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01 CURRENT PROJECTS



THULAMHASHE MALL ON TRACK FOR GRAND OPENING 25 OCTOBER

It is all systems go on the Thulamahashe Mall site with everything in place for the Grand Opening on the 25th of October.

The Mall will consist of more than 18 000m² of Gross Lettable Area, with Superspar and Shoprite to be the food anchor stores.

Thulamahashe forms part of the Bushbuckridge Municipality and as such Freek will be responsible for the Mall in his capacity as Area Manager - read more about him in our first Ken-Jou-Kollega below.

"YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN LIFE, PROVIDED THAT YOU DO NOT MIND WHO GETS THE CREDIT."

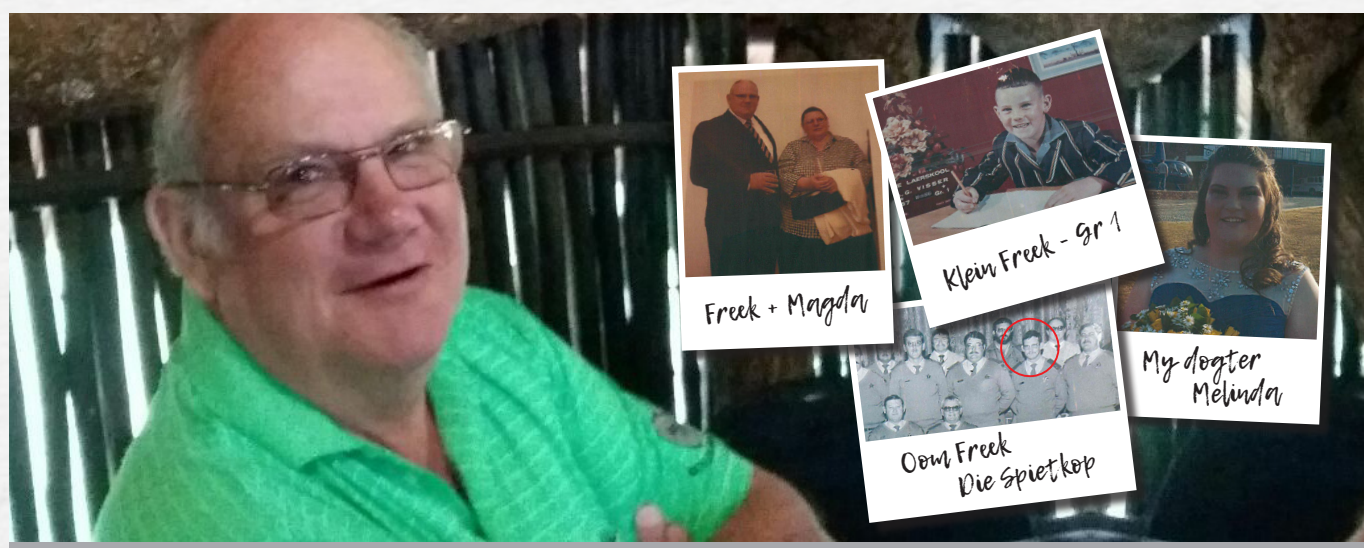
HARRY S. TRUMAN



DID YOU KNOW?

TWIN CITY HAS DOUBLED THEIR RETAIL FOOTPRINT IN THE PAST 7 YEARS FROM **115 000M² TO 230 000M²**

02 KEN-JOU-KOLLEGA (KNOW-YOUR-COLLEAGUE)



KEN-JOU-KOLLEGA (KNOW-YOUR-COLLEAGUE) WILL FUNCTION AS OUR EMPLOYEE PROFILE EACH MONTH WHERE WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER ON BOTH A PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LEVEL.

AUGUST

FREEK SCHNETLER: AREA MANAGER LOWVELD REGION

Freek was born on the 24th of March 1961, in Mbabane, Swaziland.

His father was South African and his mother, of German descent, fled Germany during the 2nd World War together with her parents.

He was schooled - both primary and secondary - in Heidelberg, where during the latter, believe it or not, represented the Eastern Transvaal in athletics!

After matriculating in 1978 he joined the S.A Police Service and shortly thereafter the Traffic Police Department. Throughout this time, he met Magda, his wife of 31 years and who he fondly described as the pillar of their family. She sadly passed away in January 2015 after a 5-year battle with cancer.

