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Students make their mark



Rhodes University student Siyasanga Ngubo reads to Lihame Maguga at Siyazama Pre-School in Extension 6 yesterday. The occasion was World Read Aloud Day and this year's story, available for free from national reading-for-enjoyment campaign Nal'ibali was 'The final minute' written by Zukiswa Wanner. Ngubo is the College House Community Engagement Representative and was among a group of CE reps from other residences, who will all be working in Rhodes University Community Engagement (RUCE's) Early Childhood Development (ECD) Residence programme this year. The student leaders returned to campus earlier than most, to undergo the training RUCE offers them. Photo: Khuthala Nandipha



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SECURITY LIGHTS

Security lights on the outside of the house improve the physical protection of a house, farm or smallholding.

The lights must be directed away from the house and must allow the occupants to use the windows without being observed from outside.

Be aware of possible shadows and blind spots.

RESPONSES THIS WEEK IN GRAHAMSTOWN

Housebreak ins: 1
Arrests: 1 – stolen property

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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• AA Rescue	0800 111997
• Medical Rescue	0800 033007
• GHT Child Welfare	046 636 1355
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Fort England	046 602 2300
Legal Aid SA	046 622 9350
Locksmith (Sean Butterworth)	082 556 9975 or 046 622 4592
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Who supplies warehouse?

By KATHRYN CLEARY

After a citizen witnessed someone stealing wire and other materials from a warehouse in Knight Street, they entered the unlocked and derelict looking building to find unmarked and untouched water-saving supplies.

Boxes postmarked November 2014 filled with ledger books for the municipality fill half the room.

Water meters and meter covers sit in cobweb-covered heaps, scattered across the floor soaked in bird faeces.

Green toilet blocks remain neatly packed in tens of boxes, some opened and poured out as if searching for something more interesting.

The only living thing that seemed to care about the contents of the warehouse was one large pigeon, cooing softly from the dusty beams.

Makana has been approached about the materials and said they would investigate.

If you know anything about these resources please WhatsApp Grocott's Mail at 076 733 1770 or message us on our Facebook page, Grocott's Mail.



Water metre equipment that appears to belong to nobody.

Photo: Kathryn Cleary



Don't buy that puppy please!

By MARK THOMAS

Puppy hawkers have little or no regard for the welfare of animals, who to them are simply commodities of trade.

They rely heavily on the animal loving communities who will do anything to rescue a puppy in this condition regardless of the cost. Do not be emotionally blackmailed! In spite of your best intentions, buying a puppy from a hawker perpetuates a cycle of abuse and cruelty. These individuals are likely to be breeding indiscriminately, with no concern for their breeding females whose living conditions are comparable to puppy mills. The little ones are often removed from their mothers at an extremely young age, they are often unhealthy and in some instances genetically defective. Additionally, puppies have in the past been stolen to perpetrate this illegal trade from loving homes in and around Grahamstown.

You could also be unwittingly introducing disease and parasites into your home that could affect the health of your pets and your family! Mange is a zoonotic disease that transfers to humans as scabies. Worms and fleas can also be passed on to your family members and the chances are that the puppy you have just bought is not vaccinated and potentially ill with Canine Distemper or Parvo Virus – both deadly and extremely contagious canine diseases.

We are working in collaboration with law enforcement agencies to stop the illegal hawking of animals and also looking to propose amendments to the Animal By-laws to ensure harsher sentences for perpetrators. So what should you do if you see a Puppy hawker?

- The greatest assistance will come from members of the public not supporting this trade. By purchasing an animal from the street, you're creating a market and the demand and supply economics factors are set in motion.
- Instead, immediately report the puppy vendor with as much information as possible..
- If anybody tries to sell you a puppy at a street corner, please contact SAPS immediately on 046603911, the SPCA on 0466223233 (or the 24hr SPCA Emergency Line 0648208496).

Remember too, that if you are looking for a pet, you can adopt from the SPCA. We have healthy, loving puppies and adult dogs looking to become a part of a family like yours. You'll find that while many are wonderful mix breeds, most shelters have purebreds too!

Animals are a lifelong commitment and each year we see hundreds of unwanted animals coming back from all kinds of backgrounds, where people either do not have the means or in some cases from students who are leaving Grahamstown at the end of their studies and suddenly the animal is no longer part of their life. If you are a student, please be responsible by volunteering at the SPCA, which can give so much love to animals that need it without the long term responsibility of caring for one in your digs. Please help your SPCA to help all animals in need.

– Mark Thomas is the manager of the SPCA

Twists in dam body murder trial

By SUE MACLENNAN

Definitions within the Doctrine of Common Purpose, and what outside a court of law might be viewed as semantics, featured in the argument for conviction of four men who stand accused of murdering Grahamstown man Thembelani Qwakanisa. Qwakanisa's mutilated body was found in Zion Dam in Extension 6 on 5 October 2016. He had been brutally tortured.

Thembani Onceya represented by attorney Henry Charles of Legal Aid SA, Akhona Onceya (Viwe Mqeke from Mqeke Attorneys), Simamkele Theron Onceya (advocate Charles Stamper) and Mzwanele Degree Maki (advocate Jock McConnachie) all maintained their not-guilty plea last week. Maki, 26, in December 2017 had pleaded guilty to assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

According to the State's indictment Qwakanisa had been suspected by the four men of stealing a laptop belonging to Thembani. A post-mortem report from Dr Stuart Dwyer earlier in the trial set out details of the torture endured by Qwakanisa before his death, which included having his teeth pulled out with pliers, having his private parts studded, being forced to drink boiling water and also having it poured over him, as well as having hot

plastic melted on to his bare skin.

Maki threw his defence counsel a curve ball during last week's proceedings in the high court in Grahamstown, giving testimony markedly different from his initial statement. In explaining the dramatic turnaround in his evidence, he blamed the court interpreter for getting his version wrong.

In a strongly ironic retort, Senior State Advocate Heinz Obermeyer who has argued for the conviction of all four men under the doctrine of common purpose, said, "The interpreter must have been the worst in the world to have come up with a version that was exactly the opposite from his statement."

Maki's counsel, McConnachie, admitted that his client's two versions left him in a quandary. His conclusion was the reason his evidence had changed "so suddenly and dramatically" was in order to match it to the version of his co-accused. It was an attempt, he surmised, to remove the suggestion that the motivation for the assault was the alleged theft of Thembani's laptop.

Maki's assertion that he wasn't present when Qwakanisa actually died led to an argument about what conditions were required to prove a person was complicit in a crime under the common purpose doctrine.

The case continues on 3 and 6 April.

WEATHER & TIDES

FRIDAY 2 February

Thunderstorms. Wind moderate easterly.

Temperature: Min 19°C Max 30°C

Tides: Low 03:55 17:24

High 10:54 23:35

SATURDAY

Cloudy. Wind light southerly.

Temperature: Min 14°C Max 21°C

Tides: Low 05:47 18:51

High 12:19

SUNDAY

Rain. Wind moderate ESE.

Temperature: Min 14°C Max 22°C

Tides: Low 07:09 19:54

High 01:03 13:28

MONDAY

Sunny. Wind moderate easterly.

Temperature: Min 15°C Max 30°C

Tides: Low 08:09 20:44

High 02:06 14:24

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy. Wind light SW.

Temperature: Min 18°C Max 32°C

Tides: Low 08:59 21:28

High 02:56 15:13

WEDNESDAY

Rain. Wind light SSE.

Temperature: Min 18°C Max 24°C

Tides: Low 09:45 22:09

High 03:41 15:58

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy. Wind moderate easterly.

Temperature: Min 17°C Max 28°C

Tides: Low 10:29 22:48

High 04:23 16:40

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy. Wind light WSW.

Temperature: Min 20°C Max 33°C

Tides: Low 11:10 23:24

High 05:03 17:20

Temperatures and tides were correct at the time of going to press

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Report illegal firearm dealings

The Hawks have urged members of the public to report any illegal firearm dealings in communities.

The specialist crime fighting unit has intensified operations to seize firearms from people involved in firearm trafficking, the illegal distribution thereof and legal entities involved in corruption and other illegal practices relating to firearms.

"The general public is urged to report illegal firearms to Crime Stop or the provincial offices of the National Bureau for Illegal Firearm Control and Priority Violent Crime (NBIFCPVC), which are established countrywide within the Hawks," the Hawks said on Wednesday.

This call follows the seizure of 323 firearms from a firearm dealer in Pretoria last week on allegations of contravening the Firearms Control Act. – SAnews.gov.za

eFiling deadline tomorrow

Provisional taxpayers have until 31 January to file their income tax returns, their IRP6 documents, to the South African Revenue Service (SARS) through eFiling.

A provisional taxpayer is any person who receives income, or to whom income accrues, other than a salary. This includes persons who receive rental income from a property, taxable interest income from investments or other income from a trade.

SARS reminded taxpayers that channels such as the SARS mobisite, available at www.sarsfiling.mobi, are available for easy filing via one's mobile device.

It said late submission will result in penalties.

"As a separate matter, the deadline of 31 January also applies to payments from individual taxpayers who filed personal income tax returns last year and were assessed to owe

SARS money.

"While harsh penalties and interest apply to late payments on the other hand, taxpayers in financial difficulty can approach SARS to defer payment or pay in instalments within qualifying criteria," SARS said in a statement.

Taxpayers who wish to make payment arrangements are advised to go to their nearest SARS branch or call the SARS Contact Centre on 0800 00 7277.

Three main payment channels are available, including eFiling, via a bank or EFT.

SARS branches do not accept payments, whether cash or cheque. – SAnews.gov.za

AU summit closes with calls for eradicating corruption

The 30th African Union (AU) summit concluded on Monday with a call for strengthening African unity and the fight against corruption. The summit, which was held at the headquarters of the pan African block in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa from 22 – 29 January, underscored the need to eradicate corruption and poverty on the African continent, together with fast-tracking the realisation of AU's flagship Agenda 2063.

Paul Kagame, Rwandan President and current chair of the African Union, said in his closing remarks that the summit was successful, with major decisions that will go a long way in helping the continent achieve its short, medium and long-term goals and prosperity of Africa.

Moussa Faki Mahamat, the chair of the AU Commission, said the choice of the fight against corruption is a "very relevant choice".

"This scourge is impacting the development of Africa," he said, adding that "it is a necessary imperative to fight corruption, which is a matter that has to be everyone's concern".

– SAnews.gov.za-Xinhua

Call to support acting manager

By SUE MACLENNAN

In a move hailed across party divides as positive, Manager of the Sarah Baartman District Municipality Ted Pillay has been seconded to Makana for three months as of yesterday, Thursday 1 February. In the first full Council meeting of 2018 on Wednesday, both ANC and DA councillors called for officials, politicians and residents alike to get behind Pillay in his efforts to put the embattled municipality back on its feet.

The official announcement came soon after a discussion on the municipality's qualified audit on the basis of numerous non-compliance issues.

Also in this week's council meeting was confirmation of a 6% increase in the remuneration packages of councillors.

In her opening address to the Council, Mayor Nomhle Gaga responded to claims by the Concerned Citizens to Save Makana (CCSM) group as reported in Grocott's Mail and other media that she had misled citizens regarding the appointment of an acting municipal manager.

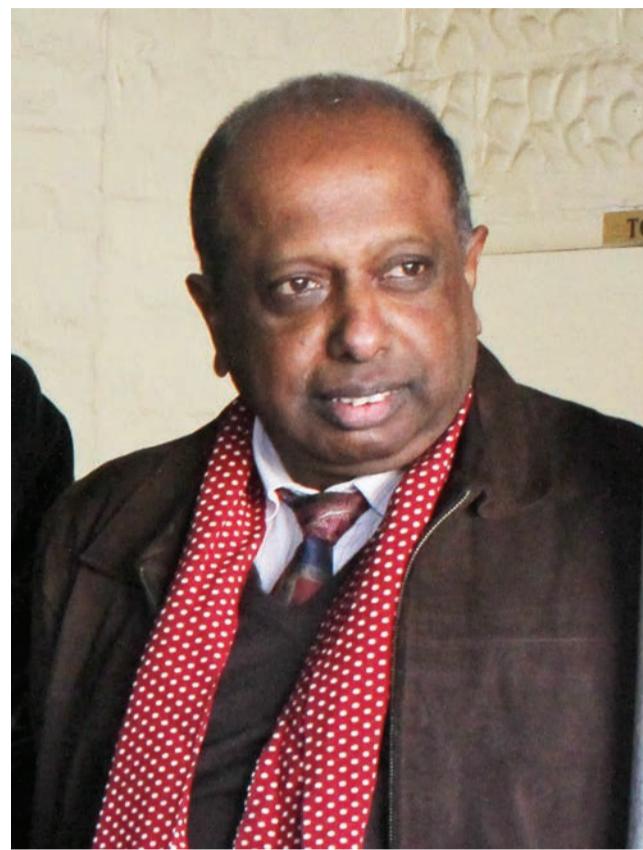
"I will never mislead this Council," Gaga said, explaining how the absence of certain key officials had slowed the process of securing an agreement with the District Municipality to have an acting MM seconded to Makana.

In a statement issued yesterday the municipality said that after numerous attempts to get a secondment for Section 154 from the Department of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) for Makana, the municipality together with Sarah Baartman District Municipality had formally agreed to second Pillay.

"This comes after the Council rejected the person seconded by COGTA due to exorbitant expenses he required," the statement said. "It is with great excitement to announce that Mr Pillay will be the Acting Municipal Manager for the next three months, starting on 01 February 2018 until 30 April 2018, with all his expenses paid for by the district." Pillay would report to Council and would be expected to assist the institution in the appointment of the Municipal Manager; improvement of revenue collection; assessment of major outstanding creditors; improving staff morale; reducing excessive overtime; improving service delivery and lobbying for funding.

DA spokesperson Mlindi Mhanha said the party was relieved at Pillay's appointment and was of the opinion that he was the best man for the job.

"We believe in his abilities and his track record speaks for itself. We are however concerned that three months may



Ted Pillay is acting municipal manager at Makana for three months. Photo: Sue MacLennan

not be sufficient for him to turn the municipality around and a permanent MM must be appointed sooner rather than later," Nhanha said.

"We call on residents, councillors, staff and labour unions to support Mr Pillay during his tenure at the helm of the administration."

The DA in Makana, towards the end of last year, urged the MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Fikile Xasa, to dissolve the Council and hold fresh elections within 90 days. They retracted their call on the basis that Pillay would be seconded to Makana.

The CCSM cried foul when it emerged that the request for Pillay to be seconded had not appeared on any agenda for the District Council by the end of last year.

ON THE ROAD...



Constant Awareness

- Make sure your car always has gas in it – don't ride around with the gauge on empty.
- If you're in the country, watch out for animals.
- If you see an animal approaching, slow down and flash your lights repeatedly. Dusk and dawn are particularly bad times for running into animals, so be on the lookout for them.
- When light turns green, make sure intersection clears before you go.

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VOX POPS

What business would you like to see?

Like many small cities and towns across South Africa, Grahamstown is locked in a vicious cycle of high unemployment, especially of young people and women. **Lindani Donyeli** asked residents what businesses they'd like to see in town.



BUSISWA MAKILE
UNEMPLOYED
A chicken factory.



NDUDUMO LOLWANA
UNEMPLOYED
Pottery to make mugs and plates.



MEISIE ZENA
UNEMPLOYED
It doesn't matter. Some get employed by night [and] you never know what's going on.



SISANDA NGQOYIYA
UNEMPLOYED
Anything to stop crime in the communities.

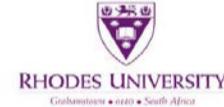


MELIKHAYA HOPA
UNEMPLOYED
There should be a college to give people skills.



MANDISA SINGATA
UNEMPLOYED
People should get land so that they can produce.

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS DIVISION

INVITATION TO TENDER

Rhodes University, Infrastructure and Operations Division invites all suitably qualified service providers to respond to the invitation for the tender below:

BUILDING ALTERATIONS TO PHYSIC'S BUILDING TO HOUSE THE EM UNIT

Tender documentation will be available on the Rhodes University eProcurement website on payment of a R500 non-refundable deposit. Tender documents will only be released after proof of payment has been received. Proof of payment must be emailed to w.lombard@ru.ac.za.

