

Sinzasa Christmas Braai and Cricket Game

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SINZASA DECEMBER EVENTS

Christmas Coffee Morning

Friday, 5 December

Christmas Braai and Cricket

Sunday 7 December

Christmas Pub Night

Friday 12 December

**Sunday, 7th December from 11am – 4pm
Christchurch Boy's High Cricket Pavilion,
Kiwi St, off Weka Street, Riccarton.**

A new fun format for our end of year function.

SA is challenging Zimbabwe to a 2 hour cricket game of Last Man Stands. At the same time a game will be played between the two teenage teams (10-16 year olds) (Team names to be announced).

SA Captain: Carl Cleaver at 0275162782 or carlandclaire@gmail.com

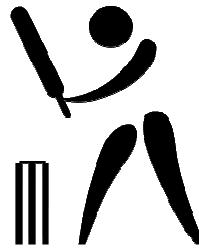
Zimbabwe Captain: Alfred Nyoni at 371 7422 or alfred.nyoni@xtra.co.nz

TeenTeen A Captain: Makaela Hellman at 343 6732 or tracy@allaboutyou.co.nz

TeenTeen B Captain: Jack Watson at 332 0330

Eight a side, men and women, boys and girls team members wanted. No experience required.

See article or google www.lastmanstands.com for more on how to play this fun form of cricket. It is the hottest game in town!



Followed by our usual braai and picnic at 1pm. Bring your own food and drink. Bring chairs and gas braai.

Tea, coffee, juice and cake provided. Prizes and games for the Under 10s. Raffle and Lucky Draw.

Free to SINZASA members, non-members \$5.00 per person to attend or \$10.00 to play.

To join a team:
Email info@sinzasa.org.nz or telephone 021663570 or contact the Captains or Ross Cawood at ross@lastmanstands.com or call 0210493562.

Get in quick as limited places!

Come and watch a lovely game of cricket from under the shady trees. Look over green summer grass and quaff a glass of golden beer or sparkling wine. Feel mellow and chill with your compatriots.

Special Bonus!
3pm Regional Finals of Last Man Stands first league will be played.

Last Man Stands

What the Fuss is All About!

If the return of warm weather is making you want to run to the park with a bat and a ball to brush up on your cricket skills, you should consider signing up to the Last Man Stands cricket league. Its taken off with 270 teams now playing across the globe. (UK, SA, New Zealand, Australia & Dubai)

This innovative new format of 20-over cricket is a great way for amateur players to enjoy the game. Each team has eight players and all eight wickets are needed to bowl a team out. When the seventh wicket falls, the LAST MAN STANDS on his own and can continue to bat out the remainder of the overs, provided his wicket stays intact.

With leagues starting in New Zealand in the following cities Christchurch, Auckland, Hamilton & Wellington, now is the time to register.

At the end of the season the winning team from each league will take part in the global champions' league.

Men's and women's leagues are now open - spaces are limited so to secure a spot, contact the venue manager

for your area. The cost per game is \$80 per team. This covers field costs, balls, umpires, league manager costs, scoring, STATS and WORLD rankings on the official website.

To see the complete rules of LMS cricket and to find contact details for your area manager, email ross@lastmanstands.com or call 0210493562. Registration cost is \$50 per team which includes your teams 8 coloured shirts.

JA, VERSEKER JA, EK HET GENOEG GEHAD!

Deur Pieter Fouche

het ek my antwoord op my vraag gekry, moet ek uit die land van moord, dood, skelms, hijacks en, en, en - die lys gaan aan soos enige Suid Afrikaner sal weet.

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GENOEG GEHAD!

Ek het op 24 Oktober in Christchurch geland, 10 nm, dit was lekker koud, en ek het begin wonder gaan ek nie die son, see, strand, braaivleis, SA GIRLS, mis nie?

Ek het dadelik ingeval en is na n maand in Christchurch baie gelukkig. Ek bly lekker en sluit nie eers die huis in die aand as ons gaan slaap nie. Ek loop laat nagte in die strate en WOW ek lewe nog, Die son skyn elke dag en dis baie warm, voel amper of ek nog in Suid Afrika is. Die land is rereg baie mooi, groen, skoon, vars en vriendelik. Die naglewe is net so opwindend soos die van Suid Afrika, al sal ek wel Hatfield Squire en Nite Fever en die Road Trips Potch en Bloemfontein toe mis

Ek het n nuwe lewe in n nuwe land begin. Suid Afrika sal my nie gou weer sien nie, miskien net om vir my pelle en ouers te gaan kuier.

Ek is 22, single en het alles en almal agter gelaat in Suid Afrika. Ek het alleen oor gekom, klink seker of ek mal is om dit te doen, maar ek is gelukkig hier. Ek het 'n goeie werk by Design Engineering, en my daaglikse lewe is perfek en veilig.

Ek sal enige Suid Afrikaner aanmoedig om van Suid Afrika te vergeet en weg te kom so gou as moontlik, daar is baie geleenthede vir ons om 'n lewe te begin, waar jy nie elke dag hoef te stres of jou kinders veilig is, of jy na agt op n snelweg geskiet gaan word nie.

