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Meet our NEW MET partner

Watch the video below to meet Marlon de Jager and hear about this journey as an Angora goat farmer.



REACHING OUT TO GOVERNMENT MOHAIR PROJECTS

Sarah Baartman District Municipality



On 6th of July, Beauty Mokgwane visited local government's (Department of Rural Development Agrarian Reform & Land Reform) Mohair projects in the Dr Beyers Naude municipality. She was accompanied by the DRDAR team, Mr. Sindile Magoda, Ms. Gcoyellewa Nkholia and Ms. Sulungwe Nonyongo that work closely with the emerging farmers in the Sarah Baartman district.

The purpose of this visit was to establish if there were potential Mohair Empowerment Trust partners within these projects for the MET. This visit afforded Beauty first-hand understanding of what the farmers knew, the quality of their goats, the challenges that they face and how they deal with them. Beauty took this opportunity to explain the value of RMS certification, how they can go about becoming certified and the consequences of not being RMS certified.

Beauty plans to visit additional projects in other municipal districts as these can be a 'feeder program' to the MET. She would like to THANK the DRDAR team for their time and for sharing their projects with her. By collaborating and working together we can do more!



Welcoming all to Willowmore's next Angora goat show!



It's time for us to get back together and hangout after the prolonged drought and Covid 19. For this reason, the town of Willowmore warmly invites everybody who loves Angora goats to attend our event on the 9th and 10th of November 2022 at the Willowmore Showgrounds. For the Stud Farmers we provide stud classes, and for the Herd Farmers and Emerging Farmers, we will have a Herd Competition. Choose 5 of your best young ewes (two-tooth), or ask your broker to help.

Please come and join us. Everyone from the mohair industry, including MSA, the Trust, brokers, and mohair buyers will be there so we can have lovely chats in-between the displays and demos.

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The Stucken group facilitated a program for German student, Merle Schimank, to spend time within the SA Mohair industry. She had the pleasure of taking a tour through the Processing, Spinning and Weaving sectors before visiting Mohair SA on the 25th of July. A special presentation was created so that she could gain a deeper understanding of the mohair fibre, the industry structure, sustainability within the industry, the Orikant project, MET and SAMGA. Sanmarie Vermaak, manager of the SA Mohair Growers' Association, took Merle to OVK so that she could 'follow the mohair' and understand their role.

On the 26th of July Beauty Mokgwamane, manager of the Mohair Empowerment Trust, drove Merle deep into the Karoo where she arranged visits with MET and commercial Farmers.



Feedback from Beauty

I must say it was just God's plan...everything went perfectly. The trip was a very ambitious attempt as we drove from one farm to the next all in a single day.

Our first stop was at our Mohair Empowerment Trust success story, Doornrivier farm. Simphiwe invited myself and Merle to view his healthy goats, carrying long clean quality hair. It was a beautiful picture of what we are aiming for in the Mohair Industry - transformation, empowerment, uplifting and commercialising. He also shared a bit about their farming journey of success with Merle and expressed his gratitude to the Mohair Empowerment Trust for all the support he has received to achieve his dreams.

Our next stop was Driefontein Farm. It was amazing to see young farmers pulling up their sleeves and making great progress. Lloyd was kind enough to share information about the kidding process with Merle, and how his shearing season went. Currently the hair collected from his recent shearing is at the broker, waiting for sale and we holding thumbs that it will be a great winter season for his farm. Lloyd also shared some insights from his recent Italy trip with the Mohair South Africa team and how grateful he is for the opportunity to learn so much about the industry. He is very excited for what the future holds for the Mohair industry and RMS Mohair.

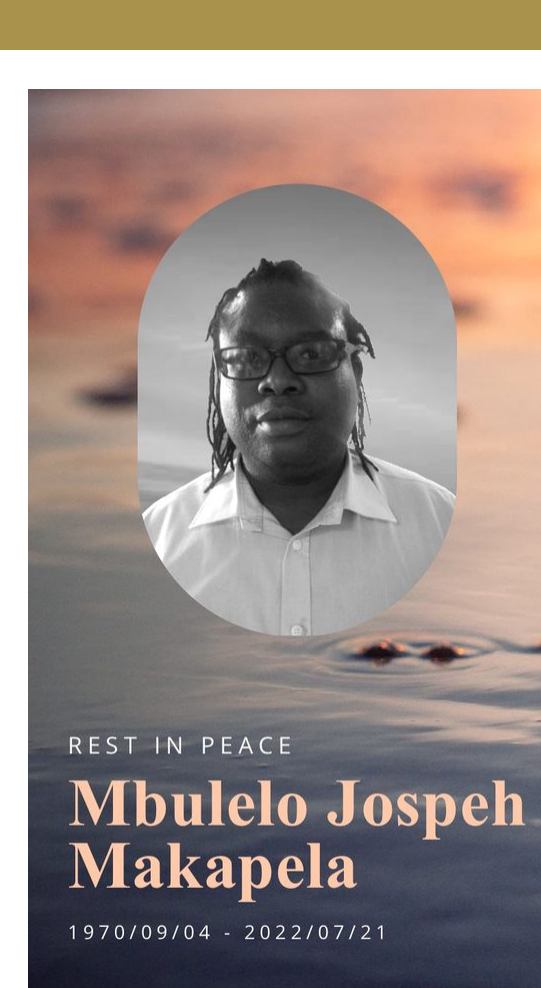
I can't help but smile when I see all the hard work of my MET Farmers pay off. It's such a rewarding job working with such dedicated farmers and I am proud of all MET Farmers this season.

Our 3rd stop was at Ayanda - Krantzloof farm, Merle was really captivated by all that there was to see. In my language we like to say 'gotsamaya ke go bona' which is loosely translated to, 'to travel, is to see things you have never seen before'. I was so proud to introduce Merle to another young farmer increasing their goat numbers in such a short time! Ayanda has a prime location and suitable space to farm angora goats. His hard work and determination has paid off in leaps and bound and I am honestly very proud.

Last but not least, we made a stop at the Wienand family farm where we met with Brett. It was very interesting listening to him recall the farm's history and tell more about their farm management style as a family. Within a very short amount of time he was able to show us his different camps which are home to his angora goats from kapers to kids, young goats and adult goats. We ended the tour with a picturesque view of his citrus business. The Wienand family have always been very accommodating and it's an honour to have them part of the industry. Special thanks to Mark for coordinating the tour and Brett for making the time to show us around.



Thank you to each and every individual that made this tour possible, we are grateful for the support we received this week as we shared the authentic South African Mohair goat farming experience with Merle.



May Mbulelo Josphe Makapela rest in peace

Mbulelo Joseph Makapela worked for the Land Bank for 25 years as an Agricultural Specialist. He tragically passed away on the 21st of July. He was a husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. We will remember him for his role in assisting MET partners and other emerging farmers within the government projects.

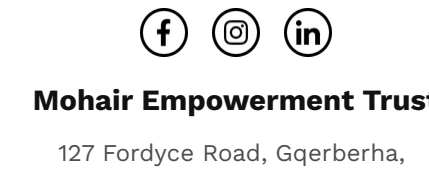
Our condolences to his family and colleagues.



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