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STAFF NEWSLETTER

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VC seeks funds for Rhodes abroad

ess than 48 hours after leaving the Graduation garden party, Rhodes Vice-Chancellor Dr David Woods was attending the first of several scheduled meetings in London, at the beginning of a two-week visit to Britain.

His meeting with the Chairman of British Water was the first of three in his diary for that day.

Dr Woods is accompanied on his trip by Mrs Woods and the Director of Marketing and Communications, Ms Aletta de Villiers.

Speaking before his departure he said that one of the major goals which he hopes to achieve in Britain is the establishment of a Rhodes Charitable Trust and the appointment of Trustees; "Men and women of knowledge and influence," he said.

"Such a Trust will enable United kingdom-based donors to our University to enjoy a measure of tax relief," he said, "as is the case in the United States, where a similar Trust was established some years ago."

Dr Woods will also, while he is away, be meeting with Chief Executive Officers of major British companies, especially those with an interest in South Africa and the Eastern Cape. He is, obviously, trying to attract funding for Rhodes.

While in Britain, and through the good offices of the Chancellor, Dr Gavin Relly, Dr Woods will be meeting with several influential British businessmen, at a function to be hosted by Dr Relly. He and Mrs Woods were also scheduled to attend the Old Rhodian re-union at South Africa House.

Dr Woods feels that it is important to the future of the University for him to build up long-term relationships with the people who he is meeting overseas. Amongst these are several Old Rhodians. "Furthermore," he adds, "relationships of this nature must be nurtured and enhanced, if necessary by means of annual contact.

Dr and Mrs Woods were due to visit Harare and Bulawayo en route from London to Grahamstown and planned to attend Old Rhodian re-unions in both centres.

A visit to the United States later this month, with similar objectives, is in the Vice-Chancellor's diary.

Honoured by Rhodes

ive Honorary Doctorates were awarded to well-known South Africans during this year's Graduation ceremonies in Grahamstown last month.

Dramatist Pieter-Dirk Uys received an honorary DLitt degree, that of Doctor of Laws (h.c.) was bestowed upon former Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes, Dr Derek Henderson and the Minister of Water Affairs, Dr Kader Asmal, and Dr Conrad Strauss was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Economics degree. The Archbishop of Cape

Town, Njongonkulu Winston Ndugane, received recognition as a Honorary Doctor of Divinity.

They joined some 1 000 Rhodes students who graduated during the week end of 18 April.

At a ceremony to be held in the East London City Hall on 9 May, a further 265 students will be awarded their degrees. Mr Justice Arthur Chaskalson, President of the Constitutional Court, will be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Laws (h.c.) at this ceremony.



Dr Conrad Strauss, Chairman of the Standard Bank Investment Corporation, is capped by the Chancellor, Dr Gavin Relly (above).



Staff pub closed tonight!

ave's Den will not be open tonight (May 2nd) due to the fact that many staff members are on leave. It will next be open on May 16th.



Professor Kader Asmal, Minister of Water Affairs (right), acknowledges the award of his Honorary Doctorate.



Letters to The Editor

Thanks from Councillor The Editor

I wish to express my thanks to all those Rhodes colleagues who supported my nomination to Council as the non-academic observer member. My successful election to this position is as a result of the most generous support of so many staff members.

I hope that during my term of office as an observer member on Council I will be able to serve the interests of all staff members. I will welcome contact from colleagues on issues of concern and where possible will attempt to assist in resolving any issues.

In my capacity as a member of the RUSA/NTESU RHODES Executive hodos invites
correspondence on
matters of concern to
the University community
which will indicate the wide
spectrum of views held and
will promote further
discussion.

A pseudonym is acceptable, but the writer must supply his or her full name and residential address to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.

Committee I am continually involved in assisting colleagues and I hope that my dual role will enable me to be more effective in the future.

Thank you for your trust in me.

Sincerely,

Mary Allen

Bank support for arts journalism course

R 1 000 prize for the best arts journalism student is the most recent token of the Standard Bank's ongoing commitment to a one-semester fourth year journalism elective which aims to fill an important gap in the media industry.

