

Quest to be more sustainable



Above: New section before development

Below: New section undergoing changes to assist sustainability. (See insert for progress of development)



San Michele has been undergoing some changes. Our adjacent property is being transformed, with a view to making the Home more self sufficient. The concept of growing our own vegetables has been in the pipeline for a few years, and has finally started to take shape, with a tractor and various other equipment being acquired earlier this year. We have built vegetable enclosures and are preparing the ground ready for planting. We have made use of hail netting to protect the vegetables from the elements and birds. Thanks to our staff, the process is going well. We will have eight 30x6m enclosures, and intend growing vegetables for our Residents and Staff. Brakpan Garden Centre is assisting us in regard to the planning, rotation of crops etc – thank you Marius and Ruan Bosman.

We will also be relocating our therapy workshop to this property. Many thanks to First National Bank for their donation of a prefabricated structure for this purpose. The workshop assists in keeping our higher functioning Residents busy, and some of them will also be stimulated by working in the vegetable section.

We have made provision for water and power to this section – thanks to Andre Steyl of Bald Projects for his reasonable charges, and exceptional efforts (often after hours) in assisting us in times of electrical crisis.

Our plan for the new section includes poultry, with six free range chicken coops (a total of 100 to 150 chickens per week). We intend using the chicken droppings to fertilize the vegetables. Apart from providing for our kitchen, we propose making chicken available to our Staff at a reasonable price.

We wish to thank all Donors for their generous support of those who “can’t do it for themselves”.

Those who have already made substantial contributions to this specific project are; Chemetall, FNB, Nomads (pledge from), Netpro Civils, Princess Charlene of Monaco.

San Michele has been approved as a Public Benefits Organisation in terms of Section 30 of the Income Tax Act. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with Section 18A of the Act.

