



# NIGHTMARE RETURNS

## Looters target immigrant owned shops



Alfaz Hussein, owner of Leta's General Dealer, stands inside his shop, worried on Tuesday as looters trash other immigrant owned shops in Extension 7 and Extension 6. Fourteen shops were looted. Police assisted 28 others to remove their stock to safer locations. Photo: Sue MacLennan



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# State, private vets partner over dogs

By LINDANI DONNELI

Wednesday 18 April was a special day in Vukani, as the SPCA, Compulsory Community Service (CCS) and Ikhala Vet Clinic came through to help residents with their dogs.

Animal Health officials have been concerned about an outbreak of Distemper Virus and Parvo Virus; as well as the usual cases of dog malnutrition and loss of hair.

Residents were urged to contact a Vet or the SPCA as soon as they notice a problem with their animals.

Dr Ashleigh Lemon, a Veterinarian from CCS who graduated last year is working with the State Vet in George Street, from where they coordinate Vet services in Grahamstown, Bathurst, Somerset and Port Alfred. The State Vet has basically started a Primary Healthy Care clinic in George Street where residents who cannot afford a private Vet can bring their dog for treatment, Dr. Lemon said.

The three--SPCA, CCS and the Ikhala Vet Clinic have formed a partnership, Dr Lemon said, that can work well together. For example, the SPCA can help with transport (as the

Vets and many residents who need their services don't have their own cars), the doctors provide the treatment and the clinic dispenses the medication. The plan is to do this at least twice a week, she added.

Dr Lemon mentioned five disease that Vukani residents should look out; especially Distemper Virus, which has no cure and whose symptoms include running eyes, running nose, vomiting and not eating.

These symptoms can be confused with those of other diseases, but in one dog, they often mean DV, she said.

She also mentioned Parvo Virus which is common in puppies whose stool is often bloody before they die.

She asked residents to call the Primary Animal Health Clinic in case they need help.

While Dr. Natalie Morley (among a staff of six) hails from the private animal facility Ikhala Vet Clinic, she is also keen to be part of partnerships that help the general health of animals in all of Grahamstown. At Ikhala, they deal with everything from little birds to buffalo; but have since



Dr Natalie Morley (left), dog owner Mzwandile Nonqokwana and Dr Ashleigh Lemon. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

added an outreach programme every Wednesday, in partnership with the State Vet and the SPCA. Dr. Morley asked residents to contact the clinic if they had any enquiries.

For more information, please call the Primary Animal Health Clinic (PAHC) at 046 622 7112; and Ikhala Vet Clinic on 3 Strowan Road in the Industrial area or at 046 622 3261.

# No bail in kidnap case

By SUE MACLENNAN

Two men facing charges in connection with the drug-linked alleged kidnapping of Rhodes University students appeared in the Grahamstown Magistrate's Court briefly this morning. The men, who are charged with robbery with aggravating circumstances, appeared for a bail hearing. Both abandoned their bail applications and will remain in custody until their next appearance, postponed to 22 May for further investigation.

Police last week revealed alarming details of the modus operandi of the drug-related alleged kidnappings. "Since February 2018 three incidents have been reported to SAPS Grahamstown. One in February and two now in April," spokesperson Captain Mali Govender told *Grocott's Mail*. "In all the incidents, male students were stopped in New Street or Pepper Grove Mall by two... males who offered to sell them drugs.

"The men would, once their victims refused to buy drugs, kidnap

them at knife point and take them to a house in the location. They were held there until they made calls for money to friends or family.

"Once the money was available they would be taken back to town where the money would be withdrawn from an ATM. After that the victims were released," Govender said.

On Friday 13 April, Rhodes University Campus Protection Unit issued a warning to students and staff about these incidents, urging students to be vigilant in town and around campus.

Police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender confirmed to *Grocott's Mail* that two men had been in custody since their arrest on Friday 13 April and made a brief appearance on Monday 16 April. Today was their third appearance.

Rhodes Director of Communications, Luzuko Jacobs, last week said the institution was taking the matter extremely seriously.

"This year, until the end of the first quarter, has been relatively quiet,"

Jacobs told *Grocott's Mail* in an interview Wednesday 18 April. "So we really are taken aback at this.

"Our co-operation with the police is spearheaded at the highest level within the institution, to make sure the police respond to situations like this. We provide all the necessary support," Jacobs said.

An earlier statement by Rhodes Communications confirmed that two students had been drugged and were receiving medical attention, but that no other physical harm had been inflicted on them in any of the incidents.

"Currently the students... are undergoing counselling and any other support that they require from the University," Jacobs told *Grocott's Mail*.

"We take this extremely seriously," Jacobs stated. "As a university, we cannot have a situation where our students are intimidated and cannot express themselves socially and academically. That is detrimental to the conducive learning environment that

we are reputed for in the small, relatively peaceful city of Grahamstown, and... Rhodes University."

Asked what the institution was doing to ensure students' safety, Jacobs said, "Like any other South African (or world) university, our responsibility starts when we receive our students to campus.

"We provide information about the avenues available to students if they find themselves victims of crime... We reiterate the message that... we have to exercise vigilance all the time and assist the authorities to ensure we... minimise opportunities for crime.

He said Rhodes University's security deployment was informed by reports about flashpoints, on and off campus and ensured a quick response to incidents.

"Our campus is not cut off from the town so we have security arrangements for students walking into town," Jacobs said.

He added that security structures and operations on campus were under ongoing review.

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# Shop owners count their losses – again

By SUE MACLENNAN

**“W**e cannot be defeated by a handful of tsotsis. This is a five-tsotsi zone: there are a few of them and hundreds of us!”

Referring to the Grahams-town communities of which spaza shops and their owners are an integral part, Muhammad ‘Roni’ Masum was speaking at a meeting of immigrant shop owners affected by xenophobic looting on Tuesday 24 April. “The whole community should unite,” he pleaded.

Police yesterday continued to monitor areas in Grahams-town where residents formed mobs targeting immigrant owned spaza shops, looting 14 of them.

According to an unconfirmed report, a shop owner suffered minor injuries when he panicked in his haste to escape a mob and drove his vehicle into a wall. No other reports of injuries were received.

Meanwhile, the organisers of a legal demonstration by taxi associations and civic

organisations have expressed shock at the events that began while leaders addressed participants in an officially approved demonstration outside City Hall on Tuesday morning.

The looting overshadowed an officially approved demonstration by the Makana Civic Movement, who handed in a petition against the poor state of residential and CBD infrastructure.

Their grievances included bad roads, refuse dumping, the unavailability of water in some areas, blocked drainage systems, unfinished community projects, debilitated sports facilities, dirty and blocked toilet ablutions at the taxi rank and no response to their correspondence concerning the bad situation.

The petition was received by Council Speaker Yandiswa Vara, accompanied by acting municipal manager Ted Pillay and Corporate Service Director Nomthandazo Mazwai. The protesters gave them 21 days to respond.

Protest co-organiser Phumzile Adam distanced the

event at the City Hall from the looting being carried out mostly in Extension 7 and Extension 6.

“We state it categorically that we distance ourselves from those criminal acts,” Adam told *Grocott’s Mail*. “The march we were leading was so peaceful and well controlled. The residents were well behaved. No incidents of criminality were reported along the route of the march.”

Police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender said incidents of looting of immigrant owned spaza shops started Tuesday from about 11.30am in Joza, where large groups of community members targeted shops across the station area.

“Incidents intensified when schools closed at about 12.30pm and school children joined in,” Govender said.

*Grocott’s Mail* witnessed police assisting shop owners to remove goods from their shops. Govender said, “SAPS assisted to remove goods from 28 spaza shops of which 14 can be confirmed as being

looted.”

No arrests were effected or dockets opened by yesterday morning and by 4pm Tuesday the situation had stabilised.

“The situation will be monitored until normalised,” Govender said.

“All Commanders and members will continue with high visibility patrols until the situation has completely normalised.”

Yesterday most spaza shops remained closed and shop owners met at lunchtime to discuss a strategy for them to safely return to their communities.

*Grocott’s Mail* spoke to distressed shop owners on Tuesday.

Many had been through the xenophobic looting in Grahamstown in October 2015. Some said they had lost everything then and had just managed to get back on their feet when Tuesday’s looting happened.

“We don’t know why this has happened,” was the response of most. “We have done nothing wrong.”

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# New civic body mooted

By STEVEN LANG

The symbolism of having a meeting in a City Hall where many lights don't work was not lost on Ron Weissenberg as he presented his proposal to the annual general meeting of the Grahamstown Residents' Association (GRA) on Tuesday evening. To stress the point, he reminded the 50-odd residents present at the meeting that the two buildings alongside City Hall had been condemned because they were unsafe.

Weissenberg, Chairperson of the Concerned Citizens Committee and an activist for transforming the Makana malaise into a vibrant, functioning community, did not tread softly when he came to describing the current administration. He said that Makana was "a failed municipality, let's not deny it"; it was bankrupt and run largely by incompetent people. He said there was little or no chance of

improvement within the next five years.

His proposal was the formation of an umbrella body to coordinate the efforts of civil society in their struggle to really make "Makana a great place to be".

While he was talking about civil society in general he was referring specifically to the GRA, the Grahamstown Business Forum (GBF) and Makana Revive – three organisations that have made a concerted effort to engage with the municipality about improving Makana's infrastructure.

Weissenberg said local civil society organisations were working in silos that sometimes created duplication while striving for similar goals. He stressed that the separate organisations would be able to retain their independence while at the same time sharing a common resource base. The main function of the umbrella

body, which he provisionally called SiliRhini – Unity – Harmonie – would be to coordinate efforts.

The new organisation would be managed by a Governance Committee, or a GovCo, that would facilitate coordination and help its members wherever possible.

He suggested that the Presidency of the GovCo should rotate every six months between representatives of its member bodies. He stressed that it would be non-religious and apolitical.

Richard Gaybba, Chairman of the Grahamstown Business Forum, said his organisation was gradually shifting focus from municipal issues to promoting business interests. He said it was important to encourage new investments in Makana and particularly inward investments, sourced from outside the area.

The GBF aimed to help local businesses to prepare for



GRA Chairperson Philip Machanick addresses members at the organisation's AGM this week. Photo: Steven Lang

the fourth industrial revolution and even get ready for the fifth.

