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### **GROMOR FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

I have just finished reading “The President Keepers” – not an easy read, with the many names involved, leaving one very confused. But that state capture and corruption were taking place under Zuma’s watch, of that there is no doubt.

The frightening thing is that our country has been held to ransom under one man for a very long time. Remember Zuma’s early days when Shabier Shaik took the “rap” for the “Arms Deal” bribe in which Zuma was also implicated. He was however not charged, whilst Shaik was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, but with “good” connections served less than a year before being released for “health” reasons to play golf! What a mockery!

We have an excellent constitution and justice system, but they do unfortunately only “kick in” very, very slowly.

Not following our justice system and putting pals into jobs that they are incapable of doing at hugely inflated salaries and bonuses, has all but bankrupted our state-owned enterprises (SOE’s) such as Eskom (electricity), SAA (airways), Railways, Post Office etc costing the country billions of rands. If we take Eskom as an example, were paying more for locally mined coal, the main driver for electricity generation, than the market price.

The Estima Dairy Project of R220 million of government sponsored money for the alleviation of poverty through the establishment of a Dairy Project, was virtually all syphoned off by the Gupta’s and used to fund an elaborated wedding with guests – being flown into Wonder Boom air force base, which is highly irregular. With this case having been speculated on for a considerable time, its good to see action taken shortly after Ramaphose have notice that corruption would no longer be tolerated.

#### **NEW GROMOR FACILITIES**

GROMOR are well settled in their new premises ±2km off the N3 towards Richmond. Gromor has secured enough organic material for composting and blending to meet their requirements for the national compost and growing medium markets, in which they hold a dominant position. The new site has state of the art equipment incorporating automatic bagging, weighing, sealing and pelleting equipment.

Jan Van Vuuren manages this division.

The owners of GROMOR have a history of blending and distributing 50kg bags of fertilizers. This operation was carried out from rented premises in Pietermaritzburg. This operation, including the modern equipment has now been consolidated at the new premises. This range is aimed at the agricultural market, will in future be sold under the GROMOR lable.

#### **WHAT TO DO?**

Agriculturally there really is not much to do at this stage, that has already not been done, except to pray that the good rains, continue minimum hail balls and sunny growing weather persists.

You could also give some thought to, planting a “break crop” if you’ve had a long period of monocropping. Consider legume which gives nitrogen to the soil through rhizobia bacteria. They are an easy way to improving soil health, reducing fertilization needs, and increases crop yields.

In the most of KZN where sound cultivation and fertilization practices have been followed, crops and gardens look good.

Regards,  
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PS: I pass some tips received from Keith Hartley om how to survive driving on our roads.

1. Under no circumstance should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you, as this space will immediately be filled by at least 2 taxis and a BMW, putting you in an even more dangerous situation.
2. Never, ever come to a complete stop at a stop sign. No one expects it and you will only be rear-ended.
3. Never pass on the right, when you can pass on the left. This has the added advantage of checking whether the drivers entering the highway are awake.
4. Always slow down and rubberneck when you see an accident or even someone changing a tyre. In fact, to avoid being mugged, its safest to never stop to help anyone.
5. On average at least 3 vehicles can still go through after the lights have turned red. It's people not adhering to this basic principle that cause traffic jams during rush hour.