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Africa

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Editorial

Dear members

Welcome to the first edition of the New Year, and may January be the worst month of 2006.

This is the second edition of our new-look *Grassroots*, and, from the feedback we received, you seem to like it. Many of the comments were emails to the effect of “Grassroots looks nice. Shot”, so we couldn’t really publish them, but thanks to all those who did write in. There was one letter, though, that did *not* fit that mould...

We are integrating the *Grassroots* and the website more effectively, so that both can be kept as up-to-date as possible, with news appearing in both media. Many thanks to all those who submitted notices for the website.

Speaking of the Website, Freyni and Glen have done a sterling job of updating the website and making it more relevant to our members, and the public. See the November 2005 issue of *Grassroots* for more details. If you haven’t looked at it recently, I suggest you give it a go – you should be pleasantly surprised. The site is much faster now, so even farm lines should be able to cope.

We’re linking our site to other websites, starting with SciDev.net. This site is a brilliant news website dedicated to science in the developing world (there are two articles from SciDev.net in this issue of *Grassroots*). Click on the link on our website to see the top three current features on SciDev.net. There’ll be more links in the future, which we’ll announce in future issues of *Grassroots*, but keep checking – the website is updated a lot quicker than the newsletter.

Alan

The Grassland Society of Southern Africa is dedicated to the advancement of the science and practice of range ecology and pasture management.

We welcome any contributions to the Grassroots, in the form of news, informative articles, reports, short research notes, scientific papers and letters to the Editor. Email alan.short@dae.kzntl.gov.za or admin@gssa.co.za or fax 033-3559 605 or 033-3903113

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