The meeting elected a new GRA committee which will manage the affairs of the organisation for the coming year.

Members of the new committee are: Philip Machanick, Fleur Way-Jones, Sally Price-Smith, Tim Bull, Richard Alexander, Xolani Simakuhle, Ed Gaybba, Leroy Maisiri and Mazwi Makana.

## Health Department sets up anti-Listeriosis team

STAFF REPORTER

In an effort to prevent future Listeriosis outbreaks, the National Department of Health (NDoH) has formed a multi-sectoral incident management team (IMT).

"The formation of a multi-sectoral incident management team, and development of a listeria emergency response plan will strengthen the response to the listeria outbreak, and contribute to health system strengthening to prevent future outbreaks. Funding is being sourced," said the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) in a situation report released on Monday.

According to the NICD, the number of cases of laboratory-confirmed Listeriosis reported per week has dropped since the implicated products were recalled on 04 March 2018, with eight additional cases reported this week.

"Of the eight cases reported this week, one case occurred in October 2017 and was retrospectively reported," said the NICD.

In March, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi announced that ready-to-eat cold meat products by Enterprise Foods were the culprits for the Listeriosis outbreak in the country. While another facility, Rainbow Chicken Limited (RCL), tested positive for listeria, samples from this facility were not the same strain linked to the outbreak. The cause of the outbreak, strain ST6 was confirmed in 16 environmental samples collected from an Enterprise facility.

The minister advised consumers not to eat processed meat products such as polony, viennas, russians, frankfurters, sausages and cold meats.

Since the recall, 50 cases have been reported, 24 (48%) of which were among babies less than 28 days old; and three (6%) among children aged between one month and 14 years old.

At least 1019 laboratory-confirmed Listeriosis cases have been reported to NICD between 1 January 2017 and 17 April 2018.

Since the 5 March 2018, cases per week dropped to fewer than 15 per week. At the height of the outbreak, 30 or more cases were reported weekly. - SAnews.gov.za

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# Freedom anyone?

Lindani Donyeli asked residents what, if anything, Freedom Day means to them.



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# Schoolboy guilty of murder

In a highly detailed judgment, Judge Mbulelo Jolwana noted the Grahamstown community's disgust at a night of brutality and horror, revealed after a young woman's broken and lifeless body was discovered among a pile of rubbish on Sunday 5 December 2016. However, he said he was guided by the Constitutional values in acquitting a boy who at age 16 participated in the assault on Denise Nogqala, then 22. Likewise in finding his co-accused, Lindani Vamva (19) guilty of murder and Siphamandla Futhufuthu (20), of murder and rape.

Denise's callous murder and the desperate measures to conceal it, took place within the social circle of a group called Chaos Firm, one of several cliques that young people in Grahamstown associate themselves with. The way Chaos and similar social groups operate, and the activities they engage in, played a significant part in the trial evidence, as well as the outcome.

Two of the three accused and several witnesses were schoolboys. All were friends and close neighbours who grew up together in Joza, and were members of Chaos Firm. The events leading to Denise's death centred around an evening of drinking at Cool Spot Tavern in Joza for a "pens-down" celebration. Many of those associated with the events of that night, were Grahamstown schoolchildren who had just finished their end-of-year exams.

In his judgment Judge Jolwana read out excerpts from the report of Grahamstown's chief forensic medical officer Dr Stuart Dwyer, which detailed around 30 injuries. When Denise's body was found she had been so badly beaten, her family hardly recognised her. Evidence was she had most likely been punched, hit with a hammer, hit with a stick, throttled, stabbed, dragged and bitten. She was hit repeatedly and with such force that her eyes, and her whole head were severely swollen and the skin of her face and head were

almost black. Her jaw was broken and the subdural haemorrhage described in the report meant her brain had been knocked against the side of her head so hard that the blood vessels burst.

"We may never have a full picture of what happened," the Judge said. "Her murder was designed to ensure that she did not live to tell the story."

In summarising the trial evidence, the Judge pieced together a narrative of the alcohol-fuelled "pens-down" events, which began with Vamva meeting Denise at Coolsport Tavern in Joza.

### Had a plan

Vamva returned with Denise to his home for what the Judge conceded may have been consensual sex but degenerated into coercion and brutal assault.

Peer pressure led to the 16-year-old's involvement initially and he participated in the subsequent assault out of sheer terror of the violent and domineering Futhufuthu.

Futhufuthu, the eldest of the three, had entered the room.

In the most heart-wrenching snapshot of sheer brutalities, the Judge recounted trial testimony that Futhufuthu, seeing Denise lying on the floor, had kicked her to see if she was still alive. "Her whole body was shaking."

Futhufuthu left the room with Denise, who had begun to regain consciousness, Vamva and the younger boy then tried to clean up the blood, and went to fetch their girlfriends from Coolsport, spending the rest of the night with them there in his room. They never saw Denise again after that, Vamva said.

Futhufuthu, in his testimony, said he'd taken Denise outside and leaned her against a fence because she couldn't stand by herself.

He said he'd been arguing with the 16-year-old. When the younger boy moved, he'd accidentally stabbed Denise, he said.

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Judgment casts spotlight on Grahamstown schoolchildren's high-risk social lives. Sue MacLennan reports.

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## Call for unity after looting

Shop owner Muhammad 'Roni' Masum made a powerful call yesterday – both for shopkeepers to reach out and get to know the communities they operate in better; and for communities to stand by the entrepreneurs who supply them with groceries at prices they can afford, and close to home.

This followed Tuesday's looting of 14 shops in Extension 7 and Extension 6.

The organisers of Tuesday's taxi protest have distanced themselves from the criminal acts, pointing out that they occurred when the protesters were outside the city hall.

But they do need to engage in this problem because it is notable that the xenophobic looting in October 2015 started after a protest by the taxi industry.

There have been dozens of protests in Grahamstown since; however, this week's action involving taxis happened on the same day as the looting. The taxi industry needs to help solve the problem - even if it's one of perception.

There have been at least three separate protest actions in Grahamstown the past week here. Students of the Midland TVET College barricaded St. Aidan's Avenue and burnt tyres in front of the College gate on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, drivers of the mini-bus taxis on which the majority of Grahamstown residents depend for transport, staged their own protest. As part of this action, they barricaded several feeder streets into Beaufort Street, up near Tanti, where it becomes Dr Jacob Zuma Drive. Also late last week, protesters led by the Unemployed People's Movement essentially blocked the ongoing re-laying of Beaufort Street/Dr. Jacob Zuma Drive, by walking on the tarmac.

Also today, the one-year old SAFTU (South African Federation of Trade Union) called a general nation-wide strike to protest the Minimum Wage (of R20 an hour) that comes into effect next week, ironically on International Workers' Day (1 May). SA's second largest trade union, which represents at least 700,000 across 21 affiliates, SAFTU denounced the Minimum Wage as a slave wage meant to perpetuate racism in South Africa.

Some people *Grocott's Mail* was able to talk to were furious with the taxi drivers for blocking access to the Central Business District, where most of them go to work. "We can't get to work, our children can't get to school, and we can't go to Settlers or the Day Clinic because of these people," said a resident of Transit Camp, who was lucky to be driven to work by his employers.

There is no reason for taxi drivers who have downed their "tools" for the day, should attempt to stop everyone else from going about their lives. School children need to go to school; their parents need to show up at work and the infirm must see the doctor at Settlers. They're already being inconvenienced by the lack of taxis. Do you really have to block their way if they find a person willing to give them a lift?

It is unfortunate that in a Council that is gaining increasing legitimacy as it works to straighten out the mess it's in, the Council Speaker saw fit to flay Grahamstown activists in a way that some might say dented the dignity of Council.

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## LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Gcina Mhlophe with a group of pupils from various schools, who attended the Puku Story Festival recently.  
Photo: Khutala Nandipha

## Remember, markets go up, down

It would be wonderful if all our investments only increased, and never decreased, in value. This does not happen in reality, unless we only invest in low-risk asset classes such as bank fixed deposits or money market accounts. However, if we exclusively invest in these types of low-risk investments, statistics show that we will receive a return that barely keeps pace with inflation. Many people do not appreciate the ravages of inflation and just how much it eats away at their wealth over time.

The before-tax return from cash-type investments in South Africa over the last 90 years has been approximately 6.9% per annum, only just exceeding the average inflation rate of 6.2% over the same period. In order to generate returns which exceed inflation and provide real growth, you should consider incorporating riskier asset classes such as equities in your investment portfolio. The average return generated by South African equities over the same period was around 14% per

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annum. This equates to a real growth rate of 7.8% per annum. Unfortunately when risk comes volatility and riskier investments do not increase in a straight line. Investing in equities is more like a roller-coaster ride, sometimes with dramatic ups and downs.

To benefit from the superior long-term real returns generated by equities, you will have to be prepared to experience the possibility of some short-term distress. Markets fluctuate repeatedly between periods of extreme optimism and pessimism. A feature of equity markets is that they tend to move in cycles, just like seasons move from summer to winter. While negative periods are always unpleasant, they are also fairly common, especially after equities

have performed well for an extended period. This is not dissimilar to enduring a chilly winter after a long, hot summer. Just as winter does not last forever, so too are negative periods in the market not permanent.

It is incredibly difficult to predict when the best time would be to enter or exit the equity market. During market downturns, many investors try to "hide" in so-called safe assets such as cash. When markets turn however, they usually turn quickly. One of the biggest costs of trying to time the market is not being in the market when it unexpectedly surges upward, causing the investor to potentially miss out on some of the best-performing opportunities.

Instead of adopting a knee-

jerk reaction during periods of market turbulence, it is prudent to rather follow a considered approach, grounded by a proper financial plan. Such a plan should be based on a disciplined financial strategy focused on asset allocation, investment selection and diversification. It is also very important to make sure that you review your plan on a regular basis, because circumstances change.

The impact of inflation is vital for you to take into consideration when you draw up your financial plan. An experienced Certified Financial Adviser will be able to assist you to determine the proportion of your assets you should have invested in equities, taking into account factors such as your age, attitude towards risk and personal circumstances.

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Mark Thomas

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# Hot Council sitting

By SUE MACLENNAN

A diatribe from Council's Speaker at the end of the open section of yesterday's Ordinary Council meeting was so searing that it could have incinerated in seconds every agenda in the chamber, were the municipality still routinely distributing printed council documents. However, the emailing of electronic agendas for Council meetings is one of several measures the current Makana Council has adopted to save costs and improve efficiency.

