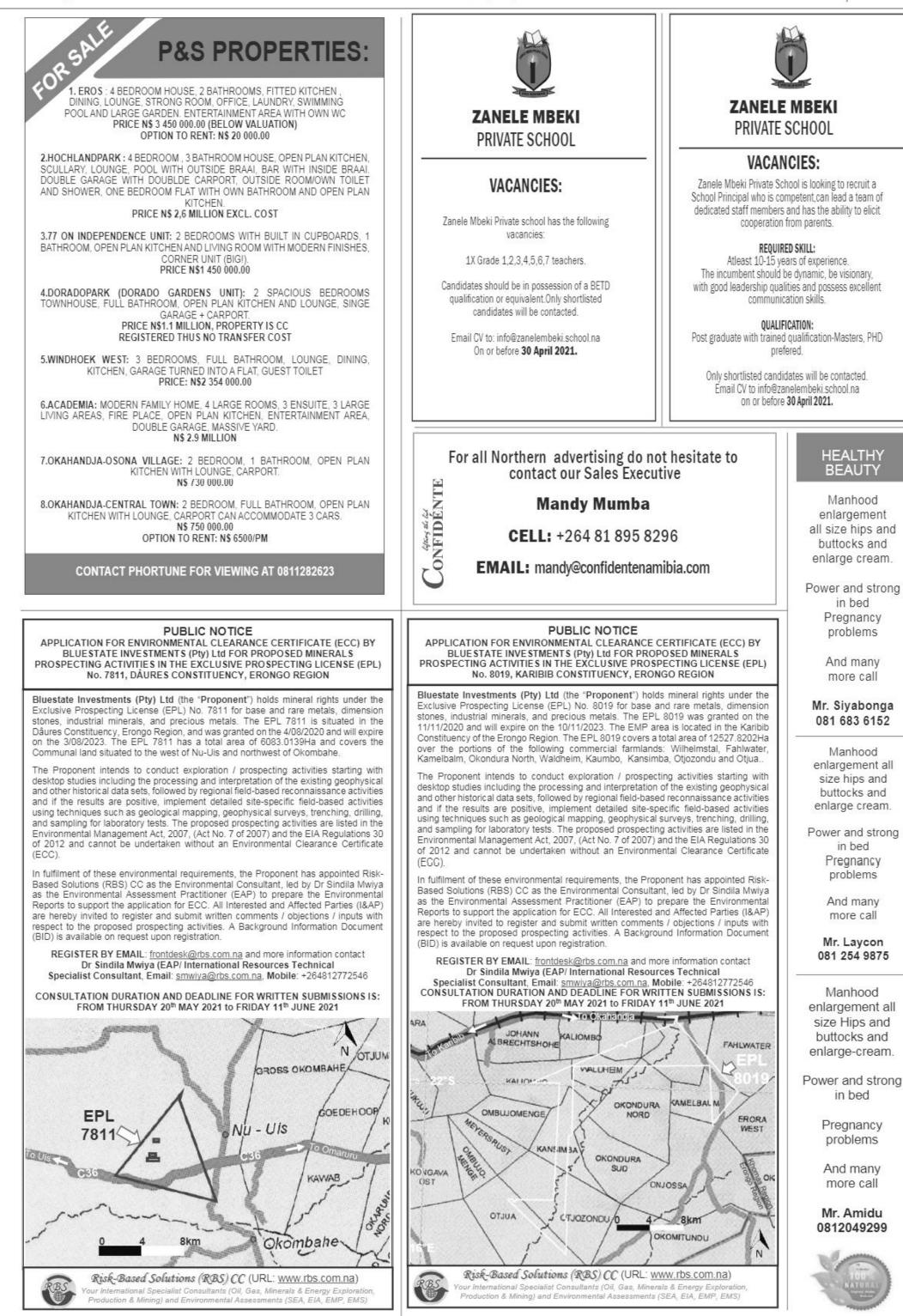
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# **Dundee supports community efforts to combat crime**

Staff Writer

undee Precious Metals Tsumeb Vice President and Managing Director, Zebra Kasete, handed over a donation of building materials valued at N\$50, 000.00 to the Tsumeb Men and Women Network, in recognition of their community's efforts to curb crime.