Payment must be made to the following bank account:

o Account name:	Rhodes University
o Bank:	First National Bank
o Branch:	210717
o Account number:	621 4550 3076
o Reference:	71000 507 242

Information about registering on the website as a Bidder can be obtained from the Procurement Department as per the details below:

• Contact person: Mrs W Lombard;
 Email: w.lombard@ru.ac.za

A compulsory tender's site inspection will be held at **10h30 on Tuesday 6 February 2018** at the Physics Building, Artillery Road, Grahamstown, Rhodes University.

Tender submission: Tenders must be submitted online through the eProcurement portal. Responses must adhere to the required format, to enable Rhodes University to adjudicate all bids effectively and fairly. Late submission, manual, email, fax and telephonic submission will not be considered.

Close of Tenders: Monday 12 February 2018 at 13h00.

ONLY EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO

Kindly note that should the University not be satisfied with any of the tenders submitted, it will not be obliged to make a tender award.

Land and Property – let the experts answer

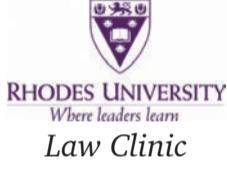
Who is the lawful owner of a house or piece of land?

How do you prove that you own a property?

What if someone else has the title deed to your property?

What if you and your family have occupied a property for many years, but have no title deed?

RIGHTS WITH RULAC



Starting in the 26 January edition of *Grocott's Mail*, staff at the Rhodes University Law Clinic will share with *Grocott's Mail* readers their experience in protecting the rights of Grahamstown people.

For the next six months, they will be focusing on land and property rights and *Grocott's Mail* readers are invited to send your questions about housing, land and leases.

This month, ownership of housing and land is in the spotlight.

Send these or other questions

to: editor@grocotts.co.za with RIGHTS WITH RULAC in the subject line or drop them off at the Rhodes Law Clinic, 41 New Street with the words, RIGHTS WITH RULAC at the top.

The Rhodes University Law Clinic strives to improve access to justice through the provision of free legal services to underprivileged people in most areas of law. In addition to its New Street offices, Law Clinic staff are available to clients at the Assumption Development Centre (Konongendi), Nceme Street,

COMING UP:

- **January:** Ownership of housing and land
- **February:** Transfer of ownership of housing and land
- **March:** Property and deceased estates
- **April:** Lodging a land claim
- **May:** The Constitution and anti-eviction law
- **June:** Understanding lease agreements

Jozza, every Thursday from 9am-12pm.

The Law Clinic also provides workshops on a wide range of topics to help people understand their rights at a number of venues which will be made known.

For more detail, please contact the Rhodes Law Clinic, 41 New Street, Grahamstown, Telephone 046 603 7656.



PUBLIC NOTICE 2017-2018 INVITATION TO PUBLIC ADJUDICATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that, in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management (Act No. 56 of 2003) Regulations. Reg 37(6) "A Meeting of the adjudication committee to consider an unsolicited bid must be open to the public"

The Makana Municipality Bid Adjudication Committee would like to invite members of community to the Public Adjudication Committee Meeting for Renewable Energy Trading in Collaboration with Power X, Details of the meeting are as follows:

Type of tender: Unsolicited Bid

Venue: Town Hall

Date: 15 February 2018

Time: 10am

All Technical Enquiries are to be directed to Ms G Meaton, Tel 046 6370 424 and all SCM queries are to be directed to Ms. Z Gxowa 046 603 6022

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Ms N.C. Mazwayi

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For more information go to the official municipal website: www.makana.gov.za/vacancies and the official notice board. Enquiries: Ms Zani Siqwede, H.R Practitioner (E-Mail: nsiqwede@makana.gov.za).

CLOSING DATE: 9 FEBRUARY 2018

MRS N. C. MAZWAYI
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Citizens tackle potholes

By KATHRYN CLEARY

As Makana Municipality announced this week it had just received R3.5million to rehabilitate roads, a group of citizens tired of waiting had already taken matters into their own hands.

"Why must your car be roadworthy when the roads aren't car worthy?" posed a resident on social media in early January. Grahamstown's municipal, provincial and national roads are notorious among residents and visitors. Though roads ridden with potholes large enough to bathe in are the most noteworthy, many of the gravel roads leading to outlying rural areas are also in desperate need of attention. In recent months, improvements have included filling potholes and sinkholes with sand and gravel, a temporary fix.

Long term resident Martin Rushton stated, "As urgent as the need is for rain in Cape Town, so is the need for major repairs to our roads." This week's rainfall has worsened road conditions and they are consistently growing worse. The rainwater gradually washes away the sand and gravel used to fix blemishes in the roads, while runoff seeps deeper into small cracks, causing dangerous erosion.

Ongoing damage to roads is only one piece of the problem. Subsequent damage to motor vehicles and scooters is a huge expense and inconvenience. Residents complained of tyre, shock absorber and

wheel alignment damage as a result of driving on the roads. Charles Pretorius said he'd had two accidents as a result of potholes, costing him R75 000.

Edward Gaybba said, "My shocks are only four months old but are finished and need to be replaced. Also need to replace my Control Arm Bushes and an Idler Arm (which were all replaced just over a year ago). My family has to use caravans and a tent as we simply cannot save towards building material for our little home. Thanks Makana - apparently you think a small home, electricity, and running water is not something my family is entitled to."

Glenn Koch from Wesson's on High Street said that on average wheel alignment can cost R200-R600, and shock absorbers are R300-R5 000 each. Usually an annual expense, these have become quarterly expenses for Grahamstown residents. "Wheel alignment is immediately out when you hit a pothole, guaranteed, very few cars are in alignment after about two weeks of driving in town," said Koch.

Resident Kath Barnard drives a scooter. "I can't think of a single road in Grahamstown where scooter riders are safe from potholes, pothole gravel, or crumbling tarmac," she said. Scooters are popular among students.

With the municipality failing to meet service delivery needs, Makana Revive is look-

ing for alternative solutions. "There's no excuse why it should have gotten to this level," the community initiative's Ron Weissenberg told *Grocott's Mail*. Weissenberg said in the past six months, roads that were previously repairable have disintegrated to the stage where they now need total reconstruction and resurfacing.

Reconstruction of one kilo-

metre of a two-lane road can cost upwards of R3.5 million, Weissenberg said. Resurfacing and grading of gravel is significantly cheaper.

If every resident contributed R150, Makana Revive could fully repair salvageable municipal roads, Weissenberg said. "Professionally and with correct guarantees." He said R50 000 would allow for nearly 800 potholes to be properly repaired by use of a jet patcher. This would come to just under R2 per citizen, less than the cost of car and scooter repairs.

"It's criminal to allow a community asset to deteriorate to no value," said Weissenberg.

Yesterday morning Makana Revive finally took matters into their own hands. With sponsorship from the community, the jet patcher made its way down Albert Street in Fingo Village, working to clear potholes of remaining debris and then efficiently filling them with a wet gravel mixture sourced locally from Amatola quarry. Weissenberg oversaw the patching process along with Makana Revive supporters Tim Bull of the Grahamstown Residents' Asso-

ciation, Richard Gaybba of the Grahamstown Business Forum, and Mynhardt van Dyk, owner of The Rat and Parrot.

Bull said Albert Street was a priority for repairs as a main taxi route between the township and the CBD. Taxi drivers hooted in appreciation of the work being done, and volunteer traffic officers made sure passing cars did not drive over the freshly repaired road. Today (2 February) the patcher will move to the CBD, starting on African Street.

Grocott's Mail approached Makana Municipality for comment:

"Makana Municipality has just received R3.5 million for roads resuscitation from the equitable share. This money will be used for re-sealing and slurry seal for the main and access roads around Grahamstown. Supply Chain Management processes have already been done and requests for quotations have been advertised for this process. With the assistance from Mamlambo Construction with their equipment, the municipality will be able to do chip and spray before the National Arts Festival and most of the roads will be revamped during that period as SANRAL has agreed on revamping all the roads belonging to Department of Roads..."

"The Roads and Stormwater team are currently doing pothole patching and chip and spray on the major roads damaged by heavy rains. The St Andrew's College Mainte-



The jet-patcher at work on Albert Street. Photo: Kathryn Cleary

nance team have approached Makana Roads and Stormwater section and agreed to test the jet patcher machine in three main streets of Grahamstown. This is currently happening as some of these streets are being repaired. African, Milner Street and Park Road are among the streets

that will be repaired using the jet patcher. Makana Brick also assisted with coldmix to do pothole patching in several streets around town."

Should the community wish to contribute to road repairs please email jolandibotha7@gmail.com for more information.

Local communists remember Joe Slovo

By LINDANI DONYELI

Members of the South African Communist Party (SACP) gathered at Noluthando Hall on 28 January to remember their slain leader, Joe Slovo and to strengthen party membership in the Makana region.

About 100 members of the SACP, ANC, SANCO, COSATU and community members discussed the impact of their slain leader, as well as proposals to contest the 2019

national elections.

Zola Kolisi from Cosatu mentioned the high rate of unemployment in Grahamstown and reminded the organisation of the value and principles of togetherness between the ANC and the SACP.

Leaders must stop working for themselves and instead work for the people, he said.

Gideon Mapapu, chairperson of the local SANCO branch also encouraged

members to collaborate and strengthen the alliance. "We should have branches that work with the district," Mapapu said.

"SANCO is going to work together with the SACP to build structures and Branches."

Mawethu Rune, an SACP PEC member for Eastern Cape quoted a famous Nelson Mandela's about Slovo whom he called a strategic thinker

who played a an important role in the liberation of South Africa.

"Socialism did not fail. It's the people who failed," Rune said, pleading with community members to strengthen the local SACP, whose numbers are very low.

"It is the people themselves who have to liberate themselves. The Communist Party of today must solve the problems of today."

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Pursuant to Section 127(5) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) and Section 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000), the Sarah Baartman District Municipality invites local communities to submit written comments or representations in connection with the Annual Report of the Sarah Baartman District Municipality (including Cacadu District Development Agency) for the period 1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017.

The Annual Report can be viewed on the SBDM's website: www.sarahbaartman.co.za. A copy is also open for inspection in the office of the Administrative Officer, Department of Finance and Corporate Services, Room 226, 2nd Floor, Standard Bank Building, Govan Mbeki Avenue, Port Elizabeth, 6001, during normal office hours.

Any person who cannot write may visit the aforementioned office as stated, and receive assistance in compiling his/her comments or representations.

Any comments or representations must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Municipal Manager, P O Box 318, Port Elizabeth, 6000, or 2nd Floor, Standard Bank Building, Govan Mbeki Avenue, Port Elizabeth, 6001, by no later than Friday, 23 February 2018.

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New dawn for RU freshers

Tomorrow (Saturday 3 February) marks the start of Orientation week, or O-Week as it's generally called around Rhodes University. Hundreds of new students will descend our little town joining Rhodes either as first years, continuing students relocating from elsewhere, or post-graduate students reading towards Honours, Masters or PhD qualifications. It's our job as permanent residents to make these transient or diasporic students welcome.

Half of them will be in residence on the Rhodes campus, and the university has a time-honoured support structure to help them cope.

However, the other half of the student body will be in digs, the name given to granny flats or fully fledged homes that students share. Property owners who let out rooms, flats or entire houses have a responsibility to be fair and above all, honest with their potential tenants. If your house has damp or there is a hole in the window, fix the problem or tell the students that this is the case. Students are often accused of trashing digs on their way to three or four years of endless partying. However, little is made of the rather dismal condition in which many houses let out to Rhodes students are.

Students will also be rather anxious to do the pub crawl, some of them for the first time in their lives. Occasionally, their noises will get out of hand, and as "adults" we have a responsibility to call them to order, or even call the authorities if matters get out of hand.

We should however, also remember that the 7000-strong Rhodes University population is the pillar on which much of the economy of Grahamstown is built. We all benefit when students are happy (even if some of their happiness might be fuelled by over-indulgence, especially of alcohol). Let those who encounter students in everyday life make them feel welcome and only get stern when noise levels make it impossible to get a restful night.

Finally, the businesses that benefit from student budgets must be feeling rather good right now. The only caution is to be mindful of usurious fees. A case in point is that housing is very expensive in Grahamstown partly because so many students have to stay in digs, with houses near Rhodes fetching considerably more than what they were actually worth. It's a free country, we know. But it's also pride before a fall.

Our responsibility as townsfolk is to make living in Grahamstown a memorable experience for these young people. Through their stories and the stories of their parents, the majority of whom do not even live in the Eastern Cape, we generate more social capital.

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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



The Foundation Phase Relay at the PJ Olivier's sports day on Friday 26 January. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Rural Schools get the short end of the stick

Once again the Dept of Education has let down the Riebeeck East Combined School in Makana.

Last year a delegation was sent to Riebeeck East Combined School to assess plant to build a hostel which would accommodate children from farming areas around Riebeeck East. These learners would be weekly boarders. In this way the school would be fully staffed and all learners in the area would be educated in a healthy and safe environment. This was a most appealing plan.

However, The Dept of Education, without any consultation, has reneged on this promise and has forced all Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners to attend school in Grahamstown, due to their low numbers.

This means that 27 pupils must commute on an extremely dangerous road, dependent on an unreliable Scholar Transport system, or forgo completing their education. Their unemployed parents had to foot the bill for new uniforms. Needless to say, the transport began a week late.

To add insult to injury, when schools opened, no Foundation Phase teacher reported for duty. This resulted in a community member supervising 67 young learners while our Education Officials did nothing. The single Foundation Phase teacher who left at the end of last year was simply not replaced.

Thirdly there is no Maths and Natural Sciences teacher for grades 7, 8 and 9. These 28 learners are thus handicapped when making subject choices for their FET phase and for their

future careers. The Department suggests that these pupils find schooling in Grahamstown. Our children are not numbers and they have a fundamental right to a quality education in their own community.

The DoE also want to use current teachers teaching Grades 7, 8 and 9 when they go to Grahamstown to teach Foundation Phase. This will be demotivating for the teachers and not acceptable for Foundation Phase as they are not qualified Foundation Phase teachers.

Parents of the children of Riebeeck East Combined School are irate at the lack of empathy shown by DoE. They have requested the Dept to do the following:

- Supply two properly qualified Foundation Phase teachers as a matter of urgency.
- Supply a senior phase Maths and Natural Sciences Teacher.
- Bring back Grade 10, 11 and 12 classes and build the hostel as previously planned.

The Riebeeck East community has lived here for generations. They intend to stay here and raise their children in a safe environment. The clear pressure from the DoE to close the school is unacceptable and they are adamant that this should not happen.

We hope the DoE will do the right thing.

Councillor Cary Clark on behalf of the parents of Riebeeck East Combined School

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The Grocott's Mail's weekly newspaper, out on Fridays, is now free. Many of you have for many years been champions of the Friday newspaper that has become synonymous with Grahamstown. You are our best supporters and strongest critics. And as the community we serve grows and changes, we have listened and moved with you.

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Liyinene elithi indoda itya ukubila kwebunzi layo kuba ngeyingengomcheweli ophume izandla uThabo January (29) ukuba wayengazange asebenze nzima ezifundisa ukuchwela ngonyaka ka-2013.

UJanuary zange awuyele sikolweni umsebenzi wobuchweli. Uthi ngelixa wayefunda izifundo zokuphatha ishishini eBhayi ngo-2013, wayedla ngokuthuthela usibari wakhe ongumcheweli amaplanga, ifenitshala nezinye izixhobo zokuchwela ukusuka eBhayi ukuya eRhini, kodwa engaqondi ukuba yena angaze awenze lo msebenzi wokuchwela ngenye imini.

"Ndandithanda ke ukubuka umsebenzi wabo ndibone ukuba mhle kakhlulu. Kodwa ndibe ndingenamfanekiso wam woba ndingaze ndiwenze," utshilo uJanuary.

Ngene imini, enye yeeklayenti zikasibari wakhe yafuna ukwenzelwa iidrowa ngokungxamisekileyo, wabe usibari yena engekho. Uthi uJanuary wayebile emanzi ezama ukuwenza ngokwakhe lo msebenzi, ekhokelwa ngsibari wakhe efowunini. Wakhuthazeka emva kokubona iziphumo ezintle zomsebenzi wakhe kunye nemali awayifumanayo, watsho waqonda ukuba makayeke isikolo aqhubeke nokuchwela.