With the process of appointing a municipal manager well under way, the renewal of acting MM Ted Pillay's appointment from 1 May to 31 July was pending progress regarding the former, the Speaker Yandiswa Vara said. Mayor Nomhle Gaga pointed out that once the appointment was finalised, the MEC still had to concur.

In other personnel changes, the Speaker thanked traffic chief Coenraad Hanekom for a constructive term as acting director of social services. Fire services manager William Welkom will act in

the directorship for the next three months.

Pillay said National Treasury had assessed revenue collection as Makana's biggest weakness. To this end, Treasury had approved the appointment of a company to enhance collection and billing in the municipality.

Separately, with collections company Revco's contract ending 30 April, the function would remain outsourced, with the bid adjudication committee having made a decision.

Other items on the agenda included the Grahamstown Muslim Community's application to purchase municipal land to build a mosque and a local committee dealing with traditional initiation.

Pillay announced the intention of the Municipal Demarcation Board to realign some of the boundaries between Makana and Ndlambe municipalities.

Regarding concern about underspending of the budget for key upgrades, Infrastructure and Technical Services Director Dali Mlenzana said these funds would be spent by June. Pillay added that problems with the award of

tenders and the subsequent processes had delayed progress on those projects.

At the close of the open session, the Speaker said she accepted the right of communities to protest.

Then in an extraordinary general address to unnamed groups or individuals, she said there had been improvements in Makana and that people who were protesting had been fed misinformation.

"We are not promoting corruption and we are not going to promote corruption," Vara said. "Historic debt is our main challenge. There is change and improvement in Makana."

During her diatribe Vara made an explosive allegation about Tuesday's attack on immigrant owned shops.

In apparent reference to a letter recently sent by civic groups to the Province expressing concern with local government, Vara did not hold back on non-specific threats. She accused the organisation of discrediting the Council and said, "We are aware and we are watching you. You will see... one day your time will come and you will feel the pain."

# Ghost Town roads come back to life with community support

By SUE MACLENNAN

"Dit is beautiful. Ek gaan elke maand deel van my pensioen aansit!" That was the response of Ghost Town resident Barend Mentoor when he saw the difference a group of volunteers had made to the state of Strubens Street, in Ghost Town. The group, which calls itself the Concerned Citizens Road Repair Committee, undertaking repairs in wards 3 and 4, is clearing verges and filling potholes with material donated from various Grahamstown businesses.

With Strubens Street's notorious potholes filled, the group this week moved on to Smith Street, in front of the Baptist Church. "In life there's only one of two decisions you must make: you're either part of the problem or you're part of the solution," said secretary/ treasurer Weston du Plessis. For more information or if you'd like to contribute contact Cecil Solomon on 071 628 7116 or Evan du Preez on 063 680 7751.

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Strubens Street in Ghost Town before repairs began... Photo supplied



... and after: Members of the Concerned Citizens Road Repair Committee at work fixing potholes in Strubens Street, Ghost Town. Photo: Sue MacleNNan

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# Read, develop your social cred

By KHUTALA NANDIPHA

The 6th annual Puku Children's Festival celebrated the work of prolific children's author Dr Nokugcina Mhlophe and lamented the lack of enthusiasm in children, parents and teachers in her impressive body of work that seeks to ensure that the country builds social intellect through a healthy reading culture.

Language and storytelling ambassadors applauded the growth of African literature, but added that it needs more urgent attention. In conversation with local school teachers, storytellers and literature & language students, accomplished author and motivational speaker, Dr Sindiwe Magona reminded them of the brain drain current facing South Africa.

Recent statistics paint a gloomy picture of children whose relationship with books is now optional. Research conducted in 2017 by a South African University indicated that eight out of 10 Grade 4 learners could read at that level - basically that they were functionally illiterate.

The standard of reading has been declining since



Child literature author Dr Sindiwe Magona urged parents and teachers to promote reading daily. Photo: Khutala Nandipha

2011, leading to suspicions that teachers have stopped reading also.

"Real freedom is when everybody in this country is living a life that is worth having," she insisted. "In 1994 we got political liberation, but we are not getting social transformation unless the children read, there is no education without reading. Transformation cannot rely on a wish or a prayer, you have to work for it and it begins with education. Education begins with reading," she said.

She argues that the history embedded in story telling is how the older pass on African messages and wisdom to the next generation. Folklore helps people to understand the simplicity of the lives that were lived before in order to keep people grounded and actively practising Ubuntu.

Teachers were identified as the most critical role player in shifting this crisis around. "You are the frontline, if you don't take your job seriously, we suffer as a nation. Teachers must read, read for themselves and read for the children be-

cause that is how it becomes a culture, when it is 'our collective' thing," she pleaded.

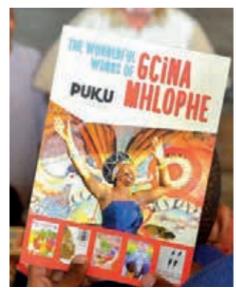
Parents were identified as problematic in their passive approach to the knowledge acquisition of their own children. The ideal, it is said, is for children to be reading long before they are at school going age. Magona shrugged without any shame at parents who reward their children with strictly electronic gifts in 2018, in light of the reading crises. For her, it is common sense to buy children books instead of satellite subscriptions.

Magona has, herself contributed a large volume of short story collections in at least six South African languages, complementing the four decades of an incredible body of work by Dr Nokugcina Mhlophe who writes and narrates in four languages.

"Reading takes you somewhere. We have 24 hours a day. Spend as many hours of them on your books, intentionally not haphazardly. Time management is an asset, it means you take your life seriously. This is one thing we cannot blame white people [for]. It is on us. Sixteen hours per day are available for you to shape your life, that of your children and the people around you...read, acquire knowledge, and define your education".

The Puku Festival is an initiative by the Puku Children's Foundation to introduce South African children to a wide range of published reading material and expose them to oral literature, particularly in African languages.

Elinor Sisulu, chairperson of the Foundation says, "We showcase and celebrate the work of storytellers, writers and artists so that children and their parents, teachers and caregivers will know that there is endless amounts of African literature available in their own languages."



Gcina Mhlophe at Puku

Hleze Kunju at Puku

One of Gina Mhlophe's books that were featured at Puku.

All photos: Khutala Nandipha

# Fingo hosts Puku Story festival

By LINDANI DONYELI

The two-day Puku festival ended with song and dance on Saturday 21 April at Fingo Library in Wood Street; marking the last day of Instomi, the literacy programme that attracted a lot of attention for its ability to get parents reading with their school-going children.

Director of Fingo Arts Festival Xolile Madinda who asked Puku to visit Fingo said that the real VIPs of the two-day programme were the young ones.

There was entertainment from Mbulelo Bokwe from Siyakholwa Reading and Writing Club of East London who warmed up the crowd before Sinovuyo Mjuza, a Grade 3 pupil at Samuel Ntsiko Primary School sang a song. Another youngster, Mbizo Art from Port Elizabeth read xa kophuke isigqibo, a story of about a turtle and a goose. .

Later, a large cast performed with Ayanda Nondlwana as she sang Have You Seen Zandile. They also performed and celebrated Nondlwana's 60th birthday.

At the outdoor performances later, Spoken Word artists, singers and story-tellers did their bits; with outstanding performers receiving story-



Lihle Geelbooi performs as other Spoken Word artists wait their turn. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

books to take home. Some of the performers included Akhona Mafana (who performed bodl inqaka) Lonwabo Gwente (Dezz) Sphele Dyongman ( Nqonsonqa ) Lihle Geel-Booi ( Dondolo ), Lwando Fana (Flow G), Esithu Siyolo (Gxobinzolo), Liyema Mzizi (Intsika yezibalo). All the Xhosa performance poems were meant to encourage young people to respect their culture and roots, as well as

to speak their languages.

Hip Hop star Azlan Makalima performed in memory Siyanda Futhufuthu, a fellow Hip Hop star who died recently. The curtain was brought down by popular Umthatha Poet, Writer and Radio presenter Lungisa Ngqolovu, who was born blind but has overcome his disability to become work in radio and write Xhosa books.

opportunities especially to disabled people," he said, "Our talent stays within us. [But] if you do come out you notice that your talent is not taken seriously.

He added he has occasionally been asked to perform for free, and he has agreed because "people will guarantee you work." Ngqolovu's Xhosa novel Ndixolele Nonzuzo Mtakwethu" has just been published.



There was lots of face painting happening at the Puku Festival. Photos: Khutala Nandipha

# Freedom Day is good for a sleep-in... until you need a job or family

## Mayday: Whose day?

By Emily Stander

My mother has been a school teacher for as long as I have been alive-- 22 years; and another year before that. During this time as a child, I never actually realised what it meant for her to get a public holiday, because most of the time she was doing school work anyway. However, if she planned her week out well enough, she would be able to spend the day with us.

As I got older I learnt that different public holidays actually represented important days in history. Especially in South Africa, this meant that Freedom Day, Worker's Day, and others were important to take in and celebrate or commemorate. I was still in school though, so it was just a day I cherished because it meant I could sleep in (yes, even on the day that represented South Africa's first democratic elections!) and spend time with my friends anywhere else but at school.

A waitress. It was only part-time, as I was still a child in school. I started understanding that not everyone had the opportunity to celebrate these days with family, or spend time appreciating the fact that every citizen is allowed to vote for the government that they believe in. This fact was particularly pertinent on Worker's Day - the day that is supposed to be about the worker who still gives up their time because everything has to be running 24/7 in the world we are in.

According to South African History Online (SAHO), the history of Worker's Day in this country specifically proves to be quite tumultuous. In 1950, the 64th anniversary of what is now a public holiday, the Communist Party of South Africa called for a strike to protest against the Suppression of Communism Act. On this day, 18 lives were lost across Soweto. This event is only one of many that occurred throughout the history of South Africa

on this day - which makes it one that has always been an important day to commemorate throughout the years from as early as 1914.

