

# ROSE Report

Recovery of Oil Saves the Environment

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### Profile



## Meet our vice-chairman David Page

David Page is the managing director (MD) of Fuchs Lubricants (South Africa) (Pty)

Ltd and joined the company 19 years ago in January 1986. He was initially involved in production and moved on to sales where he found his niche and became the national sales manager of the South African company before becoming the MD.

We interviewed him to find out more about his involvement as the vice-chairman of the ROSE Foundation and here is what he had to say...

**RR: Why did you join the board of the ROSE Foundation?**

DP: When I became the MD of Fuchs and replaced Frans de Manielle, I also took on his responsibility of working with the ROSE Foundation.

**RR: How long have you been a board member?**

DP: I joined as a director of the board in 2003.

**RR: When did you become a vice-chairman?**

DP: I was elected as the vice-chairman at the ROSE annual general meeting (AGM) in December 2003.

**RR: What are some of your goals and responsibilities in this role?**

DP: I work closely with the chairman and assist him where I can. I also regularly attend and participate in all meetings that take place. Another one of my responsibilities is to work with the Chief Executive (CEO) on matters of common interest and investigate what mutually beneficial projects we can create.

**RR: How does your work at Fuchs equip you to perform your role on the board?**

DP: Quite simply, I can draw on experiences from my working environment and with the objective of ROSE in mind I can assist my colleagues in endeavouring to achieve the ROSE Foundation goals.

**RR: What do you enjoy most about your being the vice-chairman?**

DP: I enjoy meeting and interacting with colleagues from the industry. I also have the benefit of being able to influence the environment in a very positive way through the initiatives of ROSE.

**RR: What are the challenges you face in this role?**

DP: One of the main challenges is developing ROSE in a way that it can become more influential in used oil management by being responsible, sharing our experiences and offering assistance to others involved in the same work. Another challenge is giving it guidance in its future direction.

**RR: What have you learnt from being a member of ROSE?**

DP: That the environment is important to all of us and that we all have to care for it so that future generations can enjoy it.

**RR: What message would you like to give the readers of ROSE Report?**

DP: A successful outcome of the ROSE Foundation objectives is only possible if we create a unified team. Not only member companies and our project partners, but "YOU" the general public as well, ensuring that collectively we understand the drawbacks of used oil pollution and the impact it has on the environment.

**RR: What inspiration do you live by?**

DP: Hard work, integrity, honesty and commitment.

### Out and about

## ROSE directors visit the Port Elizabeth depot

Directors of ROSE visited the newest addition to the ROSE network of depots at Port Elizabeth in March. The original depot in Port Elizabeth was a storage site in Cotswold that had been there for over 10 years.

The site was considered too small and a new storage facility was then built with an investment of approximately R5 million that met the SABS 089 engineering standards as well as environmental and legal compliance requirements.

The new depot which was completed in the beginning of 2003 is situated in Paterson Road, Northend. It has a storage capacity of about 300 000 litres.



Back left to right: Norman Jobson (Caltex) and Jarl Ehn (Shell). Middle left to right: Andre de Wet (Engen), Rob Douglas (Total SA) and Raj Lochan (ROSE). Front left to right: Andy Mercer (Shell), Dave Page (Fuchs), Gloria Cousins (Oilkol (Pty) Ltd) and Fritz Klingenberg (Total SA).

## Project update

### Keyzers River clean-up duo put training to work

**T**hemba Dondolo and Thobela Mooi have been helping with the Keyzers River Restoration Project (KRRP) for more than a year. In that time they have been included in various other wetland and environmental training courses being run for similar projects and co-ordinated by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa: Western Cape Region (WESSA: WC).

During these sessions, they have gained experience into wetland ecological functioning, water quality assessment, indigenous flora and fauna and the management of alien invasive plants. Training has also included modules on life skills and practical topics like fire fighting, the use of herbicides and various tools.

Their previous experience managing a wetland plant nursery has also been very valuable for the KRRP. Nearly all rivers end in the sea and so, appropriately, Themba and Thobela will soon be joining a training course designed for the management of a coastal conservation area.

At the end of July, a launch event is being held to publicise the Keyzers River Restoration Project and encourage more partners to join this very worthwhile initiative.

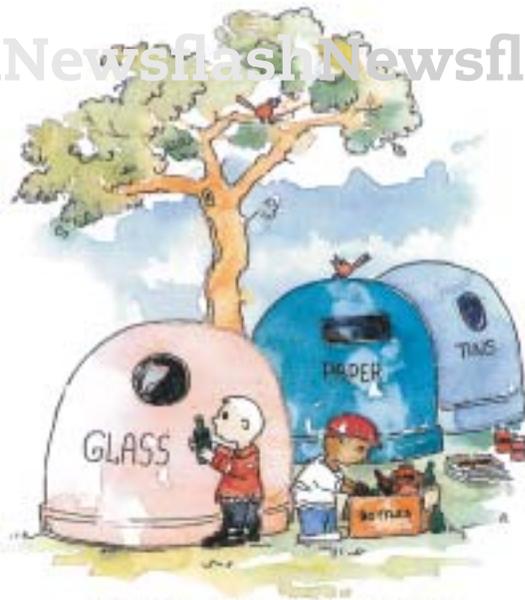


*From left to right: Themba and Thobela help build one of the informative signs for the Keyzers River Restoration Project (KRRP).*

The current partners of the KRRP are WESSA: WC, ROSE Foundation, South Peninsula Administration of the City of Cape Town, with the backing of local businesses Pfizer Laboratories, Cadburys, Tellumat, ArvinMeritor, Zest and Pinecor.