Ngalo nyaka umnye, uJanuary waziqalela ishishini lakhe lokuchwela yaye engumntu wokuqala ukuzivulela ishishini kusapho lwakhe. Uthi waqala ngokwenza izitendi ze-TV kuba engekazithembu ukuba angawenza amakhitsi. Kungoku nje, wenza izinto ezifana nokufakela iikhabhathi, izitendi ze-TV, ittafile zasegumbini lokuphumla, iiwodrophu nezinye. Iqela labantu bayawuncoma umsebenzi kaJanuary kwikhasi likaFacebook lenkampani yakhe iThabo J Custom Designs.

"Ndiyawuthanda umsebenzi wakho! Unetalente!" ubhale watsho uMilanda Coetzer. USiluthando Njomba yena ubhale wathi; "Mhle umsebenzi wakho Thabo, yhu!"

UJanuary uthi ukholwa kukujonga kumakhasi akwiwebhu afana noPinterest, iintlubo-ngeentlobu zemisebenzi yobuchweli se azame ukuyenza ngokwakhe. Uthi yena ukholwa kukwenza izinto ezinzima kuba zona zintle nangakumbi. "Ndabona ukuba abantu abasafuni nto ilula ngoku," utshilo uJanuary.

Nangona esenza umsebenzi oncomekayo kwezobuchweli ngoku, uJanuary uthi uzokubuyela esikolweni ayokugqibezela izifundo zokuphatha ishishini. Uthi udibana nemingeni kwishishini lakhe eyenza ukuba abone isidingo sokuyokufunda izakhono ezithile esikolweni, ezifana nokulawula imali nokuthengisa.

Njengeenzame zokunikezela kuluntu lwendawo avela kuyo, uJanuary uthi uzama kangangoko ukuqinisekisa ukuba abantu abaqeshayo ngabo bavela enginqini yakhe, iHlalani. Uthi kwishishini lakhe ngoku usebenza nabantu abenza umsebenzi ohambelana nokuchwela ukwenzela ukuba iiklayenti zakhe zingasokoli. Usebenza nomntu ofakela iithayile, omnye ufakela umbane, ngelixa omnye efakela imibhobho.

UJanuary uthi eminye yemingeni ahlangabezana nayo njengosomashishini, kukungabinabo oomathshini abakhulu bokwenza lo msebenzi, yaye loo ntio ibangela ukuba ngamanye amaxesha angakwazi ukuwugqiba kwangethuba umsebenzi wakhe. Ukwathi iiklayenti ziyahawuleza ukukhalala, zingabinamonde xa ethe walibaziseka ngenxa yokungabinabo oomathshini abakhulu, ze angawugqiba kwangethuba umsebenzi.

"Abantu bakuthi abasiniki thuba. Bangxamela ukusetyenzelwa ngabantu abamhlophe kuba besithi bona benza umsebenzi ongenaziphene," utshilo uJanuary.

Enye into ebachanayo uJanuary nabasebenzi bakhe kukuba bengenandawo inkulu ngokwaneleyo yokusebenza. Kungoku nje, basebenza kwigaraj encinci kokwabo. Kodwa ke, uJanuary uthi ngoku benza amalungiselelo okufumana umhlabu abazokwakha kuwo indawo yokusebenza eRhini. Ngenxa yokusebenza nzima kwakhe nokuzimisela, uJanuary ukhuthaze umtyali-mali wabucala ukuba abenomdla wokufaka isandla kwishishini lakhe. "Ndiyayithanda into endiyenzayo futhi ndifuna ukukhulela apha," utshilo uJanuary.

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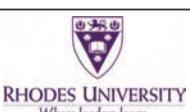
Buying a property? Always get proper legal advice!

By JONATHAN CAMPBELL

Edna Mankayi retired from Rhodes University last year after 32 years' service in the housekeeping division, and received a lump sum pension payout. For many years she had dreamed of buying a house for her family, who had never owned property.

There was a house in Tantyi (Erf 3124 Rini) which she always loved, where her son

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spent much time with his friend, Andile. Andile lived there with his wife and children for many years. Andile decided to move to a teaching job in Port Elizabeth, and wanted to sell the property. Andile and Edna agreed on a price of R120 000, and Edna paid him a deposit of R30 000 in July 2017, with the balance to be paid in monthly instal-

ments.

Edna transferred the R30 000 to Andile's bank account, and then asked Andile for the papers for the house. Andile suggested she speak to his father, Raymond, who he said had the papers. Edna went to visit Raymond at his house in Extension 3. Raymond was horrified at what Andile had done. He claimed that he (Raymond) was the owner of the house, he want-

ed to keep it for his daughter and her children, and he did not want to sell it. He showed Edna the title deed to the property, which confirmed that he was indeed the owner of Erf 3124 Rini.

Edna then confronted Andile who claimed that his father gave him the property many years ago, because his parents had their own house in Extension 3. After a week of argument and discussion between Edna, Andile and Raymond, Andile agreed to pay back the money when he was able to (he had already spent the R30 000 on a deposit for a new car). Six months later Edna has still not received any of the money due to her, and does not have a house.

There are many people who find themselves in the position of Edna, for the reason that the sale of immovable property is valid only if several very rigid requirements are met:

1. Only the owner of a house or vacant land can sell it

The owner is the person(s) whose name is on the Title Deed of the property (also called a Deed of Transfer). Ownership is registered at the Deeds Office in Cape Town. If title is not properly registered then that person is not the owner. For these reasons Raymond is the owner, not Andile, and so Andile cannot 'sell' the property.

How can ownership be proved?

Edna should have asked Andile (or Raymond) for the title deed before agreeing to buy the house. If Raymond did not have the title deed, then Edna could get a Deeds Office printout which states who is the owner of the property is (e.g. through Windeed). This Edna could get at Makana Municipality, High Street, Grahamstown (tel: 046 637 0428). She would need to take with her:

- A full description of the property (Erf number and address).
- The amount of R86 to be paid to the Makana finance department for the printout.

2. A sale of property MUST be in writing and signed by both the seller and the buyer

This is necessary in order to comply with the Alienation of Land Act. Normally there is a 'Deed of Sale' which is signed by both parties. This was not done by Edna and Andile, and so there is no valid 'sale' of the property (even if money and the property are exchanged).

Note: the purchase price must NEVER be paid directly to the seller, as Edna did. It must be paid to the conveyancer only when s/he calls for it, and the conveyancer will pay it to the seller only on date of registration of transfer.

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4. What if there are outstanding rates or service charges on the property?

The seller is liable for rates and municipal service charges up to the date of registration of transfer. If there are outstanding rates and municipal service charges due to the municipality, it will not be possible to transfer the property into the name of the buyer. Edna should have enquired about this before agreeing to buy the property.

For these reasons you should never try to buy a property without legal advice and guidance, and a conveyancing attorney is always necessary in order to ensure that everything is done properly. The Rhodes University Law Clinic is available to assist with advice in matters such as these, and will refer you to conveyancing attorneys when necessary.

• Campbell is the Director of the Rhodes University Law Clinic

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For the next six months, we will be focusing on land and property rights and Grocott's Mail readers are invited to send your questions about housing, land and leases. This month, ownership of housing and land is in the spotlight.

- * Who is the lawful owner of a house or piece of land?
- * How do you prove that you own a property?
- * What if someone else has the title deed to your property?
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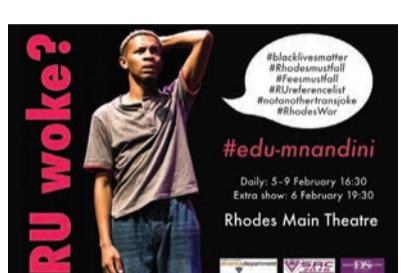
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Rhodes University students visited the Siyazama Pre-School in Extension 6 yesterday Thursday 1 February, to celebrate World Reading Day with the children. The visit was the launch of the Rhodes University Community Engagement's Programme. Photo: Khuthala Nandipha



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VC's welcome to new students

By SIZWE MABIZELA

If you have been counting days and nights and eagerly looking forward to the start of your university life at Rhodes University, we have also been equally looking forward with great excitement and anticipation to your arrival. That day has finally arrived!

It is with great delight that I welcome you, our new students, to Rhodes University. Given the high admission requirements of our University, you have worked incredibly hard to earn a place at Rhodes University. Sincere congratulations on your tremendous achievement.

Let me also extend a very warm welcome to your parents, family members and guardians who have supported and encouraged you over the years to reach this stage of your personal growth and development.

You are joining an exceptional university with a proud and enviable reputation for academic excellence. Our quality formative education prepares our students to lead change wherever they may find themselves.

As a Rhodes student, you



Vice Chancellor Dr Sizwe Mabizela. Photo Khuthala Nandipha

will be taught by inspiring and dedicated academics who are not only passionate about their disciplines but also take a keen interest in the intellectual growth and development of our students. They are also actively engaged in pushing the frontiers of knowledge through research and other creative endeavours. As a research-intensive university, ideas are the lifeblood of our institution.

You will learn to work independently; you will develop

the essential skills to engage ideas, to think creatively and imaginatively, to analyse, to formulate questions and alternatives, to argue with evidence and to communicate with cogency.

We will expect you to take full charge of your learning experience.

University education is not only about attending lectures and getting excellent grades. Though this is important, it is also about your holistic development as a whole person.

In this regard, our university provides a rich and vibrant campus life, which gives our students an opportunity to socialise, join sports clubs and societies, volunteer for one cause or another and hone their leadership skills. Please take advantage of these opportunities and get involved, as they will enrich your educational experience.

Another exciting aspect of our University is that we are a highly cosmopolitan community. Our student body comprises students from diverse social class, cultural, linguistic and geographic backgrounds, which is essential in creating a rich educational experience for our students.

You will have an opportunity to form lasting friendships with other young people from different parts of the world and with different lived experiences.

Be open to new and exciting experiences. Also importantly, strike the right balance between your studies and an active social life.

This is a time of transition for you; a time of change; an exciting and daunting stage in your life. I know that many

of you are first generation in your families to attend a university. This must be an overwhelming experience for you. We are here to support you so that you can make the most of your time at Rhodes.

Our university provides a wide range of support services for students. These include the healthcare centre, the counselling centre, the career advice centre, tutoring services and more. Take full advantage of these services.

This is a time of transition and change for your parents and guardians too. They will no doubt experience mixed emotions. They will be excited with your superb achievements and your acceptance at Rhodes University; they will also experience the 'empty nest syndrome' - a sense of loss - now that you have 'moved out'.

They will soon learn and master the art of letting go and allow you to embark on this new and important adventure of your life.

Our slogan is "Where leaders learn." As future leaders, we want you to be agents of social change and societal transformation. We want you

to help us build a more just, a more humane, a more equitable, a fairer, a more compassionate and a more inclusive society.

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Above all else, we want you to succeed. We want you to realise your hopes, dreams and aspirations. In the next few years, you will experience phenomenal growth and development.

Whatever concerns or challenges you might experience, always remember that we are there to help and support you. We want you to graduate as a well-rounded, highly educated, responsible and independent citizen of the world with a world-class degree qualification.

We hope you will have a happy, rewarding, fulfilling and fruitful time at Rhodes.

Welcome. Wamkelele. Welkom. Karibu.

• Dr Sizwe Mabizela is Vice Chancellor of Rhodes University

Mayor to future leaders: wamkelele

By NOMHLE GAGA

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you once more to our beautiful city. As the Council of Makana Municipality we hope your stay in Grahamstown will be long and fruitful. Makana is made up of many rural areas with Grahamstown as the centre of the urban space in Makana. There is a lot to see in and around this strategically placed municipality and we hope you will explore more than just the campus life offered by our prestigious University.

To those who are here for the first time, please enjoy your stay in this creative city. This city offers a lot of opportunities and has a rich history. You are here to better your minds and souls through education, so strive to achieve success in your studies. You are our future leaders and we look to you to take leadership of this country.

It is a known fact that university students come from different backgrounds financially and socially.

These are aspects of individual students' lives that shape their futures and their ability to cope with the demands of tertiary education. It is because of this reason that an institution such as Rhodes University has a great role to play in Makana.

We are always very thankful as the municipality for the contribution the university con-

tinues to make towards education in Makana, through special bursaries and mentoring programmes for local young people. The Student Volunteer Programme and other mentoring programmes have made a huge difference to the lives of children who attend township schools, and this is very encouraging.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back returning and new students from Eastcape Midlands College (EMC). EMC is an important Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college, which has come to attract students from out of town, despite encountering a number

of challenges over the years.

It is important to recognise the significant role played by an institution such as EMC in the growth and development of the youth of Makana. We hope to build stronger working relations with both institutions in the development of our city.

On behalf of the Makana Council and Administration we wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful year. Whatever your hopes and aspirations may be, go forward with confidence and determination and you will, I believe, be rewarded through your own efforts in 2018.

- Nomhle Gaga is the Mayor of Makana Municipality



Makana Executive Mayor Nomhle Gaga. Photo: Sue MacLennan

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RU's Community projects kick off

By BENITA BOBO

With a growing focus on literacy in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) sector, Community Engagement representatives from Rhodes University residences participated in the annual World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) yesterday 1 February.

They visited Siyazama Pre-School in extension 6, one of CE's community partners which won the Community Partner of the Year Award in 2017. They engaged in a variety of pre-literacy activities, including reading the WRAD story titled "The final minute – Umzuzu wokugqibela" written by Zukiswa Wanner for Nal'ibali in both English and isiXhosa.

On Saturday 10 February, First Year students will have the opportunity to experience Grahamstown fully, outside what is termed 'the university bubble'. They will do this through engaging in a series of focused activities including traveling to Joza township, meeting different people and sharing lived experiences as well as testing their campus knowledge, and debating interesting and relevant topics related to Community Engagement at Rhodes University.

The CE 4 Volunteer programmes (Nine Tents Mentoring Programme, Engaged Citizen Programme, Siyakha-

na@Makana, and Early Childhood Development Residence Programme) officially kick off in March, with the first training session at the end of this month.

Nine Tents is a successful Mentoring Programme that targets matric pupils. In its third year in 2018, the programme runs at Nombulelo, Ntsika, and Mary Waters. Rhodes University mentors are assigned two matric pupils from the schools, whom they meet over nine sessions throughout the year. The programme focuses on developing useful skills for pupils and goal-setting towards tertiary access.

The Engaged Citizen Programme is a volunteerism programme for Rhodes students looking to contribute to the Grahamstown. Students sign up to volunteer at across the town, focusing on the arts, alternative education, high school tutoring and mentoring, literacy, as well as homework, and support. The students volunteer at least one hour a week during term time, providing support to CE's community partners, while also learning from them.

Siyakhana@Makana is a 19-week project planning process which attempts to build meaningful relationships between student groups and community partners. This programme focuses on jointly planning, executing, and reflecting on community



Students can sign up for a range of community engagement projects such as mentoring and teaching computers. Photos: Khuthala Nandipha

engagement projects that student groups and community partners engage in.

The Early Childhood Development Programme focuses on reviving pre-school education in Grahamstown. Volunteers are trained to, and work at 14 ECD sites across Graham-

stown, engaging in a series of literacy activities throughout the year.

Last year saw a growth in the number of students who are actively engaging and making a meaningful contribution to Grahamstown.



Ikamva Youth ready for 2018

STAFF REPORTER

IkamvaYouth is a non-profit organisation, enabling disadvantaged youth to pull themselves and each other out of poverty through education.

The organisation provides free after-school tutoring, career guidance, mentoring, computer literacy training and extra-curricular engagement to learners in grades 9-12.

The organisation is currently operating in 16 townships in 5 provinces across South Africa.

In Grahamstown, IkamvaYouth is based at Nombulelo High School in the Joza Township and caters to grade 10 - 12 pupils from four different schools.

The aim is to equip them with the knowledge, skills, networks and resources necessary

to access tertiary education and or employment opportunities once they matriculate.

The Joza branch has operated since 2013 and its members have an 80-95% matric pass rate each year.

IkamvaYouth is powered by volunteerism. Being part of the organisation is an incredibly fun and rewarding experience that also requires hard

work and commitment.

Students can get involved in various capacities depending on how flexible their time is:

- **Tutoring:** They run homework and tutoring sessions three times a week for grades 10 – 12 to allow pupils to significantly improve their marks. Students can volunteer to tutor any of the subjects that are

offered at schools.

- **Mentoring:** Students can sign up to mentor a matric pupil whom they guide through the process of applying for university, choosing a career and other post-school opportunities.

- **Workshops:** Students can volunteer to run career guidance, life skills, health and leadership and media work-

shops with the learners or teach computer literacy.

