



# Nocci Newsletter

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- Did you know about the Crime Prevention Forum?
- Did you know Nocci is implementing a computer literacy programme with the help of SEESA?

## The Convoy of Hope; Nocci's commitment to our less fortunate children



The Convoy of Hope is an organization founded by the Committee for Crime Prevention to help the plight of our homeless and troubled children. After the collapse of the last organization due to bad management and corruption, the Committee for Crime Prevention together with 15 volunteers and a very meagre budget came to the rescue of these children. **Desert Palace Casino** came to their rescue and has donated more than a R160,000.00 to pay the volunteers a small salary and travel costs. Crime Prevention would like Upington to take responsibility for this project and approached Nocci for assistance.

Kimberley has with the help of BSP Billiton built a training

centre for their children. The children are taught life skills to assist them to regain their self-confidence and sense of worth.

Nocci would like to support a



**A Homeless child forced to sleep on the street.**

project to give our children the same chance. A committee has been formed chaired by Lesley Nugent and the finances handled by Elsabé Weideman. Vice

chair man Pastor Derek Grobelaar from the AGS church. Additional members are Salome Haasbroek one of the volunteers and Samantha van Wyk from the Crime Prevention Committee.

**SEESA** has kicked off the initiative and donated R20,000.00 for the purchase of 4 computers. Elsabé from the Nocci office will take the responsibility of training the children..

We are now in search of premises to house our initiative. Nocci has taken the responsibility to ensure that all donations will be used for the purpose they are intended and that the finances will always be available for scrutiny.

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## The Reserve Bank visits Upington.



The Reserve Bank has made its second visit to Upington. Mr. Bertus van Zyl addressed Upington business at a luncheon sponsored by the Bank at the Upington Golf Club.

The bank spelled out its policies for 2009, and their was lively

interaction during discussion time after the presentation.

The bank plan to make the lunches an annual affair so we can look forward to another presentation next year.



# Convoy of Hope continued:



Lets give these kids a chance at life!  
Contact the Nocci office.

The vision of the newly formed committee is to try to give these children a chance in life. Most of these children are not homeless but come from troubled homes where the home environment is not conducive to a normal family life.

The Convoy of Hope would like to assist these children , by creating a facility where they will get a meal after school, have their homework supervised and with the older children teaching them skills

to enable them to go into the work place and find sustainable employment.

In order to do this the committee are desperately in need of premises and volunteers to make this project possible.

We would like to teach the girls needlework and the boys woodwork. To achieve this we are going to have to rely on the generosity of the public .

Anyone willing to help in anyway please contact the

Nocci office at Tel: 054-331 1009.

Our e-mail address is: info@nocciupt.co.za

Please help us to give these children a chance at life.



## NOCCI

WITH THE HELP OF SEESA ARE STARTING A COMPUTER LITERACY CLASS

NOCCI WISHES TO THANK ZELCO MOTORS AND ORANJE NISSAN FOR SPONSORING CARS FOR EXPORT IMPORT MAGAZINE'S USE.

## Nocci thanks ASSMANG Mine

The ASSMANG mine Ophthalmology Unit was officially launched during an unveiling ceremony at the Gordonia Hospital . The Mine Manager Mr. Willem Grobelaar performed the unveiling after which he met with some of the patients who had had surgery that day.

He was touched by the unbelievable gratitude shown by the patients who had now

regained their sight .

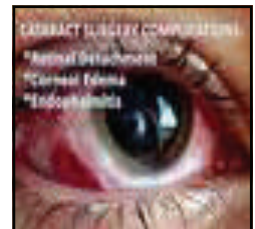
The mine has made the commitment to assist financially with the purchasing of the rest of the equipment to complete the unit.

Nocci would like to thank ASSMANG mine for their incredible donation to the hospital.

We hope that the Dept. of Health will now assist us to

have the services of a permanent Ophthalmologist .

**Cataract surgery is one of the safest and most effective types of surgery.**



## Export & Import Magazine visit Upington.

Mr. Simon Foulds editor of the South African Export & Import magazine visited Upington to cover the story of the formation of a Freight Forwarders Forum for the Cargo Hub project..