Dankie New Zealand!



IMMIGRATION UPDATE

Skill Level One occupations can substitute the required qualification with five years of relevant work experience from 8th December.

An announcement was made recently regarding immigration policy changes which will come into effect on 8th December 2008.

The most significant of these announcements relates to the assessments of whether employment is skilled.

Currently, the assessment (in most cases) is based on inclusion of the occupation in Appendix 11 – Recognised Occupations. A further assessment of those occupations is made comparing the applicant's qualification and work experience profile with the requirements outlined in the Australia New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

The ANZSCO sets out the skill level of the occupation and what qualifications and/or work experience are deemed necessary to meet that skill level.

Appendix 11 itself is categorized into different skill level occupations – which correspond with the ANZSCO skill levels. Currently, whilst some qualifications are deemed open to substitution by a suitable number of years of work experience, this has not included those Skill Level One occupations (usually requiring a Bachelors Degree).

With the recent announcements however, as of 8 December 2008, Skill Level One occupations can substitute the required qualification with five years of relevant work experience. Consequently, people who have previously found themselves denied the opportunity for residence because they gained their knowledge from experience rather than schooling, will no longer be prejudiced against in respect to their applications to live and work in New Zealand.

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Keep running into new South Africans?

SINZASA now has handy business cards with our contact details to give new arrivals.
It is free to join!

Chairperson's Thanks and Message to "Pay it Forward"

From Rosanne Hawarden

A big thank you to Priscilla Gage for running such a successful coffee group. She spends many hours helping people and is the first port of call for many new arrivals. We could not do without her guidance, occasional firmness and boundless love. Thank you Priscilla, we need a few more gems like you!

Congratulations to the Kloks on the arrival of the new Klokkie, Tsophia! Thank you too Linda, for running the Mas en Kinders groep this year! Ons waardeer dit!

Thank you to Nona Verwoerd for organising our stand at Culture Galore so successfully. Interested in helping at the 2009 Culture Galore – the first meeting is 8th December? Interested? Please contact us.

The rest of the committee beaver away quietly in the background and their contribution is much appreciated. Colin Cross, the webmaster, A J Rossouw who answers queries and liaises and new people, Birgit Maier who is our Ethnic Organisation contact person, Guy Leary, Leona Cross and the Baldwins are there when needed. And many more....

It is emotionally draining work and our helpers burn out. Mostly thankless but of such great value. As Southern Africans we have a great reputation to uphold.

Please support us and pay the enclosed subscription fee.



Christmas Coffee Party in the Country! Take a jaunt out to Lincoln and enjoy the summer scene

The Friday Coffee Club will be holding their popular year end party in a country village. Do come along to meet old friends and new arrivals!

**Friday, 5th December, 2008 at 10aam at Marti
Carroll's house.**

204 Southfield Drive, Ryelands Estate, Lincoln

Drive through Prebbleton on Springs Road and follow signs to Lincoln University. At the roundabout (University will be on the right), turn left onto Gerald Street (also known as Ellesmere Junction Road) and continue driving towards Lincoln. At the Challenge Garage turn right into West Belt and after approximately 200 meters turn left into South Belt. Continue until you see the Liffey River and turn right into Ryelands Drive. Continue to Southfield Drive to the dead end.

Meet at 9.30am in the car park at New World Supermarket, Memorial Avenue, Fendalton. We will seat 5 to a car and go in convoy to Marti Carroll's lovely home in Lincoln. Chip in \$5 for petrol for the driver of the car.

Bring a small wrapped gift around \$5 in value, for the Christmas basket. Christmas Fare supplied by SINZASA.

RSVP to Marti Carroll at 03 325 7892 or Priscilla Gage at 342 3586 or dpgage@xtra.co.nz

Our Helping Hand is Needed More Than Ever in these Tough Times

Not unexpectedly, we are seeing a surge in Southern Africans arriving in New Zealand. It is not unusual to get several emails and calls from new arrivals each week. The changing political situation in Africa is giving rise to great uncertainty and fear for the future. Many sell up and just arrive here, hoping they will find work. Some are desperate and badly prepared. But if your family is thinking of moving to New Zealand, they should make the effort sooner rather than later. There have been some hints (pre-election) that a check on immigration numbers will be used to buffer the New Zealand economy and reserve jobs for citizens. Its going to get more difficult to get residents permits.

We know of a number of Southern African families in difficulties, some of whom have been here many years. Support and advice from people who have been through the mill and out the other side, always helps to make things better.

If you are elderly, unwell or disabled by all means take advantage of the social services offered. We have some shining examples in our community of cancer survivors and single parents making a go of their lives without relying on taxpayer's money. We salute their courage.

What we do not want to see is families with healthy adults capable of working, having to turn to the government for assistance. If you were assisted by someone when you arrived, please pay it forward and help ahead. Use our networks and connections. We are a proud and independent community with a huge heart!