To sign up to volunteer with IkamvaYouth students can visit www.ikamvayouth.org and fill in the application form, alternatively they can visit the Rhodes University Community Engagement office to find more ways in which they can be a part of the IkamvaYouth family.

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INTERVIEW WITH THE SRC PRESIDENT AT RHODES

• What can students and the community expect from campus leadership in 2018?

• How has #FeesMustFall changed the lives of Rhodes students?

• What plans does the SRC have to bring students and the Grahamstown community closer together?

* Grocott's Mail will be asking these questions and more in an exclusive interview with SRC President Nhlakanipho Mahlangu today. Find it



Rhodes University SRC President 2018 Nhlakanipho Mahlangu.

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First-year students at Eastcape Midlands College Ande Lobese (left), who has enrolled for Tourism and Bonga Makhubalo, who is doing Business Management, at the College's Induction for new students at Fiddlers Green on Friday 26 January. New students enjoyed basketball, mini soccer and other activities, while representatives from various banks helped them register accounts for their loans. Watch the video here: bit.ly/GrocEMCInduction Photo: Sue MacLennan



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Support staff about to kit one of the rooms with a new mattress. Photos: Khuthala Nandipha

New RU reses ready

By KHUTHALA NANDIPHA

Just over 264 new student residential rooms are ready for occupation for new Rhodents in the 2018 academic year. The R101 million project broke ground in 2016 as part of a national infrastructure development project for South African universities.

The three new residences – referred to as Hilltop 7, 8 and 9 – are situated on the upper part of campus, designed and built to look the same as the redbrick, Z-shaped residences

on North campus.

Infrastructure backlogs have led to accommodation shortages across universities, especially with enrollment figures expected to rise up to about 1.1 million in 2019.

Through its infrastructure and efficiency grant, the Department of Higher Education and Training has spent R14 billion on infrastructure development over the past 10 years.

Former Minister Blade Nzimande had said that investment in infrastructure — in-

cluding teaching and research spaces, equipment and student living environments — was key in ensuring universities could deliver on their mandate to empower young people.

"New residences mean less money spent on maintenance and for us to accommodate an additional 264 students in just one year is remarkable," said Veliswa Mhlope, the Rhodes University spokesperson.

Almost 50% Rhodes students live in 54 residences and 14 halls that have between

them, three and six houses. Of the 3 842 residence rooms on campus, 139 are double rooms.

There are three women's halls, one men's hall and eight halls accommodating men and women separately, as well as two separate self-catering Post-Graduate residences.

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US town, Grahamstown in unique storytelling project

By KATHRYN CLEARY

We're more alike than different," said Steve Davis, a lecturer at the Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University in New York.

Davis, along with colleague Ken Harper, accompanied eight Newhouse graduate students and four Syracuse City High School students to Grahamstown for a week-long media intensive community project. The group visited from 27 December through 6 January.

Davis and Harper worked with former Rhodes University exchange student, Jason Torreano. Though originally from the US, Torreano frequents Grahamstown due to his strong connection to Inkululeko, a youth development project based at Ntsika High School.

Inkululeko works with Grades 8-12 pupils to develop entrepreneurial skills, said Torreano. Inkululeko launched a student-run cafe on site at Ntsika as a means to further the learners' skills. Through his work, Torreano built a collaborative relationship between Syracuse and the NGO, and accompanies these students to Grahamstown each year to work with Inkululeko pupils.

Torreano works with Syracuse due to their strong focus on mutual benefit. "There's a

real emphasis on making sure both parties are seen as having value and having something to contribute," he said, "There's a real sense of camaraderie," he said. "We rely on each other to get this done."

Together, Torreano, Davis and Harper are a positive force.

"We are here for more than cool Facebook photos," expressed Torreano. During their time in Grahamstown, Syracuse University and City High School students worked together with community members and Inkululeko learners to create stories focussed on the theme of expression. Students attended the New Years Cup finals in Joza, various church services, and the Egazini Outreach Project as part of their project.

Content generated from their trip will be showcased on Syracuse University media platforms as a way to create positive, realistic and authentic representations of South Africa for American viewers.

"There's not enough representation in the states of the continent of Africa," said Harper.

Harper is the Director of the Newhouse Centre for Global Engagement, and has worked in areas of West Africa as well as Palestine in the media development industry. "It's about empowering people



Students and staff from Newhouse and Syracuse City High School pose along with Inkululeko learners. Photo: Jason Torreano

through skill sets to be able to speak for themselves," he said.

Harper and Davis met with faculty from the Rhodes School of Journalism and Media Studies to discuss a potential partnership for the future. Davis highlighted that the city of Syracuse was similar to Grahamstown in that both communities suffer from socioeconomic and resource

inequalities. Despite being on opposite sides of the world, these two communities have more alike than people may think.

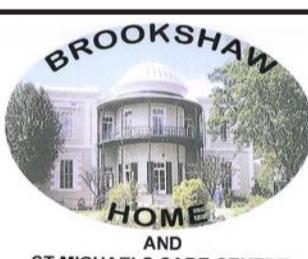
Syracuse City High School pupil Abe Mukahal told Grocott's Mail that he was surprised to see how similar Grahamstown was to his own neighbourhood. "Back home there's a store thirty seconds

away from my house, and here there's a Checkers across the street!" he said. "You wouldn't think things would be the same in Africa." Mukahal spent his time in Grahamstown working side by side Inkululeko learners on storytelling and interviewing skills.

After the short visit, the Syracuse group said they will be back. Torreano will con-

tinue his work with Inkululeko and returns to Grahamstown again in May with a new group of Syracuse students. Davis, Harper and Rhodes Journalism staff are working on plans for future engagement in hopes of creating change for both communities.

Grocott's Mail will provide updates on this community partnership.



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Rhodes University students and staff lead the 10th Silent Protest in August 2017. Many school children and other residents participate in the annual event, which highlights the serious issues surrounding rape and sexual violence as well as the difficulties its' survivors face after the crime. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Health and security on campus

By KHUTHALA NANDIPHA

Rhodes University provides excellent health and security support services to all students and staff. Each year these services are improved and heightened to respond to growing or changing needs.

The Rhodes Health Care Centre is staffed with professional and caring nurses and a doctor that provide primary health care. They also make referrals to a range of other medical services in town, including private doctors and dentists, the Counselling Centre, the psychiatric clinic, the hospital, social workers, private counsellors and TOP services.

An on-campus Counselling Centre is situated on the top floor of the Bantu Stephen Biko Building. Counselling Psychologists and Intern Counselling Psychologists are available to discuss a variety of issues related to student's mental health and wellbeing. Appointments can be booked throughout the day on 046 603 7070, counsellingcentre@ru.ac.za and any psychological emergency can be managed by the psychologist on call at that time. For after-hours psychological emergencies, contact the psychologist on call at 082 803 0177.

"The Centre specialises in confidential counselling, referral information, workshops on relevant issues and support groups for students with similar interests and goals," according to Director for Student Affairs, Nomangwane Mrwetyana.

In addition, there is a Career Centre that offers career counselling and education service to assist students in their career planning and career development while at Rhodes. The aim is to encourage and enable students to make and implement well-informed decisions about their future careers.

Services include workshops in University residences upon request to assist students with CV structure, job application tips, career success strategies, graduate recruitment services and job portals.

An HIV office coordinates the University's HIV & Aids programme with staff members that drive awareness to encourage prevention, care and support of those with HIV and AIDS, positive living, and stigma reduction. The office also runs a peer education/support programme and ensures availability of condoms at appropriate points across campus.

Students and staff are encouraged to report any matters of harassment to Ms Thobeka Msengana at the Counselling Centre in the Steve Biko building. Students have four options

when reporting; to report for record purposes, to request that the alleged perpetrator be advised to stop the behaviour, mediation and disciplinary action. These options are discussed in the confidential session with Ms Msengana. A complainant is also welcome to report any criminal matter to the South African Police.

Contact: (046) 603 7070 or counsellingcentre@ru.ac.za to make an appointment.

Rhodes University has a fully functional and resourced Campus Protection Unit (CPU), which operates from Rhodes Avenue adjacent to Hobson House. It is committed to protecting the safety of the Rhodes community and its property.

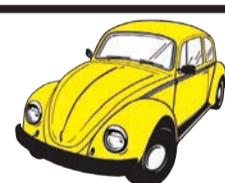
"Our job is to secure the environment for academic studies and activities thereby enhancing the quality of the Rhodes experience. We provide life skills by educating people in proactive measures to reduce security and safety hazards," said Templeton Robiyana, Manager for Campus Protection Unit.

The CP Unit provides quick and knowledgeable response to emergencies any time. SOS panic buttons are available in identified areas around campus. A blue security route was established as a safer route on campus that is monitored around the clock.

The 'Blue Security Route' is along Prince Alfred Street and on St Peters Campus; this route has additional guards patrolling it and is better lit. These routes are signposted. Avoid areas of campus, which are away from these routes; or which are deserted. "Students are safer when walking in a group, at night and in deserted areas of the campus. Get into a habit of being escorted by a CPU guard when walking late at night within the Rhodes campus. The CPU guard will require your student number to radio the CPU main office to log the escort," advised Robiyana.

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Reverend Canon Dr Claire Nye Hunter, Cathedral Chancellor.

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Welcome students, you made a choice to Study at Rhodes, which will take care of the Academic leg of your life and we are happy for you. We as the Grahamstown community welcomes you, trusting that your time in the City of Saints will be fruitful and enjoyable and help you become a well-rounded person.

We as the Trinity Presbyterian family would like to welcome you and offer you a home for the spiritual leg in your journey, as you blossom into your future. Our sanctuary is situated on Hill Street next to Victoria Primary parking. We congregate for worship Every Sunday (+/- 1 hour) at 9am and at 6:30pm the evening. You are welcome to try any of our services and see where you can be more yourself. Stay blessed and enjoy your time with us.

– Reverend Boitumelo Gaborone - Trinity Presbyterian Church

Dear Students,

We welcome you to the most historic City. Fondly known as the City of Saints. Those who are new in Grahamstown hope it will be a wonderful home of growth, excellence, & fun. Your achievement in school can only be achieved if you put time daily to all that you do. The principle is "daily maintenance" no matter what happens. Remembering that God pledged an everlasting promise to give you strength when you weary (Isaiah 40:31). We have Sunday Service at Commem @ 9am and 10 am at Sole Methodist which is in Afrikaans.

– Reverend Vuyokazi May - Commemoration Methodist Church



Vuyokazi May - Minister, Commemoration Methodist Church.



Vicentia Kgabe - Rector, College of the Transfiguration.

A word of welcome to both the returning and new students and academics.

Our town is blessed to have in it great institutions of learning both private and public. It is a joy to have you chose to acquire learning, impart knowledge and pursue a qualification here in Grahamstown. Be assured of our prayers, support, and encouragement, and make sure that you have a good balance between study and play. May 2018 be full of opportunities for growth and setting new benchmarks.

– Vicentia Kgabe Rector of the College of the Transfiguration



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Rhodes Main Theatre

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Drama students present RU Woke? in song and dance

By KATHRYN CLEARY

At the beginning of each academic year, Rhodes University drama students present a unique play during O-Week. This year's play, RU woke? discusses social and political topics most varsity students find themselves debating during their time of study. Ideas concerning gender and sexuality, queerness, race, and rape culture play a pivotal role in this short yet riveting 25 minute set.

Directed by Thembela Madlikil and assisted by Mmatumi-sang Motsisi, "RU woke?" follows the journey of a first year student through their first lectures, to their first night out on the town. Cast members include, Malika Maharaj, Ntombinkulu Thabede, Rafe Green, Vuyani Mayekiso, Sebo Moabelo, Noluthando Sibisi,

Hloniphile Pike and Anelisiwe Joy Mahamba. The play uses a captivating mixture of song and dance to convey the different themes present in the show.

First year of varsity is an exciting, confusing and at times scary experience for students. RU woke? deeply explores each of these emotions through scenes describing sexual consent, coming out and returning home. Upon leaving rehearsal one of the cast members chuckled, "I wouldn't want my parents to see this". The play is definitely not one for conservative ears or minds. Explicit language, gestures and discussion is present throughout the performance.

The title RU woke? considers the notion of 'wokeness' that is commonly referred

to by students on campus. 'Wokeness' functions as a millennial-coined term that replaces 'political correctness'. A student who is 'woke' is perhaps pro-feminist, pro-black, anti-institution, anti-capitalism and an environmentalist. However RU woke? speaks to the exclusionary practises of 'being woke' (spoiler alert: watch out for the woke bus!).

The show keeps a great pace, and will have audiences dancing and laughing before asking themselves, "am I woke?"

A discussion will follow after each show during O-Week where students and cast can dive deeper into the language of 'wokeness'.

Performances will take place daily 5–9 February at 4.30pm with an extra performance on 6 February at 7.30pm.



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Sport links RU to Gtown

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

Rhodes University is often seen as an isolated entity within Grahamstown, with students and town residents seldom mixing. However, the unifying aspects of sports and other recreational activities help to bridge that gap.

Grahamstown Clubs and Societies available for students

Many clubs and sports teams in and around town encourage students to get involved within the town in order to keep active and mix with the Grahamstown community. The Grahamstown Brumbies, the local rugby club, has had a number of university students play for them throughout the years.

Chesley Daniels, the Public Relations Officer at the Brumbies, said, "We currently have a number of students involved in the team, and we have had a lot of university students over the years." He added that he believes that sport is a good way to integrate into the community and engage with the people outside of the university.

Abner Accom, a Rhodes University journalism graduate, played cricket in his fourth year for the Grahamstown Willows throughout his final year.

Accom said, "It is quite easy for students to become caught up in an isolated and well resourced sporting community (such as Rhodes University)." "Through participation in local leagues, or even as members of local teams,



Unathi Kongwana of the Brumbies 1st rugby side avoids a stretched out Star of Hope defender, to score Brumbies first and only try of the first half - June 1 2017.
Photo: Stephen Penney

students would not only be getting a feel of the local community, but also serve as role models," Accom added.

Many other sports organisations across Grahamstown encourage students to get involved with the community and participate in through

sports and healthy activities. Guided Big Game Fishing offers Grahamstown locals and students alike an angling experience through a variety of packages that are tailored to the requirements of the individuals.

The Fitness Box is a local

gym and CrossFit training facility that encourages a healthy lifestyle, and promotes an inclusive area for working out alongside other fitness enthusiasts.

They encourage everyone in Grahamstown to live a healthy lifestyle and get into shape.

Not only is sport and exercise a great way to keep healthy and burn off that first year spread, but it is also a great way to integrate into the community and engage with people in and around the town. For more information about the sport and recreational activities in Grahamstown, contact:

Grahamstown Brumbies: Chesley Daniels: 061 943 8498

Grahamstown Willows:
Mohammad Sonday (Captain): 082 312 8207

Guided Big Game Fishing:
Mitchell Queisser: 076 699 2422
Email: mitchellqueisser@live.com

The Fitness Box:
Email: info@crossfitgrahamstown.com,
Website: http://www.crossfitgrahamstown.com

Grahamstown Flying club:
Lorraine: 083 270 2639

The Belmont Golf Club:
Mark/Campbell in the Proshop: 079 637 8153

Gung-Ho Paintball:
Call: 084 446 2426

Rhodes sports and societies available for non-students:
There are also a large number of the sports teams and societies that are available at Rhodes university for non-students. Here are just a few of them along with there contact details:

Rhodes Archery:
Email: ruarcherysecretary@gmail.com or ruarcherychair@gmail.com

Rhodes Ultimate Frisbee:
Eduard Anderson (Chair): 084 553 1766
Francis Nuwagaba (Vice-Chair): 061 752 7048
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Umnqayi and becoming a man

Umnqayi (*Mystroxylon aethiopicum*)

Xa kumpondo zankomo (when the horns of the cattle are just visible) and the amanyakrini (glossy starlings) begin to make a considerable noise – it is very early in the morning at around 6am in one of the rural villages of the Eastern Cape. Abafana (young men) of the village are singing:

*Somagwaza ndiyakugwaza ngalo mkhonto
Awe... iyohohoho
Awe... Somagwaza*

They are singing, clapping hands as they are accompanying an "ikrwala" (new man) coming from the mountain to his home. He's covered from head to toe with a blanket popularly known as iragi and holding a stick called umnqayi (staff of blessing) with both hands. He left his home as a boy four weeks back to the mountain to become a man. When he left his home, he was escorted by abafana to the mountain. Abafana were holding their fighting sticks and singing:

*Thula mntwana womntwana wam
Ubudoda bunzima
Thula mntwana womntwana wam
Ubudoda bunzina
Abuyelw' eMakhiwane abuyelwa nase Frere
Buyanyanyezelwa*

Today it is umgidi (traditional initiation homecoming ceremony). Today he's coming back as man, conquered all the trials and tribulations. As a new man, he has a long way to go.

