



## WESTERN CAPE REGIONAL NEWS

The publication of the New Wage Agreement effective 1 August 2008 providing for an adjustment to the wage of employees to whom the negotiated increase was not granted in February 2008, has had little impact on ECA members as the majority of members followed our recommendation and implemented such increase in February. Full details of the new wage structure and other changes to the Bargaining Council Main Agreement were circulated to all members at the time of such publication.

The updated ECA Computation of Labour Cost Schedule has also subsequently been circulated to all members in the Region.

The series of refresher workshops on the Certificate of Compliance, Occupational Health and Safety Act, SANS 10142-1 and Regulations pertaining to Generators has been well subscribed. It was however necessary to re-schedule various advertised workshop dates due to unforeseen circumstances and we must again apologise for any inconvenience caused.

We last month advised that the popular Estimating and Tendering course was to be presented again and such course has now been finalised. The course is to be held early in October and full details have been circulated to members and the industry. I can mention that the ECA Regional Executive Committee remains of the opinion that the Estimating and Tendering Course as well as certain of the other basic management courses offered by the Association, should be compulsory courses for new members joining the Association.

Members are reminded that the ECA Cape Golf Day is scheduled to tee off on Thursday 25 September 2008 at the Parow Golf Club. This will be our first golfing endeavour in aid of charity and I am sure not the last.

My colleague Louis Pretorius last month provided details of the minutes of the first meeting of the Vaal Triangle Branch of the ECA held in 1980. Not to be outdone I can mention that the Cape Town office had the original minute book (destroyed in the 2005 fire but a copy is in storage) containing the minutes of the first meeting of the Cape Town Electrical Contractors Association held in a café in Parliament Street in 1901. A beautiful hand written minute.

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**ECA CAPE TOWN TRAINING CENTRE  
COURSE SCHEDULE**

The following practical training courses are scheduled by the training centre for the period October to December 2008.

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
M6 Testing	6 October to 10 October	1 week
M0 Induction	13 October to 17 October	1 week
M1 Wireways	20 October to 24 October	1 week
M2 Cables	27 October to 31 October	1 week
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
M3 Wiring	3 November to 7 November	1 week
M4 Transformers	10 November to 14 November	1 week
M5 AC Motors	17 November to 28 November	2 weeks
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
M6 Testing	1 December to 5 December	1 week
M0 Induction	8 December to 12 December	1 week
M1 Wireways	15 December to 19 December	1 week

For any further information or to register for any of the above courses, contact the ECA Cape Town Training Centre on 021 462 2690 or e.mail [ecact@iafrica.com](mailto:ecact@iafrica.com)