



APPLE EXPRESS

COACHES PAINTING & REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Although the much-loved **Apple Express** last ran from Port Elizabeth to Loerie on 29 December 2010, plans are being put into place to get her back on track within the next few months – a plan that has the support of local and provincial authorities and other stakeholders. Her absence has not affected her popularity or support as a constant stream of emails and telephone enquiries from locals as well as fans in South Africa and abroad can attest.

However, the 17 coaches are in desperate need of repainting and refurbishment and the cost to get the train back on track is R150,000. If you miss the sound of her sweet whistle and want to see this iconic train back on the rails of the Port Elizabeth-Avontuur narrow gauge railway line then any contribution by you will make a difference.

NG15 No 119, **Lesley**, is in good steaming shape and has been fired up by the volunteers who have remained faithful.

Transnet Freight Rail has continued to maintain the line in operating condition. Regular maintenance trolley expeditions have ensured that the rail reserve and ballast are in good condition, with sleeper replacement currently being undertaken – all this despite the fact that no freight has been carried on the line since January 2011.

SPONSORSHIP TARGET: R150,000

CONTRIBUTION DETAILS

Bank: ABSA Bank

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Account Number: 4063853987

Branch Code: 632-005

Account Type: Cheque

Ref: Apple Express/Initial-Surname

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**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE RECORDED,
ACKNOWLEDGED AND USED ONLY FOR
THE APPLE EXPRESS PROJECT.**

PLEASE NOTE:

1. All donations received will only be used for the refurbishment of the Apple Express heritage coaches and not for any other purpose.
2. Please include **Apple Express-Initial and Surname** as your deposit reference. If you do not, we will not be able identify your donation. Please email proof of your donation to skuys@worldonline.co.za
3. The SWIFT number provided only applies for overseas donations. This number must not be used if you bank in South Africa.
4. A weekly report on donations received will be published on the Apple Express website www.appleexpresstrain.co.za.



The Apple Express, headed by NG 15 No 119, Lesley, returns to Port Elizabeth after a day trip to Loerie.