

# Grey and WPP Liquid win silver at global 2021 Clio Awards

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Language is a vital aspect of our culture. In South Africa, the dawn of democracy was marked by the new government giving 11 of South Africa's languages recognition as official languages. Sadly, autocorrect is still stuck in a decidedly undemocratic mode, where it will correct any word it doesn't recognise into English. This means that an innocent *bathong* suddenly turns into 'bathing'.

Savanna, the smart kid of the cider industry, has found a workaround for this irritation and has done so in the brand's customary dry and witty manner.



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**MOBILE PHONES GET A VERNAC MAKEOVER BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY TEXTS IN DUCKING ENGLISH**

**PROBLEM:** South Africa is no longer a British colony, but our phones are still colonised. Autocorrect still only recognises one of our 11 official languages. You guessed it... English. Although there have been attempts to teach spellcheck to spell our names, no-one's tried to teach our mobile devices, used for our most intimate communication, to speak our South African languages. And it's killing our indigenous languages.

**SOLUTION:** Savanna Cider, South Africa's most loved cider, got ducking tired of this and set out to liberate people's phones through a simple hack. Phones don't autocorrect anything saved to your contacts. So we created contact files for each of South Africa's other 10 official languages. Each contact file was populated with the 500 of the most used words in each language. We then made the files available for users to download and save. When saved, autocorrect 'recognises' the words and doesn't try to change them. The lovely contact file was turned into an instrument of emancipation.

**HOW IT WORKS:**  
1. Visit the website: <https://savannacider.com/decolonise>  
2. Choose your preferred language(s)  
3. Save the custom .vcf file to your contacts  
4. Your texts have been liberated

**RESULTS:** Downloads per day during the campaign, across all 11 languages.  
**700+** Downloads continue despite the campaign having ended.  
Coverage on all major TV and Radio  
**News stations**  
Media Impressions  
**11 500 000**  
Facebook engagement rate  
**10.7%** 77 X INDUSTRY AVG  
Twitter engagement rate  
**4.1%** 50 X INDUSTRY AVG  
All for less than  
**\$20k** MEDIA SPEND

**How it works:**  
Simply save a contact file with you're the most used words in your preferred language to your phone and start expressing yourself unapologetically in your OWN language.  
**Bilingual?**  
You can download as many languages as you like.

**LANGUAGES:**  
1 Select language  
2 Install Contact  
3 Freeeedoni!  
Xhosa  
Zulu  
Afrikaans  
SeSotho  
Xitsonga

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Their efforts were acknowledged at the 2021 Clio Awards, where Grey and WPP Liquid received silver in the Digital/Mobile - Emerging Technologies category for Savanna's 'Decolonise Auto Correct' campaign.

**Grey Advertising Africa's chief creative officer, Fran Luckin, explains:** "It is so gratifying to see this piece being recognised by international judges on a global stage."

"Being awarded in the pioneering **Digital/Mobile - Emerging Technologies** category is testament to our effectiveness in navigating the industry with game-changing campaigns and illustrates the value of sticking with a creative idea for as long as it takes to execute. Over two years in the making, 'Decolonise Auto Correct' has finally stepped into the limelight," Luckin adds.



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