

NEWS LETTER

Meet your new council members



Voting was held on 05 May. For those of you who do not already know here are the members that were voted in

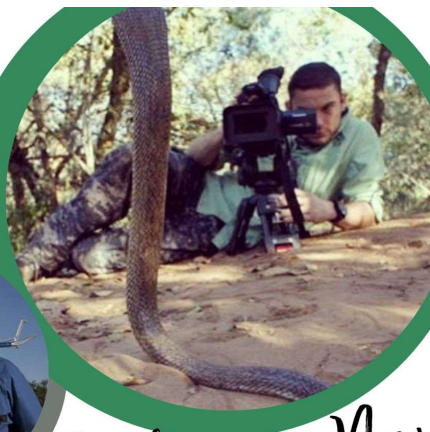
Left - Chairman: Kobus Henning
Center- Vice Chairman: Bryce Broom
Right - Marketing: Gareth Reinhardt



How can you produce an antivenom in hours using snakes? Find out in this months meeting.



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Producing a New Antivenom

DONALD SCHULTZ & NEVILLE WOLMARANS

Venue: Teams meeting,
message Kobus or Nick
for the Link

Date & Time: 20 July 2023
19:00

A big thank you to Julian for a very interesting talk on lizards. I suspect that there will be a few more lizard keepers in future.

Julian has been keeping reptiles for about 14 years and currently has 19 species of lizard as well as many snakes.

His wishlist lizard is a crocodile monitor which grows to about 2,4 meters. His favourite crocodile is the cuban crocodile, this is the fastest crocodilian on land.

Amongst other things he discussed dietary requirements and the change in requirements throughout their lives as quite a few start off life being mainly insectivorous and reduce their insect intake and increase their fruit/vegetable intake as they grow older. He covered species like basilisks, crocodile skinks, sailfin dragons and quite a few more. If you would like a copy of the meeting contact Kobus

For those of you that have reptiles in brumation we hope all is going well

Our July meeting will take place on the 20'th and the subject is Producing a New Antivenom. Set a reminder sothat you do not miss this.



- West Rand Herpetological Association



- [westrandherpetologicalgroup](https://www.instagram.com/westrandherpetologicalgroup)



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Understanding reptile quarantine:

Quarantine refers to the practice of isolating a new reptile from the existing collection for a specific period. During this time the reptile is carefully observed, tested for viral infections, parasites, and other health issues, and treated accordingly. The objective is to ascertain the reptile's health status before integrating it into the main collection.

Why do we need to quarantine our reptiles?

- To prevent the spread of any diseases, parasites, or any other health threatening conditions to the rest of your collection.
- To monitor the health of the individual animal over a period.
- To assist the animal with climate change when it was imported from another province/country.

What animals need to be quarantined?

All reptiles that were imported from overseas or any other province (indigenous and exotic).
 All reptiles purchased from any expo, pet shop, breeder, or just general seller.
 All reptiles moved from one facility to another.
 All reptiles that show any signs of sickness like bacterial infection, mites, scale rot etc.
 All wild caught animals that are temporarily housed.

Guidelines to quarantine your reptiles.

The WRHA have compiled a quarantine procedure with all the guidelines how to quarantine your reptile and what needs to be documented. Download this document from our website or contact one of your council members

If you have not booked for the Venomous Handling and first Aid Course you are missing out. The course will be given by Nick van der Walt from the Vaal Herpetological Society



Price
 R250 for fully paid
 members R500 for non
 members.

*Venomous Handling
 & First Aid Course*

**NICK VAN
 DER WALT**

Venue: 101 Swartkoppies Rd,
 Alberton, 1448
 The Gathering Church

Date & Time: 22 July 2023
 8:00 to 15:30



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Teams meeting : 20 July 2023

- Snake handling course: 22 July 2023

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