As such, when we look at this day now, who is it really for? Especially considering that those who work in the service industry - waiters, counter-workers, petrol attendants, and the likes - don't ever really have the chance to take this day to make it about what it's really about; themselves. Which brings in the question as to whether or not these people actually have any kind of power or respect in the industries they are part of in the first place? Today, there are a lot of industries which stay open 24 hours a day - like McDonalds, petrol stations, and the cafe's at the actual petrol stations - which means that these people have to sit at their jobs unless they have a day off (which is usually just a coincidence of their schedule). So tell me, is Worker's Day just another day for school chil-

dren to stay at home, or is it a day for the people who actively make our everyday lives easier in the service industry? As such, it might be time that we start thinking about whether or not we change the way we live. My mother used to tell me stories of shops being closed from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning, and I wonder why we can't do this for the people who need to be celebrating a day that is supposedly about them?

Why is this a situation where the only people who truly have that day as one to spend with their family are those who do not actually work: school children. People are more than capable of preparing for a day where they won't be able to pop to the shop real quick, and we should start thinking about what takes priority; money that benefits the consumerist society that we live in, or the people who make it possible for families to eat at night?

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"Non-white shop"  
"Vir gebruik deur Blankes"  
"Waiting room for Coloureds only"  
"European bar"  
"Blanke kroeg"  
"Net Swartes"  
"Blacks only"  
"Play park for European children only"  
"Slegs Blankes"  
"Slegs Blankes"  
"Slegs Blankes"  
When these words have been imprinted in your mind It is difficult to locate your sense of Being We celebrate Freedom Day to mark the liberation of our

certain people  
Despite being the most unequal society in the world To mark the liberation from colonialism Despite this whole poem being in English and Afrikaans To mark the liberation from White minority domination Despite the ownership of mines So let me share these views of mine The Population Registration Act divided us into different racial groups Racial groups that we continue to identify by despite them being rooted in our oppression The Group Areas Act physically separated races into different areas Need I remind you that Orania still exists The Bantu Education Act created separate education systems for Black and White people We now have private schools for this The Reservation of Separate Amenities Act forced segregation in all public amenities, public buildings, and public transport with the aim of eliminating contact between White people and other races. We no longer carry physical dompasses Our pass is our ability to articulate ourselves in English To roll our tongues in ways that would make our forefathers and foremothers roll in their graves To assimilate To become the 'palatable Black person' as Ofentse Moduka said Because in order to survive you need to be palatable to

As if soil was meant to taste good! But we celebrate Freedom Day Because I can freely walk on this day and feel the sun rise and set on my face I can freely interact with different races I can freely occupy different spaces I can freely travel into different places I am able to cross terrains that were once unimaginable I now sit on benches without having any indentations on my back when I stand up And this is because of the people who stood up for me I place my own pencil in my politicised hair Tying up all the politics I carry within my genetics And this is why Ogone Mokobe said that, "When you are a person of colour, you constantly have to negotiate your being." Because even if we are free, there will always be a degree of freedom we will never reach You see, when you are a person of colour, there is an intrinsic fear that you have, that you are born with Because despite there no longer being signs of which buildings you can or cannot enter Despite there no longer being demarcated benches, beaches and toilets for you Despite there no longer being laws to dictate your very existence and your humanity There are still places you don't feel welcomed in

There are still places where you'll enter and the first thing you'll do is count how many people of colour are in the room There are still places that force you as a person of colour, that require you in fact, to leave fractions of yourself outside Because as a whole, you will definitely make that place shake Because you always need to appear as the safe bet And there are no signs that indicate the above No physical signs at least These signs are imprinted in our minds; we have become mental slaves to a system we are forced to believe has ended Do not mistake this poem I am not ungrateful I recognise that I exercise freedoms people once dreamt of Freedoms that many fought for but were unable to experience in their life time I recognise that But I also recognise that my throat is not yet roar That I still do not have blisters on my feet That there is so much that still needs to be done I recognise that freedom is relative I recognise that I am only as free as the system allows me to be I recognise this in its totality I recognise that I am relatively free

-Charissa Cassels

This week the Makana Sharp team looks at Freedom Day.

# How do you celebrate Freedom Day?

*So, we find ourselves gifted with a long weekend, thanks to Freedom Day. The public holiday commemorates that time in April 1994, when most South Africans voted for the very first time. Today, some people might not give an afterthought to the significance of this event. What does Freedom Day mean to you? Why is it important? How are you going to spend it? We asked the writers of Makana Sharp! what they thought.*

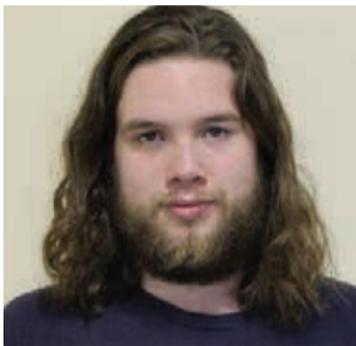
## Charissa Cassels

I cannot say that I celebrate Freedom Day, as I am of the opinion that I am relatively free. We need to debunk what exactly freedom is and if total freedom exists, and whether or not that is even possible. But, I do decide to remember all the people who fought for this freedom, the unsung heroes, the people who will never be inscribed in history books, the people who continuously fought despite the system that was against them. And, Freedom Day is important for the above; paying homage to all those who have been placed as a footnote in the struggle. Unfortunately, I will be doing university work on this day and don't have any particular activity planned.



## Jack van der Merwe

Freedom Day is meant to be a day where we take the time to appreciate the fact that we are a free country. It should also be a day however, where we as a nation can critically reflect on what in our country is hampering the freedom of some people. In 1994, we didn't just win. The hardest battle has begun and Freedom Day is meant to be a break from those battles and reminisce our victories. On Freedom Day, I will be travelling to Cape Town with a good friend.



## Sam Spiller

The perception and impact of history differs from person to person. Because of this, Freedom Day is and remains for some just a chance to sleep in. I shall not deny that I indulge this mindset at times (and don't say you haven't either at one point). The day will come and go, and no thought will be given to the significance. The minimum that my generation can do is remember and acknowledge that significance. And a side note to my generation, take this day to call or go see your parents or loved ones. That's what I'll be doing. They will appreciate you for it.



## Chanel Retief

My mother went to jail during Apartheid. Twice. This for me is something she actually shared with me on Freedom Day when I was about 14 years old. I know this because on this very specific day I woke up late and she came to wake me up. She told me that I can't be lying around on a day like this. This is a very important day. This is officially a day that is proof that we have made it. For me, Freedom Day is a day where I can feel that history was made and that millions of South Africans did not feel the difference in race, gender or age. It's a day that we can say we are South Africans.



# Fields of litter

We drove past fields of litter and houses built from tin. Intestines sold at the street corner, a river dammed in dirt. And I feared that it would stick to me, drag me down like muddy soil, like strife. That my skin might darken in the sun, my features wither, my beauty gone. This is what I felt as we drove by, it's what they'll see when they look at me. They'll see fields of litter in my skin, in my mother, in our accents.

– Lethokuhle Msimang

• Msimang is a poet and prose writer currently studying towards an MA in Creative Writing at Rhodes University



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# Bloomin' Good Garden Service turns one

STAFF REPORTER

**A**vid business owner Ursula van den Berg's green thumb definitely shows in the work that she and 10 staff members do. "I'm very hands on", she said. "I like the outdoors and love plants, [it has] always interested me".

From grass cutting, tree felling and hedge trimming to garden refuse removal, Bloomin' Good does it all.

Van den Berg took over the business last year.

"It's been picking up," she said, "but started slow." Currently they service about 165 gardens in Grahamstown per month. The business has been successful enough to grow from five employees, to 10. Future plans for growth (and not just from the plants!) in the business include having two vehicles running simultaneously.

Van den Berg stated that they have received very positive feedback from the community. Her husband, Jan Strydom emphasised, "We love what we're doing".

"It's an opportunity to create jobs and strengthen people in South Africa", he said. "We employ people who want to work."

Strydom stated like Pieter de Villiers use to say after a Springbok game...we have learned a lot., "after every garden!" Van den Berg added.

"All thanks to Grahamstown for putting their trust in me with their gardens," she said.

Bloomin' Good is also thankful to other community businesses for their support and continued relationships.

We also celebrate 165 properties and our aim for our next birthday is 300...like The Spartans.



Above: Bloomin' Good staff members at work on a new garden. Photos: Kathryn Cleary



Right: Bloomin' Good gardening service turns 1 this year.



Left: A party last week Saturday to celebrate their 1st year in business. Photo: Supplied

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# Enjoy, but don't over-eat

*Opuntia ficus-indica* (Prickly pear)  
*Walila mntwana*  
*Ehlanywa ngameva*  
*Ayingomeva yitolojiya*

## TRADITIONS TO TREASURE



Someleze Mgcwuwa

That is the song my friends and I used to sing as we grew up in the village. Singing about the succulent Mexican invader with oval, flattish, green pads called cladodes, which grow out of each other to form a tree-like structure. Hard spines grow out of the sides of the cladodes. Flowers are large yellow to dark orange followed by greenish orange to purple, pear-shaped fruit covered in minute barbed bristles called glochids. This invader has found a home here in South Africa and when you are driving on the R63 from King William's Town towards Dimbaza you will find a village called Tolofiyeni named after the prickly pear.

### Origin and History

Indigenous to Mexico and an important food source since prehistoric times. It spread around the world in post-Columbian times, sometimes becoming troublesome weeds. Today, prickly pears are grown

on a commercial scale in various countries, including, South Africa and the US. One species at least was probably brought to the Cape in the seventeenth century. One almost certainly the *Opuntia ficus-indica*, South Africa's most common prickly pear, was taken to the midland and eastern districts with the earliest Afrikaner frontier farmers in the eighteenth century. Travellers around Graaff-Reinet reported it in the 1770s and these specimens were probably the progenitors of wild, Eastern Cape prickly pear. It is called *turksvy* (Turkish fig) in Afrikaans, and Xhosa name *itolojiya*, is an adaptation of this.

It is uncertainly when this word was adopted into Xhosa language, but was used in written sources in the late 19th Century and is recorded in Kropf's Xhosa dictionary of 1899 as word loaned in Afrikaans.

### Commercial and Nutritional value

"Tolofiya...Tolofiya...Tolofiya" a loud voice of the middle-aged woman walking around the streets of Joza Location selling the tolofiya (prickly pear).

The fruit comes into season in summer, from early January to mid-March. You will find it in buckets, tin dishes or plastic bags on the streets of Grahamstown and along the N2 road towards Peddie. You can't miss the prickly pear sellers along the road during the season, as it's a source of income to many black households.