The donation will be used to build an office from which the Men and Women Network will operate in collaboration with other volunteers.

The Tsumeb Men and Women Network is a community policing volunteer organization that works in collaboration with local police in Tsumeb to fight crimes. "Violent and petty crimes are a growing problem in Namibia, particularly in informal settlements" said Kasete at the handover event.

He also outlined the detrimental effects of crime on the national economy and investment opportunities, with Deputy Commissioner: Head of Operations Division, Namibian Police Oshikoto Region, and Petrus Shigwedha adding that the police cannot solve public safety problems alone.

Shigwedha encouraged community policing and interactive partnerships that will result in the development of trust with community members.

Also, in attendance was, Tsumeb Municipality Council Member, Abraham Baseko and members of the Tsumeb Men and Women Network.



Community crime fighters unite... The objective of community-based policing is to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level by encouraging neighbors to look out for each other. From left to right: Dundee Precious Metals Tsumeb Manager Community Development-Fabian Mubiana, Deputy Commissioner: Head of Operations Division, Namibian Police Oshikoto Region-Petrus Shigwedha, Men and Women Network Chairperson-Gottlieb Hayoonga and Dundee Precious Metals Tsumeb Vice President and Managing Director-Zebra Kasete.

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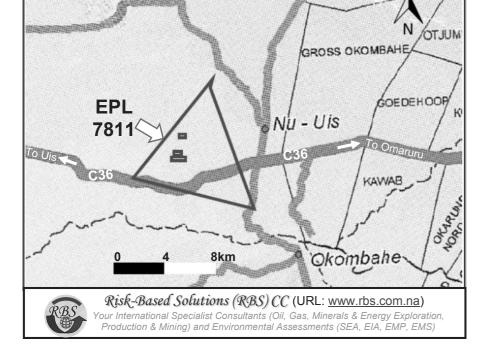
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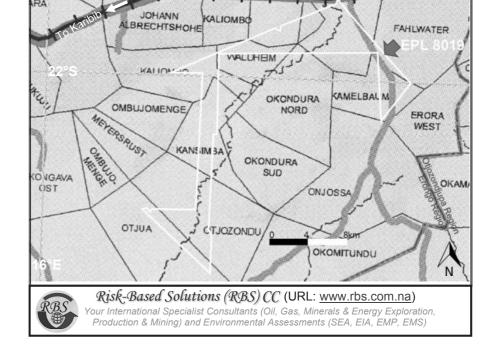
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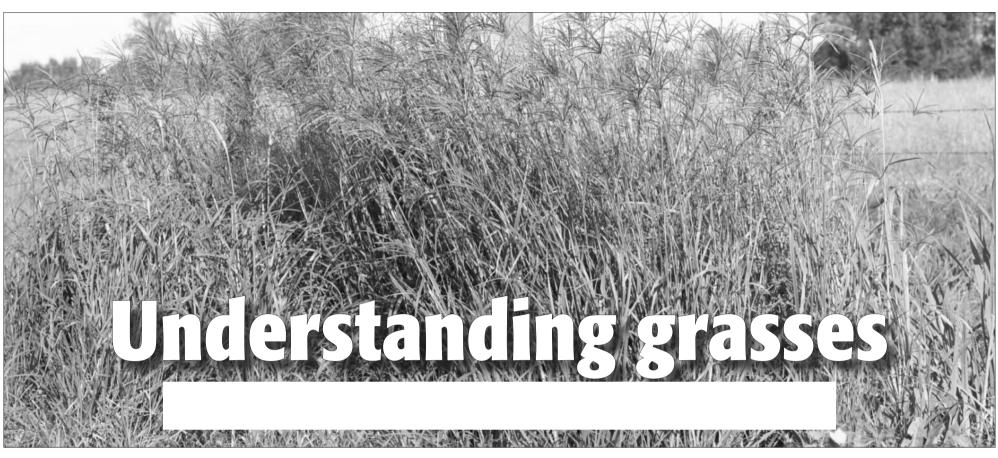
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n Namibia, livestock production is heavily dependent on the rangeland, which grows a variety of forage resources including trees, shrubs, grasses and forbs. These plants differ in growth forms, structure, life cycles, habitat preferences and their

uses. Livestock farming in the country is dominated by grazing livestock, mainly cattle and sheep.

