



## A WORD FROM OSWALD

PRESIDENT: NGUNI CATTLE BREEDERS' SOCIETY



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Dear Nguni partner,

After nearly three challenging years – first with foot and mouth disease and then with the outbreak of the Covid pandemic in South Africa – a new year and a new season has officially begun. And at SA Nguni, we see this new year as a chance to reinvent the wheel.

That's why we've decided to adjust the dates of our national auction as well as the AGM and financial year-end. We are excited to announce that this year's national auction and AGM are scheduled to take place 6-8 October 2022 at Leopards & Lace, Bloemfontein. Even more exciting, the auction will take place both in person and in the form of a live stream, which means more buyers and more bids.

In the future, the event will take place on the Saturday nearest to 1 October. Due to venue availability, however, the 2022 event was postponed by a week.

This is not a decision that was taken lightly.

Prior to the 2021 AGM several meetings and discussions with other club members were conducted to discuss the options at hand. Finally, during the AGM the decision was made that the dates of our national auction, AGM and financial year-end may be moved. The committee and Council received the power to make these changes.

In addition, members should note the following:

- Several factors were considered during the decision-making process, including research related to the time of the auction, costs of an auction, and the time of the year during which the animals are in their best possible condition for sale.
- The "Sentrale Nguni Klub" was initially approached with the option of hosting their annual auction on the same day. The suggestion was that the two auctions would then follow each other. However, the club rejected the proposal.
- Financial year-end has been moved to 31 July 2022.

Below is the planned schedule for the event, which will be taking place over the course of three days:

<b>Thursday, 6 October</b>	09:00	Council meeting
<b>Friday, 7 October</b>	08:00-10:00	Refresher course for stud inspectors
	10:30-11:00	Financial meeting
	11:00-13:00	Annual general meeting
<b>Saturday, 8 October</b>	09:00	National auction



Please note that the above timeline is subject to conditions out of our control and may require changes closer to the time.

Taking the mic as auctioneer is Vleissentraal's Gert Coetzee, while Bakie de Beer (bakie.de.beer@gmail.com | 082 413 7898) and Nico Harris (nico.w.harris@gmail.com | 082 773 4545) were appointed as auction coordinators.

Less than a year ago I vowed that our Society, in cooperation with the clubs, will position and equip ourselves to effectively represent the interests of all our Nguni farmers, to add value to your business. I trust that this decision is a major step in that direction.

I am looking forward to seeing how these changes and suggestions shape into a new beginning for the Nguni Cattle Breeders' Society.

Regards,

**Oswald Jannasch**