

Museum Summer Newsletter 2017

INTERESTING SNIPPETS

Statistics extracted from our Museum visitors book show a marginal increase in visitors over the 12 month period, from 3 709 in 2015 to 3 734 in 2016. Many of our visitors are tourists from as far afield as England, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, Spain, France, Switzerland, USA, the Philippines, Israel, New Zealand, Dubai and Australia. As one would expect, the majority of visitors are from South Africa in general, and the Western Cape in particular. We are very grateful for the support of our Friends of the Museum who so often bring along their friends and family and also encourage visitors to spend some time meandering around the museum.

Without fail, visitors are amazed by the size of our collection and enchanted by the layout and design of the displays. Here are a few selected comments from our visitors' book:

- An amazing Experience
- Baie, baie dankie vir "Dit"
- A lovely voyage back in time. Very well done (Holland)
- A most comprehensive and interesting collection (UK)
- An excellent effort to be inclusive & representative of local history, sensitively curated with loads of potential for further initiatives
- Dankie dat julle ons geskiedenis
- Fell in love with Darling (Holland)
- Thanks for looking after our heritage
- Best I've seen. Wonderful
- A very special museum with a lovely display in mint condition
- My favourite museum (Sweden)
- Pragtig, baie interessant en vriendelike mense
- So many things remembering me to my childhood (Germany)
- Best small museum in the southern hemisphere (UK)

We are very fortunate to have Darling Tourism located at the museum which draws visitors to the museum. The front desk is competently manned by Dianne Le Roux, assisted by Maggie Fowles, Sharon McClure, Cheryl Mezzetti, Gaynor van Heerden and Sue Hooks. All these ladies ensure the smooth running of the museum and we extend our thanks to them all.

Just a reminder about the shop at the Museum. There are many interesting and collectable bric-a-brac items as well as jams, preserves and other homemade goodies. And, don't forget Bessie Visser's wonderful homemade butter. Bessie also supplies us with her beautiful mohair products. While it may be scorchingly hot here in SA, your friends and relatives in much colder climates may welcome one of her scarves or blankets. Pop in sometime and have a browse. If you wish to consign items to the museum, please contact Dianne.

MUSEUM GARDEN REVAMP

Peter King, our treasurer, has morphed into our 'landscaper' in his spare time. He has arranged for our collection of olive trees confined to stunted growth in wine barrels, to be released into the Darling soil to allow for long term growth and freedom. Already they look so much happier. The wine barrels will house gazanias to add colour to the museum garden. Peter has also very generously donated concrete benches and tables to the museum. Many thanks Peter. If any of you have any unwanted waterwise plants, please spare a thought for the Museum.



SILICA GEL - MOISTURE CONTROL SOLUTION

Silica gel sachets, found in many products such as pills, are an effective way of controlling humidity to prevent deterioration of items by absorbing moisture. Please do not discard these sachets as the museum can always find a use for them. Just drop them off whenever you pass by the museum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Join us at
Darling's
Burns Supper**



Date: 28th January 2017
Time: 19h00 for 19h30
Venue: The Golf Club
Tickets: R195/per person

Includes whiskey on arrival and 3 course dinner

On sale at the Museum 022-4923361 /
info@darlingtourism.co.za

All proceeds to go to the **Darling
Museum & Darling Tourism**



MENU

Beginnings

A 'wee' Dram at warm the heart and toast the remembered

Belly Warmer

'Cock a Leekie'. A hailsome soup wae Chook (that's Chicken) n' Leeks

The 'Wee' Yin

A drappit a Haggis wi Neeps (to be "piped" in)

The 'Big' Yin

Tweed Kettle (fresh Salmon) or Raiders Roast (slow roast Lamb)

Served wi Rumbledethumps (that 'll be ye tatties and veg)

Drambuie Coffee Ice cream wi Drambuie toffee sauce

Drams and shortbread

The festivities will include a live video feed to Edinburgh to witness their celebrations of the evening, an auction of 2 amazing ceramic collectable items (see pics below), and plenty of fun and jollification. Join us for a memorable evening.



RESERVE THESE DATES

The 2nd **Darling Garden Party** is scheduled for **Saturday, 18th March 2017**. Details will follow in due course but you may wish to prepare your outfits by scrambling in Grannie's attic for suitable attire. A prize will be given to the most stylish (outrageous??) outfit/s.



The **Darling Museum AGM** will take place on **Monday, 27th March 2017**. Please diarise this date and bring yourself and a friend or two. Details will follow in due course.

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