

Rita Andreas, Chairman: Adama Workers Trust

Rita was born on Lelienfontein in 1965. She was raised on the farm and lived there until she was 26 years of age.

Rita began work on the farm as a general worker in the fields, and a graft storehouse hand; during which time she gained valuable insight into labour relations.

At the age of 26 she married and moved to Wellington town. She returned to the farm after 11 years as an administrative officer, moving to the position of personnel manager in 2003. Rita plays a leading role in the Adama Worker's Committee, where she was instrumental in bringing about the land reform transaction.

Rita has a passion for working with people, with whom she enjoys excellent rapport. Her avid interest in upliftment has resulted in several projects, including amongst others a karate club, literacy classes, a music school, youth camps, ballroom dancing classes, a women's club and an annual camp for the workers.

Rita provides assistance in the wider Wellington community, where she:

- Promotes religious awareness, working closely with all denominations;
- Promotes good human relations between farm workers;
- Helps community members to learn about and embrace life improvement and enrichment opportunities;
- Provides personal counseling to farm workers;
- Serves the local schools; and
- Organizes church events, such as the Debutantes' Ball, arranging appearances by 7de Laan actors and musician Emo Adams.