What is umnqayi?

Umnqayi a black stick traditionally made from the umnqayi tree (kooboo-berry). The stick is also known as intonga yamathamsanqa, meaning the staff of good fortune, luck and blessing. Umnqayi is an important stick to the Xhosa men.

History of umnqayi

According to Intlalo kaXhosa by T.B. Soga, the first Xhosa chief by the name of Xhosa gave the following instruc-

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Someleze Mgcuwa

tions to his people: "Emithini ze nigcine inzinziiba, umzane, umhlonyane nomnqayi. Ezintakeni, ingqwangi apho iviwe ilila khona kumiswe inxowa laKomkhulu. Kuze le mithi yakwalanywa kuse kuqondwa ukuba ngumhlaba ochumayo emifunweni nasezilimeni, nolinqatha empahleni". Ithe ke le migqaliselo yahlala ihleli ikhokele ekubonweni kwenxowa. (The following plants must preserve: inzinziiba (fever-tea) Lippia javanica, umzane (white ironwood) Vepris undulata, umhlonyane (African wormwood) Artemisia afra and umnqayi (kooboo-berry) *Mystroxylon aethiopicum*. What these are showing, you must understand, that is a land in which vegetables and crops will flourish, and for grazing cattle).

Soga notes that these points were observed the section and settlement of sites in Xhosa-land. It is said that umnqayi symbolizes the "rule of law" and the social value of discussing and resolving differences, rather than fighting over them. The black colour of umnqayi represents strength and power.

The importance and uses of umnqayi

Kumzi kaXhosa iintonga are very important weapons. Iintonga (sticks) come in different forms for different reasons or occasions. You would hear a Xhosa man saying 'umhambi akadinya zinduku' literally meaning carrying his sticks does not tire the traveler.

The broad meaning of this traditional proverb is that it is unwise to travel without a stick for protection. In some rural villages and townships many men when they are leaving their homes they carry an intonga (stick).

Umnqayi is one of the important sticks to Xhosa people,

it is considered as "intonga yamathamasanqa nenzuzo" (stick of blessing and benefit). Xhosa men are using umnqayi in many various ways like during imidudo (marriage traditional dances), customary ritual beer drink (utywala bomzi), when consulting the traditional healer, during iingxoxo zelobola (dowry negotiations) including intawulo yesisu (paying of damages) as a sign of respect and during iintlolome zamagqirha (diviner's ceremonies) but for iintlolome they use short sticks of umnqayi. Some clansmen carry the staff into the byre at the ritual slaughter, and it is widely believed that the placing of the staff on the ground in front of the doorway during a storm will protect the house from being struck by lightning.

Umnqayi is never used for fighting; it is a sacred stick and is kept indoors when not in use and is an important heirloom that is handed down from father to son.

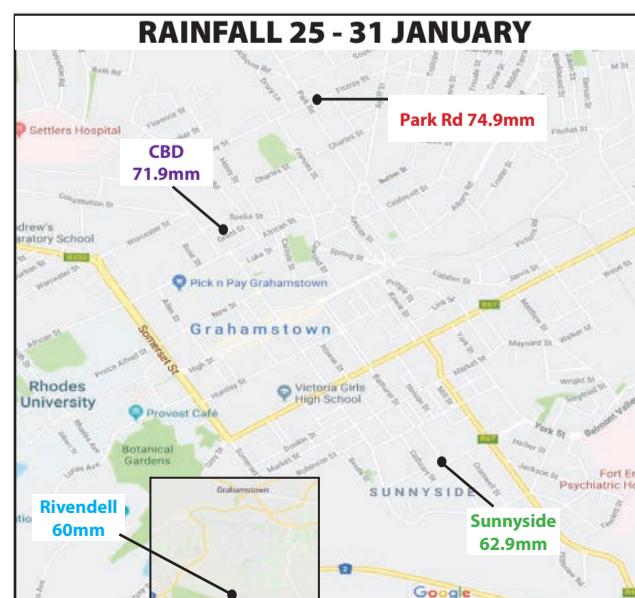
The day after the traditional initiation homecoming ceremony an ikrwala would not be seen walking around the village without his umnqayi.

After seven days an ikrwala will stop carrying his umnqayi. Umnqayi is kept safely in the grass thatching roof or ceiling, in modern houses people kept it in rafters of the roof until umhla kaxakeka (when needed the most).

• Someleze Mgcuwa is a plant digitiser at the Schonland Herbarium at the Albany Museum in Grahamstown. This is the first in his monthly series, *Traditions to Treasure*.

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The plant from which an Umnqayi stick is made. Photo: Tony Dold

My Garden



Help for Gogo Bashe



Irene De Moor (left) read about Gogo Bashe's garden troubles in *Grocott's Mail* and decided to help her.

Granny of three Buyelwa Bashe has been the lucky recipient of the generosity of Good Samaritan Irene de Moor, who saw a *Grocott's Mail* article in which Bashe complained about not having a fence and how goats and cows and goats were destroying her garden.

De Moor had extra fencing and kindly agreed to pass it on, through *Grocott's Mail*. She was also quite impressed by Gogo Bashe's gar-

den. In addition to the fence, De Moor also gave her seeds and worm tea, a natural fertiliser that is mixed with water.

"She is a wonderful lady and a hard worker," De Moor said. "She does so much out of little because to work in the garden is hard."

Bashe's garden has mielies, potatoes, sweet potatoes and onions.

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City gets set for SciFest

STAFF REPORTER

South Africa's National Science Festival, Scifest Africa, will be celebrating its 22nd anniversary event from 7-13 March in Grahamstown.

Established by the Grahamstown Foundation in 1996 to promote the public awareness, understanding and appreciation of science, technology and innovation in South Africa, Scifest's theme for 2018 is "Innovation 4.0", with reference to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which attributes technology advancement and transformation.

Scifest said they encouraged participating organisations to think artificial intelligence, 3D printing, nanotechnology, digital, quantum computing and the unlimited possibilities of emerging technology breakthroughs.

In 2017, Scifest Africa attracted more than 62 000 visitors and offered 58 exhibitions and 726 events, presented by 291 contributors from 75 organisations in South Africa and the international STI sector.

The national science festival received media coverage to the value of R4.1 million from 1 January-31 March 2017.

Scifest Africa identifies and

designs unique interactive events and educational resources with scientific integrity to advance science, facilitate learning in an informal and non-threatening way, and provide learners with an opportunity to discover science outside the classroom.

Their programme includes lecturers and young researchers from South Africa and abroad who will be sharing their wealth of knowledge with us. Among them are Mintek geologist and 2017 FameLab International winner Tshiamo Legoale, Dr Tisetso Lephoto from Wits University who is one of the youngest PhD Graduates in the field of cell and molecular biology, Dr Jeanita Pritchard from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and other exceptional women in STEM experts.

Professor Mike Bruton, author of the newly released book *What a great idea! Awesome South African inventions* will be giving a talk as well as Professor Petri Vaisanen from the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO). The National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) will also be contributing to the lecture programme.

Exhibitions and workshops include a virtual tour of NASA's Robotics Lab with Jim Adams, SAASTA's insightful



Pupils in awe at the Iziko Museums exhibit at SciFest 2017. This year's event promises an array of exciting activities and exhibits. Photo: Sue MacLennan

'Wonders of Nanotech' and more exciting workshops with a Scifest favourite, Dr Stephen Ashworth. All interactive events that are not classified as exhibitions, lectures and workshops fall under our Etcetera section of our official programme.

With continued support from the Department of Science and Technology, the festival makes science accessible to the public, encourag-

ing parents and schools from across the country to bring learners to the event.

Scifest Africa provides a platform for leading scientists, both locally and globally, to engage with the youth

and inspire them to embark on careers in science and become leaders in these fields.

The electronic programme will be available at www.scifest.org.za from 5 February.

Makana for the sci-curious – a newcomers guide

By STEVEN LANG

"No one is dumb who is curious," said rock-star astrophysicist, Neil de Grasse Tyson and the slogan for our municipality is: Makana - a great place to be. Join them together and we find that Makana is a great place to be curious.

Curious people naturally gravitate towards the sciences, even those who happen to be studying in the humanities, and in Grahamstown there is plenty to whet the appetites of the sci-curious.

You do not have to be enrolled at the Science Faculty to enjoy science in Grahamstown.

Scifest Africa is the biggest single science festival in Africa and it takes place right on our doorstep.

Last year Scifest Africa had 58 exhibitions and more than 700 events including workshops, outdoor demonstrations and a top class lecture programme.

This year (7-13 March) the theme is "Innovation 4.0", referencing the Fourth Industrial Revolution, including artificial intelligence, 3D printing, nanotechnology, robotics, quantum computing and digital fabrication technologies.

Water World is one of the most fascinating parallel

events of Scifest Africa. The South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity, SAIAB, hosts Water World presenting a rare opportunity to learn about one of the largest collections of fish specimens in the world.

The SAIAB also houses a unique exhibition on the discovery of the first living coelacanth. The exhibition has photographs and an adult-sized, preserved coelacanth.

This remarkable fish is on display at SAIAB throughout the year, and with an appointment, you will be shown around this amazing facility. The facility additionally of-

fers several free marine-related lectures during the year, where they invite experts and visiting academics to make public presentations.

Grahamstown is also at the forefront of National Science Week later in the year when the Science Faculty will host an open day and Eskom will hold the regional finals of its annual Science Expo.

Open day is a good opportunity for prospective students to find out what science they can do at Rhodes while the Expo provides young people with a space to show what science they can do already.

The theme for National

Science Week in August this year is: Bringing alive science, technology and innovation for a sustainable future.

The Albany Museum is really a group of five museums: Fort Selwyn, History Museum, the Observatory, the Provost and Natural Science.

The Natural Sciences Museum houses permanent collections of terrestrial insects, freshwater invertebrates, freshwater fishes, a plant herbarium, birds, palaeontological fossils, rocks and minerals, ethnographic and archaeological material.

It is worth the visit to find out what kind of wildlife

roamed our countryside before the dinosaurs took over our planet.

The museum has dioramas of mammal-like reptiles from the Permian and Triassic beds of the Karoo giving the visitor an idea of the fauna before and after the biggest extinction event on this plant.

Of special interest is a collection of fishes, plants and bugs that were found in 360-million-year old shale rock-beds just outside Grahamstown.

These rocks are still being explored and new specimens are being added to the collection.

Play your part in saving water!

By NIKKI KÖHLY

Welcome back, students! Grahamstown is a water-scarce town and while we welcome students back, we also ask them to look after this precious resource as carefully as other residents.

Students and residents can find useful tips and practical information about green living and action for sustainability, at www.ru.ac.za/environment/action and www.ru.ac.za/environment/students

The Eastern Cape, particularly the Sarah Baartman region which Makana falls under, is in a severe drought. For tips on saving water, students and other residents can go to www.ru.ac.za/environment/resources/water

Makana water restrictions

The restriction of 100 litres per person per day still applies. Makana Communications Officer, Yoliswa Ramokolo, confirmed on 25 January that all the restrictions are still standing. "The challenge is community members not adhering to [the restrictions].

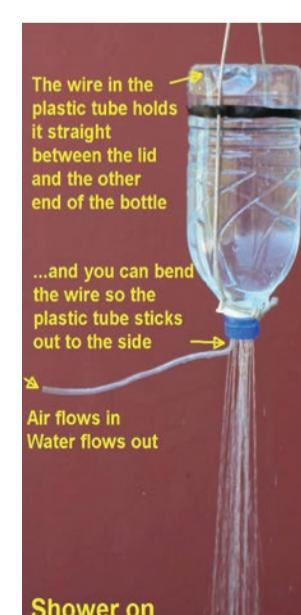
"Also as the municipality we do not have peace officers for monitoring, we solely depend on the honesty of the citizens," she said. Makana Municipality officially declared a state of disaster in May last year, due to dwindling dam levels. At that stage, Settler's dam was at 29%.

Ramokolo confirmed recently that Settlers Dam (our main supply) is now at 19%

CRITICALLY LOW. Our smaller dams - Howison's Poort 94%, Botha's Hill 80% - do not provide sufficient water security. She urges every member of the community to please play your part, use water wisely. Rhodes University provides water-saving tips and information at www.ru.ac.za/environment/resources/water

Got no water? Desperate to wash?

Don't worry, help is at hand. Retired academic and innovative inventor, Dr Richard Grant, has revised and improved his simple solution for those in need. Shower in a Bottle uses just 5 litres of water. To find out how to make and use it, go to: bit.ly/GroEnviro20180126



STAFF REPORTER

Western Cape Premier Helen Zille says the provincial government will continue supplying water to schools in the event of "Day Zero" in the drought-stricken province.

The Premier said this when she briefed principals of all schools in the greater Cape Town, Drakenstein, Stellenbosch and West Coast municipalities at the Western Cape Sports School in Kuils River in Cape Town on Wednesday. These are municipalities that draw water from the Western Cape Water Supply system.

"Whatever happens, we intend to keep schools open," she said.

The Premier said there is an estimated 10 weeks before the province reaches "a possible Day Zero", which has now moved to 12 April 2018.

Day Zero is an event when all dams that service affected Western Cape municipalities will have reached 13.5% on average. It is at this point that taps will be closed and residents will be required to get water from designated water collection points.

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Whatever happens, we intend to keep schools open

Fun with Shakespeare

STAFF REPORTER

The Shakespeare Schools' Festival Grahamstown has invited schools to participate in their fourth annual Festival. The Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF) aims to improve language and social skills through the performing arts. Each year the festival encourages schools to perform abridged 30-minute versions of Shakespearean plays in their local theatres throughout the country.

The Festival is an opportunity for youth seeking opportunities to explore their potential in a fun and developmental way. It offers high school and primary school pupils the opportunity to engage their education curriculum for the first time on a professional stage. This thrilling, non-competitive environment builds capacity, character and fosters an appreciation for the metaphors and nuances of prescribed literature.

The programme

1. Each school to identify potential pupils who show interest in Drama, acting and open to improve their English liter-

acy. The group can consist of mix grade pupils, with a maximum 20 pupils per group. Group must sign up and commit by 30 March.

2. SSF SA Facilitator to host three workshops during the year. These workshops will prepare your school for their performances. Focus of the workshops will be one particular Shakespeare Play. Pupils will be taking part in the Drama activities relating to live performance of Shakespeare. Pupils will explore short scenes, monologues, sonnets, and best ones will be chosen for the final showcase.

3. The final showcase will take place at the Rhodes University Main Theatre from 24-25 August. Pupils will have an opportunity to spend full day at the theatre, working with professional theatre staff while hosting Tech and Dress rehearsal, guided by and SSF SA Facilitator. The culmination of the process will be a live performance for an audience of parents and friends, the show starting at 7pm.

For more information or to register your school, please email ssfsa.grahamstown@gmail.com or visit ssfsa.co.za



A stage actor during one of the Bard's iconic plays.
Photo: Kyle Prinsloo

Cinema Under the Stars returns

STAFF REPORTER

In addition to the regular screenings at the Monument, Creative City has announced the return of Cinema under the Stars at Fiddlers Green. "On Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February, the big screen will be hauled up; the popcorn machine will make its way down the hill; and duvets, cushions and deck chairs will be the order of the day," a press statement from Creative City read in part.

"We'll be screening two double bills of great movies: The Secret Lives of Pets at 7pm and Avatar at 8.30pm on Friday; and Monsters University at 7pm and The Rocky Horror Picture Show at 9pm on Saturday."

Friday night kicks off with The Secret Lives of Pets – an animated comedy about the lives our pets lead after we leave for work and school. Rotten Tomatoes rates the film highly, describing it as, "Fast-paced, funny, and blessed with a talented voice cast, [this

film] offers a beautifully animated, cheerfully undemanding family-friendly diversion."

Avatar, the spectacular, futuristic sci-fi epic by James Cameron (Titanic, Aliens) features Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana and Sigourney Weaver among others. Avatar tells the story of an ex-Marine who finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet filled with exotic life forms.

