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CORPORATE FUNCTION

The next corporate function to show our appreciation to the various corporate sponsors supporting NEWS activities, will be held on **2 March at 19h00** at the Namibia Scientific Society hall in Robert Mugabe Avenue.

This function will include 2010 & 2011 corporate sponsors who will receive a certificate as token of appreciation.

Short presentations by the two students currently partially supported by NEWS providing feedback of their research activities in the Etosha National Park, will also be made.

The local press will be invited to report on the function and snacks will be served. All members are warmly invited to attend this function!

Please contact Hilda-Marie at 061-306450 or information@NEWS-Namibia.org for further information.

The following environmental newsletters of interest have recently been distributed and can be viewed at the following websites:

- BROWN HYENA RESEARCH PROJECT NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2010
WWW.STRANDWOLF.ORG.ZA
- RAPTORS NAMIBIA NEWSLETTER No 4: OCTOBER TO DECEMBER
WWW.NNF.ORG.NA/RAPTORS/

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ROAN NEWS MAGAZINE OUT

The latest issue of *Roan News*, published at the end of last year includes a variety of general environmental articles by well-known local and international personalities and researchers.

Articles include various human-wildlife related issues, such as spotted hyena and human-wildlife conflict in the Caprivi and those between raptors and power lines.

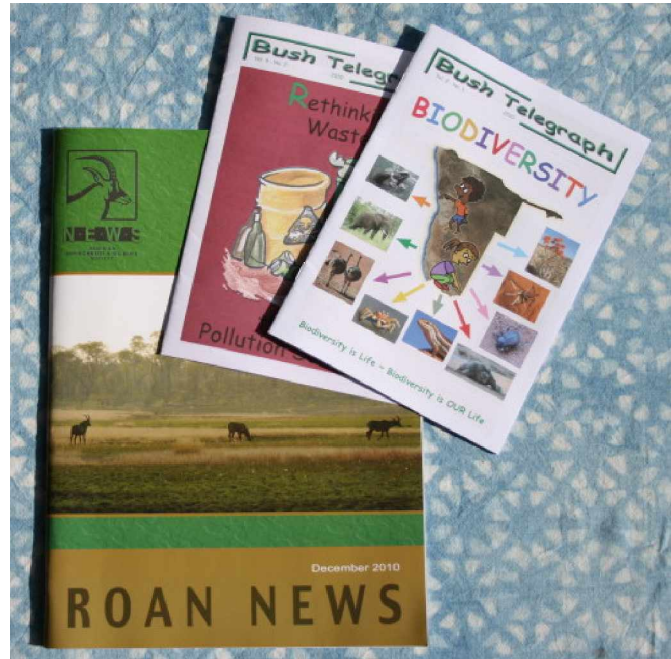
NEWS is currently partly funding two research projects in the Etosha National Park which are addressing recycling and the nuisance of black-backed jackal in camps. Feedback on both these projects is given in *Roan News*.

Increased prospecting and mining currently that is taking place throughout Namibia is of great concern and articles dealing with mining restoration raise some interesting points.

Another contentious topic, especially from north-central Namibia, is that of bush thickening, commonly referred to as 'bush encroachment'. An article on the conversion of 'bush-to-electricity' gives the pros and cons of this innovative process in this latest issue.

Also included in this issue of *Roan News* are two issues of *Bush Telegraph* – the official youth magazine of NEWS. Published by the Namibian Desert Environmental Education Trust (NaDEET), these two deal with biodiversity and waste-related matters. Further information on NaDEET's activities can be obtained from www.nadeet.org, or by contacting Viktoria Keding at admin@nadeet.org.

The *Roan News* is currently being distributed to NEWS members. Members who have not yet received the magazine should please contact Hilda-Marie at the NEWS office (061-306450; information@NEWS-Namibia.org)



The latest *Roan News* and *Bush Telegraph* youth magazines.

AGM

The 2010/11 AGM will be held on **6 April at 19h00** at the Scientific Society hall in Robert Mugabe Avenue.

The Director of the Namibian Nature Foundation (NNF), Dr Julian Fennessy, will be the guest speaker during the evening. Dr Fennessy recently took over the position of Director at NNF from Dr Chris Brown and although new to the position, Julian is not new to Namibia as he conducted research into giraffe ecology in north-western Namibia for his PhD thesis between 1997 and 2003.

Feedback on NEWS activities and financial statements during 2010/2011 will be presented and all members are invited to attend.

Nominations for a new committee for 2011/2012 are welcome and all NEWS members are encouraged to nominate members for committee positions. Nominations have to be accepted by candidates suggested and official nomination forms can be obtained at the News offices.

School Feedback

NEWS is currently assisting the UNWTO ST-EP programme in establishing micro-libraries for two needy primary schools in Windhoek.

The schools identified for support by the Ministry of Education are the Olaf Palme and Frans Aupa Indongo Primary Schools.

Should these libraries be successful in Windhoek the programme is expected to be extended to rural areas throughout Namibia.



The Olaf Palme Primary School venue identified and being inspected for suitability to accommodate the proposed UNWTO ST-EP funded micro-library (© P. Cunningham).

Roll of Honour

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our corporate members, which allows us to pursue our mission to conserve the natural environment of Namibia and to promote appropriate protection, wise and sustainable use of natural resources and sustainable development.

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