"Twenty-four hours before Pieter-Dirk Uys was to present the first Cue award for excellence in arts journalism, the Bank agreed to back the award with a cheque every year," said Catherine Knox, who runs the arts journalism course. "This made a wonderful surprise announcement at our departmental tea and prize-giving during graduation weekend."

The function was attended by Honorary Graduands Kader Asmal and Pieter-Dirk Uys and a crowd of over 100 graduates. parents and supporters. The idea of the Cue award was broached with the bank in February and acceptance of the proposal couldn't have been better timed, said Ms Knox. "I believe it's important to salute our high achievers, even if we can't find a sponsor to endow an award. Students are pleased to be recognised and appreciate the value of an extra certificate to plump out the portfolio. But a cheque makes all the difference. We are very grateful to the Bank for endowing the

Cue award so generously. I am determined that it will get back value in the form of publicity, which", she believes, "is the 'thank you' most appreciated by a sponsor."

The first winner of the Cue award was Liezel Vermeulen. a newly- graduated BJourn who is currently registered for Afrikaans honours. She maintains her close links with the journalism department as television teaching assistant. External examiner Darryl Accone (editor of The Star Tonight) agreed with Catherine that Liezel was an excellent student with exceptional potential. The essays she wrote in her final exam are to be published in a new arts journalism yearbook. They will hardly need any editing, said Catherine. In addition to the prize, The Standard Bank also picks up the tab annually for three return air tickets which enable practising arts journalists to visit Rhodes during second term. While here, they coach arts journ students in preparation for their work on Cue. This year's posse of professionals will comprise Adrienne Sichel of The Star, Allan Auld of SABC TV and Sandile Memele of City Press. Sichel spent two days at Rhodes recently.

Please tell Rhodos!

eads of Departments (and Directors of Institutes and Divisions) are invited to forward details of new staff members to *Rhodos*, with a picture if possible, for use in our regular editions.

This will enable us to bring such appointments to the attention of their colleagues.

Staff promotions which occur from time to time are also of interest to readers and notification of these would be appreciated. Information should be forwarded to the Editor, in the Marketing and Communications Division.

South African academics need more time

cademics in British
Columbia are expected
to publish far more
research papers than their
colleagues at South African
Universities.

This is the observation of a visitor to Rhodes, Professor Dennis Danielson, who is in South Africa to encourage research in English literature. The lecturer in the Department

of English at the University of British Columbia puts this down to the fact that academics at South African universities are expected to teach a wider range of courses within subjects, and are expected to have greater contact with students within a much shorter academic year than he is used to. "Universities need to give academics an important resource and that resource is time," he said.

He says that the academic standards at South African Universities compare well with those at the University of British Columbia and that there is far more contact between colleagues and students, especially at Rhodes and Potchefstroom.

Prof Danielson has visited Unisa, Wits, Potch, UCT and UPE, as well as Rhodes, and he delivered the Shakespeare Birthday Lecture to the Shakespeare Society of Southern Africa towards the end of last month.

Four from same family graduate

o less than four members of Grahamstown's well-known Naran family graduated last month, an occasion for celebration.

One of them, Daksha, who obtained her MSc in Ichthyology, told *Rhodos* that Naran is the name of her great grandfather. His only child, her grandfather, came to South Africa in the early part of this century and he and his wife had six children (three boys and three girls), all born here.

"They were all partially or fully educated in India, due to the old education system," she remembers. "My aunt Santi is the oldest; next is my Dad, Thakor, and my Uncle Jayanti". The two men are the owners of Naran's convenience store on New and Hill Streets. "My late aunt, who was tragically shot and killed last year, and her husband owned Vijay Fruiterers on High Street."

Daksha's two cousins (Jitendra and Nitin), children of



From left to right at the Graduation garden Party, Jitendra, Daksha, Nitin and Sanjay Naran.

the two brothers Thakor and Jayanti respectively, graduated with a BSc in Information Systems and a BCom respectively.) Sanjay, the only son of her late aunt Santi was awarded his BSc Honours in Information Systems.

Two of them are continuing with further studies at Rhodes. While Daksha is writing up her

publication resulting from her MSc and is one of five Rhodes folk currently visiting Marion Island (see story on page 4), Jitendra is aiming for Honours in Information Systems and Nitin is studying for a Higher Diploma in Accounting. Sanjay is working in Johannesburg.