### Uses of the Prickly pear

The fruits are pulled off the plant using a long wire hook called igwegwe and rolled about on the grass or beaten with leaf branches to remove the tiny bristles before being transported home. Both white and black uses it to make jam,



*Opuntia ficus-indica* (Prickly Pear) is good to eat, but can cause an upset stomach.

Photo: Tony Dold

syrup, chutney and other preserves. The overripe fruit is preferred to make *iqhilika yetolofoyi*. The Xhosa term *iqhilika*, and Afrikaans *karee*, are adopted from the Khoikhoi *!kharib* or *!xari*. It was then applied to beer brewed from the fruit of prickly pear. Afrikaners distilled a potent spirit (witblits, or white lightning) from the fruit on the farms. The cladodes provided livestock fodder in droughts and were an ingredient for homemade soap. Africans produced a laxative medicine and blood purifier from them. Overtime,

prickly pear become deeply embedded in the culture and daily life of the Eastern Cape. Ripe fruits are a source of minerals (especially calcium and magnesium), as well as vitamins (up to 40 mg vitamin C and 380 µg nicotinamide). The energy yield is low (36 kcal per 100g).

Enjoy the prickly pear! Please don't overeat it or else you would be constipated.

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## My Garden



### Why buy when you can grow!



Mbulelo Cacela standing in his garden.

Mbulelo Cacela is a garden lover who only leaves his patch to fetch wood from the forest. He started the garden last year because he was fed up of buying what he could grow in his backyard.

As it is now, almost his entire yard

is a garden with hardly space to walk! Cacela has planted potatoes, cabbages, spinach, onions, carrots, and tomatoes.

He would plant more if he had seeds; and fertiliser to rejuvenate his over-used garden. – Text and photo by Lindani Donyeli

### By HELMO PREUSS

Small hydro-electric power plants have the potential to boost economic activity in the Eastern Cape, as they can provide power to isolated rural communities where the cost of linking to the national electricity grid is prohibitive. A small hydro plant only needs a reliable source of flowing water and a height difference, the so-called head. It does not require a dam as it only diverts water from the stream or spring or waterfall into a pipe that flows into a generator and is then returned to the water course.

Even in the Grahamstown environment it makes sense to investigate this alternative to Eskom, which is seeking to raise power tariffs by 30% due to a liquidity crisis as years of above inflation power increases have dampened demand for electricity. South Africa's electricity consumption rose by 0.5% in 2017, but it is still less than in 2007. Eskom is seeking to recover R66.6bn from consumers.

A spring at Hillandale Monastery just outside Grahams-town has only run dry once in the past 43 years and there is a head of at least 30 metres, so a small hydro plant could be built there to provide electricity to the monastery, school and the surrounding area.

In addition to natural water sources, the University of Pretoria has undertaken a major study for the Water Research Commission to look at municipal and water transfer schemes as a source

of hydro-electric power. They built a demonstration plant at the Bloemwater headquarters to show the viability of the concept in municipalities that have a hilly terrain such as Grahamstown. The water comes from the Caledon-Bloemfontein potable water supply system pipeline. It supplies 96 kilowatts per hour (kWh) of energy from a pressurised conduit to power up its operational facilities, with full capacity of 360 kW. It cost just over R3 million and was built in 16 months.

The Managing Director of Nyangani Renewable Energy (NRE) in Zimbabwe Ian McKersie said small hydro plants also allow you to build incremental capacity both in terms of construction expertise as well as capital needs.

They have built six plants over the past decade in the Honde Valley north of Mutare and are now looking to build a further three small run-off-river projects in Nyanga with a combined capacity of seven Megawatts (MW) at a capital cost of US\$15 million.

Apart from the benefit of providing power to the national grid, small hydro projects can have, subject to their location, a community development impact as well.

In the case of Nyangani Renewable Energy (NRE) of Zimbabwe, this starts with building access roads so that the heavy construction equipment and power house equipment can get to the site. It also means that transmission lines, which were prohibitive-

ly expensive to put in remote rural locations now have critical mass and can be linked to the national grid, so that even in times when annual maintenance takes place, the surrounding area still has access to power.

The next major benefit is the employment opportunities created during the construction phase. In the case of NRE the peak employment varied from 150 to 600 per project. Most (90%) of these jobs are sourced from the local community, with on-the-job training being a lasting benefit.

The local community also gains from the spending of the construction workers on food, lodging in some cases and personal purchases. Following the commissioning of the project the number of employees reduces to between 20 and 30 permanent employees per project but the increased local economic activity remains a significant benefit.

In the case of NRE, the company has been keen to see the benefit of improved electricity supplies flow to the local communities and NRE has over the years helped extend the grid and provided internal electrical reticulation to surrounding schools. Some 37 schools have benefited to date at no cost to the government or community.

Improved delivery of electricity provides an impetus to local business development as people obtain confidence in reliable supplies and grow their businesses accordingly.

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**10am** at the Grahamstown Bowling Club. Speaker: Roddy Fox. Topic: Photographing the Northern Lights. All welcome. Charge: R5. Contact Malcolm Hacksley 046 636 1762

**WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY 2018**

**1pm** at the Barret Lecture Theatre, RU Campus. The Technology Transfer Office would like to invite you to a presentation on World Intellectual Property Day. The presentation will challenge staff and students alike to define the roles of Intellectual Property within the University, and we will be honouring women who contribute to innovation. There will be some refreshments and a few surprises, so don't miss out. RSVP to S.Wolhuter@ru.ac.za

**ACOUSTIC CAFE**

**6:30pm** at The Vic Hotel. New to the live music scene, Rochelle Duvenage on guitar and vocals, Ron Oates, in his second appearance. Ron is a '21st Century Shamxn(pronounced Shaman), a collaborative artistic collective. Chanel Louise teams up with Sinae, a first-time performer. With Sinae on lead vocals and Chanel on guitar, this attempted experimental duo tweaks some of your favourite songs into original renditions. Finally, Gareth (on piano) and Niki (doing vocals) will be presenting a few much-loved ballads. Drinks available from the bar and meals from the Gino's menu. Cost: R20/R15

**FRIDAY 27 APRIL**

**FREEDOM DAY TALENT SHOW**

**3pm** at 37 on New. There's gonna be music, a great vibe, as well as comedy from Francis Xa

**MOVIES AT THE MONUMENT**

**6pm** at The Monument. 6pm A Bugs Life. 8.30pm Deadpool. Tickets on line, Pick n Pay, or at the door. Cost: R25-R30pp

**GOLD STANDARD AT PRIME**

**7pm** at Prime, 63 New Street. Gold Standard is our Annual semi-formal event hosted at Prime. Our Mantra is "No Effort- No Entry", there will be drink specials, and a special DJ all the way from Jo'burg to spin for you guys. Cost: From R30pp members, R50pp non-members.

**SUNDAY 29 APRIL**

**BATHURST BOOKFAIR**

**9:30am** In Bathurst. Calling all bibliophiles - it's the 15th Annual Bathurst Bookfair! For books, food stalls, tea & cake, books, beer garden, music and more. At the Marquee at the Village Green

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**TECHNOCOLOUR 2 4 1 SPECIAL**

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**MONDAY 30 APRIL**

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY LECTURE**

**5:30pm** at the Hill Street Library Hall. A talk by Laurence Bloom entitled, "Plato on the Immortality of the Soul.". All are welcome and entry is by donation in aid of the Friends of the Grahamstown Public Libraries. Contact Sue Rionda 046 603 7339

**TUESDAY 1 MAY**

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**THURSDAY 3 MAY**

**USA LECTURE**

**10am** at the Grahamstown Bowling Club. Speaker: Jacqui Akhurst. Topic: The potential of community psychology - a way forward for SA?. All welcome. Charge R5. Contact Malcolm Hacksley 046 636 1762.



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**Sudoku**

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**Bridge Results**

**Thursday 19 April - 6 Table 24 Board Mitchell Movement NORTH/SOUTH**

- Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel 62.92%
- Jo Fitzhenry & Mary Godlonton 51.67%
- Pair 4 48.75%
- Pair 6 48.33%
- Pair 2 47.50%
- Pair 5 40.83%

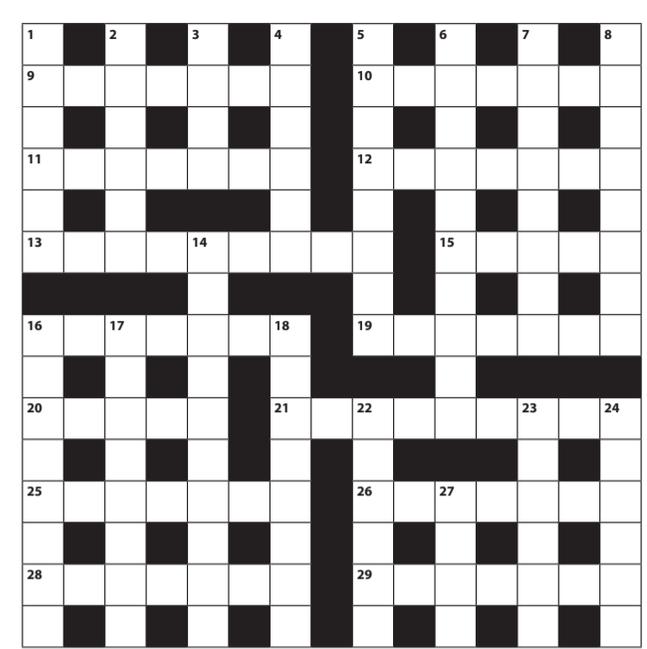
**EAST/WEST**

- Ern van Hille & Maureen van Hille 66.25%
- Ilva Benyon & Jenny Haswell 62.08%
- Naomi Dower & Heather Inge 52.08%
- Pair 10 45.42%
- Pair 11 37.92%
- Pair 12 36.25%

**Monday 23 April 3½ Table 28 Board Howell Movement Pair Names**

- Maureen van Hille & Ern van Hille 73.96%
- Mary Schudel & Peter Midlane 57.29%
- Jenny Haswell & Val Buchner 53.13%
- Margaret Banks & David Gain 50.00%
- Pair 6 41.67%
- Pair 2 39.58%
- Pair 4 34.38%

