

The payment of our annual CCSA subscriptions is highlighted on page 3.

All the best to each and everyone.

Johan

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The Rally of quick adaptations.

We all were expectantly looking forward to the Hibberdene Rally to be held in May 25. A venue that we were looking forward to exploring as we did not camp there in the near past. We were all rocked back into reality when the resort notified our Secretary and Financial Officer, Glenda Booker, that the board of the resort decided to cancel all reservations to do upgrades to the resort.

This has necessitated a situation that another venue be sought as to give effect to the planned date on the Calander. This influenced all members wanting to join the May rally. Luckily, the problems were addressed and all who wanted to enjoy the outdoor life again could come, select a site and put up the awning.

When arriving there, we noticed some changes that occurred since we last camped there. It was noticeable that the entertainment area the leaking grass top roof was replaced by a new roof that was much easier to maintain. This entertainment area, if needed to be used, were to be booked at a cost. Also, all the sites have been fitted with prepaid electricity meters – one has to go to the petrol station closest to the resort and obtain a “slippie” to be used to register the amount on units paid for. This was new to us as we did not know how much units to purchase and at what cost. For some of us we ran out of electricity on the last day, just before friendlies.

We are not only retirees going to rallies. In our midst we have Glen and Marius, working guys who make an effort to rally with us, arrived the Friday afternoon to join us. Thank you, guys.

Johan promised to make an oxtail pot. The preparing and cooking started early Friday afternoon. The plate to prevent grass burn, the flame burner and stand, and pot needed to be set up. The ingredients were added, and the long cooking and simmering started. This resulted in members gathering around the cooking area and a very nice “kuier” developed. Apart from the “kuier” activities, we all gathered to dish up and eat. It seemed so popular that some went for seconds – thanks guys, it is nice to see people enjoy their food.



Something about the campsite – it allowed us to form a lager, making it easy to have a common “kuier” place, easy in reach for all.



I have learnt that within the CCSA as well as Alfred County, a lot of effort need to go in creating special occasions for celebrations, whether it is a birthday, buying a new vehicle or caravan and even when certain milestones were reached. To give effect to this Johan celebrated his birthday on 24 May 25 (please do not forget the 30th June 25 – maybe you know who). He arranged a get together and some eats to enjoy.



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As usual, the friendlies started off at 10h30. Johan stood in for Ann Foxcroft, handling the time allocated for scripture reading and prayer, as the Foxies were not able to attend the rally – he read a story about the Wemmics, who lived a life of creating situations to distinguish between those who are not so good in comparison to others. Ultimately, they had to learn from their Creator, that each of them, and us, are special and that there should be no need to seek mistakes people makes.

When the fines master was asked to make him known, Glen Purdon slowly rose from his chair, his first time to fulfil this important role. Well done, Glen, you not only caught us out but also handled it in such a manner that we all had a great laugh about the funny things we have been unknowingly busy with.



Neil delved deep into his arsenal of jokes to tell and with that the friendlies and the rally came to an end. Again, thanks to all with their very special contributions.

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Payment of annual subscriptions.

It is June again, time to pay our annual subscriptions. For those five who had not done so yet PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY IN as soon as possible. If Alfred County can pay members subscription fees well before 30 June 2025 it hopefully will get a trophy from CCSA for this milestone reached. Glenda is awaiting your payment.

Next Rally – July (AGM)

The next Rally is at Marlon from 25 to 27 July 2025. It is also the time for the annual AGM where the new committee is to be voted in. The current committee has one year to go and has shown its willingness to be available for another year. Documentation pertaining to the AGM will be attached in a separate e-mail.

The Committee acknowledge the work being done by Glen Purdon and Marius Cloete regarding their comments regarding parks in our region. They love camping and obtain a wealth of knowledge on the parks they have visited. This information will be shared and used to decide on parks to be visited in 2026. As members contributions are very important, their attendance of the AGM is of crucial importance.

You are thus cordially invited to join us in enjoying another weekend of relaxation, fellowship and joy.

Banking Details

Caravan Club of SA – Alfred County

FNB Marine Drive Shelly Beach

Branch Code: 250062

Account No. 63003321287

Use your surname as reference

NB. If paying EFT R20 rally fees + park fees.

BIRTHDAYS

24 May Johan von Backström

30 June Neil Bosker (do not forget to phone him.)

ANNIVERSARIES

None for June

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Louis Manté

Arie Haage with the loss of Rosemary.

FROM THE PEN OF THE CHIEF RALLY MARSHAL

Hello County, trust all is well.



The last rally at Umtentweni Lagoon Resort was enjoyed by five member families. We had a quiet, pleasant weekend. Not a park to rush back to but a very useful venue to fill in should the need arise.

The next rally, arranged by Natal Province, is to be held at Karridene. The well-known and famous Banana games and Pedal car races are in the pipeline. This will be over the weekend 13/14/15 June 25. I trust you all have submitted your intentions and payment.

Friday is for setting up camp, prepare your own meal or whatever you have ordered from the food outlets. Braai fires will be lit on the Saturday and is for all to use. Johan has promised to make his famous "POT" for Sunday evening, this is available to all at a cost of R60.00pp. Please advise numbers for catering.

For all the activities planned, consult the program that was posted on the WhatsApp Group.

Hope to see you all there.

The July rally will be our AGM at an old favourite park, Marlon. The usual options on stays are being offered i.e. Stay for 7 pay for 5, stay for 4 pay for 3. The rate is R120.pppn plus a rally fee of R20.00 and Imali R10.00. We will once again avail ourselves of the "SHACK" offerings on Friday, Menu attached.

Please advise and make payment to Glenda by 21 June of your intentions.

That's all for now folks, see you soon

FRANK

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