



Eastern Cape Umbrella FPA

Provincial Vision

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What is a Vision

- The word vision refers to a future reality through leadership.
- In 1919 Dr. Frans Geldenhuys became the editor of the Farmers Weekly and as part of his vision he put emphases on three actions that could improve agriculture in S.A:
- Explore new possibilities, cooperate with other farmers and achieve common goals.
- Why is this still relevant today? FPA's must continue to develop and grow!



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Explore New Possibilities

- The EC Umbrella strives to advise and assist the restructuring of FPA's in line with Government's vision.
- Funding for service providers and aerial resources will empower FPA's to execute the annual fire break plan in line with the NVFFA.
- Improved administration and support at FPA level will ensure efficient management i.e. lobby for partnerships.
- Clarify future relationship and membership with Government departments and Parastatals.
- Acquire improved aerial resources for Province!



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Cooperation

- FPA members must understand and know their FPA structure and annual budget as to where they fit in as landowner within a specific ward.
- Contribute towards buffer zones and fire break systems between properties for the benefit of all FPA members.
- Fire prevention strategies must be coordinated within FPA area!
- Manage fuel loads and identify high risk areas on your property, including potential losses should a fire start.



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Achieve Common Goals

- FPA members are bound by the organizations rules.
- FPA members form part of a greater fire control area and members must adhere to the permit system when constructing fire breaks or do block burns for grazing.
- Good management depends on accurate information.
- Integrated fire management should be implemented to benefit all stakeholders.
- Timing for burning is crucial for fire safety!
- Run away fires occur on lower FDI days because people are not paying attention to operations.



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Conclusion

- All stakeholders must promote the safe and responsible use of fire as a management tool?
- Fire awareness can improve the use of fire in rural areas adjacent to, or within FPA boundaries?
- Affected parties must be able to communicate with the FPO. PG Bison Fire Detection Centre can be that means to promote communication and report back to the FPO.
- Prepare and plan for the upcoming fire season!
- ECUFPA can make Microsoft Office 365 available to FPOs / FPAs



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