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The Class NG 10 number 61 was recently steamed for a special VIP train trip to the border of Lesotho and towards Mooihoek.

Mr. Mole and his daughter Hayley invited a couple of friends to experience history in a modern world. The Baldwin is a very strong locomotive for her size and a stunning performer.



We arrived back in Hoekfontein just before dusk after a exciting day out on the Sandstone Estates Steam Railway.

Sandstone Estates is the home of many locomotives that would have been lost forever.





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***The Classic tractors :** Sandstone Estates has a huge collection of different vintage tractors. Chris Wilson regularly visit the Estates to ensure all the running tractors are in good condition.*

We recently reorganized this collection to have all same make tractors together in one shed.

These old tractors have a rich history in South African agriculture.





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Earthmoving Machines:

Earthmoving machines have their own nostalgic background, building of the South African roads to building of the dams, Sandstone Estates have a huge collections of CAT dozers, tractors and graders.

Deon Muller is a ex Barlows mechanic and knows his CAT engines very well, a real professional and the master restorer of these giant machines.

A new 200 meter long shed was specially build for shelter to protect these special machines from the elements of nature. Moving the Dozers are not a easy task or a task for the faint hearted.





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CAT D 9 , Sandstone Estates recently bought another D 9 dozer, the D9 was transported on a low bed to the Estates where Deon could attend to the mechanical restoration.

The CAT D9 then was moved to the spray paint division where Janki Palmer and David could do the cosmetic work needed to get the D9 in perfect shape.

The D9 will soon be moved to the new 200 meter shed, another completed restoration of a massive machine.

Right side top photo: Deon Muller and David.

Right side middle: Janki Palmer and David.





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Heritage: Sandstone Estates have preserved a wide variety of heritage items, well it is all about the history of South Africa, from the Ox wagon to old cars and trucks, road engines to trains, the military for protection, the earthmoving machines to build the roads.

All to be found at Sandstone Estates in a working museum environment.



Photo bottom right: Narrow gauge modern history, a 1972 Class 91 shunting at the silo's at Sandstone Estates.





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Class NGG 16A number 155, the restoration of the Class NGG 16 A number 155 is ongoing and Thinus is currently welding in a new floor into the bunker.

The pipe work needed is also coming on and we have not much work left before number 155 will be completed.

Thinus fitted the mechanical lubricators and reservoir, the sand boxes and leverage to the rear and also between the two sand boxes. The restoration work in the cab is almost complete and only final touches needed.

We will shunt her out next week for the cosmetic work needed. Janki and David will attend to it and will do a special spray paint job on her.





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Track maintenance:

Our track team recently got back on track after the CO 19 lock down. The Estates have seen more than 500 mm of rain in only 3 months time and we have to deal with new slacks on the line.

The most important section is the mountain section and our track gang is working on the sections Mooihoek to Pandora crossing, Pandora crossing to Vailima.

Straight lines are aligned and made level, slacks removed and fishplates and T bolts oiled and greased. The curves are aligned and the cant adjusted.





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