"We represent the first generation in our family to go through and benefit from the tertiary education system in this country," Daksha notes with some pride, "and, moreover, we have achieved our respective degrees at home, in Grahamstown."

'Lick da bal, man!'

Inguistics and English Language
Professor, Professor Gary
Barkhuizen, has just returned from a trip to Kingston, Jamaica, as Visiting
Professor at the University of the West Indies.

Barkhuizen spent a month in Jamaica and used the opportunity to explore the Jamaican Creole, an English-based creole which is used widely by all Jamaicans, many of whom also speak standard Jamaican English. "During my time there I was reminded quite often of the language situation in South Africa," commented Barkhuizen, adding that three comparisons came to mind. Firstly, the possibility that Afrikaans is a creole as opposed to a fully developed dialect of Dutch. "In other words," he explained, "it is believed that Afrikaans is a mixture of Dutch and various other languages with

which it came into contact here in South Africa, instead of Dutch following a path of natural change and adaption in a different environment, which is typical of dialects."

Watching a cricket match in Jamaica for example, a person might shout "lick da bal, man" which whilst still much closer to standard English than some varieties. reflects a creole that could still be translated into the more standard: "hit the ball, man." The second area of comparison picked up by Prof Barkhuizen, is in the attitudes Jamaicans have towards creole. Whilst some Jamaicans, typically academics and educators, would like to see the creole used more in education, the media, literature, and the law for example. certain Jamaicans view the creole as "bad English" and like their South African

counterparts, fail to see non-standard varieties as languages of progress.

"South Africa's new language policy aims to rectify this by promoting multilingualism in schools and in society as a whole, by developing and promoting African languages and changing the negative attitudes often associated with them," said Barkhuizen. He went on to say that language use in Jamaica, as in South Africa, is strikingly vibrant. "I was constantly aware of people enjoying their language and using it effectively," he said.

(A pidgen language is formed when speakers of a number of different languages come together and have to communicate for some reason. As the pidgen becomes used more and more for reasons outside of the original contact situation and perhaps even becomes the first language of some speakers, it becomes known as a creole.)

Sies — Skande!

Rhodes University snubbed by Doctor! Grad Garden party gate-crashed!

he traditional dignity and gentility of the Rhodes Graduation Garden party were shattered this year when, in a brazen display of effrontery, a large woman in a purple dress gate-crashed the proceedings.

She then made it her business to appear in as many

photographs of graduates as possible, alongside their proud parents, siblings and friends.

Claiming to be a former diplomat, she is believed to be the reason why at least one of the newly capped Honorary Doctors snubbed the proceedings by not arriving at the traditional high point of the graduation week end. Dr



Hello, Skattie!

Pieter-Dirk Uys is well known for his aversion to appearing anywhere at the same time as Mrs Evita Bezuidenhout (as she was positively identified by Prof Gary Gordon) and, while he has often been seen shortly before or after many of her public appearances, he has made it a matter of principle never to share a platform with her. "You never know when she might say something rude like 'poep'", he said.

Speaking after the event, Dr Uys admitted that he knows the lady well. He even has a high regard for her. He denied the snub, saying that he had heard that Mrs Bezuidenhout was going to attend the function and that, out of respect and consideration for her sensitivities, he had merely decided to be courteous and not to upstage her.

Some people present were less than complimentary. A member of the Marketing and Communications Division observed that "Evita's dress was so far removed from the correct 'Rhodes Purple' in its colour that it made a mockery of the corporate identity programme". A new graduate, claiming to be the 'Chancello

the 'Chancellor of Globania' thought it all "a bit rude", although he was noticed trying to kiss Evita on her cheek shortly afterwards. Others were, however, quite taken by her appearance. The conductor of the Rhodes Jazz Band quickly re-arranged a well-known piece in her honour and invited her to conduct the

result — a rousing rendition of *Hello*, *Skattie*. The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor were most gracious in according her full diplomatic niceties.

Rhodes Registrar Dr Stephen Fourie, himself gowned in purple (of the right hue, nogal!), said that the incident was of no damaging consequence and that, while this year's graduates would have photographs for posterity "a little different to the usual", he could not see any reason to review the usual security arrangements. "We have identified the loophole," he said. "She left through the shrubbery, leaving an easily followed trail of tins of cat food. The loophole — and the whole matter — are closed.