During his tenure with the Traffic Police he quickly climbed the ranks (and explored South Africa with no less than 5 relocations!) until

ending up in Mbombela as a Deputy Director at the Department Public Works, Roads & Transport in 1996.

In the year 2000, after 22 years in the Public Service, he started his own business and by 2005 joined Ikotwe Construction. As part of Ikotwe he worked on site at Lowveld Mall (at the time still Blue Haze Mall) and Burgersfort and by October 2012 he officially joined the Twin City team as Centre Manager of Lowveld Mall.

Freek was appointed as Area Manager of the Lowveld Region in 2015. When asked what part of his job he finds most satisfying, he says: "I enjoy my job immensely and am grateful that I can apply all my experience since leaving school in my daily work."

Freek enjoys a hunting expedition (although he doesn't hunt himself) and playing golf when he gets the chance, and quips proudly that his age has almost caught up with his handicap.

03 BIG WIN



The BIG WIN is a floating trophy that will celebrate some of our successes across the portfolio and departments each month.

And...The BIG WIN this month goes to Team Leasing and their outstanding efforts in officially making Twin City Mall fully let for the first time since opening its doors in 2009!

On an even grander scale this means that Twin City now has a less than 1% vacancy rate across our Portfolio. This is unheard of in our industry and even more so considering we had a 6% vacancy rate only 4 years ago.

A big hurrah to Stefan and team who has now firmly established Twin City Mall as the prime retail destination in the greater Heidedal area in Bloemfontein.

04 ARTICLES RELEVANT TO OUR INDUSTRY

SHOPPING CENTRE BENCHMARKS

1998 -2018

This month's article focusses on trends the past two decades within the retail environment and makes for some interesting reading and definitely serves as food for thought.



[READ ARTICLE](#)

05 EVENTS: PAST & UPCOMING



CSI PROJECTS ON MADIBA DAY

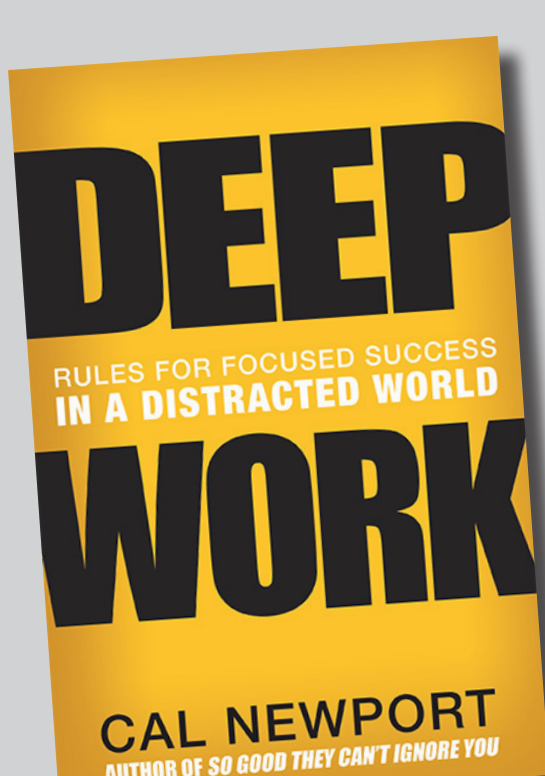
Kudos to all our teams at the Shopping Centres who really did their part on Madiba Day in showing we care for the communities we serve.



URBAN QUARTER CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Twin City has broken ground in the Hatfield Area in Pretoria, on what will become Urban Quarter - our latest residential development. The sod-turning event took place on Friday 3 August and occupation on the first phase will take place from July 2019.

06 BOOK OF THE MONTH



DEEP WORK BY CAL NEWPORT

A SHORT SUMMARY:

In *Deep Work*, author and professor Cal Newport flips the narrative on impact in a connected age. Instead of arguing distraction is bad, he instead celebrates the power of its opposite. Dividing this book into two parts, he first makes the case that in almost any profession, cultivating a deep work ethic will produce massive benefits. He then presents a rigorous training regimen, presented as a series of four "rules," for transforming your mind and habits to support this skill.

PRaise for Deep Work:

"Deep work is the killer app of the knowledge economy: it is only by concentrating intensely that you can master a difficult discipline or solve a demanding problem."
—The Economist