## Growing our partners

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*Artwork by J. Luck*

*Everyone can recycle paper, tins and bottles.*

**T**he ROSE Foundation is pleased to announce that we are continuing to grow our partners and foster relationships that can assist us in preserving the environment.

ROSE has recently become a member of the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) and also participates in the National Recycling Forum (NRF), which is an affiliated group of IWMSA.

The NRF is a non-profit organisation that was created to further the interest of the formal recycling industries of South Africa.

ROSE has also joined the Cape Regional Chamber of Commerce that aims to serve the interests of business by satisfying the needs of our members through representing their views and providing services of value.

ROSE looks forward to a long and prosperous relationship with both these organisations!

## Sharing our knowledge

### Guidelines on recycling of solid waste

To take the first step to recycle your waste one needs to first know more about different waste and what can and can't be recycled. When it comes to recycling waste there are commonly recycled items, less commonly recycled items and then waste that cannot be recycled. To help you out we have outlined these items with information supplied by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism.

#### Recycling has the following benefits:

- It reduces the waste stream going to landfill sites
- It can create jobs
- It helps reduce litter
- It helps reduce pollution and conserve natural resources
- It conserves energy and reduces manufacturing costs
- It can reduce normal salvaging from landfill sites

Tyres



Used Oil



Glass



Plastic



Textiles



#### What cannot be recycled?

- Dirty recyclable materials e.g. soiled plastic
- Laminates made of mixed material e.g. plastic-paper, paper-metal foil laminates
- Laminated glass such as car windscreens
- General waste mixed with hazardous waste
- Materials that are uneconomical to recycle because of insufficient volumes, or transport distances to markets are too great.



Windscreens



Toxic Waste



Dirty Recyclables

#### What can be recycled?

Common items include paper, cardboard, metal cans, scrap metal, plastic, glass, tyres and used lubricating oils. Unusual items include motor vehicles, white goods (e.g. old fridges and microwaves), electronic products, batteries, construction and demolition waste.

## Recognising champions

### ROSE acknowledges FFS Refiners Cape Town for achieving environmental compliance

In August and September 2003 the ROSE Foundation with the assistance of Arcus Gibb, carried out environmental compliance audits at the FFS Refiners branches' in Chloorkoop, Pietermaritzburg, Durban and Cape Town.

Assessment of the best branch was keenly contested and after much deliberation, Cape Town was voted as the best branch. A floating shield, an outright "Environmental



Left to right: *Dave Sands* (Branch Manager Cape Town), *Don Hunter* (CEO - FFS), *Neva van der Merwe* (Environmental Administrator), *Raj Lochan* (CEO - ROSE), *Alison Haycock* (Group Environmental Manager) and *Ashley Corolissen* (Quality Control Manager).

Compliance Award" and a cash prize was presented to the branch management and staff on March 24.

The presentation award ceremony took place over a lunchtime braai at the FFS plant. All staff members, including Don Hunter, CEO of FFS Refiners, attended the presentation and they were all presented with a 'T' shirt to mark the occasion.

## The Green Guide

### Here are some dates and useful websites to remember...

- dates:
- **11 July 2004**  
World Population Day
  - **30 August - 5 September 2004**  
National Arbor Week
  - **16 September 2004**  
International Day for the preservation of the ozone layer
  - **18 September 2004**  
International coastal clean-up day
  - **6 October 2004**  
World Habitat Day
  - **10 October - 17 October 2004**  
International Weedbuster Week
  - **17 October 2004**  
National Marine Day
  - **17 October - 22 October 2004**  
National Marine Week

- sites:
- CSIR River Health Programme [www.csir.co.za/rhp](http://www.csir.co.za/rhp)
  - National State of the Environment Report [www.ngo.grida.no/soesa/nsoer](http://www.ngo.grida.no/soesa/nsoer)
  - New Scientist Magazine [www.newscientist.com](http://www.newscientist.com)
  - South African Geographical Journal [www.egs.uct.ac.za/sagj](http://www.egs.uct.ac.za/sagj)
  - Institute of Waste Management Southern Africa [www.iwmsa.co.za](http://www.iwmsa.co.za)

## News you can use

### A CALL TO ACTION

Have your very own ROSE mini-tank for your used oil. To order contact Oilkol (Pty) Ltd on 0800 107 107.

Tank prices (excluding VAT) are:

**R 1 800** for a 1 000 litre tank

**R 2 200** for a 2 000 litre tank

**R 4 500** for a 5 000 litre tank

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| Port Elizabeth | Paterson Road, North End, 6001              | (041) 487 3271 |
| Johannesburg   | 18 Nellmapius Street, Chamdor, 1739         | (011) 762 5506 |