Exciting Times Ahead for the West Coast and for Langebaan Country Estate!

By Craig Scott | LCE CEO

I welcome you to our latest newsletter, which will provide you with all the exciting news about what is happening at Langebaan Country Estate (LCE). Henceforth, we will produce this comprehensive eight-page newsletter twice a year and I would like to thank all the loyal advertisers for agreeing to support us by taking up advertisements – much appreciated.

After years of speculation, President Zuma arrived in Saldanha Bay on the 30th of October amidst much fanfare, to formally proclaim the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) by handing over the operator’s license to the licensing company. Despite some unfortunate political posturing at this event, it is quite clear that this IDZ has been thoroughly researched and planned by experts and that there is full co-operation between National, Provincial and local Municipal government to achieve the objectives of the establishment of the country’s sixth IDZ. There are very compelling reasons why this latest IDZ makes sense in Saldanha Bay and why previous mistakes will not be repeated.

I have no doubt that it will lead to substantial local and foreign direct investment as well as much needed job creation.

Whilst the inevitable influx of both skilled and unskilled labour will not do much create challenges for us as a community on the West Coast, I am extremely excited about the potential the IDZ offers for Langebaan Country Estate. I believe we offer the very best very substantial investment opportunity on the West Coast. In terms of security, environmental integrity and an ever-increasing range of top quality amenities. This confidence has informed our decision to set up LCE Homes Trust together with trusted business partners with the objective of building as many houses as we can on the Estate over the next two years.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, there has been a very impressive increase in the number of new houses commenced over the past two years as well as the purchasing of vacant stands by buyers intending to build. I am extremely satisfied with these volumes given the challenges of the most severe economic recession in living memory, which had a particularly negative effect on most other golf estates.

Our facilities continue to improve and get busier by year and I am particularly pleased with the condition of our golf course, ever improving under the watchful, dedicated eye of our Greenkeeper Klaas van Eysen and his loyal team. Our Masseur course expands to 18 holes in December and I believe this will surely be one of the very best such facilities anywhere in the country in a few years’ time – a great place to introduce the wonderful game of golf to the next generation.

We are currently in the process of planning a 54-unit hotel on the Estate, together with large conferencing and gym facilities and the development rights for these facilities are fully in place.

After a process taking five years and consuming vast sums of money, we finally received full environmental authorization for our next phase of development from the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning during the course of this year as well. This phase consists of some 1600 varied and exciting development opportunities including a full facility Retirement Village. The slow but responsible and sustainable improvement in the general property market, together with the pleasing level of activity on the Estate and the inevitable and observable increase in demand for our unique product continues to improve the financial viability of the larger developments at LCE.

Before commencing further phases however, we do need to first see the remaining vacant erven on the Estate being developed by their Owners. Given the strength of demand, we will be re-introducing penalties for those owners who have failed to comply with their contractual obligations to build within a specified period. The message is simple: build on your vacant erven or sell it to a buyer who wishes to do so in order for us to continue to develop the rest of the Estate as planned for the benefit of all Owners.

Finally, I would like to thank all my Staff, Consultants, Contractors and Professional team for their passionate support of our process of building a happy, safe, financially and environmentally sound and sustainable community at LCE. If by chance you are an owner who hasn’t visited the Estate for some time, please come and visit to see for yourself the level of activity as well as to enjoy the hospitality of my proudly West Coast team.

Our Ethical Approach as Developers to Protecting the Environment is a Fresh Breeze in this often Scrupulous Profit Driven World. They have followed all the environmental processes required to the tee and have done much more than what is stipulated. Thus all the residents of LCE and the public in general can enjoy the pristine “Strandveld” with dams and wetlands. The natural habitat has invited all its previous inhabitants back and it is abuzz with its original Fauna and Flora. It is an absolute pleasure to walk, run and cycle through this peaceful haven.

Langebaners have come to know the LCE as a major role player in ensuring a healthy community. To this end they have appointed Maryam Aile, as respected member of the community, to act as the link with the previously disadvantaged community. This has led to many projects including feeding schemes, developmental programs for children during holidays and support to the needy.

Sport is a major stabilizing factor in a community and the LCE has been involved in sports development through the sponsorship of golf, soccer, netball and other development programs. The role LCE is playing in solving the problem of a lack of sports facilities is crucial. They are presently at the forefront of the plan for the upgrading of the Langebaan Primary School sports fields which will also be utilized by the Langebaan Rugby Club. They sponsor various sporting codes in Langeban of which the free LCE Golf Academy, the Langeban Athletics Club and the Langeban Rugby Club are the most prominent.

