

## EDITORS NOTE

This is the final NAA update for 2010 and I hope that the news shared with you over the past months served to benefit the sector and provide relevant information.

I extend a word of thanks to all who contributed to the NAA Update over this period and hope that going into the New Year, our quest for an accessible society, will be one step closer to being realized.

I wish you a happy holiday and festive season and prosperous wishes for the New Year.



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## Farewell to Rob Filmer

NAA extends its condolences to Julie Filmer on the recent passing away of her late husband, and environmental access champion, Rob Filmer.

## Orchids and....



A two way intercom system, linked to a control room, has been installed at this accessible toilet facility which allows security personnel to be dispatched to provide access to persons with disabilities. This system eliminates the unauthorized use by non disabled persons and the general vandalism of the facility.

## **SABS- S59Q- Universal Access and Universal Design in the Built Environment**

The SABS S59Q committee (Standards in the field of Universal Access and Universal Design in the built environment) had its first official meeting on 25 November 2010 at the SABS head Office in Pretoria

The committee, comprising of various stakeholders concerned with accessibility in the built environment, focused on setting the scope and name of the committee. It was resolved that the scope of the committee will be the “Standardisation in the field of Universal Access and Universal Design in the built environment”

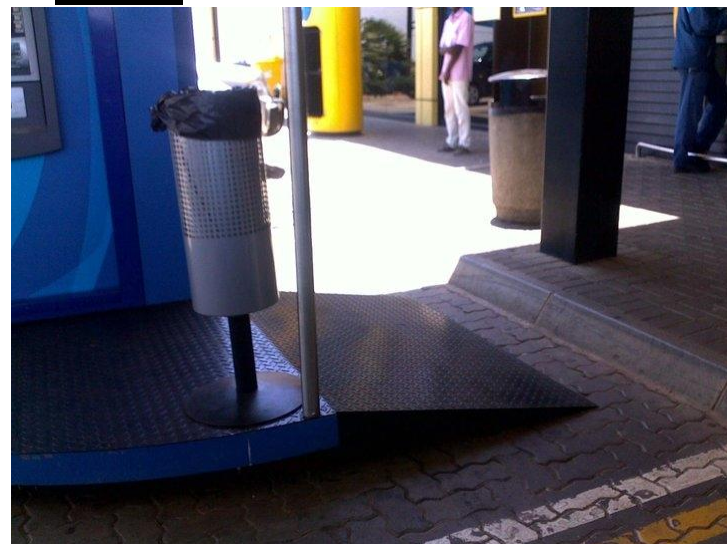
It was also resolved that “ the work of this committee will include the work previously described as Environmental Accessibility”.

The committee is made up of permanent and non Permanent members. The committee will be responsible for developing National Standards which will govern accessibility (SANS 10400 part S). Permanent members on the committee will be responsible to vote on matters tabled at meetings after consultation with their constituents.

Interaction at this level is long overdue and NAA welcomes this action to finally bring the Building Regulations, especially SANS 10400 S in line with current realities

Members of the committee are currently considering a number suggested amendments to the regulations

## Onions



Accessing a non permanent ATM is hard enough without having to deal with unnecessary and dangerous obstacles in the path of travel.

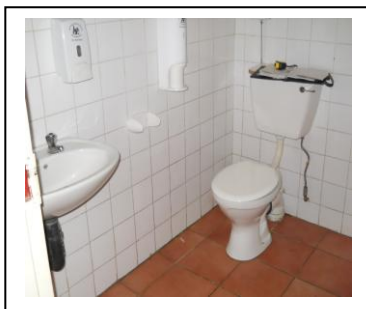
## NAA TO WORK WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY (SASSA) ON ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICE CENTRES

NAA met with SASSA after a recent visit to a service centre in Kempton Park.

As suspected there were various shortcomings identified and highlighted to SASSA. This led to SASSA undertaking to work with NAA to obtain an understanding of the type of minimum requirements needed to make their service centers.

NAA welcomes this approach and will work with the SASSA central office to improve access at the various centers around the country. A workshop of SASSA regional representatives and NAA is being planned for February 2011.

I wish to encourage you to share your experiences with us in preparation for this workshop so that specific examples can be highlighted to their management and jointly addressed. You can simply drop a letter or e mail on the address provided at the end of this Update.



*These pictures clearly indicate the challenge that lies ahead for us at SASSA centres as there seems to have been a complete disregard for our clients when it was decided to simply place the wheelchair access sign on the door of this toilet.*

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## THEY HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!!

The South African Disability Alliance (SADA) earlier this year protested against the fact that, in spite of billions of Rands having been spent on new soccer stadia, accessibility for persons with disabilities would be compromised.

This protest was met with heated exchanges between SAFA and SADA and ultimately culminated in a highly publicized protest march which was broadcast on television networks all over the world.

In February 2011, another major event will be staged at the state of the art Cape Town and FNB Stadiums in Johannesburg. The designs of all these new stadiums have compromised persons with disabilities who will now, as it turns out, have to endure pricing discrimination as all the accessible seats are situated on one level of the stadium and prices have been fixed for that particular tier in the stadia. In addition to this, even though tickets have been sold out for the concerts, many fans with disabilities have been excluded due to the inadequate provision of seats in these arenas

Efforts to meet organizers on a compromise have so far been unsuccessful. This matter is being pursued in the interest of the wider community.

## **Hot off the Press!!!! Use of Accessible Parking Bays**

**The government Gazette published on 25 NOVEMBER 2010 states the following regarding the use of accessible parking bays**

**Amendment of regulation 305 of the Regulations No.33796 21 has been amended**

11. Regulation 305 of the regulations is amended by the substitution for Sub regulation (7) of the following sub regulation:

***"(7) No person other than a disabled person or a driver of a motor vehicle conveying Disabled persons, which motor vehicle was issued with a sticker for conveying disabled persons shall park on a parking bay reserved for disabled persons."***

This stipulation is in an improvement to the previous regulation (See NAA Update: September 2010).

NAA congratulates QASA who tirelessly lobbied for this change to be made for the benefit of persons with disabilities.