



# LIFE AT LUCERNE TRANSPORT



Time flies when you are having fun... where have I heard that saying before? Everybody seems to concur that one of the side effects of this Covid pandemic has been the pace at which life is going. We are all working harder, having adapted to this new way of life. As we head into the holiday season I am sure there will be many that really need a good break. If that is you, enjoy your time away from the rush and re-group for a frenetic 2021.

Lucerne has experienced an incredible demand for our services over the last few months. Our order book is blessedly full and we strive on a daily basis to ensure we attend to all loads. The typical end of year peak in demand is gratefully accepted and our incredible Ops Team work under extreme circumstances to execute your orders as requested. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the efforts of our drivers and support staff. These are the real heroes. We don't always get it right, but can assure you there is no lack of effort. Thank you for your support.

We are privileged to have some new customers join our family recently - so, if this is your first edition, welcome! We will strive to meet and exceed your expectations.

Safety will move even higher up our focus areas during this end of year period. Please join us in being observant and safe on the roads. Let's get through this period in one piece. Be blessed everyone.

*Bryce*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Whatever feeds your soul, do more of that. Many things feed mine - apparently most involve coffee. And cake. It takes energy and focus to keep spirits high when the world is in turbulence and transitioning through immense change. More than ever, let's be kind to ourselves and others, count our blessings and feed our souls. Love and Light,

*Nix*



# LUCERNE TRANSPORT NEWS

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## SASOL HAND SANITISER PROJECT

We were blessedly invited by Sasol to join them in distributing hand sanitiser to schools and underprivileged areas. Our sister company, Xinergistix, graciously arranged and executed the logistics. We are very proud to have been involved in this project.



## UZWELO

Over the past 2 years, Lucerne has been driving the support of young learners by providing them with beautifully handmade back packs for them to use for school. These back packs are made using excess materials typically sent to the dump. Lucerne has partnered with Uzwelo to make bags that are all absolutely unique, just like the child they will be given to. The back pack is water resistant, funky and brightly coloured, and has a built-in poncho to protect the kids during the rainy trips to and from school.

## LUCERNE LOVES LOCAL - BALLITO JUNCTION

The Ballito Junction Community Initiative began in 2017, with the aim of uplifting the community and showcasing the work of local artists. Jeffrey and a friend have been running it ever since, and the money flow to the community not only puts food on their tables but encourages them to use their skills and survive through their art. Along with the local community, Lucerne is a proud supporter of this initiative.



## Meet Nicola

*In this edition we are chatting to our beloved HR Manager, Nicola Donaldson, who hails from the Unitrans team and joined the Lucerne family in March this year. We love her lots, especially her spirited humour and generous heart. She has an incredible ability to make every staff member feel like a Rockstar on their birthday.*

**What is the age of your inner child?** I don't think my inner child has an age per say, however, my inner child is a teenager - I think!

**Dresses or Jeans?** I'm a boy mom so it's, without a doubt, jeans for me. BUT, if the occasion calls for a dress, then a dress it is.

**Hometown?** I was born and raised in one of Durban's most prominent coastal landmarks, about 20 minutes from Durban City Centre - the one and only, "The Bluff". My family relocated to Johannesburg 9 years ago.

**Greatest Life Lesson thus far?** "The moment you start acting like life is a blessing, it starts feeling like one". No matter how big your house is, how recent your car is, or how big your bank account is, our graves will always be the same size - STAY HUMBLE ALWAYS and focus on small wins, they lead to big wins. No matter what, never quit, stay focused and keep moving forward.

**Who do you dine with every evening?** I become wife and mother as soon as I arrive home. Our family was blessed with 2 healthy, sporty, adventurous, ambitious and fun-loving sons; 13 years old and 9 years old respectively. Evenings and weekends are all about school/club swimming and soccer. In our "spare-time", we are chauffeurs, cheering supporters, kit and tuck-shop mom. If we are not swimming or at soccer, we are supporting my hubby with his Triathlon (Swimming, Running and Cycling) adventures.

**Greatest mentor?** My greatest mentor is definitely my Dad!

**Adjectives that best describe Nicola?** Reliable, Responsible, Strong-willed, Quirky/Witty, Diplomatic, Intuitive.

**Favourite Treat?** Mmmm, definitely Mexican Cinnamon Churros with soft serve ice cream!



## WELCOME TO THE LUCERNE FAMILY

*A warm, cheerful welcome to our new family members.*

- WYNBERG:** Reinhardt Van Deventer - Fleet Controller  
William Murray - Customer Service Coordinator
- TULISA PARK:** Tsepiso Those - Training Officer
- CLAIRWOOD:** Bradley Smith - Fleet Controller  
Jadine Naidoo - Transport Logistics Clerk  
Matthew Lallie - Fleet Controller