The LCE was the main sponsor of both the Langeban Country Estate Wenskus Marathon and the Langebaan Country Estate Lagoon Cycle Challenge held in 2013 and the LCE has pledged to continue this sponsorship in future years. These two events made a huge contribution to promoting tourism in Langeban whilst at the same time assisting the Honorary Rangers to raise funds that are ploughed back into the West Coast National Park and SANParks for environmental conservation.

I have had the pleasure of working with the LCE on the “Langeban Constructive Engagement” program. Together we have had quarterly positive events where tourism, the beautification of Langeban and sport development have been the themes. These meetings have had fantastic outcomes that, over time, will have a positive impact on Langeban. The “Langeban Champions” evening at the end of November will bring this program to a close for 2013.

The LCE is a true Champion for the community of Langeban!
Why Langebaan Country Estate?

By RetoMoore & Marise Baurne | LCE Owners’ Association Managing Agents

Your Ultimate West Coast Lifestyle Destination

Within Langebaan Country Estate Owners’ Association there are sub-associations that are being managed as separate entities from the master Owners’ Association namely:

- Perkijt Town Homes
- Perkijt Body Corporate
- Vogelsanck Body Corporate
- Vegebank Building Company

These entities each consist of their own board of trustees and rules implemented that must be adhered to.

The Estate is run within the framework of a Constitution (Master Owners’ Association) which was drawn up by Professor Tertius Maree on behalf of the Developer at the commencement of the development of the Estate. The Constitution's main function is to ensure the efficient operation of the Estate and its regulation, matters such as architectural controls, security, general conduct rules, the roads and the natural environment and common property.

A copy of the Constitution, together with numerous other documents and regulations may be found on the very comprehensive Langebaan Country Estate website at www.lce.co.za. The Estate regulations do require that homes be kept in good repair and gardens are neatly maintained, which preserves and enhances the value of all properties.

The Estate is still under development and properties are being sold actively. Purchasers of stands should be aware that penalties are levied in cases where the build-by period has lapsed. It is to ensure that the Estate is not filled with land speculators, but rather owners who buy into the lifestyle that LCE offers. It must be further noted that once an owner commences construction, they will need to complete their home within 12 months. It is in all residents’ best interests to ensure that the Estate is built up as quickly as possible.

For security, the Estate is secured by a perimeter fence, all entrance gates have access control and cameras and the entire Estate is patrolled by roving guards and a dedicated ADT response vehicle manned by armed response officers. Should owners install alarms in their houses, they can rest assured that ADT will be at their home in a crisis speedily, due to the alarms being linked to the response vehicle at the ADT control centre. Outstanding alarm monitoring deals have been negotiated by LCE with ADT for Estate residents, which represent enormous discounts off normal monitoring rates. Accordingly, all owners are strongly urged to invest in monitored home alarm systems.

The Estate forms part of a sensitive, fragile area that requires special management. The 450 hectare Estate is surrounded by West Coast vegetation and the beautiful Langebaan lagoon which offers fishing, windsurfing, and sailing, whilst various other water sports can be enjoyed. Langebaan Country Estate offers the perfect lifestyle for nature lovers who have many aspires to.

Estate Security Report

By Harold Richter | LCE Independent Security Consultant

The crime statistics for the area indicate that the area is fairly safe compared to South African standards and the rest of the Western Cape in particular. The Estate is at present not significantly or directly affected by crime in the area. Socio-economic factors however, cause changes in communities and these may in time result in an increase in criminal activity reported inside the Estate.

The Estate is enclosed with a palisade fence, which will by high security standards be regarded as inadequate. The emphasis of the Estate management is however not on the creation of a “high security” environment at this stage, and the fences will not be improved nor will electrified fencing at this stage be considered as the perceived threat does not justify the expenditure.

Three additional guardhouses have been erected at strategic and visible positions to provide a far more visible presence and to enable the foot patrols to cover more ground in a shorter space of time.

Additional patrol officers have also been appointed to conduct night patrols on both sides of the Estate focusing on visible presence amongst the residents’ homes and LCE buildings.

Two instances of perimeter breaches have been reported, whereby ADT Security was very effective in apprehending and arresting the suspects for trespassing. These incidents were handed over to the SAPS.