Rhodes researchers head for Marion Island

ive researchers from Rhodes University, including one masters and one honours student, are currently on a 35-day trip to Marion Island.

Their visit is part of a five-year programme to assess and monitor the movement of the Subantarctic Front (SAF) in the vicinity of the Prince Edward Archipelago and its influence on the islands ecosystem.

"The importance of the movement of the SAF lies in the way it effects the flow of water between Prince Edward and Marion Islands and consequently the availability of food for the seals and sea bird populations that live on these islands" says Dr Evgeny

Pakhomov, the chief ship- based scientist and senior researcher in the Southern Ocean Group.

When the front moves closer to the islands, the water flows between the islands, carrying with it a large portion of the food supply. As the front moves further away, so an eddy forms within the inter-island area and seals and birds are afforded easy access to food.

This is the second time researchers from Rhodes and UCT will visit the Marion Island area.

The programme is funded by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism.

Professional development programme under way

In response to a need which has been expressed by academics for more formal staff development programmes, the Academic Development Centre (ADC) has introduced a Professional Development Programme for academic staff, now in its third month.

The first module was on Language and Academic Literacy and ran over five sessions in March and April. Topics that were discussed included the role that language plays in learning, the role of English for academic purposes and language policy. Two case studies were presented of initiatives to integrate the development of academic literacy into curricula Presenters included Chrissie Boughey from the University of Zululand, Helen Alfers of the Linguistics Department, Mary van der Riet from Psychology, Louise Vincent and Colleen Higgs from

Politics and Sarah Murray from Education.

Thirteen people enrolled for the module from a range of disciplines including Religion and Theology, Journalism, Law and Pharmacy. Participants were required to consider how they would integrate the development of academic literacy into one of their courses. They then presented their ideas to the group.

One of those on the course said that it had "sensitised me to issues I had previously hardly thought about."

"I have been made more aware of the background of our students and of the need to be more responsive to the needs of the students", said another.

Yet another said that he valued "the opportunity to listen to staff reflecting on their practice in relation to language and academic literacy". All found extreme

value in the exposure to the work and expertise of the various Rhodes presenters.

The current module is on Curriculum Development: an exercise in course design. and it is running until 20 May on Tuesdays from 16:30 to 19:00. This will be followed by a four-session module on Teaching Methods in May-June and Assessment and Evaluation and Instructional Technology during the second semester.

ADC staff are available to discuss aspects of these topics in individual consultations with lecturers. They are also running aspects of these courses for departments, tailoring them to their specific needs. A Professional Development Programme is also being implemented at the East London campus.

For more information, phone Thami Tisani or Phil Collett at ext 8171.



Chrissie Boughey from the University of Zululand (right) and Anthea Garmen (Journalism and Media Studies) during the first module of the Professional Development Programme, on Language and Academic Literacy.

New books in the library

mongst several new books on the shelves in the Rhodes library are the following:

Reclaiming Bonboeffer: the promise of his theology by C.Marsh. (230 BON/MAR) A ground making study offering a new way of reading Bonhoeffer, the German theologian executed for his resistance against Hitler and Nazism.

The sixties: years of hope, days of rage by T. Gitlin. (301.2420973 GIT). Bestseller — a beautifully written, thoroughly critical account of the '60s experience.

States of fantasy by J. Rose (820.9 ROS). Using Israel and South Africa as the examples the author argues the importance of psychoanalysis to an understanding of public and private identities. Stresses the links between the study of literature and culture and the making of the modern world.

Arguments and evidences: critical analysis for the social sciences by P. Phelan and P. Reynolds (Education Library 300.72 PHE).

Re-inventing a continent: writing and politics in South Africa, 1892-1995 / by Andre Brink (809.8968 BRI).

Beyond the barricades: the sixties generation grows up / by J.Whalen & R. Flacks (378.1981 WHA). Shows how the 60s' activists have been struggling to keep faith with the ideals of social justice and democracy.

Mastering the dynamics of innovation, by J.M. Utterback (658.406 UTT). "A major work that will be cited for decades" (critic's comment).