On Saturday at 7pm, the prequel to Monsters Inc lights up the big screen. Monsters University tells the story of how Mike and Sulley met and became friends while they attended the 'School of Scaring'. "The Pixar crew has lovingly refashioned the R-rated fraternity comedy into a G-rated adventure that kindergartners, frat brothers, and tired parents can all enjoy equally and without reservation." – Common Sense Media

Creative City then asks residents to hire a babysitter so they can watch The Rocky Horror Picture Show, "a

screamingly funny, sinfully twisted salute to sci-fi, horror, B-movies and rock music, all rolled into one deliciously decadent morsel... Join Tim Curry, Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon and rock star Meat Loaf in the most popular cult classic of all time," according to the studio 20th Century Fox.

Tickets are R30 for adults and R20 for children, pensioners and students – for one film or both. There will be food and drink stalls too. 046 603 1103 (Akhona or Kate).

Take a child to the movies

Wouldn't it be great to bring 40 or more children from the Ikhaya Yoliso Foster Homes and Sun City After Care to town to watch one of the early movies? We hope to be able to do just that again. If you'd like to help, please drop us an email – kate@nationalartsfestival.co.za.

Sponsorship for transport, tickets and a meal is R60 per child.

Movies at the Monument

Despite smallish audiences at the Friday night films, organisers hope to see more schools and, on their return, university students supporting the films screened at the Monument.

But, they have a question for Grahamstown: is Friday night the best night? Would a Thursday, Saturday or Sunday evening be a better option? Have your say at www.facebook.com/moviesingrahams-town and help us to keep this value-for-money alternative to a night on the town alive and kicking.

This Friday's offering is Moana at 6pm and the biographical drama Walk the Line, a chronicle of country music legend, Johnny Cash's life at 8.30pm.

On 23 February, the monument will screen the stage production of the UK's National Theatre Live production of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead at 7pm.

Pancake supper

STAFF REPORTER

The Cathedral congregation is inviting all comers to enjoy a pancake supper on Tuesday, 13 February, which is also the eve of Valentine's Day.

Pancakes will be served with fillings like mince, chicken, vegetarian - or even plain. Welcoming tables will be set for friends, family or sweethearts to eat together, with an option of take-away pancakes to enjoy at home.

Prices have been kept low, to suit even student budgets.

The venue is St George's Hall, half-way down High Street, down the lane opposite Grahamstown Pharmacy.

Time: from 5 - 7 pm.

Kwantu Choir wants you!

STAFF REPORTER

The Grahamstown Cathedral Choir and Grahamstown KWANTU Choir are looking to have additional members in their choir. Both Choirs are under the direction of Kwlwano Kepadisa, affectionately known as Kepa, who is no stranger to the Grahamstown Choral scene.

The Grahamstown Cathedral Choir is the multi-generational resident choir of the Cathedral which sings liturgical music throughout the whole year. The Choir sings twice a month in the evenings and twice a month in

the mornings.

Auditions for this choir is open to any body and everybody who is interested in singing sacred music on a regular basis.

The Grahamstown KWANTU choir is a new community choir, with the aim to become the ambassador choir for the City.

Although created in 2017, the choir has made great strides over the year, the Highlight being able to register for the World Choir Games taking place around July this year. KWANTU hopes to raise enough funds

to be able to attend this Festival and is the only choir in Grahamstown known to have registered for the 2018 Games.

Auditions are open to anybody who loves singing and is willing to commit professionally towards making top class choral music.

To book your audition (for either choirs or both) contact Kepa on 078 869 0880 or kepa04@gmail.com, and a date and time will be scheduled with you.

Do not miss your chance to be a part of something magical!

Outspoken... and a good listener

By HARRY OWEN

Keorapetse Kgositsile, South Africa's much-loved Poet Laureate (the second, after Mazisi Kunene) died at the beginning of January. Here is part of his Wikipedia entry:

Keorapetse William Kgositsile (19 September 1938 – 3 January 2018), also known by his pen name Bra Willie, was a South African poet and political activist. An influential member of the African National Congress in the 1960s and 1970s, he was inaugurated as South Africa's National Poet Laureate in 2006. Kgositsile lived in exile in the United States from 1962 until 1975, the peak of his literary career. He made an extensive study of African-American literature and culture, becoming particularly interested in jazz.

During the 1970s he was a central figure among African-American poets, encouraging interest in Africa as well as the practice of poetry as a performance art; he was well known for his readings in New York City jazz clubs. Kgositsile was one of the first to bridge the gap between African poetry and Black poetry in the United States.

What this summary does not mention is the easy charm, the disarming smile and sheer charisma of Bra Willie. He was a warm and engaging man, friendly and welcoming to all people, and when he read his poetry aloud no one was left unmoved by the vibrancy and power of his voice. He was always outspoken and candid in



The late Keorapetse Kgositsile.

his support for ordinary people but was never aggressive or arrogant. And he was a good listener, generous with helpful advice and support for young or inexperienced writers.

The last time I spoke with him was back in 2011 here in Grahamstown when, with poet and editor Philippa Yaa De Villiers, he launched a multilingual African poetry anthology called *No Serenity Here*. The book takes its title from one of Bra Willie's poems in the book. This short extract reminds us that he was also an activist, not just an empty wordsmith and it is – along with his smile – how I will best remember him:

again I say, while I still have voice, remember, always remember that you are what you do, past any saying of it

READ HARRY OWEN'S POETIC LICENCE COLUMN HERE: bit.ly/GrocArtist1

Festival is now hiring for June

STAFF REPORTER

The National Arts Festival is calling for applicants to fill a variety of skilled and unskilled temporary positions during the 2018 Festival period. Applicants must be available to work from 25 June to 9 July 2018.

Forms are available at the Monument and at the Makana Tourism Office in High Street, or you can request a form by email – staff@nationalartsfestival.co.za.

To assist applicants, a computer terminal has been made available in the Makana Tourism office where they can fill in the form online.

Temporary positions include cashiers, finance clerks, front-of-house staff, stage-hand cleaners, drivers, stores crew and a variety of other posts. Preference is given to Grahamstown locals, where possible.

Qualified and/or experi-

enced stage technicians need to apply online – visit the Festival's website, www.nationalartsfestival.co.za, for the Technician Application Form.

"We receive far too many applications for the positions available and interested people need to make a good impression with their application," says Festival Manager, Kate Davies.

"While experience does count, changes in the Festival format and advances in technology mean that there are more opportunities open for the younger generation to gain valuable work experience."

Plus, it's a lot of fun being part of the Festival team – hard work but very rewarding."

Applications close on 28 March 2018.

Enquiries can be emailed to staff@nationalartsfestival.co.za

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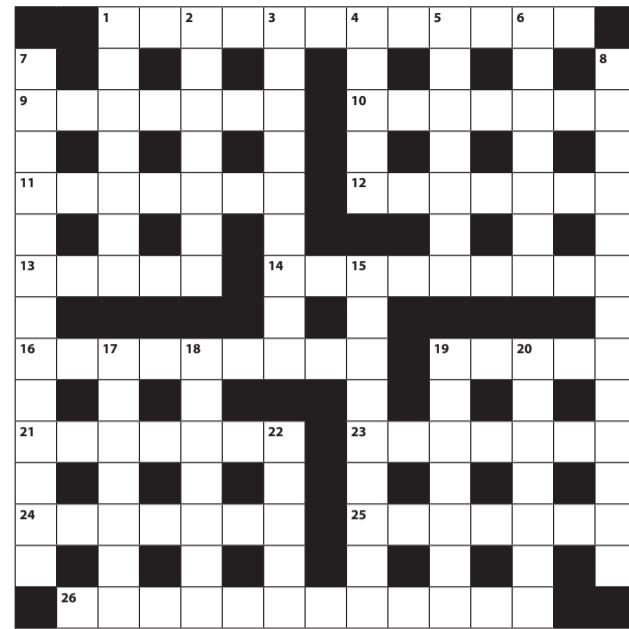


Great Big G'town Week

community@grocotts.co.za

For church notices turn to page 14

JDE



JDE 119

ACROSS

- 1 Embrace husband, then excitedly make sale for musician (4,8)
- 9 Returning spies retain drill for oxygenated exercise (7)
- 10 Irish family croon "No Trouble" (7)
- 11 So, long for honourable free pass (7)
- 12 Sail had flipped over flowers (7)
- 13 Direction and ways of dorks (5)
- 14 Absent English student has stich in this place (9)
- 16 Indolent girl turns to serve diners (4,5)
- 19 Let's revolutionise a leading innovative company (5)
- 21 Drunken Rag, for example, is more depressed (7)
- 23 Curriculums come back with '10' - empty approval (7)
- 24 Particularly lend toy to be distributed (7)
- 25 Proceeds to gun the engine in new broadcast (7)
- 26 Wound allowed excitement over illness (7,5)

DOWN

- 1 Keep mooring (7)
- 2 Turn to airline to book one's place (7)
- 3 Fish for Scottish-Afrikaans friends? (9)
- 4 Aloof following small rebuke (5)
- 5 Understand the way of expertise (4-3)
- 6 Good - take breather and lie about (7)
- 7 Putting aside difference of sailing in a storm (13)
- 8 Angry assessor changed character - at last - when questioned (5-8)
- 15 Font used by hospitals, backfires (4,5)
- 17 Got in unknowns in charge of cell (7)
- 18 "Hide the German!" goes the gossip (7)
- 19 Late - about six - on first visit to city (3,4)
- 20 Tool for single critic (7)
- 22 Frost spoke about poetic resonance (5)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 118



Bridge Results

25 January 2018 - 7½ Table 24 Board

Mitchell Movement

NORTH/SOUTH

1	Ern van Hille & Sheila Hicks	60.42%
2	Margaret Banks & Maureen van Hille	59.38%
3	David Gain & Andrew Maffessanti	57.29%
4	Mike Dacombe & Shirley Shaw	53.47%
5	Heather Inge & Jane Weaving	51.04%
6	Pair 4	40.28%
7	Pair 3	28.13%
	EAST/WEST	
1	Illa Benyon & Jenny Kroon	58.73%
2	Bal Buchner & Jenny Haswell	57.54%
3	Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel	55.16%
4	Gus Macdonald & Ian Macdonald	51.98%
5	Jo Fitzhenry & Viv Botha	50.40%
6	Pair 15	48.02%
7	Pair 12	42.06%
8	Pair 10	36.11%

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Board Howell Movement

Pair Names

1	Margaret Banks & Jen Holiday	61.85%
2	Torquil Paterson & Sean O'Lubaigh	60.00%
3	David Gain & Andrew Maffessanti	57.29%
4	Jenny Haswell & Val Buchner	59.26%
5	Mike Dacombe & Shirley Shaw	58.15%
6	Maureen van Hille & Ern van Hille	56.67%
7	Derrick Newson & Pat Shepherd	52.22%
8	Pair 6	45.56%
9	Pair 11	44.44%
10	Pair 2	39.63%
11	Pair 9	35.19%
12	Pair 4	34.81%

Sudoku

Complete this Sudoku correctly and drop it off at Grocott's Mail in the box at reception at AMM building, Upper Campus, and win a **R50 meal voucher** sponsored by **Revelations Coffee Shop.**

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6								

Name:.....

Contact No:.....

The winner for 26 January is Ian MacDonald.

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Grocotts Mail

1. PERSONAL

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BASI BABALWA PHUMEZA uhlala kwa 11043 Extension 10, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 03 February 2018.

RADU REMENT uhlala kwa 6351 Hlalani Location, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 03 February 2018.

SINGAPI VUYOLWETHU uhlala kwa 798 Extension 6, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 03 February 2018.

MCHOBOKI THANDEKA CAROLINE uhlala kwa 355 Ndimande Street, Marselle ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 03 February 2018.

GEELBOOI NOSIPHO uhlala eNoggala Street, Kenton on Sea ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 03 February 2018.

TITI FUNERALS

LINDILE MOLEY BOOI uhlala kwa 8283 Madiba Street Grahamstown, ungcwatywa NngoLwesihlanu umhla we 02 February 2018. Funeral will be conducted at 16 Royi Street Grahamstown.

SINOKUHLE NQOLA uhlala kwa 248 Zolani Location Grahamstown, ungcwatywa ngoLwesihlanu umhla we 02 February 2018. Funeral will be conducted at 248 Zolani Location Grahamstown.

FUNERAL SERVICE ARRANGED BY TITI FUNERALS 083 511 2193 046 622 9739

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2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, PROTEA GROUP. Drinking problem – get help from us! Meetings 7.30pm, Monday night at the Princess Alice Girl Guide Hall, African Street, opp BP Garage.

I am looking for a big brown envelope containing 2 title deeds and death certificates. I lost it in town. Contact: 046 603 0069/ 082 519 6128/081 043 3345

3. SALES & SERVICES

Furnisher

2ND HAND HOUSE. High Street. Buyers & Sellers. Quality furniture, antiques, removals. 073 470 6105

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Cell: 082 552 3829
Cell: 046 622 3527

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SPCA GRAHAMSTOWN
046 622 3233
spcaght@gmail.com

Please visit our facebook page (SPCA Grahamstown) for full write-ups about all our animals looking for homes – including pictures. (Photo albums: Dogs/ Cats ready for adoption).

Contact information: phone: 046 6223233 – call this number for all emergencies too, a voice message will give you the on call number; email: spcaght@gmail.com

Thank you to all who came to support us at the Pick and Pay collection day on the 26th Jan, we raised R1233.00 and collected much needed food donations for the animals on behalf of all of us at the SPCA and the animals thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Cats and Dogs: We have a wide selection of Kittens and Cats, Dogs a couple of Puppies to adopt please visit the Grahamstown SPCA to meet them and for more information **Cat of the week:** Hi... my name is Forest and I am a very affectionate outdoors cat who loves nothing more than to be out and about prowling, I am a big cat, but I also crave love and attention. To meet me, please visit the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

Dog of the week: Hi, my name is Blitzen and I am a very friendly and exercise loving Greyhound Cross. I love exercising and really enjoy getting out and going for runs. I am a truly loyal and playful friend for life and am looking for a family who will love and care for me. Please visit me at the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 0466223233.

Thank you very much to the Grahamstown community for your continued food donations. Blu Robin, Madhatter's Coffee Shop and Pam Golding Grahamstown are very kindly acting as pet-food drop off points.

Kernel Sponsorships are still available for only R850 for a year! Thank you to Grahamstown Vets and Ihkala Vets for your continued support. We are very pleased with all the young people becoming involved with the Grahamstown SPCA, thank you all for all the help you give us and the time you spend with the animals. Thank you to SOAR Society Members from Rhodes for helping with much needed maintenance, doing animal write-ups and animal socialising.

Please come and visit our thrift shop and you can also buy books in aid of the SPCA from Madhatters Coffee Shop in town and Noom Coffee Shop in the industrial area. We are once again desperate for any donations of dog food and cat food in particular as we have a lot of animals being brought in unwanted at the moment, looking for new homes.

Look in our facebook 'Adoptions' photo albums, to see who has found their forever home. Visit our SPCA shop on site! All books only R20! Boarding fees: Dogs- XL R55; L R53; M R47; S R42; Puppy or Cats R39. We desperately need fundraising ideas. Please call 046 622 3233.

4. EMPLOYMENT

Employment Offered

DRIVING INSTRUCTORS

Applicants are invited for the position of Driving Instructor. Only applicants that are trustworthy, hardworking and of sober habits need to apply. We need code 8 and code 10 applicants or higher codes. Time management is very important and personal hygiene is required. A valid unendorsed driving license is required. Code 10 applicants need also a valid PDP.

No criminal record or pending court cases will be entertained. Clean driving record and no criminal record, is needed to work as a driving instructor.

A good hourly rate is paid. Leave pay is payable after a year of service and 15 working days leave are applicable. All principals concerning "Basic Conditions of Employment" will be applicable within the organization. People with a good work ethic may apply.

Closing date for application will be **12 February 2018**.

Complete CV will be considered with all the relevant documentation presented professionally. No experience needed as training will be provided. CV's can be dropped off at Mike's Driving School, **4a Knight Street. Grahamstown**

Employment Wanted

I am Lungi and I am looking for a job. I am honest and I do not drink or smoke. I am saved and I am the child of God. Contact: **0738576084**

I am a matured lady looking for a job as a domestic worker and a nanny. Contact: **078 349 4117**

A young man is seeking employment as a driver or any kind of job. He has Code 10 drivers licence and a PDP. Contact: **071 809 8690**

I am looking for a job, it could be 2 or 3 days.