LCE further invested in purchasing mobile devices called Bloodhound Rovers for the security patrol officers, which have all the functionality and features of modern cellphones, but are designed to operate optimally even in the most extreme conditions and environments.

The Intelligent Bloodhound Rover, real time monitoring of the productivity, performance and compliance of security patrol officers have been absolutely critical to achieving and even surpassing the service levels expected by LCE.

The Intruder Alert System are currently linked to the existing service providers’ control center in a comprehensive process with intrinsic value as opposed to a quick fix solution.


By Reto Fitzgerald | LCE Building Compliance Officer (BCO)

With the year rapidly coming to an end, the builders and their contractors are finishing off their projects before taking a well deserved break, giving space to all our holiday visitors to enjoy the Estate and all its facilities. LCE is proud to announce that over 50 houses commenced construction this year. Langebaan Country Estate strives for continuous growth and expansion and we believe that 2014 will be even bigger and busier. At recent planning sessions with the appointed builders and at LCE’s last few Aesthetics and Environmental Committee meetings, it is clear that LCE will have many more houses under construction in 2014, with a whopping 20 houses already in the pipeline for construction, it seems that the numbers will just grow.

This year has also seen an increase in owners taking pride in their gardens by upgrading them through LCE’s qualified appointed landscapers. Whilst the high rainfall of the past year might not be good for building activities, it was certainly great for the fauna and flora on the Estate and we were blessed with an explosion of colour in almost every garden during the recent spring. It is great to see owners and landscapers raising the bar every year, building the lifestyle or LCE!

With no reported Health & Safety incidents on site and excellent environmental compliance, LCE and its contractors show an ever increasing enthusiasm for what the Estate strives for in terms of taking care of the environment and staff.

We would like owners, residents and visitors to be aware that all construction sites are off limits for safety reasons, and that should you visit a site that is in the market for purchase, please ensure that you go through the right channels and only visit these sites with an authorized person.
Market activity on the Estate during the past 22 months has been extremely robust and despite the prevailing tough economic conditions, it has been an exciting period for the Estate. 159 properties have been sold and registered (January 2012 to September 2013) and a further 35 properties sold during the same period are still awaiting registration. Of the 194 Properties purchased, 133 are vacant stands, which will see a significant number of new homes being built in the very near future. This, in addition to the many existing owners intending to commence building within the next two years, will take the Estate well above the 60% developed mark.

This will have a direct impact on the Estate, Langebaan and the West Coast as a whole. As Langebaan is currently mainly a secondary residential area (“non-essential” = holidays & retirement), eventually it will transform over time into a combined primary & secondary residential area. This will translate into a further increase in the confidence of home buyers for primary residential purposes, which has been indicated for a significantly large percentage of total home buying in South Africa as well as an increase in the buy-to-let portion of the market.

Trade and Industry Minister, Rob Davies said in a statement that a feasibility study had shown that the Saldanha Bay IDZ project had huge potential for helping to lift South Africa’s economy onto a higher industrial growth path, and have shown that Saldanha Bay is strategically located to serve as a service, Trade and Industry

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Status Mark Mossel Bay is an individually owned property management company run by owner managed. Willem and Antoinette Prinsloo opened Status Mark in July 1993 and decided to specialise in the management and administration of sectional title, HOA, golf and eco estates. Status Mark has a well-established office including well trained and dedicated staff. We are associated with the National Association of Managing Agents (NAMA) and registered with the Estate Agents Affairs Board (EAAB).

Bespoke Home Solutions... By Momoe van der Walt | Project Manager

With Langebaan Country Estate going from strength to strength and the recent IDZ launch in Saldanha, Langebaan has become one of the most desired areas on the West Coast. With LCE’s Developer having a lifestyle concept in mind, incorporating security, beauty, space, and well being, it is the obvious choice for migrants, holidaymakers and retirees. Two development companies merged to form LCE Homes Trust in September 2013 with their mission being to build high quality, reasonably priced homes for sale to purchasers who intend to invest on the Estate. LCE Homes Trust is different from other speculative builders, in the sense that

the partners do not wish to speculate, but rather build investment homes for those who will buy into the lifestyle that LCE has to offer. With the partners having been involved on the Estate for many years in their different capacities, and investing in the Estate personally, this is a long-term venture for each of them.

