History article brings back memories
What a pleasant surprise I had when opening the latest Water Wheel to find an article on the Riviersonderend/Berg River Water Scheme (‘Blood, sweat and tears at Riviersonderend’, the Water Wheel May/June 2011).

I had the absolute privilege of being the first operator to operate this truly remarkable scheme from 1981, through commissioning until 1988. Reading all about it and seeing some pictures after twenty two years really brought back fond memories. On page 24 the top picture Mr Peter Hume, the Resident Engineer, can be seen on the right. The guys that planned, designed and built this scheme truly deserve to have their names displayed on a plaque somewhere.

Your last sentence mentions the Assagaaibos Dam being built a few years later. As far as I am aware this dam was never built. The Skuifraam or Berg River Dam was, however, built a few kilometres below the site of the Assegaaibos.

Thanks again for a great article and a great magazine.
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