'The type of partnership we need'

inister of Water Affairs and Forestry, Professor Kader Asmal, was not only in Grahamstown last month to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree: he was also able to officiate at the opening of a Grahamstown sewage

treatment plant which costs less than half a conventional plant

Said Asmal of this joint prototype project between the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, LIRI Technologies, the Water Research Commission and the Grahamstown Municipality, "this sewage treatment plant is a symbol of the type of partnership that we need to



At the opening of the AIPS plant — (from left) Minister Kader Asmal, Dr Oliver Hart, Prof Peter Rose and the Chairman of the Water Research Commission, Prof Johnson.

achieve our goals as a nation."

The Algal Integrated Ponding System (AIPS) project constructed at the Grahamstown Disposal Works has been designed to treat the sewage of 500 to 1 000 people and offers several advantages over conventional systems.

In addition to reducing the construction and operating costs, the system makes little demand for highly skilled labour and results in minimal sludge production. Instead, large volumes of algal biomass are produced, which when dried, have a range of commercial uses including animal and fish feed additives and fertilizers.

year programme for treating tannery effluents.

"It has the potential," says Grahamstown Mayor, Mr Mzukisi Mpahlwa, "to be used to the benefit of all people in South Africa in terms of the provision of clean water and proper sanitation for all communities."

The system is based on photosynthetic mechanisms, with one

of the main ingredients necessary for success, the large amount of

The combination of oxygen, ultraviolet light, and sunlight

results in a powerful

and a good

sterilising effect

quality of water

leaves the system. Savs the

Director of LIRI

Technologies.

Professor Peter

Rose, "we've got

lots of land, lots

of sunshine - we

own technologies

must make our

which harness

The

Grahamstown

plant was set up almost a year ago,

the off-shoot of a

seven to eight

these conditions to work for us."

oxygen produced by algae.

Following the opening of the AIPS plant, the Minister opened a second research facility sponsored by the Water Commission — the Oliver Hart Environmental Research Unit at LIRI.

In addition to research into tannery effluent treatment problems, the plant will be used for the education and training of Water Treatment Plant operators.

SA maths and science pupils the world's worst — HSRC

outh African mathematics and science pupils are at the bottom of the class compared to their Eastern counterparts and believe luck has a hand in good results, a study released by the Human Sciences Research Council in Pretoria has showed.

The study, based on data obtained at the third international mathematics and science study, showed that Grade 7 and Grade 8 pupils from South Africa performed

worst in both maths and science.

Children from Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan came out on top.

The study revealed a significantly higher proportion of South African pupils believed luck was a factor in achieving good results in maths and science compared to their counterparts abroad.

The South Africans were also less inclined to attribute good results to hard work.

Grade 7 pupils in South Africa were found to do

considerably less homework than others.

The HSRC report outlined other factors, including deprived socio-economic backgrounds, the fact that parents of many children had insufficient education to assist their children and malnutrition as possible contributors to the poor performance of South African school children.

Other factors mentioned were a lack of facilities and text books at schools, a dire shortage of properly qualified

teachers in the two subjects, the lack of incentive from peers to achieve, the fact that many pupils received tuition in a language other than their mother tongue and shortcomings in the curricula, which were being revised.

The data for the report was based on a survey involving 400 South African schools and 15 000 South African pupils, while the global sample involved more than 500 000 pupils from 41 countries.

Sapa

Up, Up and away!

ext time the purple and white colours of Rhodes University catch your eye, have a second look!

You may just see the latest paraglider bought by physics lecturer and foot-launched flight enthusiast, as it soars over the hills around Grahamstown.

"Paraglider design is improving all the time," said Richard, "and it is important to have an up-to-date model which features the latest advances in performance and safety."

Grant's paraglider has an aspect ratio which would not have been possible while maintaining stability only a few years ago. It is called the XTC (pronounced 'ecstasy') and is docile enough to be classed as a 'sports glider' (between the beginner-intermediates and the hot-ship competition craft) in performance and safety. It has a glide ratio of 7.5 and a top speed of 47 km/h.