Contact: **083 679 9690**

An experienced cleaner and nanny is seeking employment also for sleepins. Contact: **073 124 9771**

I am looking for a job as a domestic worker even if it is 2 or 3 days per week. Contact: **064 150 9366**

5. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Offered

HOUSE TO LET Somerset Heights

4 Bedrooms
2 Bathrooms - 1 en suite
Dining room
Lounge
TV Room
Double Garage
Swimming Pool
1 Bedroom Flat - Own entrance

R13 000pm including garden service and armed response.

Contact: Anita on 0835340738

ESTATE LATE

First and Final Liquidation and Distribution account in the estate of the late **Stella Lily Lisher**. Identity Number **3004130028086**, formerly of **15 York Street, Grahamstown**, unmarried who died on 3 October 2015. .

ESTATE NUMBER:
3434/2015

KINDLY TAKE NOTE THAT the First& Final Liquidation & Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie for inspection at the office of the Master of the High Court, Grahamstown, and the offices of the Magistrate's Court, Grahamstown for a period of 21 days calculated from 2 February 2018.

NEVILLE BORMAN & BOTHA

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AMENDED ORDER DATED THE 25/01/2018**CASE NO: 62/2018**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA EASTERN CAPE DIVISION, GRAHAMSTOWN
23rd JANUARY 2018

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE LOWE

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN:

THEMBINKOSI ERIC LANDU

APPLICANT

AND
PUMLA LINDA DLUKULU

FIRST RESPONDENT

NTOMBEBONGO VERONICA BOOI

SECOND RESPONDENT

Having heard Adv. Cole, Counsel for the applicant and Adv. Barker, Counsel for the first respondent and Ntombebongo Veronica Boo (second respondent) and having read the Notice of Motion and other documents filed of record

IT IS ORDERED: (BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE APPLICANT, THE FIRST RESPONDENT AND THE SECOND RESPONDENT)

1. THAT the application be and is hereby postponed to the 8th of March 2018, with costs to be reserved.

2. THAT the first and second respondents undertakes not to interfere with the applicant's enjoyment of Erf 7713, Fingo Village, Grahamstown, commonly known as 40 B Street,

Fingo Village in any way, and further, not to effect transfer of Erf 7713, Fingo Village, Grahamstown to the second respondent until the finalisation of this application.

3. THAT the second respondent be and is hereby interdicted and restrained from taking transfer of erf 7713, 40 B Street, Fingo, Grahamstown situated in the Makana municipal area, Eastern Cape Province, until the finalization of this application.

4. THAT the second respondent is further interdicted and restrained from:

4.1. preventing the applicant from accessing or remaining on the property, or any portion of the property;

4.2. destroying, damaging, or in any way defacing the property;

4.3. erecting any form or barricade, preventing access to the property by the applicant, his guests, and invitees;

4.4. intimidating or threatening the applicant;

4.5. assaulting the applicant;

4.6. threatening to persuade or coercing the applicant, or any person on the property invited by him, by way of intimidation, duress or threats, from occupying the property .

5. THAT a rule nisi do hereby issue calling upon the respondents and all interested parties, if any, on 8th of March 2018 at 10h00, or soon thereafter's counsel may be heard, why (save with the leave of the applicant, and failing such leave of this Honourable Court) an order should not be granted:

5.1. declaring that Thembinkosi Eric Landu ("the applicant") is the owner of erf 7713, 40 B Street, Grahamstown

situated in the Makana municipal area, Eastern Cape Province, (presently registered in the name of Pumla Linda Dlukulu, under Title Deed No T70822/2016 CTN, in terms of the Prescription Act 68 of 1969;

5.2. directing that the applicant be and is hereby authorised to register the property in his name.

6. THAT a copy of this order be served on the municipal manager of Makana Municipality and on the Registrar of Deeds: King William's Town.

7. THAT a copy of this order be published once in the Grocott's Mail newspaper.

8. THAT the applicant files his replying affidavit on or before the 2nd of February 2018.

9. THAT the second respondent undertakes to arrange for a guard to secure building materials until 26th January 2018, whereafter she will remove the building materials from the property

BY COURT ORDER
REGISTRAR

W R&C

CHURCH SERVICES

ABUNDANT LIFE WORSHIP CENTRE -

Kuyasa School Hall
10.30am Morning Service - Pastor NC Julius 079 496 4256

AFM OF SA - God's Glory Assembly -

Indoor Sports Centre - Ext 6

9am Youth and Sunday School Services **10am** Morning Service

Pastor B.L. Kutu 082 828 6194

AGS/AFM EL SHADDAI (Former AOG Church, Blackbeard Street)

10am Morning Service

Pastor Pieter Swartz 082 414 7711

Elders: Dennis Goliath 073 272 8112

Ronnie Scheepers 083 610 2926

BODY OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL RAINBOW MINISTRIES -

Makana Hall **9am** Children Ministries

9.30am Intercession

10am Sunday Service

Apostolic MM Mngcongo 071 906 4286

BOWKER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

10am: Sunday Service - Pastor: Eugino Nel

CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

7.30am Holy Eucharist (SAPB)

9.30am Sung Eucharist (AAPB)

CHRIST CHURCH -

Speke Street **8.30am** Sunday: Holy Eucharist with Hymns (APB 1989)

9am Wednesday: Holy Communion

Vic Graham 076 098 5763

CHRIST EMBASSY CHURCH -

19 African Street in Princess Alice Hall

9am Morning Service

Pastor Stewart 078 875 0319

CONQUERORS COVENANT CHURCH

- Nombulelo Hall, Jozza

10am - 12pm Sunday

Nceba Ngeju 073 653 2655

EMMANUEL ASSEMBLY -

12 Paton Place, Vergenoeg

10.30am Morning Service

5.30pm Evening Service

Pastor Apost NL Williams 084 226 2457

EVERY NATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- VGHS Hall, Beaufort Str

9.30am Morning Service

12.30pm isiXhosa Service

6.30pm Evening Service

046 622 3426

FRONTIERS CHURCH INT -

VP School Hall, Beaufort Street

9.30am Dave Koch 084 470 2095 or 046 636 7815

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF GOD -

11 Caldecott Street

9am Morning Service and Promised land (Sunday School)

6.30pm Evening Service

Pastor JJ Botha, 046 622 5949 or Email: fullgospelchurch@telkomsa.net

SHALOM REVIVAL MINISTRIES -

8073 Lingelihle Loc Ext 6 Jozza

10am Morning Service

Pastor TP Dube Ngcayisa 083 671 9686

GRAHAMSTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH -

Bathurst Street

9.30am Morning Worship and Sunday School Every 1st Sunday Communion

6.30pm Evening Service every 3rd Sunday Communion

11.30am Kariega Church 4th Sunday only

GRAHAMSTOWN CHRISTIAN CENTRE -

Lucas Meyer Ave

9am Sunday Worship

Pastor D Hagemann 046 622 3309

GOD'S KINGDOM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP -

8 Frere Street

7pm Wednesday **10am** Sunday

Mrs Mildred Oosthuizen

046 622 6655 or 079 475 0868

JABEZ HOUSE ASSEMBLY -

Sun City community creche

10am Morning Service **6pm** Evening Service

Pastor T Smit 079 622 9812

MARIYA uMAMA weTHEMBA MONASTERY -

Highlands Road - Holy Cross Benedictine Monks

9am Holy Eucharist

046 622 8111

METHODIST CHURCH OF SA

Commem **9am** English Service

Wesley **9am** English Service

Sole Memorial **10am** Afrikaans Service

St. Mark's **11am** Afrikaans Service

St. Mark's **6pm** Afrikaans Service

NEDERDUITSCH GEREFORMEerde Kerk -

38 Market St

9am Erediens, aand selgemeentes

046 622 4598

NEDERDUITSCH HERVORMDE KERK

9am Every Sunday Erediens - Port Alfred 2nd and 4th Sundays

11am Erediens Cannon Rocks

Prof John Gercke 046 624 9025

PEACE OF CHRIST MINISTRIES AND PRAISE -

Nduna 1, Ext 1, Jozza

9am Kidz Church **9.30am** Intercession

10am Sunday Service

Pastor PP Pango 082 662 9422

PINKSTER PROTESTANTE KERK

9am Sunday Service 6pm. Apostle PS Ngqezana 084 824 2363

- Brushwood Farm, industrial area, behind Ght Prison

9am Sondagsskool **10am**

Oggenddiens **7pm** Aanddiens

Shawn Warren 082 808 6136

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

622 3382 or 622 3076

RIVER OF LIFE -

Assembly of God cnr Hill and Huntley St

8.30am MORNING ALIVE (Worship service & Kidz Church)

10am Worship Service & Kidz Church

6pm Dynamic Evening Service

Pastors Innocent and Milcah Matepo. 046 622 3626

ROCK OF AGES CHRISTIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

Duna Library - Jozza

10am: Sunday Service

Past FW Arendse 072 118 9049

SALEM CHURCH

8.30am Dr John Westwood

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

-next to Pick n Pay

9.30am Sabbath School (Saturday)

11am Worship Service

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

9.30 am Sunday Service

ST BARNABAS (Alicedale)

10am Xhosa service on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and the English service on the 3rd.

J Olckers 082 601 9665

ST BARTHolemew's CHURCH

(Market Street)

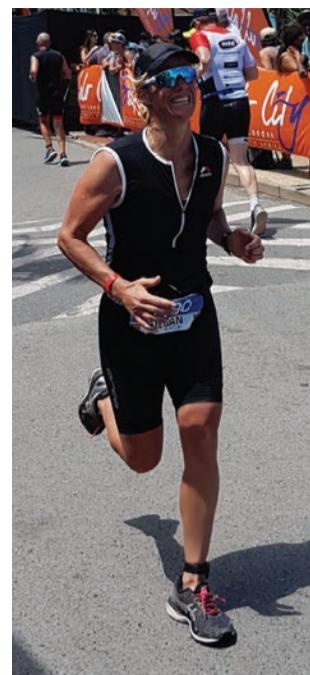
9am Eucharist with hym

Our Ironman stars

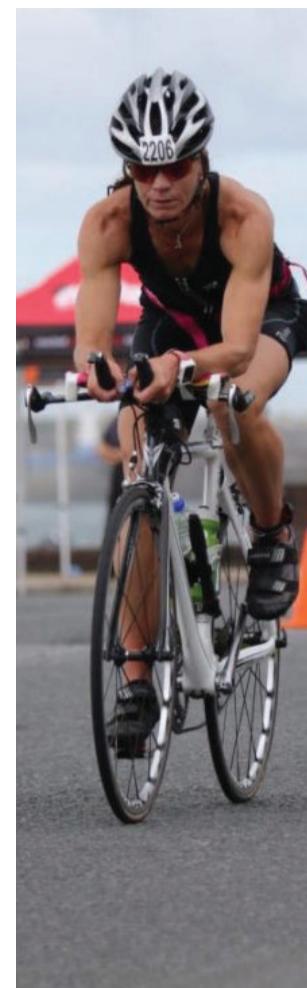
A number of Grahamstonians took part in the Ironman 70.3 race in East London on Sunday 28 January, including Megan Hobson, Stegman van Zyl and Terri-Lyn Penney, who all did well in the event; with van Zyl even qualifying for the Ironman World Championships, which are to be held in Port Elizabeth in September.



Stegman van Zyl cycling qualified for the World Championships with a time of 4hrs:52min:56sec (Swim: 00:34:14 Bike: 02:38:57 Run: 01:29:39) Photos: Supplied



Megan Hobson after breaking the six-hour Ironman mark: "I had my best race ever, barring a slower run, I am very pleased with my times. I have spent a lot of time at Crossfit and with the assistance of the coaches [I] have developed a better rehabilitation and fueling strategy. I am disappointed to have missed out on the opportunity to race in the World Championship (being held in PE in September) [but] I am hoping to have another go in Durban in June. I ended up 12th in the 40-44 years woman's category."



Terri-Lynn Penney, competing in her 11th Ironman, finished 8th out of 87 in her age group in 5hrs:44min:08sec (Swim: 00:36:19; Bike: 03:06:49; Run: 01:51:42).



Nombulelo High School's basketball teams started off the year well with their U16s beating the SAC U19c team by 22 goals to 9 on Wednesday 24 January. The school then had a successful tournament in PE on Saturday 30 January. Although St Andrew's got their own back in that tournament, the Nombulelo boys made their mark against Grey High School, winning 19-6 and 38-2 in the U18 and U16 sections respectively. Nombulelo was set to hold its first inter-house athletics competition yesterday, after a long hiatus. Photo: Supplied



Richard Leach of the St Andrew's College U15A water polo team playing at the Grey High School water polo festival. Photo: Supplied

Athletics action at PJ

By SUE MACLENNAN

PJ Olivier held their athletics day on Friday 26 January. Along with the action on the sports field, there was a lively spirit on the stads, as Die Blous tried to outshout Die Rooies!

Every event on the day began exactly on time – and the school's excellent organisational skills is about to be shared with other schools in the Grahamstown District.

"After discussion with the Department of Sport and Culture in Grahamstown our school have decided to help with the organising of the following athletics meetings at PJ Olivier," Deputy Head Manie Cronje told *Grocott's Mail*.

At our school we strive to reach out to all communities to the benefit of all the school kids in our region."

Athletics events at PJ Olivier

Primary School Field Events – Thursday 1 February



800m Daniel Retief (front); Aidenn Cloete; Davian Douglas; Solly Koesnel – Boys 19. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Primary School Track Events for Zone 1 – Friday 2 February
Primary School Track Events for Zone 2 (PJ etc) Saturday 3 February
High Schools Field Events

Thursday 8 February
High Schools Track Events Saturday 10 February
In Port Elizabeth the following events will be held:

Sarah Baartman Primary Schools (Oval Track) Saturday 16 February
Sarah Baartman High Schools (Oval Track) Saturday 23 February

Kingwood girls start strong in waterpolo season

STAFF REPORTER

The Kingswood 1st Girls' Water Polo team had a formidable start to the Water Polo season on Saturday 27 January. Coming off the December holidays, which saw 11 of the 1st team girls in provincial teams at the SA Schools Championships, the Kingswood side was as keen to make a bold statement in the lead up to the St Peter's Tournament in March.

In what promised to be an exciting festival of Water Polo, Collegiate Girls High School travelled to Grahamstown to play a full set of fixtures against both Kingswood and DSG. Thereafter, Kingswood and DSG would continue their friendly rivalry in the pool, also playing a full set of fixtures against each other.

All through the age-groups, matches were tightly contested, however it was at 1st team level that things really became competitive.

Girls' Water Polo vs Collegiate & DSG - Sat 27 Jan 18
KC U13A vs DSG U14B won 6-4; KC U13A vs Collegiate U14B won 8-2; KC U13B vs Collegiate U14C won 5-4; KC U14A vs Collegiate U15B won

19-1; KC U14A vs Collegiate U14A lost 0-10; KC U14A vs DSG U14A won 2-1 (when play was stopped); KC U15A vs DSG U15A lost 1-4; KC U16A vs DSG U16A lost 1-3; KC 2nds vs DSG 2nds won 3-0; KC 1sts vs Collegiate lost 8-9; KC 1sts vs DSG won 8-7.

Kingswood host their Brian Baker 1st Girls' Water Polo tournament this weekend.

Local schools at Grey High

STAFF REPORTER

Grey High School in Port Elizabeth once again hosted schools from across the country in their annual water polo festival over 27-28 January weekend. Among the teams were several from St Andrew's College, as well as Kingswood College 1st boys' team.

St Andrew's sent their u14A, u15A and 2nd teams to Port Elizabeth, and faced strong competition from Grey High School, Pearson, Selborne and Paul Roos. The u14A beat Pearson u14A 11-5 win; lost 9-5 Selborne; and lost 5-3 to Paul Roos.

They finished the weekend off strong, with a 6-5 downing of hosts Grey High in a historic match.

The St Andrew's u15A beat Pearson 8-2; went down 5-4 against Selborne; and forced a 4-4 draw against Paul Roos. The local boys beat Grey High 5-4 to round out their

weekend.

