



### Greetings,



By now, everyone is back into the swing of things and looking ahead for the year. Our 2017 calendar is published on the last page and the training programme appears below. TRAC are busy with alien weed control and we bring you news of the latest pest - Famine Weed. This nasty invader is making inroads along the N4, so do watch out for it on your land and make sure you eradicate it as soon as it rears its ugly head. We also introduce the new member of our admin team on page three. Until next time.

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## Disaster Management Grateful for LEFPA Assistance

LEFPA is delighted to receive a letter of appreciation from the Provincial Disaster Management Fire Services for the assistance LEFPA rendered to them over the Festive Season. Being a good neighbour is key to building relationships within the community.

*The Provincial Disaster Management Centre would hereby like to extend a word of thanks to LEFPA for making Water Carts available during the Festive Season (December 2016 – January 2017) to be placed in strategic areas along the N4 to enable service personnel as well as tourists access to water during the waiting queues and extreme heat conditions.*

*Hoping that we can count on you in future with this good example of cooperative operations.*

Thank you,

**MR JACQUES BENADE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR: DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SERVICES**



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## LEFPA 2017 Training Programme

LEFPA facilitates a range of training courses, should you require more information please contact Corné in the Nelspruit office 013 752 6419.

Besides the scheduled programme, LEFPA will also arrange training on request, such as Basic Fire Fighting, two day training for a minimum of 15 people that can be done on your property, and the Basic Fire Fighting refresher training. To attend the refresher course, candidates must have a valid fire fighting certificate.

Closer to the beginning of Fire Season, several training programmes are on offer:

Incident Action Plan (Landowners and Managers), a one day training course presented by Ben Potgieter from CMO. This will be held on the 16th May in the LEFPA Boardroom.

Fire Boss (IC Type 5) extends over three days and is also presented by Ben Potgieter from CMO. 17th - 19th May in the LEFPA Boardroom.

USA Aid will present Aviation Dispatcher D-312, a five day training course in the LEFPA Boardroom. Dates 8 - 12 May.



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Space on these training courses is limited, therefore we strongly urge you to book your places as soon you can so that you don't miss out.



# Status Update on Water Levels

## OLIFANTS

### Reservoirs

Witbank Dam (FSL = 35.39m)	30/01/17 23h48 95.09%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 6.0mm)
Middelburg Dam (FSL = 27.00m)	30/01/17 23h48 47.21%	sharp increase (last 24 hours rain = 0.0mm)
Bronkhorstspruit Dam (FSL = 14.320m)	30/01/17 23h48 71.61%	slight increase (last 24 hours rain = 4.2mm)
Rust de Winter Dam (FSL = 17.940m)	30/01/17 23h48 66.89%	slight increase (last 24 hours rain = 3.8mm)
Loskop Dam (FSL = 28.00m)	30/01/17 23h48 60.33%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 4.0mm)
Rhenosterkop Dam (FSL = 16.50m)	30/01/17 17h48 22.69%	slight increase (last 24 hours rain = 1.4mm)
Buffelskloof Dam (FSL = 22.380m)	30/01/17 03h36 101.959% (Peak) 30/01/17 23h48 100.92%	last 24 hours rain = 0.6mm
De Hoop Dam (FSL = 51.00m)	30/01/17 23h48 98.67%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 1.2mm)
Flag Boshielo Dam (FSL = 22.010m)	30/01/17 23h48 44.75%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 0.0mm)
Blyde Dam (FSL = 44.820m)	30/01/17 06h36 100.99%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 0.0mm)

### Rivers

Olifants River at Witbank Dam (inflow to dam)	30/1/17 17h48 2.21 cumec	increasing
Olifants River at Witbank Dam (releases from dam)	30/1/17 05h48 0.00 cumec	no flow
Wilge River at Olifants confluence	30/1/17 22h12 19.90 cumec (Peak) 30/1/17 23h48 16.28 cumec	decreasing
Olifants at Loskop Dam (releases from dam)	30/1/17 20h36 2.188 cumec 30/1/17 23h48 2.07 cumec	decreasing
Steelpoort River upstream of De Hoop Dam	30/1/17 00h00 10.721 cumec (Peak) 30/1/17 11h48 2.91 cumec	decreasing
Olifants at Flag Boshielo Dam (releases from dam)	30/1/17 17h48 cumec	constant
Olifants at Oxford/Mica (downstream of Blyde confluence)	24/1/17 17h48 16.18 cumec	decreasing - no new info
Blyde at Driehoek (releases from Blyde Dam)	30/1/17 23h48 9.01 cumec	decreasing
Olifants at Mamba (KNP-Border)	30/1/17 23h48 22.36 cumec	decreasing
Olifants at Balule (Olifants Camp KNP)	30/1/17 23h48 41.51 cumec	decreasing

## INKOMATI

### Reservoirs

Nooitgedacht Dam (FSL = 27.88m)	30/1/17 17h48 72.72%	decreasing (last 24 hours rain = 0.8mm)
Vygeboom Dam (FSL = 20.72m)	30/1/17 23h48 99.69%	constant
Driekoppies Dam (FSL = 28.500m)	30/1/17 17h48 24.82%	constant
Witklip Dam (FSL = 13.710m)	31/1/17 06h36 56.02%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 0.0mm)
Kwena Dam (FSL = 36.500m)	30/1/17 23h48 44.11%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 0.0mm)
Da Gama Dam (FSL = 20.420m)	30/1/17 23h48 54.89%	increasing
Inyaka Dam (FSL = 34.890m)	30/1/17 23h48 67.6%	increasing (last 24 hours rain = 0.6mm)



## Controlling the Debtor Reins

A key function within LEFPA is that of debtor control, without which the Association will struggle to be sustainable. Susan Daniel joined LEFPA in July 2016 and has already had a striking impact in her role as Debtors Controller.



