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# IT'S PUKU STORYTIME!



Grade 3 pupils from Holy Cross Primary School delight in one of the books on display at the Puku Story Festival yesterday. From left: Asiphile Soxujwa, Awongwa Magopeni, Asivile Julayi and Lingomso Tsobo. The Puku Story Festival is open to all and continues today 9am to 5pm at The Monument and tomorrow 9am to 1pm at Fingo Library. Full programme at <http://bit.ly/GrocPuku18>  
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# Couple safe after fire destroys home

By KATHRYN CLEARY

A young couple escaped with pets, cellphones and engagement ring when a fire destroyed their home on Tuesday 17 April.

The couple, who were recently engaged, awoke to find their wooden cottage filled with smoke and quickly evacuated, taking only their pets, cellphones and engagement ring. The couple and their animals were safe.

Emergency services responded quickly, rushing to the scene in MacGowan Street in west Grahamstown, one street above Graeme College. The couple were leasing the cottage.

Makana fire fighters, Hi-Tec Security, the South African Police Service and Makana Traffic Department attended to the fire, as well as concerned family and community members.

Flames and smoke grew as volunteers struggled to extract water from a nearby fire hydrant. Water availability and pressure continued to be a challenge during the incident, and Grahamstown's attempt at rain did little to help.

According to an official at the scene, the couplet at the fire hydrant next to the house had been stolen. This was confirmed in a statement by SAPS spokesperson Captain Mali Govender, who said for this reason the fire truck had to drive to the next street to fill up repeatedly, hampering the extinguishing of the fire.

Makana Fire Chief, William Welkom said, "One of the fire hydrants in McGowan street was vandalised [the lug was removed] and could not be used; however, a nearby fire hydrant in the area was used to fill the tanker, whilst the other vehicles continued with damping down



Wooden cottage on MacGowan Street caught fire early the morning of 17 April. Photo: Kathryn Cleary

procedures."

At one point, the floor of the cottage fell and was sliding toward the house below, in Clarke Street.

"The structure and contents were completely destroyed by the fire," Welkom added, "Adjacent properties including the main house were protected from the fire. No injuries were reported during the incident."

Govender said, "The cause of the fire still has to be determined. At this stage it appears to be an electrical fault."

Welkom's statement supported the

suspected cause of the fire as being electrical. The couple lost everything in the fire, and have requested assistance from the community.

### Second fire in days

Last Friday, 13 April, The Grahamstown Residents' Association (GRA) put out a call for assistance for an elderly woman who lost her home in a fire that started from an electrical fault.

Tina Alkaster (86) lost everything, including her identity documents in the fire.

The GRA, along with Makana Cleansing Department and local community members, have made significant progress in clearing the site of debris, and re-building Alkaster's home. Community members continue to come together to support her and donations continue to be collected at Pick n Pay as well as through the GRA.

Should any community members be willing to assist the young couple as well as Alkaster, please contact *Grocott's Mail*. Whatsapp 076 733 1770.

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By SUE MACLENNAN

A woman whose vehicle hit a stray cow on a Grahamstown street last week says if the accident had been any worse, she fears she might have lost her baby, due in two months, or even been killed herself.

Georgie du Toit and a friend went to fetch water from the Fairbairn spring early Friday evening 13 April.

"On the way back, as we came around the corner of George Street, there was a cow in the middle of our side of the road which we drove straight into," Du Toit said.

"We weren't driving fast at all, but because it was right around the cor-

ner we had no time to avoid the cow and it came as a surprise."

The friends stopped and parked beside the road and called a relative for help.

"People stopped to ask if we were okay."

The cow didn't die on impact, Du Toit said, and they had to call the SPCA, who euthanised and removed it.

"I'm just really grateful for the fact that the cow didn't come through the windscreen and that we are both okay," Du Toit said.

"It's crazy how fast something can go wrong. To think that could've

been the end of one or both of our lives is disturbing.

"If the accident was any worse I could've lost the baby," said Du Toit who is seven months pregnant.

SPCA Manager Mark Thomas confirmed the incident.

"The cow had been badly wounded when a vehicle collided with it," Thomas said. "My inspector attended the scene to assist the animal and due to the severity of the injuries the cow was put to sleep."

Approached for comment, Makana's acting social services manager Coenraad Hanekom said the cow's owner must be held accountable for

the incident, if they could be traced.

"As you know, there have been two cattle drives this year to try and stem the influx of stray cattle," Hanekom said. "This has had some effect but has not stopped the problem."