The St Andrews 2nd team saw off both Pearson (8-3) and Selborne (7-3) in their opening matches of the weekend, but despite coming from 6-2 at half time, they lost 7-6 to Paul Roos. The boys also lost to Grey High 5-3 in the final match.

Kingswood's 1st boys team was one of 16 teams from across the country to compete in a round-robin tournament over the festival. They lost 6-1 to Alban's, 7-4 to St David's and 7-2 to tournament favourites Clifton despite being 1-1 at half time.

Day two of the tournament was better for the Kingswood side, as they beat Glenwood House (7-2), St Peter's (5-1) and Parktown (3-2) and finished 13th out of 16 teams.

Both St Andrew's and Kingswood seem to be ready for a fantastic water polo season ahead.

Karate kids hit Scotland

STAFF REPORTER

Six local karateka have been selected to represent the South African Shotokan Karate Academy (SASKA) National Team at the 2018 World Union of Karate Federations (WUKF) World Championship. The Championship will take place in Dundee, Scotland from 14 – 17 July. The team members include Kayle Olivier (Victoria Girls' High School), Thembi Kuhlane (Victoria Girls' High School), Luke Claassens (Kingwood), Ali-Ahmed Syed Cassim, Thezeeb Syed Cassim (all East Cape Shotokan-Ryu Grahamstown and Port Alfred) and Lutho Singata (Rhodes University Shotokan Karate Club). The team is coached by Gary Grapentin, Elvis Sinam and Maureen de Jager.

The karateka were selected for the Championship based on their performance at the 2016 and 2017 SASKA National Championships which were held at the Fish River Sun Hotel and in Cullinan, Gauteng respectively. Of the six local team members, only Ali-Ahmed Syed Cassim has previously competed at a World Championship which was held in Poland in 2014. The six-team Grahamstonians will link up with another 30 karate athletes from around the country to take on some of the World's best at the Championship. They will compete in individual kata (forms) and kumite (fighting) as well as team events.

The Championship is expected to bring together more than 2 000 karate athletes from around the world. According to Grapentin, it is not uncommon for more than 50 athletes to contest a single category at the Championship.

European nations have been particularly dominant at previous WUKF World Championships with Romania often placing at the top of the medals table. Grapentin believes that part of their success, and that of other European nations, is due to the sheer number of international events which their athletes are able to compete in on an annual basis.

This, together with a scientific training programme combined with sports bursaries as well as generous funding from governments ensures that their athletes are able to reach their optimum potential. In contrast, South African team members are entirely responsible for securing their own funding. In spite of this, South African's have still managed to achieve a number of bronze and silver medals at previous WUKF World Championships. A South Africa gold medal has however so far remained elusive.

The local team members have already begun their preparations, and will undergo a rigorous training and tournament programme leading-up to the Championship. For Singata and Olivier, it will also mean having to balance university and matric studies respectively.

For further details regarding karate in Grahamstown or Port Alfred, Gary Grapentin may be contacted on 073 3460 059 or at garyg@geenet.co.za.



Local Karateka selected to represent South Africa in Scotland in July. Lutho Singata, Kayle Olivier and Thembi Kuhlane (back). Thezeeb Syed Cassim and Ahmed Syed Cassim (front). Photo: supplied

HIGHLIGHTS

Blitzbokke look to bounce back

The Springbok sevens team will be looking to bounce back from their second place finish in Sydney over the past weekend as they head into the New Zealand leg of the HSBC Sevens World Series this weekend. The tournament kicks off on Saturday 3 February at midnight.

Impressive wins for GCB teams

Southwell 1st, Station Hill and Early Birds recorded impressive GCB wins over the past weekend. Southwell beat Salem, who are top of the GCB 1st league standings, by four wickets, while Station Hill beat Port Alfred 2nds by 59 runs, and Early Birds beat Salem 2nds by 60 runs.

NMB Aquatics Open Water Championships this weekend

Saturday afternoon sees the start of a busy month of open water swimming in the Eastern Cape with the Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics 10km and 3km Open Water Swimming (OWS) Championships taking place at Marina Martinique from 1pm. This is one of the last opportunities for swimmers from around the country to qualify for the South African OWS Championships at the same venue next month.

Southern Kings still in search of first win

The Southern Kings will travel to Ulster, Ireland next week, Saturday 9 February, in search of their first win in their debut Pro14 season. Despite consistently putting up strong performances, the Kings always seem to fall at the final hurdle. However they will hope to go the distance next Saturday.

SA U19 Cricket finish strong in World Cup

The SA U19 cricket team finished strong in their last World Cup match in New Zealand, when they defeated Bangladesh on Wednesday. The South Africans eased to victory by eight wickets, with 69 balls to spare, to come in fifth place overall in the World Cup.

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SPORTS DIARY

Friday 2 February

WATER POLO

- Kingswood (Boys) U15 Grey PE Tournament (Grey) – Depart 7am.
- Kingswood (Girls) 1 st Girls Brian Baker Tournament (Home): Kingswood vs Reddam House 12.00 Kingswood vs Hudson Park
- 2pm Kingswood vs Stirling 4pm Kingswood vs Collegiate 7pm Cricket Colts A vs SAC (City Lords) 3.30

TENNIS

- Kingswood (Boys & Girls) Mixed Doubles vs Woodridge 1st (Home) 2pm
- Kingswood (Boys) 2nd vs Pearson (Away) 2pm U15A vs Selborne (Away) 2pm
- Kingswood(Girls) 2 nd vs Collegiate (Away) 2pm U15B vs DSG (Home) 2pm
- Graeme College Senior vs Queens - 2-5.30pm

CRICKET

- Graeme College Senior and Junior teams vs Woodridge
- Kingswood College vs St Andrews College (Belmont Golf Club) 1pm

GOLF

- Kingswood College vs St Andrews College (Belmont Golf Club) 1pm

View the updated Sports Diary: <http://bit.ly/2Ijw7Pa>

ATHLETICS

- Primary School Track Events for Zone 1 at PJ Olivier

Saturday 3 February

RUGBY

- Grahamstown Brumbies vs Rhodes University - Grahamstown Oval

WATER POLO

- Kingswood (Boys) 1 st, 2nd, U16A, U14A vs SAC (SAC) 9am
- U15 Grey PE Tournament (Grey High School)
- St Andrews Water Polo Day - Starts at 8am
- Kingswood (Girls) 1 st Girls Brian Baker Tournament (Home) Kingswood vs Alex Road 1pm Play-offs 2 nd vs Woodridge 1st (Woodridge) 9am 2 nd vs Pearson U15A (Woodridge) 11.30am U15 vs Woodridge (Woodridge) 9.25am U15 vs Pearson U15B (Woodridge) 10.40am U14 vs Woodridge (Woodridge) 10.15am U14 vs Pearson U14 (Woodridge) 11.05am U13 vs Woodridge U15B (Woodridge) 9.50am U13 vs Pearson U14B (Woodridge) 11.55am

CRICKET

- Kingswood 1st XI vs SAC (Gane) 9.30am 2 nd XI vs SAC (Away) 9.30am 3 rd XI vs SAC (City Lords) 9.30am 4th XI vs SAC (Away) 9.30am Colts A vs

SAC (Knight) 9.30am U14A vs SAC (Away) 9.30am U14B vs SAC (Away) 9.30am U13A vs St George's (Away) 9am U11A vs St George's (Away) 9am U11B vs St George's (Home) 9am

BASKETBALL

- Kingswood (Boys) 1 st vs SAC (Away) TBC 2nd vs SAC (Away) TBC
- Kingswood (Girls) 1 st vs DSG (Away) 09:45 U16 vs DSG 2nd (Away) 9.am

ATHLETICS

Primary School Track Events for Zone 2 at PJ Olivier

Sunday 4 February

WATER POLO

- U15 Grey PE Tournament (Grey High School)
- Kingswood (Girls) 1 st Girls Brian Baker Tournament (Home) Play-offs

TENNIS

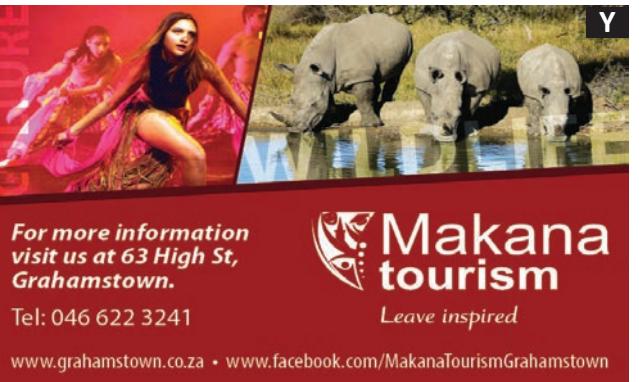
- Graeme College U10 Buco doubles

Thursday 8 February

ATHLETICS

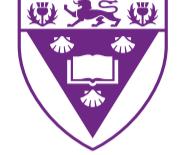
- High Schools Field Events at PJ Olivier

Welcome to all new and returning Rhodes students.
Best of luck for the year.



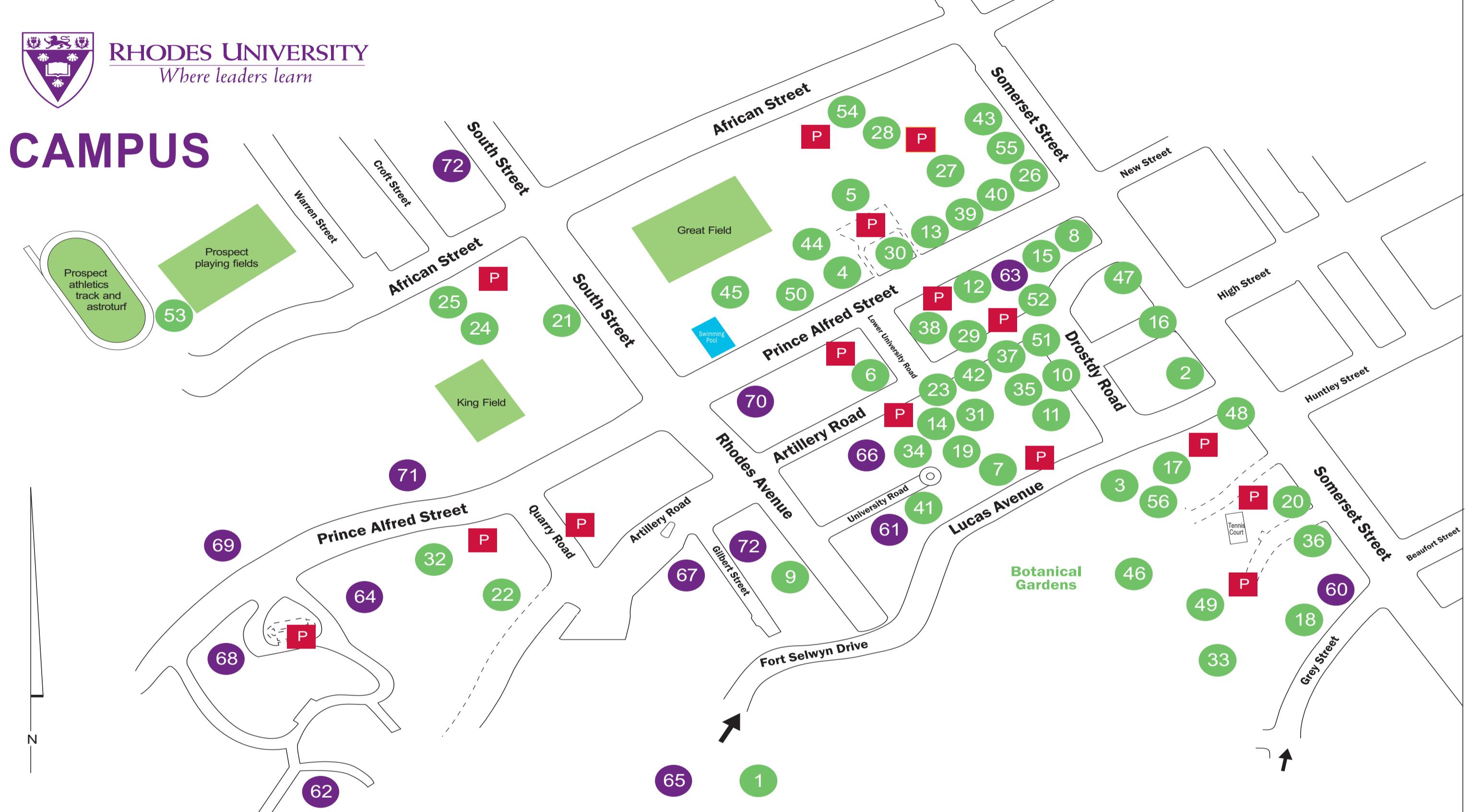
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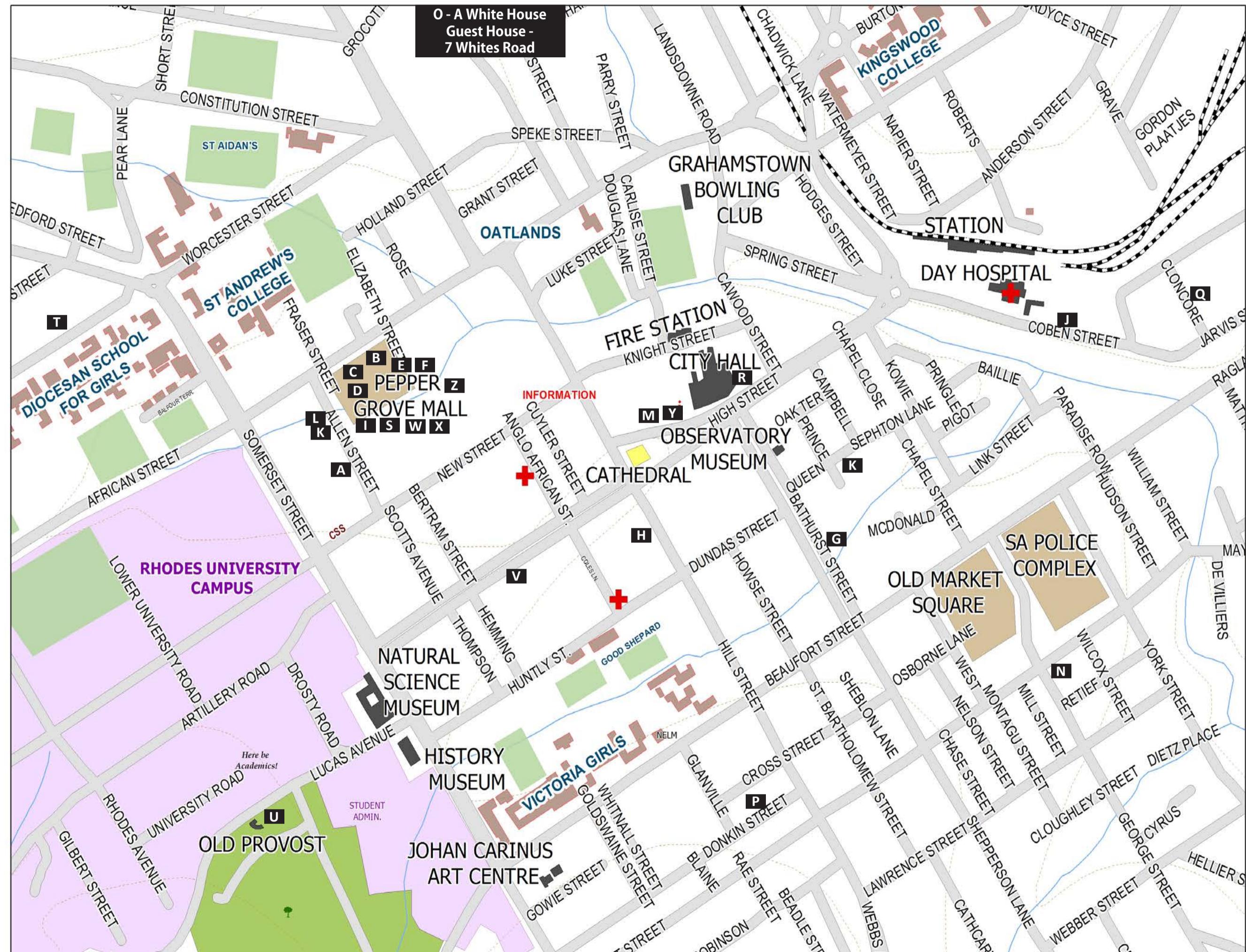


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