

# SAVE THE FARMER



Farmers need to stand together to face the extreme drought.

**South Africa** – South African farmers are facing adversity. The severe drought experienced over the past few years has brought them to their knees as the harsh weather conditions threaten crops and livestock.

Grazing fields lay barren and livestock are starving.

It has become so easy and convenient to drive over to the grocery store, grab a few veggies and tjoppies... but have you ever stopped to think about where the bulk of the fresh produce, vegetables, meat and other non-processed items come from?

Farmers.

... Farmers who are pouring their blood, sweat and tears into the land, to grow these crops and raise livestock.

... Farmers who are facing the toughest drought in many years.

... Farmers who are so indebted that they cannot

secure loans to keep their farms running. The Northern and Eastern Cape are especially affected by the drought.

Declining agricultural production could lead to food shortages and jobs losses.

Farmers are an integral part of the SA food security, and this is a problem that affects all of us. It is definitely not something that can be solved overnight.

*Platinum Publishers* supports Boere Droogtehulp SA and we need your help. We would like to help lift the burden off the farmers affected by the severe drought. Each donation will make a difference.

With this project we will donate food and toiletries to farmers and assist with basic needs. Please drop off any goods that you want to donate to Boere Droogtehulp SA at *Platinum Bushvelder*'s offices. Please, do not donate cash to *Platinum Publishers*, only items.



We will hand the goods over to Boere Droogtehulp SA at the end of October. As an incentive, the logos of companies that donate towards this worthy cause will feature in the *Platinum Bushvelder* issue after the handover. Terms and conditions apply.

Donations can be dropped off at *Platinum Bushvelder*'s office at 59 Van der Bijl street, Thabazimbi. For more information contact

Danika at 081 579 7000.

If you want to make contact directly with Boere Droogtehulp SA, contact founders Chris van Beljon or JJ du Preez directly at 082 961 6620 or 082 567 0363.



Founders of Boere Droogtehulp SA, Chris van Beljon (left) and JJ du Preez.

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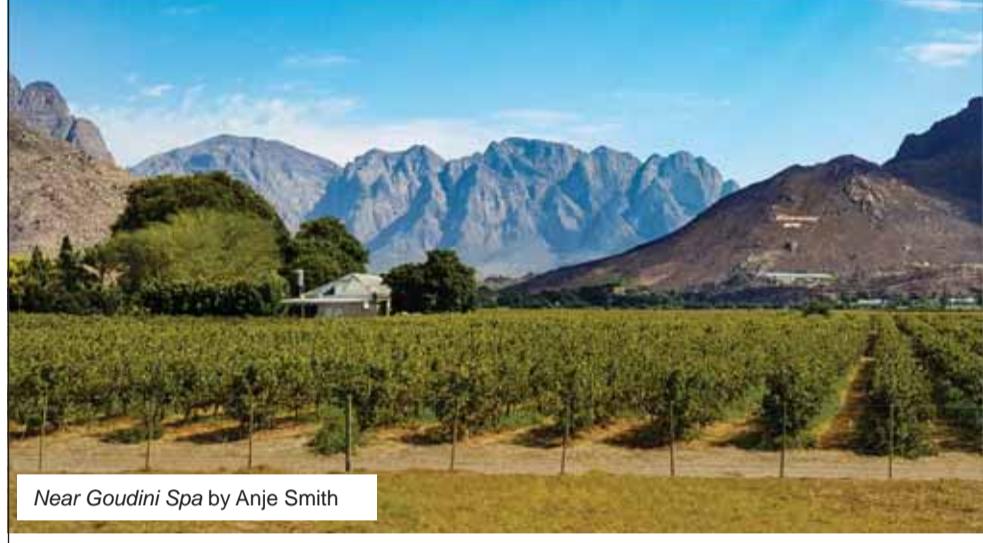
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Olifantsnek, Ntsedimane, Rustenburg



Old Fence by Simon Fletcher

## CELL PHONE PHOTIES



Near Goudini Spa by Anje Smith

**Rustenburg** – The Rustenburg Photographic Society added a new category to their photo entries – cell phone. The cell phone category includes photos that were taken with a cell phone with minimum editing to the final product, opening photography to a whole new generation. The winner for August was Simon Fletcher with his picture *Old Fence* and for September Anje Smith's *Near Goudini Spa* took the winning spot. The society meets every third Wednesday of the month at NG Proteapark at 18:30. Their next meeting will take place on 20 November.

For more information, contact club chairperson Simon Fletcher on 082 371 9867 or vice chairperson Ronel Broderick on 082 451 2999.



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