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JDE 131

**ACROSS**

- 9 Personal ambition of finding one's net (3,4)
- 10 Sexy, racy Hun is wicked (7)
- 11 Link return of trouble to one child (7)
- 12 Lively worker behind very broken rib (7)
- 13 Sticks out like nonsense in goody-goodies (9)
- 15 Jumped at field exercises (5)
- 16 He (or Sir, as it should be) gives me fearful sensations (7)
- 19 The devil loves revolutionary songs (7)
- 20 Small and grated, fits through sieves (5)
- 21 Saw clever humour with head journo (9)
- 25 Time to dine on fish - and service comes with it (3,4)
- 26 Develop true transformation after race review (7)
- 28 Hides here to detour any rent (7)
- 29 Academic gives rude awakening - it concludes with the end (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Blob to work under Barbie (6)
- 2 Place in opposition with nothing (6)
- 3 The swine dominates (4)
- 4 Copied single found in recording (6)
- 5 Conditions briefly show current cry for help (8)
- 6 Brute uncle creates chaos (10)
- 7 Sotto voce - an automatic framework for deep-sea diver (8)
- 8 Top cistern at broken sty - it is causing a problem in the waterworks (8)
- 14 Again, put in check about desert (10)
- 16 Think twice about site overshadowed by enmity (8)
- 17 Stops the repeated phrases (8)
- 18 Indlela yindlela (way is key) - struggle veteran (8)
- 22 They are one behind the other: the sea rises after appearing brown (6)
- 23 Dust around; I close alfresco workroom (6)
- 24 Engine driver passes East London (6)
- 27 Slaughter right in the open (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

**Crossword Solution for last week JDE 130**

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# Nissan SA heads for history at Knysna

STAFF REPORTER

**N**issan, which was crowned King of the Hill for both production and modified saloon cars at the 2017 Simola Hill Climb, has entered three category-defining vehicles for this year's competition.

First among the three is a first generation NISMO LEAF race car (RC), which will be piloted by Nissan product manager and test driver Janus Janse van Rensburg. This is the first time in South African history that an all-electric vehicle is entered in a Motorsport SA sanctioned event.

"The NISMO LEAF RC is truly special," says Janse van Rensburg. "It is powered by a completely standard 80 kW LEAF electric motor, but the entire drivetrain has been moved to the back of the vehicle and now powers the rear wheels."

Aside from the standard drivetrain, the LEAF is completely hand-built from aircraft-grade aluminium and carbon fibre. It features a roll cage, fully adjustable brakes



Janus Janse van Rensburg will pilot the all-electric NISMO LEAF Racing Car at the 2018 Simola Hill Climb. Photo: Supplied

and suspension as well as semi-slick racing tyres. It weighs 930kg.

"Our team will work closely with MSA safety marshals and medics to train them on this new form of propulsion. While there is no risk of a petrol fire, charging the 390 Volt battery requires a unique set of safety precautions," says Janse van Rensburg.

The NISMO LEAF RC will be joined by the much renowned "Armageddon" Nissan GT-R of BB Motorsport. Armageddon will again be piloted by Wilhelm Baard, the reigning King of the Hill and the first person to break the 40 second barrier up the Simola Hill in a modified saloon car.

Since winning the 2017 Simola Hill Climb, BB Motorsport and Baard have refined the aerodynamics, handling characteristics and further improved engine performance.

"This year, Armageddon will have even more horsepower that can be called on if needed. It also has a more finely tuned aerodynamic and handling package," says Baard, who was nominated for the 2018 Pirelli SAGMJ Motorsportsman of the Year as the two-time Simola and reigning Nelspruit King of the Hill.

"The fact that there will be Nissan GT-Rs competing with anything from 700 horsepower to more than 1 500 horsepower is testimony to Nissan's engineering brilliance. It is no wonder that the Nissan GT-R is the most sought-after hill climb vehicle at Simola."

Last year, Baard broke the psychological 40s barrier for modified saloon cars when he set a winning time of 39.892 seconds up the 1.9 km track. This year, he believes that one of the front-running supercars will break 39 seconds.

"We are expecting very tough competition from other supercars, especially the other GT-Rs at the event. Aside from a new record up the hill, we believe that the competition will make for great spectating on Saturday and Sun-

day." Edrich Zwiers will also compete in the NISMO BB Motorsport racing colours alongside Baard in a modified R35 Nissan GT-R.

"I race my GT-R on track, so it was not developed as a specialist hill climb vehicle, but I still believe I could break 40 seconds this year," says Zwiers, who has dramatically modified his R35 GT-R with the help of BB Motorsport and Nissan South Africa.

"Our GT-R has been fitted with semi-slick tyres, a straight-cut billet gearbox, front and rear racing differentials from Quaife and a new clutch basket that can handle 2 000 horsepower. BB Motorsport has also upgraded all the major engine components and the engine mapping, which will make this R35 GT-R a completely different beast to the model that gave us 7th place in the King of the Hill last year," says Zwiers.

While Zwiers and Baard will fight it out in the modified saloon car category, Reghard Roets will return to defend his title as the 2017 Saloon Car King of the Hill.

The Saloon Car category does not allow for any vehicle modifications, other than those that can be fitted by the manufacturer to a new vehicle. This means that Roets's R35 GT-R from Melrose Nissan will feature road-going tyres and 95 octane petrol.

Roets won the category last year with a final run of 44.540 seconds, beating fellow GT-R racer Jaki Scheckter by 1.415 seconds. It was his maiden entry in the competition.

"I really look forward to returning to Simola this year with the same GT-R as last year. While Baard and Zwiers have shown the breadth of the GT-Rs' capabilities, I believe that our R35 GT-R will show why the standard GT-R has become such an iconic supercar."

Nine Nissan GT-Rs have entered the 2018 Simola Hill Climb, including an R32 GT-R and an R34 GT-R.

**I really look forward to returning to Simola this year with the same GT-R as last year.**

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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.

Our next fundraiser is a **Quiz Night on the 3 May, Venue: Rat and Parrot, Time: 7:15pm start.** The entry fee **R30p/p** payable on the night, plus a can of dog or cat food. All contributions will go to the SPCA. For more details please feel free to contact the SPCA.

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# Service delivery protest



Vehicles and drivers from three taxi associations accompanied community members to the City Hall in a service delivery protest on Tuesday. Photos: Sue MacLennan

# Painful for family and the community

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The Judge was scathing of Futhufuthu's version of events.

"His evidence was full of contradictions and downright lies: his evidence, including his plea explanation, was part of a carelessly designed afterthought to explain the inexplicable and justify the unjustifiable," Judge Jolwana said.

## Crying, and a motive

\* Trigger warning: graphic description of assault

The 16-year-old's testimony threw some light on a likely motive for the terrible assault.

The Judge summarised: "Denise was still lying on the floor, bleeding and crying. The two were standing there looking at her when Futhufuthu knocked, saw her, and laughed at them and asked what they were doing.

"Denise tried to get up," the Judge recounted from the boy's testimony. "She sat up and said that unless they allowed her to go she would accuse them of rape.

"[Vamva] became angry and assaulted her again. He kicked her and slapped her."

Given a stick and ordered to assault Denise, the youngest boy obeyed, because Futhufuthu had told him if he didn't, he would end up like her.

In his testimony, the boy said Futhufuthu, the eldest in the group, was a good person whom they saw as their protector. "In Chaos, boys must respect men," the Judge cited from testimony.

"Fearing for his life, he took the stick and hit her on her legs," the Judge related.

"[Futhufuthu] said he must stop being a 'moffie'. He then hit her on the head five times. [Futhufuthu] then took the hammer. He hit her on her ribs, head and face so hard that even [Vamva] was shocked," the Judge recounted from the youngster's testimony.

"[Futhufuthu] opened the door wide and said he was solving the mess. He grabbed Denise, pulled her outside and told them to clean the flat.

"[The minor] was scared to run away because [Futhufuthu] was in the yard."

[Futhufuthu] then entered with his hands covered in blood and told them to bring the bathtub with which they later covered Denise's body in their initial attempt to conceal it.

## Evidence and witnesses

During the trial, the defence disputed the collection and handling of the trial evidence. The state brought in expert witness Warrant Officer Kirsty Heynes, a forensic DNA analyst from Cape Town. Her detailed explanation of evidence handling, along with similar evidence from the local criminal records centre about collecting, packaging and dispatching the samples, along with to-the-millimetre detail from the investigating officer in the case, warrant officer Danny Britz, left no room for doubt and the challenge was abandoned.

Several people witnessed the events that led to Denise's death and in his judgment on Monday 16 April, Judge Jolwana registered the community's "absolute disgust" that the whole group did not have in mind to help Denise.

"Instead, they sought to hide the murder and rape of an innocent young girl who was part of their entertainment facilities to be disposed of after use," Judge Jolwana said.

"This must be particularly painful not only for the family of deceased, but the entire community of Joza and surrounding areas," Judge Jolwana said. "Because it is disgusting."

The court could not, however, be guided by public feelings of disgust, Jolwana said.

## Common purpose

The three were prosecuted on the basis of the Doctrine of Common Purpose. On a legal precedent the boy's counsel, Willem Olivier, had applied to the Judge to have his client discharged. The Judge, upheld the Doctrine, saying it was in accordance with Constitutional values for a fair trial.

However, the Judge had acknowledged the possibility that Vamva's initial intimacy



Denise Nogqala with the younger of her two sons in May 2015. Now three, he is in the care of Denise's father and her elder son who is five is with his father in Uitenhage. Photo altered to protect the child's identity. Photo: Family album

with Denise may have been consensual. "The court accepts that [Vamva] had consensual sex when alone with the deceased," the Judge said. "They were given an hour or so for privacy. Even if the evidence were improbable, I would still not be able to convict him of rape," the Judge said.

"Because we can't say [Vamva] raped the deceased, we can't put [the minor] in common purpose when it comes to the rape charge."

Also removing the minor from the ambit of common purpose in Denise's rape was the fact that there was no evidence by any state witnesses that Futhufuthu was seen raping the victim or having sexual intercourse with her.

"None testified about seeing him having sexual intercourse with her in the flat or in the presence of [Vamva and the minor]."

"All testified that he took her outside the flat and was with her outside for some time before reappearing at the flat with bloodied hands and a knife. Citing the DNA evidence implicating Futhufuthu, the Judge said his conclusion was that the latter had raped his victim somewhere outside the flat.