After years of building homes on the Estate in the separate entities and thorough market research, they believe they have the winning formula for building homes on the Estate that meets the needs of an array of discerning purchasers. This takes

into account the type, size, layout, orientation, direct needs and comfort finishes that would be essential for investors. LCE Homes Trust also further believes in the environmental philosophy that LCE’s Developer has, and practices this by only installing solar geysers or heat pumps and gas hobs. They further ensure that the design takes into account the orientation that is required to have the best natural light for the ultimate lighting and temperature criterions.

LCE Homes Trust has built up relationships with highly qualified and passionate professionals and contractors, and always aim to have the best quality, price and design, taking into account the Estate rules and regulations.
Meet Chantel
Clubhouse & Operations Manager

When did you start working for LCE?
I started working as Accommodation Manager in July 2011 and moved to the Clubhouse as Operations Manager one year later.

Where were you born?
Cape Town.

What do you find most challenging about your position?
The balance of keeping the staff motivated yet disciplined.

What’s the funniest thing to happen since you started working at LCE?
A guest was locked in the clubhouse after wondering off to the loo for a long while & the bar staff thought he had left so they locked up. I was called by ADT at around 3am who were baffled by this strange incident. I promptly called the bar manager to release the guest, who had a fabulous sense of humour about it the next day!

If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?
To have a secret office where no one could find me to work in peace.

What do you wish other people knew about LCE?
That everyone is welcome!! We need to educate the locals & visitors to Langebaan that they are welcome to use our bar & restaurant, especially the 20-30 year olds.

What’s the best advice you’d give someone?
To work hard, with exhausted staff still giving their all.

Who or what inspires you?
Tackling a challenging event and witnessing it succeed, with exhausted staff still giving their last breath and keep going until it’s over, then we all fall down totally exhausted with joy, until the next event, which must be better than the last.

How do you manage stress?
My dogs are my source of complete relaxation and a good night’s sleep.

What do you think is your greatest achievement?
Besides work, what are your passions?
I would love to travel, I have never left SA! I am also very passionate about animals.

What’s the best advice you didn’t take?
“Don’t marry him!” hahaha happily divorced for 3 years now.

What keeps you enthused about your career?
There is never a dull moment, every day is different in hospitality, it’s challenging and without another potential client, you can’t keep everyone smiling.

What’s the number one skill or practice that has contributed to your success?
A deep understanding of each staff member and ensuring that their ‘now’ skills are used fully. A charming smile with guests goes a thousand miles.

What was your first job?
I worked in a clothing store doing retail on the floor.

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Meet Jennifer
Accommodation Manager

Jennifer Gotsell started working for LCE in February 2008. She started in the Clubhouse reception department and was later transferred to the position of buyer at Keyway Construction. In 2010 she was offered the position of Front of House Manager at our newly built Golf Suites. She has since been promoted to Accommodation Manager of LCE’s Golf Lodges and Suites.

When did you start working for LCE?
I started working at reception at the Clubhouse in February 2008.

Where were you born?
Outshoorn in the Small Karoo.

What do you find most challenging about your position?
The staff can be challenging to manage, especially with most of them being girls, but we are a very close knit team.

What’s the funniest thing to happen since you started working at LCE?
We had two Dutch guests staying with us during the soccer world cup. They had tickets to the final and the morning of the game they were trying to get the tickets out of the safe and they broke the handle of the safe, thus making it impossible to get into. Those poor mens’ faces when they came to reception… At the time it was very stressful for me, but we had a good laugh after.

If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?
Not a single thing.

What do you wish other people knew about LCE?
That we are open to the public! And that it is an amazing place to work with endless opportunities.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?
I am actually very shy.

How would someone describe you?
Loud (contrary to the above answer).

What do you do when you aren’t working?
I spend time with my beautiful fiancé and 2 amazing children.

What was the last book you read (or recommended)?
The Au Pair.

What was your first job?
I was a waitress.

What lesson did you learn on that job that you keep with you today?
Working with people.

Who or what inspires you?
My family and our CEO, Craig Scott. He is an amazingly inspiring man. Every meeting I have ever had with him has left me inspired.

How do you manage stress?
I used to do it by smoking, but I have recently quit, so I am at a loss as to what to do… I think I should start Yoga.

Besides work, what are your passions?
My family.

What’s the best advice you didn’t take?
To not trust just anyone.

What keeps you enthused about your career?
The Estate’s growth.

What’s the number one skill or practice that has contributed to your success?
Determination.