Susan was born in Middleburg and attended a technical school. She gained her enormous self-discipline and the ability to calmly deal with a variety of situations from her time spent as a member of the SAPS and also her service in the SANDF.

After working in the accounts departments of several companies in the Lowveld and Mozambique, Susan has brought her considerable experience and settled in very well at LEFPA.

She's impressed by the strong LEFPA team, saying that good relationships and mutual respect are evident as everyone at LEFPA knuckles down to their allotted tasks.

Susan lives in Sabie with her husband Adrian and works from the Nelspruit office on Tuesday and Thursday. She can be contacted by phone 013 752 6419 / 083 702 3792 or email [debtors@lefpa.co.za](mailto:debtors@lefpa.co.za) and her door is always open to members requiring help.

### Notes from Susan:

- Membership invoices will be sent out on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.
- Accounts are strictly 30 days, so if fees are not received on time Susan will follow up directly with you. She keeps a keen eye on payments to ensure that every member can be assisted with the resources LEFPA has at its disposal.

## TRAC Discovers Famine Weed (*Parthenium hysterophorus*) On the N4

Every year before the grass cutting begins, TRAC get stuck into the alien weeds alongside the N4 and as a LEFPA member, they call on LEFPA for assistance with weed control.

Weeding clears combustible material and prevents the spread of alien weeds onto adjacent land; good news for landowners.

LEFPA performed the follow up spray from Komati to Machadodorp via Schoemanskloof and Elands Valley in January. A disturbing development this year is the sighting of *Parthenium hysterophorus*, Famine Weed, on the N4.

Famine Weed is a major health hazard causing allergenic dermatitis and asthma in humans. It is a nerve depressant and cattle that have grazed on *Parthenium* are not fit for human consumption while their milk may become toxic.

Famine Weed is spread by seed and is a nasty invader causing farmers difficulties in KZN. Vigilance is required to prevent it gaining a foothold in Mpumalanga.

Read more online [www.invasives.org.za/legislation/item/295-famine-weed-parthenium-hysterophorus](http://www.invasives.org.za/legislation/item/295-famine-weed-parthenium-hysterophorus).



## Activities for the Month - February

- Mow airstrips.
- Prepare chemical traces.
- Attend LEFPA meetings regularly.
- Train your employees in fire management.
- Finalise a firebreak agreement with your neighbours.
- Draw up an action plan for non-conforming firebreaks.
- Slash burning allowed if weather permits - get a burning permit from LEFPA.



### Important Note:

- Basic Firefighting Training is available to LEFPA members. Interested parties can contact the LEFPA office.
- FDI weather emails and SMSs are available to LEFPA members, contact Corné for more information.
- A Corporate Creditors Meeting will be held in the LEFPA Boardroom in May. Details to follow.

# LEFPA Calendar 2017

JANUARY						
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2 NEW YEARS DAY						
3 LEFPA OFFICE OPEN						
26 LEFPA PLANNING MEETING						

FEBRUARY						
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9 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
23 BOARD MEETING						

MARCH						
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9 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING						
21 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY						
23 BOARD MEETING						

APRIL						
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6 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
20 BOARD MEETING						
14+17+27 EASTER & FREEDOM DAY						

MAY						
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1 WORKER'S DAY						
11 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
25 BOARD MEETING						

JUNE						
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8 LEFPA AGM						
16 YOUTH DAY						
22 BOARD MEETING						

JULY						
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13 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
27 BOARD MEETING						

AUGUST						
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9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY (WOMAN'S DAY)						
10 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
24 BOARD MEETING						

SEPTEMBER						
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14 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
25 HERITAGE DAY						
28 BOARD MEETING						

OCTOBER						
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12 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
26 BOARD MEETING						
28 FIRE SEASON FUNCTION						

NOVEMBER						
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9 LEFPA GENERAL MEETING						
23 LEFPA PLANNING MEETING						

DECEMBER						
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31						
7 BOARD MEETING						
15 LEFPA OFFICE CLOSE						
16 DAY OF RECONCILIATION						
25+26 CHRISTMAS & GOODWILL DAY						

FIRE SEASON: 1 JUNE 2017 TO 31 OCTOBER 2017 - MEETINGS START AT 9H00

3 JANUARY 2017 - 31 MAY 2017 & 1 NOVEMBER 2017 - 31 DECEMBER 2017: MEETINGS START AT 10H00