## 'Wanted to help'

The Judge then addressed the

murder charge against the minor.

"Everyone would have known what [Futhufuthu] meant when he said he wanted to help and told them to all take part," the Judge concluded. "[The minor] didn't want to but was forced. I am unable to exclude the possibility of [the minor] having participated in murder to save his life. The only witnesses who testified to seeing what happened... are unreliable."

The Judge cited the dominating influence of Futhufuthu and members of Chaos. Recounting the evidence of another witness, the Judge said, "[Name] testifies that on that night his mother and stepfather were terrorised by Futhufuthu."

Given that adults were terrified of him, there was no reason why he wouldn't be able to force a 16-year-old boy to do as he pleased, Judge Jolwana said.

"I can't find [the minor's] explanation for his participation in the murder so improbable as to be false," Judge Jolwana said.

## Another child witness

In another reminder that many of those associated with Denise's death were children, earlier in the trial, a Grade 8 schoolboy wore his school uniform as he stood in the wit-

ness box. He described how he'd been woken by whispering in the dead of night to see two of the accused pushing the body of a young woman into an indentation in the ground, barely two steps away from his bedroom window. Her head bleeding profusely, they pushed her face-down into the hole between his bedroom wall and an adjoining container, and covered her with a zinc bathtub, the boy said.

At the time barely 15 years old, he went to tell his parents – but they were drunk and he couldn't wake them up, he told the court. Terrified, he crept into their bed and remained there for the rest of the night.

## Shattered

Denise was 22 and the mother of two little boys, two and four at the time of her death. The two found guilty of her murder - Lindani Vamva and Siphamandla Futhufuthu were 18 and 19 at the time and the boy whom may not be named because he is still a minor was 16.

At the time of judgment they were 19, 20 and 17. The elder two have been in custody since their arrest in December 2016. The minor was released into the care of a family member.

A much loved sister, cousin and niece, Denise came to live in Vukani with relatives at the age of 10, having spent most of her childhood on a farm west of Grahamstown. She spent a few years at school here.

The mother of two little boys - 2 and 4 at the time of her death – she returned to the farm during the week, employed to do domestic work. The weekend of her death, she was visiting friends and family in town. Her brother, Luthando, and other family members were shattered by her violent death and want to know what happened.

The case was heard in camera (no members of the public permitted), with a limited number of immediate relatives of the young accused permitted in court. This is because the second accused was

not yet 18.

"We will never have a full picture of what happened," Judge Jolwana said in his judgment. "Her murder was designed to ensure that she did not live to tell the story."

## The judgment

Judge Jolwana acknowledged the potential for ordinary people to be frustrated by the law and spent a lot of time carefully explaining the principles behind his judgment.

"The court should endeavour to educate what is entailed in a fair trial," the Judge said. "Abstract statements of law mean different things to different people - but very little to the aggrieved or the bereaved.

"The Constitution is not a set of high minded values to protect criminals," the Judge said. "It is there to protect all citizens from abuse."

Within a Constitutional value system, he said, it was important not just to listen to public opinion, but also to mould people's thinking to accept Constitutional norms.

It was based on these that his judgment stood as follows:

- Vamva was found guilty of murder and not guilty of rape. Futhufuthu was found guilty of murder and rape. The minor was found not guilty of rape or murder.

Futhufuthu had two previous convictions, prosecutor Jannie Engelbrecht told the Judge. In the Grahamstown Regional Court on 20 June 2017 he had been convicted of robbery with aggravating circumstances. He also had previous convictions for murder and robbery.

All the counsel and the Judge agreed to the 2 July scheduling of a hearing for pre-sentencing reports. Counsel for Vamva Advocate Jock McConnachie pointed out that Vamva was 18 at the time and only in Grade 8, as well as being a first-time offender. For Futhufuthu, Legal Aid lawyer Deon Geldenhuys said Futhufuthu was 19 at the time of the offence, so the pre-sentencing report would be in the interests of justice. Counsel for the acquitted minor was Willem Olivier.

# Umqeqeshi weSakhulutsha akaxolanga kwaphela ngoosompempe

NguCHRIS TOTOBELA

Bekuxhelw' exhukwane kubalandeli bebhola kule mpelaveki idlulileyo. Ngomgqibelo iNewseekers itywyatyushe iJoza Callies ngamanqaku amathathu kwelinye kumdlalo we-league ye-Makana LFA. Kwidabi lalapha ekhaya i-Attackers ibambene ngeqanda ne-Sakhulutsha kumdlalo wabo we-SAB Regional League nalapho uBongani Hashe eye wafumana ikhadi elibomvu.

Komnye umdlalo we-SAB, iMaru ibambene ngamanqaku amabini macala ne-Friendly City yaseQhorha. Kumdlalo we-league ye-Makana LFA ngeCawa, i-Santos ibuye sele ilandela ngemva yadlala ngokulingana ne-Newtown City ngamanqaku amathathu macala. Kowona mdlalo wosuku i-Sakhulutsha yamkele i-Marur kwelinye idabi lalapha ekhaya le-SAB Regional League. Omabini lamaqela aqale kakuhle kubonakala ukuba kudibene ekudala zizondana.

Kula mizuzu yokuqala bekungekho qela lingentla kwelinye kodwa ithuba lokufaka inqaku kuqala lokufanywe yi-Sakhulutsha kodwa ngelishwa yadlula nje kancinci ezipalini loo bhola. Kuthathe nje imizuzu elishumi elinesibhozo ukuba kubekho inqaku. Impazamo eyenziwe ngabadlali

bangasemva be-Marur ivulele ithuba uAsanele Nkatsha obethe nje kakuhle ngentloko ibhola yamshiya uNozinti we-Marur eme ngxi, yahlala emnatheni. Sipelele isiqingatha sokuqala ikhokela ngenqaku eqandeni i-Sakhulutsha. I-Marur ibuye yacinezela ngamandla kwisiqingatha sesibini izama inqaku.

Ubunzima kwaye umhle lomdlalo. U-kapteni we-Marur uye wenza impazamo wahluthwa ibhola ezinyaweni emva kokusilela ukugxotha loo bhola waze umdlali we-Sakhulutsha wayigoba nje kakuhle yahlangana noAbongile Mnika ongakhange enze mpazamo wayibeka emnatheni. I-Marur khange ityhafu tu ibuye ngamandla ifuna undikho kwade kwaphela ixesha, yaphumelela i-Sakhulutsha ngamanqaku amabini eqandeni. Umdlali oye wabalasela kulomdlalo othintele amanqaku amaninzi ngunozinti we-Sakhulutsha uAnele Hashe oye wathi "ubunzima kakhulu lomdlalo, i-Marur ibize ngamandla kwaye nathi besifuna impumelelo. Ndiyavuya kakhulu kuba siphumelele".

U-Siyabonga Masinda umqeqeshi we-Sakhulutsha uvakalise uvuyo nokudana ngaxeshanye esithi "abadlali bam badlale kakuhle njengesiqhelo kodwa

kukhangeleka ingathi lukhona unyawo lemfene koosompempe bethu. Umphathi wabo kuyafuneka ukuba akhe eze azokubona umonakalo owenziwa ngoosompempe ebholeni." "Izolo sifumene ikhadi elibomvu siyaphinda namhlanje sifumana elinye elibomvu. Namhlanje umdlali we-Marur uthukisile kodwa akafumenanga nelinjani na ikhadi kodwa owethu uLundi Xabanisa unikwe ngoko nangoko ikhadi elibomvu abe naye ethukisile njengo mdlali we-Marur. Bobabini aba badlali bethu uHashe noXabanisa babalulekile kakhulu kuthi, ukukhutshwa kwabo kubonakala ukuba bekucetyiwe kwa ntlandlolo" utshilo uMasinda.

U-Luvuyo "Biemba" Ntlanjeni obepethe lo mdlalo nokwa ngomnye woSompempe abakhulu ekudala bewuphethu lomcimbi uphendule wathi "thina akukho qela esisebenzisana nalo kwaye siphatha onke amaqela ngokulinganayo. Yimpazamo enkulu ukucinga ukuba sinamaqela esiwenzelelayo kwaye ukuba kuzho onesikhalo ngendlela esisebenza ngayo makabhalele abaphathi achaze isikhala zakhe. Zange sabethisa amaqela ngabom thina," utshilo uNtlanjeni.

## KNOW THE SCORE

The annual Kingwood Co-ed Hockey Festival took place from 18-21 April, with matches being played at Kingswood's City Lord's, St Andrews & DSG's Webster AstroTurf and Rhodes University's AstroTurf. Full results:

### Grahamstown Schools' results:

#### Boys:

Kingswood 6-0 Reddam  
Graeme 6-0 Reddam  
Kingswood 1-0 Merrifield  
Graeme 0-4 Cambridge  
Kingswood 0-4 York  
Graeme 0-3 York

Kingswood 4-0 Port Rex  
St Dominics 0-1 Graeme  
Kingswood 2-1 Glenwood House  
Kingswood 1-0 Stirling

#### Girls:

Kingswood 2-2 Cornwill Hill  
Cornwall Hill 2-0 Victoria Girls High School (VG)  
Kingswood 6-1 Merrifield  
VG 1-1 Cambridge  
Kingswood 0-1 York  
York 6-0 VG  
Kingswood 1-0 Glenwood House  
St Dominics 0-1 VG  
Kingswood 1-1 Stirling

## Big weekend for Graeme sport

### STAFF REPORTER

Graeme College celebrated a good weekend of sports which saw all of their Hockey and Rugby teams participating well over the past week. From fixtures against Cambridge High School, to participating in the Kingwood College Hockey Festival, Graeme looked strong on all fronts.

Graeme College had their first home rugby fixture of the season on 21 April, when they faced Cambridge High School from East London. It was a good day with a number of tightly contested matches. However, Graeme seemed to have the upper hand, winning eight of the 11 matches on the day, including the 1st XV game 37-24.

The Graeme College 1st XV made an impressive start, scoring five tries in the opening 25 minutes to lead 27-3. Cambridge managed to grab one try back just before half

time to make the score 27-10.

Graeme seemed to lose concentration in the early parts of the second half as Cambridge fought back well to score two more converted tries to close the gap to just three points. This seemed to wake the Graeme side up, as they dominated the rest of the encounter, despite missing a number of opportunities. Graeme scored another try along with a penalty to make the final score 37-24.

