



School learners from across Gauteng recently saw their self-built electric cars come to life as they raced in the GreenpowerZA Electric Car Challenge at Red Star Raceway, in Delmas. The GreenpowerZA challenge enables learners to design, build and race a single-seater electric car and leverages the excitement of motorsport to inspire school learners to excel. Pictured is the all-girls team from the Tembisa-based Isekelo Primary School



KwaZulu-Natal-based dairy Dairy Day, which produces Honeydew dairy products, has acquired crown equipment from Goscor Lift Truck Company (GLTC) for its 15 000 m² processing facility in Howick. Dairy Day acquired six Crown three-wheel electric forklifts with double batteries to cater for double shifts and two Crown powered pallet trucks, also with double batteries



Top companies were recently honoured at the National Productivity Awards, held at Gallagher Estate, Midrand, late last month. Pictured are Black Business Council president Dr Danisa Baloyi (far left) and Productivity SA CEO Mothunye Mothiba (second from left) with award winners from the Emerging Sector, Cooperatives Sector and Public Sector categories. Also pictured are Deputy Labour Minister Inkosi Phathekile Holomisa with Productivity SA's board chairperson (centre back)



Hotel chain Tsogo Sun last month hosted champion track and field sprinter Wayde van Niekerk (centre) at Southern Sun The Cullinan on his recent trip to Cape Town. Van Niekerk, who was recently named Best Athlete of the Rio Olympics, spent some downtime at the hotel between various engagements and caught up briefly with the hotel's GM, Garry Reed (left) and Tsogo Sun operations director for the Cape region John van Rooyen (right)

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Kalik Essop

Montecasino and Jenda Restaurant.

He was also GM of Southern Sun Hyde Park Sandton and, previously, GM of both the SunSquare SunCoast and Suncoast Towers.



Kim le Roux

Professional services firm Aecom has appointed Dr Kim le Roux the environment and ground engineering lead for Africa. Le Roux, who has nine years' experience managing technical delivery on a range of geotechnical projects, as a site construction supervisor, project manager and team leader, has worked as a geotechnical professional for the past 20 years. She has worked in Australia, Canada and across Africa, and is currently heading Aecom's Africa Ground Engineering business. Both a South African and Australian citizen, Le Roux has a doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Toronto, in Canada, an honours degree in engineering geology from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, in Durban, and a graduate diploma in engineering from the University of the Witwatersrand.



Sundran Naicker

The South African Institution of Civil Engineering (Saice) has inaugurated Sundran Naicker as its 114th president.

Naicker, a director at Nyeleti

Consulting, delivered his presidential address during an illustrious event in Melrose Arch earlier this month, which included various champions of the infrastructure industry, government officials, engineering clients from both the private and public sectors, as well as Saice past presidents and other members.

In his address, Naicker explained that, through his 20-year involvement with the institution, he realised the fundamental need to give more attention to the youth and graduate engineering practitioners, as well as to higher education. One of the strategic goals is to set up codes of best practice for civil engineering departments at universities and universities of technology.

"This goal was initiated two years ago, but the recent events in relation to #Feesmustfall and the funding of university education have demonstrated the relevance of this initiative," he said.

Both the technical and academic universities' heads of department gave support for Naicker's suggestion of a Code of Best Practice, which would give all institutions dealing with engineering education guidelines to maintain and elevate world-class engineering schools in South Africa.