

André is one of Nicro's success stories

OFFENDER André was referred to the Nicro offices for alternative sentencing on a deferred prosecution. He is a sixty-one-year-old married male in a stable marital relationship. The couple has one adult son who still lives with them.

André was employed as a manager at Telkom for 32 years, but left on early retirement. He is technically-minded and installs electric motors on gates in order to keep himself occupied and contribute towards the family income.

He was charged with drinking and driving after he had been celebrating a friend's birthday.

André was assessed and found suitable for community service and three sessions

of individual counselling. The aim of the Nicro intervention was to develop a sense of responsibility and accountability for the offence. The counselling was specifically geared towards promoting positive behaviour change by developing self-awareness and decision-making skills.

André completed his community service at the Empangeni police station. "We received a very positive report on his conduct that he was willing to take initiative and full responsibility for the tasks performed.

"He showed remorse for his actions, acknowledging his guilt on previous occasions when he had driven under the influence without being caught," said Nicro.