On the third flight with his new acquisition, Richard covered a distance of 35 km, from Bedford to a field beside





An airborne Richard Grant — ecstasy is an aircraft in a backback!

the road between Adelaide and Fort Beaufort. Taking off from the top of the mountain outside Bedford, he had glided almost down to the bottom when he caught a thermal which took him to 800 m above his point of departure. After that he was on his way. Another thermal from the roofs and roads of Bedford kept him airborne until he found a "real biggie", he says,

"which I shared with two Cape vultures all the way to 2 430 m above sea level. That's higher than the Winterberg," he explained. After that it was basically a long glide, interspersed with a few smaller thermals, to his landing point.

Since then Richard has had several flights over the hills around Howison's Poort, which has become popular in recent years as a premier place to fly these 'aircraft in a backpack'. So if you are travelling between Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth in the vicinity of Howison's Poort and a light south-westerly wind is blowing, look up. You might just see the Rhodes colours up there in the sky!

Situations Vacant

pplications are invited from members of staff, irrespective of race, gender or creed, for the post of Senior Administrative Assistant to the Director of LIRI Technologies from as early a date as possible.

The successful candidate will perform executive secretarial functions for the Director: LIRI Technologies. This is a challenging post for an experienced Personal Assistant and candidates should have initiative, good administrative and organisational skills and

experience in office administration.

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Miss X K Wakashe in the Personnel Division (ext 8117/5) to whom they should be returned after completion by 2 May 1997.

Applications are invited from members of staff, irrespective of race, gender or creed, for the post of Accounts Clerk (Cashier) in the Finance Division from 1 July 1997.

The successful candidate will be required to operate a computerised receipting system, for which aspect of the job training will be given. Duties include the preparation of banking deposits and assisting when required in the Student Fees Office.

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Miss X K Wakashe in the Personnel Division (ext 8117/5) to whom they should be returned after completion before 9 May 1997.

Hertzog Prize for Reza

frikaans playwright
Reza de Wet
Reardon, Lecturer in
the department of Drama,
has been awarded the
Hertzog Prize for Drama,
the SA Akademie vir
Wetenskap en Kuns has
announced in Pretoria.

The award for her drama *Drie Susters Twee* carries a cash prize of R 17 000.

Sports Results

14 - 17 APRIL Sailing

S.A. Windsurfing Champs Rob Laubscher 3rd middleweight Rene Victor 3rd Ladies

15 - 19 APRIL Climbing

1st led of the S.A. climbing champs Jeremy Colenso 1st place Shanon Law 1st place

23 APRIL Rugby

RU 1st XV vs Buffs Rhodes won RU 2nd XV vs Buffs Rhodes won 22 - 0 RU 21a vs Buffs

Rhodes lost 7 - 12 RU 21b vs King William's Town Rhodes lost

Hockey

Rhodes vs Old Grey - E.P. Premier League

Match drawn 21 - 26 APRIL Hockey

Junior Africa Cup

Mens:

Rob van Selm S.A. u21 Vinai Ramabhai

Zimbabwe u21

Vinod Ramabhai

Zimbabwe u21

Women:

Parvs Edwards S.A. u21 Caroline Birt S.A. u21 Dallah Edwards

Zimbabwe u21 Leigh-anne Streak

Zimbabwe u21

2 - 2 Division for staff and post-grad students on 13 May from 09:00 to 12 noon in the Fountain Lab. The course will cover an overview of the Internet, with an introduction to using a WWW browser (Netscape) and a news reader. All applicants MUST be familiar with Windows. The course will

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Alternatives to resource degradation

the degradation of natural resources in the Peddie area could be minimised, provided the rural people are formally involved in their management and the activities of the provincial government departments that serve the community are coordinated.

These are some of the findings of a two year research project conducted by the Institute for Social and Economic Research and presented at a workshop in Bisho recently.

Attended by a number of provincial and local government officials, representatives from local NGO's, as well as academics from Rhodes and the University of Fort Hare, the workshop aimed at briefing provincial officials from

specific departments on the state of natural resource management in Peddie District.

It seems that the best placed body to coordinate these tasks is the Transitional Rural Council in Peddie District, as its staff have an intimate knowledge of the needs of the district and are developing the capacity to play a key role in the administration of the area with the support of the Amatola District Council.

Several participants expressed their support for the briefings, saying that they were of great benefit as they fostered closer ties between provincial government and researchers in areas of mutual interest.

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