

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **The New Parking Meters.**
- **Upington Airport**
- **NOCCI AGM**
- **The Budget Speech.**

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## NEW SYSTEM OF PARKING METERS

### CAN THEY WORK?

The new system of collecting parking revenue: is it working? what do you our members think? Good scheme or bad?

Please write in or phone the office with your comments.

How the system is supposed to work.

The friendly Marshal is supposed to meet you at your car and ask how long you are planning to stay, you tell him he punches in your registration with the time you have agreed upon and off you go. If you have stayed away longer he is supposed to allow you the option of paying up the balance.

What we at Nocci would like to know from our members, in your opinion, is the system working? What are the flaws?



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Please mail us your opinions so we can follow them up.

We would like to be an effective working body for our

members, and take up issues such as these on your behalf, but we can't without your co-operation. Please help us to be your **EFFECTIVE** voice of business.

Personally, I think Upington needs a system of parking meters, but this system is too open to personal error and the opinion the marshal forms of the driver. If he doesn't form a friendly attitude towards the motorist the poor motorist is doomed.

In my opinion bring back the good old parking meters and make them a bit more "criminal proof". Ed.

## AT LAST MOVEMENT AT THE AIRPORT

Once again, thanks to the innovativeness of our Airport Manager Ms. Esmaralda Barnes, the long term Parking project is up and running. Well done Es. On my last count there were 27

planes parked at the Airport. This is a wonderful step in the right direction of putting Upington International in the spotlight. It also opens all sorts of interesting business opportunities for the

Entrepreneur . The Cargo Hub is now in its 2nd stage of Feasibility planning. The first study is being considered by government as a "pre-feasibility" study. Results of this more in-depth study should be finished in March.

# Tourism, our gift waiting to be opened.



CAMPING ON "DIE EILAND"

In my humble opinion Upington should be focusing its attention in 2009 on developing our tourism industry. This could be the much needed trigger we need to boost our beautiful area's economy.

Last year Nocci brought a few facts to the attention of the Municipality. These were addressed, and are perhaps still not quite up to our standards,

but we need to see it as a "work in progress". Once again if you have had a bad experience at the Eiland, please tell us and we will take up the matter with the Tourism office on your behalf.

A Tourism Forum has been developed for this very reason. It has its first meeting early in February. If you would like to attend please contact us at the office.

**HIGH  
PROFILE  
GUEST FOR  
NOCCI  
AGM THIS  
YEAR.**

## NOCCI AGM 3RD APRIL 2009

This year sees NOCCI's AGM take on a slightly different format.

We are very privileged to be hosting the President of Die Afrikaanse Handels Instituut, Ms Venete Klein

Who also heads up ABSA's Business Banking sector.

ABSA are very generously sponsoring the evening for Nocci so please would all members diarize the date.



## ANALYSING THE BUDGET SPEECH

NOCCI'S first function for 2009 will be an analyses of the budget speech on Thursday 12th February at 12:00 . The Speaker is Mr. Ulrich Joubert from the AHI . The function will

take place at the Upington Golf Club. The talk will take approximately 35 mins. with time for questions thereafter. A light lunch will be served. This function is sponsored

by:



# NUUS VAN DIE AHI

## Naams verandering van die AHI

Tydens die Hoofbestuur en Provinsiale Hoofbestuur se bosberade gedurende November 2007 en 2008 het die naamsverandering van die AHI ter sprake gekom.

Daar bestaan nie 'n eenparige siening in hierdie

verband nie. Die een denkrigting is dat die naam AHI 'n baie bekende en gevestigde handelsmerk is en dat dit nie verander moet word nie. Die ander denkrigting is dat die Afrikaans in die naam van die AHI soms ongemak veroorsaak aangesien die samestelling van die direksies en besture van maatskappye verander het en dat die naam daarom verander moet word. Ter agtergrond word u vriendelik

daarop gewys dat die geregistreerde naam, Die AHI is, en nie soos voorheen die Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut nie. Die AHI direksie het besluit dat lede se mening oor hierdie belangrike en sensitiewe aangeleentheid ingewin moet word alvorens 'n besluit in hierdie verband geneem word.

U word dus vriendelik versoek om u mening te gee deur 'n kruisie in een van die volgende blokkies te trek.



**AHI -MOET  
DIE NAAM  
VERANDER  
OF NIE?**

## AHI— NAAMVERANDERING

Die naam AHI moet behou word

Die naam AHI moet verander word

Ons ontvang graag u antwoord nie later nie as 10 Februarie 2009.

Vriendelike groete

LOUIS FOURIE  
DIREKTEUR: BESTUUR & FINANSIES

Stuur asb. U opinie na die kantoor en Elsabé sal dit aanstuur.

## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

I am sure that by now all of you have heard about my husband John's cancer. To everyone who has added John in their daily prayers we thank you. John is an incredible fighter and will get through this bad patch.

I am with the permission of President Jenny and the wonderful support from Elsabé able to stay with John in Cape Town for the next 6 weeks while he undergoes his therapy. I am as far away as my cell phone

or my e-mail if anyone needs me. Elsabé will attend any meetings on my behalf and we talk daily. To everyone who has phoned and e-mailed John, thanks so much and please keep them coming, it is a great

distraction for him.

Kind regards,

Lesley.  
PS: Russell has taken over the running of the practice so its business as usual.  
LN.



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UPINGTON'S VOICE OF BUSINESS

### MISSION STATEMENT.

#### **Mission**

- Fulfilling our mandates of attracting & retaining direct investment into Upington
- marketing the business image of Upington
- Living the aspirations and spirit of the new South Africa
- Contributing to the growth and development of Upington through our commitment and co-operation with local, regional and provincial government.
- VISION

**Driving shared growth and strategic alignment as priority approaches to development**

#### **Core Mandate**

- Attracting and facilitating direct investment into Upington.  
Marketing Upington as a competitive South African business location within the national and international arenas

**To make Upington & the Siyanda district a competitive business destination in South Africa.**



## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



## AIRLINK FLIGHT SCHEDULE EASTER WEEKEND 10 - 12 APRIL 2009

### MONDAY

#### ARRIVAL

#### DEPARTURE

SA8769	JNB 0625	UTN 0755	SA8648	UTN 0815	CPT 0935	ERJ
SA8767	JNB 0920	UTN 1050	SA8768	UTN 1110	JNB 1245	
ERJ						
SA8647	CPT 1615	UTN 1735	SA8770	UTN 1755	JNB 1935	
ERJ						

### TUESDAY

SA8769	JNB 0625	UTN 0755	SA8648	UTN 0815	CPT 0935	ERJ
SA8767	JNB 0920	UTN 1050	SA8768	UTN 1110	JNB 1245	
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### WEDNESDAY.

SA8769	JNB 0625	UTN 0755	SA8648	UTN 0815	CPT 0935	ERJ
SA8767	JNB 0920	UTN 1050	SA8768	UTN 1110	JNB 1245	
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SA8647	CPT 1615	UTN 1735	SA8770	UTN 1755	JNB 1935	
ERJ						

### THURSDAY

SA8769	JNB 0625	UTN 0755	SA8648	UTN 0815	CPT 0935	ERJ
SA8767	JNB 0920	UTN 1050	SA8768	UTN 1110	JNB 1245	
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ERJ						

### FRIDAY

SA8769	JNB 0625	UTN 0755	SA8648	UTN 0815	CPT 0935	ERJ
SA8767	JNB 0920	UTN 1050	SA8768	UTN 1110	JNB 1245	
ERJ						

### SATURDAY NO FLIGHTS SUNDAY NO FLIGHTS

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