Accommodation News Desk
By Jennifer Gotsell | Accommodation Manager

As most of you know we have superb 4-star self-catering accommodation. The accommodation consists of 40 two-bedroom Golf Suites in Ellefsen Village and 6 beautiful Lodges next to the Clubhouse. The Lodges are 1,2,3 and 4 bedrooms.

What most people don’t know is that we have recently done a revamp of our Lodges making their interior more pleasing to the eye. Subsequently we were once again awarded a 4-star rating by the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa.

SPECIAL EVENTS
We are always trying to make things extra exciting for the families that come and spend their holidays with us. Every Easter we do an Easter egg hunt for kids between 2 and 12 on the big lawn at the Golf Suites. We wake up in the early hours of Easter Sunday to go hide the eggs and at 08:00 the kids gather at our offices. They are all given a bag and sent off to hunt for all the yummy chocolate eggs, with only a few rules in place to make it fair game for all. This is thoroughly enjoyed by parents and kids alike.

For all other events such as Valentine’s, Mother’s and Father’s Day, we always have a package deal with special treats.

December brings with it a fun programme for the kids to be entertained while mom relaxes at the Zest Spa and dad enjoys a round of golf.

STAFF
We have to give a mention to the staff that have been with us since 1993 and have fallen so in love with our beautiful Estate that they recently decided to purchase a home close to our Clubhouse.

Mr Schreiber was quoted saying: “Now we are home close to our Clubhouse. We are all eagerly awaiting the new pool and gym that is being built for our Golf Suites guests in the Ellefsen Village.

This new addition, in conjunction with our newest package deal with special treats.

NEW ON THE HORIZON
We are all eagerly awaiting the new pool and gym that is being built for our Golf Suites guests in the Ellefsen Village.

This new addition, in conjunction with our entertainment centre and jungle gym, will transform the Golf Suites into a child’s dream vacation spot.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER
One of our regular guests Mr and Mrs Schreiber from Germany, has gone from guests to owners on our Estate!

They have been coming to our Lodges since 1993 and have fallen so in love with our beautiful Estate that they recently decided to purchase a home close to our Clubhouse.

Mr Schreiber was quoted saying: “Now we are also trying to play golf. In a short time, we are both retired and we’ll spend much more time in Langebaan. That is the main reason, why we bought the house on the Golf Estate.”
LANGEBAAN COUNTRY ESTATE has grown from being a bit of a problem child to that of being one of the most environmentally compliant developments within our local municipality. This could not have occurred without the dedicated efforts of the Estate Manager, Craig Scott and his management team.

As many will know the issue of what to do with the water generated by Waste Water Treatment Works, (W.W.T.W) is often problematic. This water is required to meet a specific standard but water generated by the Langebaan Country Estate, this standard could not be met by any conventional means.

The analyses further revealed that occasionally bacterial activity is measured, but luckily due to constant high levels of chlorine by the municipality, the bacterial counts were within allowable limits. It is however still advisable for LCE gardeners and visitors to avoid unnecessary contact with water used for irrigation.

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Almost 18!

The Mashie Course greens were recently hollow tined. Knowing full well that this is not the best news for golfers right now, it definitely makes a huge difference going forward. The greens will be on lovely during our summer time, so golfers, please be patient, we are already well on the way to beautiful soft putting surfaces with a lovely roll.

How for the most popular question of all, “How is the newly constructed additional nine hole course at the Mashie doing and when will they be open for play?” Directly from the horn’s mouth, Greenkeeper Klaas van Eysen confirmed: “We are still on track to open the new additional nine holes before Christmas 2013. By then we will have grass bees and greens to put on, but immature fairways will have to be tolerated for a while”.

We are scheduling an official Second 9 Golf Day opening for the unique eighteen-hole course, early in 2014.

The additional 9 holes on our Mashie Course will range in distance from about 100m to about 170m in length, with the longer holes representing a stern test into the prevailing wind! With lots of water features and tricky slopes on the new putting surfaces, it will not be as yielding as our first 9 holes.

Then another surprise for all you Mashie lovers - yes the rumours are true - we are looking into putting surfaces, it will not be as yielding as our mashie layout.

Our Brand New Mountain Bike Club

Langebaan Country Estate has recently launched a social mountain bike club - LCE MTB Club providing the very novice to the more experienced rider the opportunity to ride in a safe environment and to come together with a friendly family atmosphere to ride and share stories and advice.