During his visit the staff of Nocci took him to places of interest .in and around

Upington . Nocci introduced him to the new citrus industry in Kakamas. This project promises to make a big impact on the Northern Cape Economy.

Mr. Foulds also visited the new mothballing project at the Upington International Airport. There are currently

25 aircraft parked at the airport being cared for by the new company "Nevergreen."

This project also holds huge potential for economic growth in Upington.

Nocci would like to thank

**ZELCO MOTORS AND ORANJE NISSAN** for the transport for Mr.Foulds.

# Crime Prevention Committee Upington



The Crime Prevention Forum meets once a month to discuss issues of crime prevention.

The meeting is attended by all the Police stations as far as Groblershoop and Kenhardt.

The organization Women Against

Crime are represented as well as the Magistrates offices and the Convoy of Hope members,, Nocchi. The Defence force and Immigration.

The meeting is also attended by Advocate Botha from Kimberley.

Each member is given the opportunity to deliver a report and to ask for assistance from the committee.

The meetings are an excellent platform for the public to interact with the police and to bring issues to their attention.

If Nocchi members have any issues they would like to have discussed please contact the office for the date of the next meeting.

This year alone, Nocchi has brought the rise in housebreaking to the attention of the police, as well as the slow if any reaction from the 10111 number.

These matters are being addressed and the police will have to report back to the committee at the next meeting as to what progress has been made.

PREVENTING  
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RESPONSIBILITY



## News on the Upington Cargo Hub.

No the project has not been shelved, anything but! Provincial government have taken over the project and it was made one of the pillar projects of the province.

A project manager has been appointed and he in turn has brought in the services of Arcus Gibbs to do a business case study for the hub.

This entailed a lot of "revisiting"

and re-evaluating avenues that were covered by the first study.

The world recession has impacted to a small degree on their findings but what has come out of the final report was that Upington needs to develop a manufacturing zone, Business needs to look at what will work in our area and pursue those avenues. For example our area is perfect for the IT business with our drive climate. Another

idea that came out at the meeting was a components factory. This will not need a skilled labour force.

Government Intervention the felt was crucial and suggested that the government offer incentives to attract airlines and business development to the area.

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## Outstanding subscriptions.

It has come to our attention that some of our members do not realize that we have changed banks. If you have paid your subscriptions into Nedbank they will have been returned to you as that account is closed.

I know many of you have staff that pay your creditors on your behalf and they might not realize that our

banking details have changed.

**Please can I make an urgent request that if your subs payment has been reversed that you contact the office or me directly for the new banking details.** Our bank account is very low and we will not be able to sustain the office for much longer without your assistance. Please members we do try our

very best to make a difference on your behalf, so pay your subs! Thanks.

Our banking details are

**ABSA Bank**

**Branch: Upington**

**Branch code: 632005**

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Upington's Voice of business.

The chamber movement addresses all the economic, social and political issues affecting the business community in one way or another. The chamber movement is apolitical. It is "the voice of business" and it ensures that this voice is heard where it matters – where it is necessary to protect the interests of business, at local, regional and national levels.

Nocci Upington fills all of these Requirements as well as fulfilling many of the social responsibilities of Upington Business by serving on their behalf on the various Forums created by government. Our members are kept informed of all new initiatives and projects taking place in the area.

Can you afford not to be a member of Nocci?

## The Cargo Hub continued:

Ideally what should happen is that a Marketing plan must be developed for Upington. Following this should be the development of the Special Economic zone / Manufacturing park.

The Upington International Airport should be marketed more aggressively with accent on the long term/ mothballing project as well as ACSA's cheap land rates and long term leasing agreements.

A multimodal corridor should be gone into with the development of a Truck Stop at the cross-road to the Namibian border. ACSA has the ideal plot which has been earmarked for just such an initiative.

The erection of storage facilities at the airport. There must be buy in

from the Provincial Government to offer local and international investors the incentive to create business in Upington.

Tourism should market the area more aggressively.

A "special purpose vehicle" should be developed to take this project to the next level.



Loading freight

ing company operating at the airport. This is Transworld cargo. They are members of Nocii and we would like to thank them for their faith and belief in our project..

Hopefully our project manager and his team will be able to attract a few more members of the industry who can see the potential of the airport.



..Upington has one freight forward-