



Hoggie Viljoen



Niks. Dor. Dis die gedagtes van dié wat voortsnel op die weg deur die Karoo. Inteendeel – noulettendes sien fonteine, hartjiesgras en kapokbossies, boere, diere, mense. Kniel neer en kyk fyn – dis Karoo.

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Karoo weiding verbeter of verswak in fases en kolle.
Fases van die erf: a) Dubbeltye n peulplant oortrek die oppervlakte en verskaf stikstof (N)(2) Steek gras waf stikstof gebruik doen die selfde(s) Ander grasse en gewasse verskyn kol, kol- gewens.

Die Doel met die Erfproefnemings is om te kyk of 'n stukkie grond, in 'n Karoo-omgewing, wat baie jare aansen staan ge-gegras word, ook 'n Karoo-omgewing kan word. Dit kan betrekker en verskillende netjies gemaak word.
B) Om grasse, bessies en opslag se name te leer ken en of skape -- bokke daarvoor kan gebruik word vir inligting.
C) Ingegrings: verskeie plante -- niebaai -- word behoor af uitgeskil by behoud. Verskeie alreeds bekende oorheersende plante word vir nuwe gebruik as van of kol, gras, ruike.
Insoo'n word probeer vir verskei doeleinde om 'n goed bestuurde Karoo te maak.

Richmond geleë in die Groot Karoo
Hoogte bokant die see 1531m
Laagste temperatuur gemiddeld (1964-76) - 26°C
Gemiddelde reënval per jaar 300-350 mm (12 tot 14 dae)
Sommer reënval strek. Sneeu kom dikwels voor.

Die Erf ←
Was kaal geskoffel tot 2005
Daarna ^{met 'n doel} gelaat om te herstel tot veld
2006 het dit skoon gebrand
Tans groei hier klimats grasse, opslag en pioniers gewasse soos bitterbos.
Ongelukkig ook verskeie blomme by Stockrose.
Omtrent 30 verskillende gewasse groei.
Klimats grasse: Plooi gras, Vinger gras, Bok gras, Klits gras.
Pioniers grasse: Steek gras, Haas gras.
Pioniers gewasse: Dubbeltye Karooertjie, Richmond Opslag, Rooi pitjie, garna.







Encounter with Hoggie Viljoen

In 2004, when I acquired the property in Richmond which is now the domicile of Map – South Africa Richmond, I was not fully aware of the journey that would lie ahead. During various Artist's Residencies and Interventions this small village that seemed to be no more than a "charming stopover" revealed the complexities of an isolated community with a real urge for sustainability and development.

Many dedicated individuals crossed our path, none more so than Hoggie Viljoen. He embodied the true spirit of Ubuntu that many a people in the Karoo possessed and that will continue to positively impact on this unique and fragile environment.

Three years after acquiring Lot 637 in Pienaar Street I was approached by Viljoen. He asked if he could use our vacant plot across the street from his home as a vegetable garden. He also wanted to grow flowers against the far wall to hide the decaying structure. We had a vision to incorporate the adjacent "2010 Reasons to Live in a Small Town – Square" and re-establish the Karoo veld on a "dorpserf": suggesting the possibility of restoring the veld and lighten the imprint of man.



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After sharing this with Viljoen I assured him though that he could use the plot as I was not that often in Richmond. What I encountered one year later is what is reflected in this booklet. Viljoen identified 21 indigenous plant species and painstakingly marked them with information applicable to each plant written on disposable plastic bottles.

We will strive to keep his initiative alive and maintain this lot as an example of a true conscious spirit.

Harrie Siertsema

The following example taken from one plastic bottle illustrates the painstaking detail written on each bottle with a black marker:

- TER (maksimum) – 5 sterre (smaak vir diere) ***
- Naam: Klitsgras (Wet. Nm.: Setanaverticilla)
- Beweidingswaarde – 1.16 (voedingswaarde uit 10)
- Nadeel: Die saad sit aan die skape se wol vas en verminder die waarde van die wol

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