Become a Member of LCE MTB Club

Time: 08:30 riders start at 08:00
Date: Every Sunday
Venue: LCE Clubhouse
Cost: R150 per year
Contact: PJ Herholdt - forecourt@lce.co.za
Garth Hansen - 083 283 3493

The first 25 applicants receive a free LCE branded cycling kit sponsored by the Langebaan Country Estate Joint Venture, each valued at over R500

LCEMTB Club will be hosting weekly outings, starting from the Langebaan Country Estate Clubhouse.

We will aim to do one Sunday ride a month in a different location. An optional breakfast will be available after the ride at the Clubhouse’s Horizon Restaurant, where there are also shower facilities.

On Friday the 27th of September 2013 eight cyclists, sponsored by LCE’s CEO and avid cyclist Craig Scott, set off on the Ride the Rhine MTB Stage Race from LCE to Durbanville via Darling.

The three-day event saw competitors battle rain and heavy wind conditions at the start as they set out from LCE on a route.

The cyclists acquired themselves extremely well with LCE’s Allan Warwick and Charise Hansen finishing first overall on the White Rhino male and female category respectively.

WESKUS MARATHON

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Langebaan Striders in conjunction with the West Coast Honorary Rangers organised the first annual Weskus Marathon in 2002. It was a small start with only 124 athletes running the marathon and 242 running the half marathon. From initiation the event consisted of a 42.2km marathon, a 21.1km half marathon and a 5km fun run/walk. The routes of the marathon and half marathon now run through the picturesque West Coast National Park.

The event took place every year in December, and by 2006 grew to figures of 204 runners in the marathon and 434 runners in the half marathon. However, with a visit to the newly constructed additional nine hole course at the Mashie, the event committee decided to change the date of the event to March and to change the route of the marathon. Originally the marathon started in Langebaan, running out into the West Coast National Park and then back to Langebaan. The new route starts at Tizanbank on the Atlantic side of the peninsula inside the park and athletes run the full 42.2km in one direction back to Langebaan. However this change also meant that every marathon athlete had to be taken by bus early in the morning to have all athletes at the start before 06:30.

With these changes and very hard work from a small dedicated organising team, this event has grown and was voted second and third best marathon and half marathon by the readers of SA Runner’s World magazine respectively.

The half marathon will start at Tizanbank on the Atlantic side of the peninsula inside the park and athletes will be on the tar road all the way around the magnificent lagoon past GeoBel towards the Langebaan gate, up the steep hill, then turn right into Sunbird Avenue and through the Langebaan residential areas towards LCE to finish at LCE’s driving range. The half marathon will start next to LCE’s driving range, make a 5km loop inside the Estate and then run out via Sunbird Avenue towards the Yacht Club, pass below the Farmhouse Hotel on the white old road towards the West Coast National Park gate. The athletes will then run another 1.5km into the park, turn around and through the gate, up the steep hill and via the same route as the marathon back to the LCE driving range. The 5km fun run/walk route will take the athletes via a circular route through the non-developed eastern areas of LCE with panoramic views of the Langebaan Lagoon.

LCE plans to set up a marque tent on the driving range next to the finishing area, which will act as a registration area the afternoon before and the morning of the event. It will also host an expo during that period where many running related items will be displayed and sold by businesses such as Sportman’s Warehouse, the Sports Science Institute of South Africa, Saucony, LCE and many local entities. During the event the tent will provide shade for finishers and the prize giving will also take place inside it. Lots of fun activities for the whole family are planned for the finishing area on the Estate driving range so participants should plan to set aside lots of time to socialize with their friends and families after successfully completing the various events next year.

The marathon event is one of the major show pieces of the West Coast and Langebaan Country Estate is privileged to be part of this prestigious event. Every West Coast resident is invited to come and enjoy/support/partake in next year’s event. Entry forms and other informative communication will be available from December onwards.

For more information please visit www.weskusmarathon.co.za

UPCOMING EVENTS ‘14

DA GOLF DAY
4th February

SA JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
28th February

CLUB CHAMPS
2nd & 3rd March

LCE WESKUS MARATHON
16th March

WEST COAST CLASSIC
1st May

INAUGURAL CUP
6th September

FEARLESS GODFATHERS CUP
15th November

LADIES OPEN
20th November

LCE LAGOON CYCLE CHALLENGE
November

LCE Becomes Title Sponsor of Weskus Marathon

By Louis van der Walt | Langebaan Striders

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