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## INTRODUCTION

This issue addresses information and topics to ensure all members of SACAA remains informed.

- ❖ Membership news
- ❖ Congratulations to Kelley Reynolds-Clausen
- ❖ Job creation is essential

Kind regards

*Mark Hunter*

SACAA GM

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Welcome** - SACAA would like to say welcome to Oranjevis Joint Venture (Gerhard Louw) who operates at St Helena Bay on the Westcoast. Gerhard may you enjoy your interaction with the members and grow the ash beneficiation opportunities for a better South Africa.

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## *What's on?*

**Please book this date** - 13 June 2019

SACAA together with ASPASA are planning to conduct a technical site visit to Kusile power station on 13 June 2019 as part of our regional visits. Please look out for the invitations closer to the time.

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Our Website is getting the desired results, based on the number of calls received - [www.coalash.co.za](http://www.coalash.co.za)

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**WHO'S WHO AND WHAT THEY DO****Congratulations to Kelley Reynolds-Clausen on her PhD achievement**

Eskom Applied Chemistry and Microbiology are very proud to announce that Kelley achieved her PhD on the 5th April 2019. Kelley registered to do her PhD at Stellenbosch University in June 2014. Her topic was: **The utilisation of bacterial species diversity as a bioindicator for biocide efficacy in water systems**. She completed her thesis in October 2018 and published an article on her thesis in **Water Science and Technology** in July 2018.

Kelley has also been a stalwart in the ash research amongst some of her duties at Eskom Research Test and Demonstration (RT & D) in Sustainability. SACAA on behalf of our members congratulate Kelley of this achievement and look forward to her contributions in the Phakisa Initiatives for waste reduction and utilisation of ash as a resource.

**WELL DONE DR KELLEY!!**

## JOB CREATION IS ESSENTIAL

The reality of all the electioneering taking place in South Africa is where all the parties are making promises and slandering the other parties, just to solicit votes. Unfortunately, where the “tyre hits the road” is where it matters most and out of all the lack of service delivery protests, corruption commissions revelations, infrastructure deficiencies, general lack of maintenance in the municipalities and state owned entities, lack of jobs, high fuel costs etc. makes one realise that no matter who wins the elections, the issues remain the same and there is no quick fix. South Africa needs a revival of moral fabric, where the leaders start to show accountability to the citizens and demonstrate Servant Leadership.

South Africa has a brilliant constitution as well as some excellent policies, however, the execution and policing of them falls short and if not addressed, South Africa will become a typical African state where corruption and handouts are the norm.

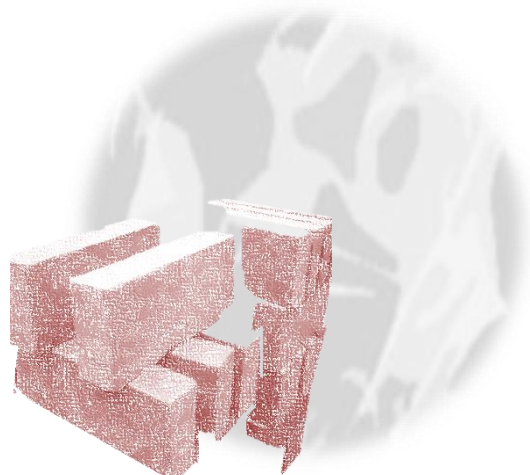
One does not have to be a rocket scientist to realise that the schooling in South Africa is in dire straits, with the disruptions, safety, behaviour issues and discipline being under par, then there is the basic infrastructure and proper buildings that are not available to all. This is unacceptable and it is in these formative years where children should be taught the basis values of life. Just make all schools good and then the need for migration to the cities could be mitigated as a result.

I believe what South Africa needs most is the creation of stable and meaningful jobs and here one would say is more manufacturing plants and less distribution centres that house imported finished goods. Essentially what this entails is not for the bigger manufactures to make all the parts, but to have some sort of break-out manufacturing where smaller players could and must participate by at least making one or more of the parts as an independent business. By adding all these SMME's allows for less bureaucracy and labour interferences for them to become just in time quality suppliers.

Just reviewing the backlog of decent housing and the elimination of squatter camps needs to become a priority and this is where ash is essential to be more innovative in being the alternate building material, methods and accepted products. The pro-longed challenges in getting competent specifications, policies and processes approved just contribute to the slow progress. The Phakisa initiative needs to be properly resources to speed up the challenge of job creation, so please we require as much input as possible by participating in the programme.

Jobs give dignity to humans

*Mark Hunter*  
**SACAA GM**



**LOCAL CONFERENCE****SACAA Coal Ash Conference 2019****Johannesburg (Sandton: Sasol Place)****14 &15 August 2019****Accelerating Ash Beneficiation****Collaboration of stakeholders across the value chain****Watch out for the invitation!!****SACAA DIARY****DATES FOR 2019**

- 15 May 2019 – Council meeting and Technical Talk
- 13 June 2019 – Kusile Site Visit together with ASPASA members
- 14 &15 August 2019 – Research Forum Conference
- 7 August 2019 – SACAA AGM
- 13 November 2019 – Council Meeting and Technical Talk

The next Council meeting will be held on 15 May 2019 at the Concrete Institute in Midrand. This meeting will be followed by a technical talk.

Please share any news, activities or articles that you feel will be interesting to the members.

ALL FOR NOW ...

Regards

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