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The Class NG 10 number 61 is the most recently restored locomotive in the collection and like all new locomotives she also had her teething problems that needed fixing.

The Baldwin was very well restored by Lukas Nel and his team and a real gem and pleasure to work on.

We steamed her a few times until all the little problems were fixed.



The first few tests were done in front of the steam shed but the final test was a trial run to the Lesotho border and back to Hoekfontein.

The Baldwin performed flawlessly and is steaming quite well.

The NG 10 then was stabled and is taking a rest while we know now that she is in good running condition.





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The Class NGG 16 A number 155 restoration is still in progress but day after day we are getting closer to the end.

Thinus is working full time on 155 and he completed the cab and now doing the necessary pipe work. The smoke box is completed with elements fitted and tested.

The regulator was fitted and we soon will fit back the dome. The fire bars are also in place but we shall build the brick arch after the first steam test. The locomotive is fitted with 2 Class GMAM mechanical lubricators and we are currently fitting all the oil pipes to feed the necessary parts as per drawings available. The vacuum brake cylinders were overhauled and fitted as well as all the brake gear and pull rods.

The locomotive will soon be painted in the original Mexican red colour.





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Steaming Heritage, we recently steamed the class NGG 16 number 153 for the Spring Festival.

This was a four day event held in November 2020 and a large amount of people came to ride the Sandstone Railway lines after a long lock down.

Mark Ruddy and Shawn Spaan assisted us on the footplate during the event and we also had the locomotive Inspector Coen Pretorius who helped, a very special thanks to all of them.

Our next steam event will be from the 26 to 28 of February 2021.

Our trains run to Grootdraai and through to the Mooihoek passing loop.

Our track workers will be back soon to work on the Mountain section of the line to enable round trips.





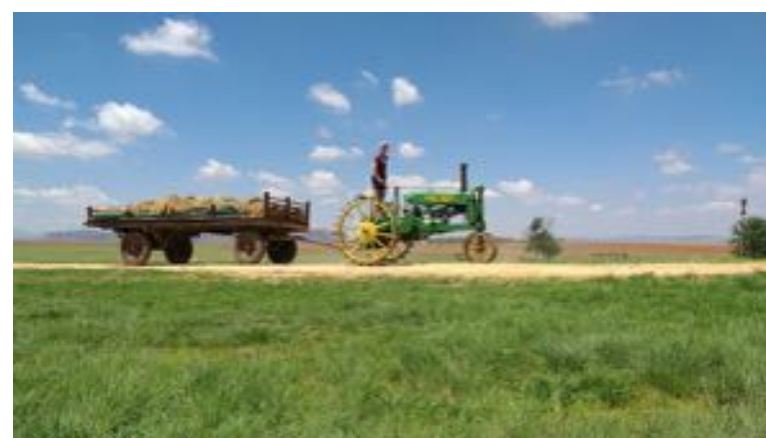
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Ox-wagons, old tractors and military rides are most important providing for the background images as part of a rich history of South African Heritage. During the Spring festival a working Heritage came to life with endless opportunities for the passengers and photographers around the scenes.

Chris Wilson is the man who is a dedicated professional when it comes to adding the right backdrop for every different event Sandstone Estates have, this is when nostalgia comes together seeing yesteryear in action, reliving the good old days when time was of no essence and life was about every moment with memories that last for ever.

None of this would have been possible if there was no one with the vision of what is seen and experienced at Sandstone Estates but this vision was made a reality for millions of people around the globe, proving that visions are nothing without actions.





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Travelling back in time, an unforgettable experience unfolds near the foothills of the majestic Maluti Mountains on the border of Lesotho.

What is it like being a passenger on a narrow gauge train as it snails its way past the breathtaking scenery of the Eastern Free State?



Gary Barnes is one of the regular visitors to the Sandstone Steam Railway and he is always coming back for more, more trains, more heritage and all the new experiences each event offers, simply unforgettable.





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Wedding Bells, no better place on earth...

Sandstone Estates hosted the wedding of Erika and Jandre in December 2020 and we steamed up the class NGG 16 number 153 to haul the wedding train to the Lesotho border and back to Hoekfontein.





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Dozers and tractors, Sandstone Estates recently acquired two new Caterpillar dozers, the D 9 was restored by Deon Muller and the spray paint work was done by Janki and his team.

The D 4 is actually called a tractor and is currently being restored by Deon and his team.

The massive D9 was loaded on a low bed and delivered to the Estates a few months ago.

Sandstone Estates have a large collection of Caterpillar dozers and tractors which can be seen in action on Sandstone Estates major events.



Vintage Trucks, this old Mercedes tipper truck is receiving some love and care, the panel beating and spray work is also done by Janki Palmer and David who works under him.

This old Mercedes truck will be good as new once the restoration is completed.



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The Sandstone Heritage Trust is a centre of excellence in the global preservation movement.

