

# Book dream comes true for Sapma Executive Director

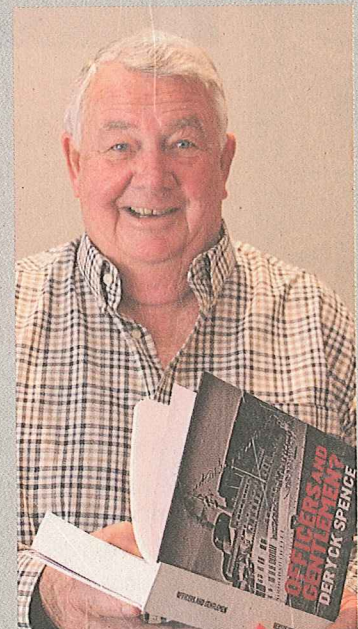
Deryck Spence, the genial Executive Director of the SA Paint Manufacturing Association (Sapma), has in his senior years fulfilled a decades-old dream – to write a novel.

## **DERYCK'S "OFFICERS AND**

**Gentlemen?"** has been published by the UK publishing house, Austin Macauley. The published novel will reach a vast global market via the Amazon sales distribution network.

The publishing house has also shown strong interest in a sequel, 'The Quality of Suffering', a past work now back in progress.

Deryck's first book is set on the iconic Windsor Castle, one of the beloved Union Castle Lines mail ships that sailed around the southern African coast to and from England in the 1960s. In those days, Deryck was a Purser for Union Castle Lines and the plot of his novel is based on his experiences dealing with the trials, tribulations – and temptations those dashing officers in uniform had to contend with on the long leisurely cruises which so many older South Africans still so fondly remember. But in his book the voyage is the stuff movie scripts are based on nowadays: a fanatical plot to steal gold bullion, over-amorous passengers, steamy cabin encounters, and a



**Deryck Spence, Executive Director of SAPMA, with his new book, 'Officers and Gentlemen?'**

host of unexpected crises and unpleasantly violent characters that our reluctant purser-turned-hero has to deal with.

Deryck describes his new book as 'an absolute dream'. He always wanted to write and many years ago was inspired by a Nicholas Monserrat novel, 'The Nylon Pirates', which influenced the theme of 'Officers and Gentlemen?' He has also completed a children's book, 'The Magic Shepherd'. <<

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