Moreover, these animal species mainly depend on grass for their nutrition. When one describes a grazing area, there are several attributes that should be key to determining the grazing value of

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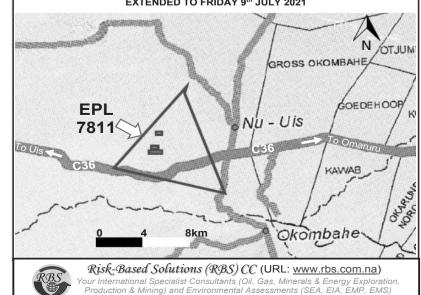
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that area.

These are grass species composition, frequency, abundance, density and soil cover. Basically, the quality of the grass plant can be attributed to its species, growth structure and life cycle. Farmers commonly use the term palatability as an assertion of the quality of the grass; however, grasses have different levels of palatability.

A palatable grass is one that an animal is attracted to or selects to graze - and this is influenced by its smell, taste, nutrients and digestibility.

Therefore, selective grazing becomes dangerous, especially when species diversity or composition is narrow, leading to local extinction of sensitive valuable grass species.

One of the important attributes that farmers should understand is the grass life cycle or life span. There are two different life spans under which grasses can be classified - annual and perennial. The annual grasses refer to grasses that have a shorter life span of less than a year.

They grow fast, produce seeds quickly and shed seeds for reseeding, and then the mother plant dies. Usually, annual grasses emerge with the first rainfall or are only seen during the wet season but disappear during the dry season, usually by August.

These types of grasses dominate many grazing areas in Namibia as their dominance

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increases with rangeland degradation. On the other hand, perennial grasses have a longer life span or last for more years. Unlike annuals, they do not die after shedding seeds, but only undergo a dormancy period (stop growing) during the dry season to conserve nutrients for regrowth from the same stump in the next rainy season.

There are many different species of perennial grasses; however, not all are palatable or well utilised by grazing animals. The most valuable perennial grasses are more sensitive to continuous grazing; thus, their dominance decreases with overgrazing or rangeland degradation, which, in turn, gives rise to aggressive establishment of annual grasses.

To make informed grazing management decisions, farmers need to know and understand the impact of the prevailing ecological perturbations, including herbivory, climate and intra-and inter-specific species competitions. The reaction of the rangeland to these perturbations can be observed through its plant population establishment and distribution.

The dominating annual grasses in almost all grazing areas in Namibia currently include Schmidtia kalahariensis, Chloris virgata, Eragrostis porosa, Eneapogon cencroides and Urochloa brachyuran.

The dominating perennial grasses are Stipagrostis uniplumis, Stipagrostis obtusa, Stipagrostis hochstetteriana, Eragrostis pallens, Eragrostis rigidior, and Aristida stipitata, amongst others. The most valuable perennial grasses such as Cenchrus ciliaris, Brachiaria nigropedata, Anthephora pubescens and Schmidtia pappophoroides are only observed in well managed or least disturbed areas in some parts of the country.

Farmers can obtain more knowledge of these grasses from descriptive literature books (e.g. Grasses of Namibia) and can find common names as well. These literature material and information can be found on the internet, book shops, Namibia Botanical Research Institute and university libraries, amongst others.

It is advisable that farmers engage in restorative practices on their rangelands. These include improving soil conditions, controlling bush densities, reintroducing the valuable perennial grasses by reseeding on their grazing areas, and to cultivate them in gardens or crop fields.

These efforts should all be aimed at reducing pressure and adding value on the rangelands, and to ensure sustainable fodder availability for livestock. Lastly, farm with nature and farm with grass for profit. - AgriBank

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