The Graeme 1st XI hockey side participated in the Kingwood Hockey Festival where they had some good results. On day one of the festival, they managed a draw with a formidable Hudson Park team, who scored late in the game to share the honours. Graeme then played against Reddam, and won comfortably by six goals. They struggled to contain a strong Cambridge team in the first half,

and went own 3-0 but then bounced back nicely with a 3-0 win over Port Rex.

In the toughest contest of the week, Graeme came up against an impressive York team, who remained unbeaten throughout the festival. Graeme held York to 0-0 at half time, and had a great chance to go 1-0 up at the stroke of half time. The drag flick ricocheted against the cross-bar and Graeme weren't able to get a second shot on target. York found their rhythm and Graeme struggled to maintain the high intensity, allowing York to score three goals in the second half. In the last game, Graeme were messy in getting a 1-0 win over St Dominics.

Overall, it was a very successful weekend for the Graeme College sides. For the full list of results, see: <http://www.grocotts.co.za/category/sport/>

## New Mary Waters kit from OB

By LINDANI DONNELI

Local Sevens rugby hero and Old Boy (OB) of Mary Waters High School, Rosco Specman surprised the rugby team with a new kit that includes shorts and socks as part of a new sponsorship deal.

The first XV traveled to Port Elizabeth shortly after the handover to show off their new kit on Saturday 21 April, and performed very well against difficult opposition.

The kit comes as a sort of reward for the players, who recently became U18 champions of the Sarah Baartman Region. The team also represented the Eastern Cape in a recent provincial competition, coming third overall.

"The clothing of the learners is important for them to shine," said Edmund Heunis, Sport co-ordinator at Mary Waters.

Mary Waters hopes to show off their new kit when they host a sports day in September, to which they intend in-



Edmund Heunis holding the Springbok Sevens jersey given to him by Rosco Specman. Photos: Lindani Donyeli

viting schools from across the province. Joseph Specman, Rosco Specman's father, handed over the kit to the school in the absence of his son, who was travelling with the Blitz-

bokke as they competed in the recently completed Commonwealth Games in Australia.

Specman's side came a surprising fourth in the rugby event.

## Harcourts HERO OF THE WEEK

### Ibanathi Jali

Ibanathi Jali is a wonder to watch on the sports field. Either on the running track or the rugby field, Jali is always looking to impress. A specialist at the 800m and 1500m distances on the track, Jali was fifth and fourth respectively in the recent district trials. However, it is on the rugby field where Jali really hopes to excel.

The fullback, who has also been known to play on the wing, has been selected for the Albany team on occasion, and has had a tremendous rugby career with Nombulelo High School in recent years.

When he is not improving himself on the sports fields, Jali enjoys reading.

But because of his athletic abilities he dreams of becoming either a professional rugby player or a policeman.

"I love sport, it means a lot to me. It runs in the family as my mom was an EP rugby player," said Jali, who aims to keep up the family tradition.

Coach M. Naika feels that sport encourages discipline and self-worth.

Of Jali, he says, "he is a disciplined player who goes the extra mile. He doesn't depend only on the training at school but trains at home and is one of the fittest learners at the school. He is extremely co-operative."

His teachers and coaches at Nombulelo have no doubt that, with continued dedication and conditioning, Jali will certainly make the provincial call up.



Ibanathi Jali looks to continue the family legacy by becoming an EP Rugby player. Photo: Supplied

## Matter of fact

• Grocott's Mail published an article last week on page 15 of the newspaper which stated in error that Team SA placed fifth on the Commonwealth Games medals table when in fact the team placed sixth. The article has been corrected and can be found at <https://bit.ly/2vIV6Rc>. Grocott's Mail apologises for the misprint.

• Grocott's Mail published a photo last week on page 14 with a caption that suggested that Megan Hobson and Walter Eksteen completed the Ironman race, instead of the Corporate Triathlon Challenge, which is 1/10th of the distance of the Ironman race. The caption has been corrected and can be found at <https://bit.ly/2HrjZGA>. Grocott's Mail apologises to all concerned.

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### Comrades Charity

Nearly R2.5-million rand has been raised by the six Comrades Marathon Official Charities and their Race4Charity runners. 583 runners have signed up for the Race4Charity fundraising initiative. By signing up on this platform, runners have the opportunity to select a charity of their choice, run for them and fundraise for their projects.

### Super Rugby

This weekend's Super Rugby action involving South African teams kicks off on Friday night, when the Stormers play host to the Melbourne Rebels in Cape Town. The Lions will be up for a stern test when they face the Reds in Brisbane early on Saturday, before the Bulls host the Highlanders at Loftus later in the evening. The Sharks receive a bye this weekend.

### Umgazi Pondo Pedal

Mountain bikers looking for a unique race with something extra special need look no further than the Grindrod Bank Umgazi Pondo Pedal, an exciting fully-supported three-day stage race on the Wild Coast. The ride includes a combination of untouched animal paths and carefully-crafted single track, joined by district roads that are sometimes more suited to a bicycle than a car.

### Hockey-thon

St Andrew's College and The Diocesan School for Girls will host their annual hockey-thon at the Webster Astro on Saturday 28 April. A schedule has been drawn up for the fun event but players can still join where vacancies exist in the relevant match slots. Each match slot lasts 70 minutes with a 5-minute changeover. See <http://www.grocotts.co.za/category/sport/> for further details.

### Pro14

The Southern Kings will play the final match of their debut Pro14 season, when they take on the Cheetahs in Port Elizabeth on Saturday. The Cheetahs still stand a chance of qualifying for the semi final, as they are currently in third position of their conference. The Kings will look to ruin their party, however, as they look for only their second win.



The Kingswood boys' hockey team looked to prove their dominance on their home turf. Photo: Supplied

# Success at Kingswood

By JESSICA FELDTMAN and MATTHEW JENNINGS

Kingswood College hosted 22 teams from all over the country for their annual co-ed hockey festival (Wednesday 18 April to Saturday 21 April). Many regular teams came back for what was another successful pre-season tournament, with the likes of Port Rex and Cornwall Hill also making their first appearances at the competition.

The games were played at Kingswood's City Lord's, St Andrews & DSG's Webster AstroTurf and Rhodes

University's AstroTurf. City Lords was the venue for all of the host school's games, where they played against Reddam, Merrifield, York, newcomers Port Rex, Glenwood House and Stirling, with both the boys' and girls' teams achieving some good results.

The Kingswood boys won five of the six games which included a strong 4-0 beating of Port Rex as well as a comeback victory against Glenwood House.

Coach Jason Maclachlan spoke of the teams' "strong structure against the sides in deservedly earning five

out of six wins" and added that he was excited about the upcoming season with "the very strong squad which is bonding together well."

The Kingswood girls' team played their hearts out and showed remarkable effort throughout, winning two of their games; 6-0 against Merrifield and 1-0 against Glenwood House.

Local schools Victoria Girls and Graeme College also participated in the Kingswood Hockey Festival. Victoria Girls had impressive results as they won three games, drew two and only lost just one. Said their coach,

Kimberleigh Oxenham : "The team has definitely worked hard from day one, we as a team wish to achieve our goals and to see progress in our game play and overall performance as a team."

Graeme College won two of their four games.

Overall, Kingswood College hosted yet another successful Hockey Festival, an annual affair that looks to continue helping young South African hockey players to develop their skills while promoting good sportsmanship along with a great pre-season experience.

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# SPORTS DIARY

**THURSDAY 26 APRIL**

**HOCKEY**

- St Andrew's College U16 A vs St David's Marist Inanda - 3pm

**SQUASH**

- St Andrew's College vs Graeme College
- Graeme College vs WYV2 (away)
- Kingswood College: KC 1 vs Rats (Home) 18:00; KC 2 vs Ken 1 (Away) - 6pm

**FRIDAY 27 APRIL**

**FRISBEE**

- SAFDA Mixed Nationals - Albany Sports Club - 8am-5pm

**HOCKEY**

- St Andrew's College U16 A vs St Stithian's College - 8am; U16 A vs St Albans College, Pretoria - 3pm

**NETBALL**

- Kingswood College vs DSG warm up matches

**SATURDAY 28 APRIL**

**FRISBEE**

- SAFDA Mixed Nationals - Albany Sports Club - 8am-5pm

**HOCKEY**

- St Andrew's College U16 A vs Crawford College - 12:00; U16 A vs St Benedict's College - 4pm
- DSG: 1st team hockey vs Oakhill School - 3:30pm (Away)
- Kingswood College: Girls' Senior Training Day - U14A & B (City Lords) 9am-10am; U16A & B (City Lords) 10:00-11:00; U16C & D (Gane) 10am-11am; 1st & 2nd (City Lords) 11am-12:00; 3rd (Gane) 11am-12:00

**RUGBY**

- St Andrew's College: 11:40am 1st XV v Durban High School; 10:20am Boys-U16A v St Stithians College; 10:20am Boys-U16A v St Stithians College; 11:40am Boys-U15A v Eezi Fana; 9:10am Boys-U14A v Brandwag HS
- Kingswood College: Standard Bank Grey High Festival (PE) - 1st XV vs St David's (Pollock

Oval) 3:20pm; U16A vs St David's (St George's Park) 9:10am; U15A vs St David's (Crusaders) 2pm; U14A vs St David's (Crusaders) 12:50pm; U13A/B practice (Dold) 9am-12:00pm; U9A/B practice (Dold) 9am-10am

**SUNDAY 29 APRIL**

**FRISBEE**

- SAFDA Mixed Nationals - Albany Sports Club - 8am-1:30pm

**HOCKEY**

- St Andrew's College U16 A vs St Charles College - 7am

**MONDAY 30 APRIL**

**RUGBY**

- Kingswood College: Standard Bank Grey High Festival (PE) - 1st XV vs St Johns' College (Pollock Oval) 10:20am; U16A vs Daniel Pienaar (St George's) 11:30am; U15A vs Daniel Pienaar (Crusaders) 1:50pm; U14A vs Daniel Pienaar (Crusaders) 12:40pm.
- St Andrew's College: 8am Boys-U15A vs St John's College; 9:10am Boys-U14A v St John's

View the updated Sports Diary: <http://bit.ly/2ljw7Pa>