"We have limited resources to deal with the situation and the lack of pound facilities within the boundaries makes it even more difficult to deal with all the stray cattle. Cattle have to be driven to the nearest pound in Alexandria, which is more than 50km away. The municipality has no vehicles that can transport cattle over that distance," Hanekom said.

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# Drugs link in Rhodes student abductions

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Two men facing charges in connection with the abduction of Rhodes University students will appear in the Grahamstown Regional Court on 23 April for a bail hearing, according to police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender. Meanwhile, police have revealed alarming details of the modus operandi of the drug-related alleged kidnappings.

Govender confirmed to *Grocott's Mail* that the men had been in custody since their arrest on Friday 13 April. They were briefly in court on Monday 16 April on kidnapping and extortion charges. It is not known whether they will be asked to plead on Monday.

"Since February 2018 three incidents have been reported to SAPS Grahamstown. One in February and two now in April," 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.

Rhodes Director of Communications, Luzuko Jacobs, this 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 shall 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 Uni-

versity."

Asked what the institution was doing to protect 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 flash-points, on and off campus and ensured a quick response to incidents.

"Our campus is not cut off from the town so we also 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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# No internet in libraries

By JESSICA EVANS

All seven public libraries serving Makana Municipality have been without internet access since November last year, along with 15 others in the Sarah Baartman district.

Vox Telecom, the national service provider for public libraries, withdrew its services after the libraries amassed a debt of over R1 million, according to Vox Telecom Eastern Cape spokesperson Janie Maritz. All 22 public library accounts were suspended for months before finally being cancelled in November.

The Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), which is responsible for these payments, had failed to reinstate internet access by April, as requested, and had also failed to communicate

with the Community Library Committee, members said.

An email sent to the director of DSRAC, Sarah Baartman, had been left unacknowledged.

"I personally went to DSRAC to set up an appointment with the director but she wasn't there," said Community Library Committee secretary and liaison officer, Lizanne Du Preez.

"Her PA said she would get back to me and that, too, did not materialise."

San Knoetze, education researcher and adviser to the community library committee, said, "I don't think that people have actively attempted to get this changed because we sit with the official position that is 'we'll come back to you'."

A teacher at George Dicker-

son Primary School, Du Preez has witnessed the impact on pupils of the lack of internet access in public libraries. "Learners cannot do research projects," explained Du Preez.

Knoetze said, "I have, on numerous occasions, witnessed the fact that these students come in the afternoon and they cannot access information. Teachers give assignments and then learners are supposed to be able to use the Community Library to support their research.

"Current information and a variety of sources is the way in which learners of 2018 are supposed to engage with information," said Knoetze.

DSRAC has been approached for comment, but had not responded at the time of publication.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

# Cosi cosi iyaphela... it's Puku storytime!

The Puku Story Festival continues today at The Monument and tomorrow at Fingo Library. **Lindani Donyeli** asked, what story you were told as a child that you remember well today?



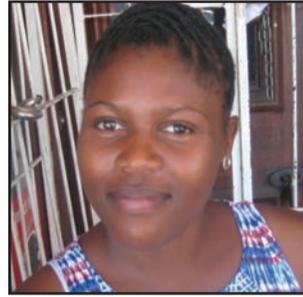
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**SINAZO CANGA**  
STUDENT

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**NOLUVUYO BALASE**  
STUDENT

I don't remember anything.



**JUANITA DRAYER**  
PENSIONER

All I can remember when I was young was to set the egg timer to wash the dishes.



**NOMONDE DLABANTU**  
PENSIONER

Udyakalashi no Mvolvo.



**DELI PIETERSE**  
SHOP ASSISTANT

There were no stories. Parents were advising us and warn[ing] us.

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### SPCA TIP OF THE WEEK



Mark Thomas

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## Grocott's Mail out early for long weekend

Our next edition of Grocott's Mail will be published and on the streets Thursday 26 April because of Friday's Freedom Day public holiday.

We will return to our usual Friday publication date on Friday 4 May.

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# Psychiatric care crisis

By KATHRYN CLEARY

The shock resignation of a highly experienced staff member from Cecilia Makiwane's psychiatric unit, and a warning by the Democratic Nurses Association (Denosa) that staff shortages in Eastern Cape hospitals are putting both staff and patients at risk, have again thrown a spotlight on the crisis in psychiatric care in the province. The revelations come as a case in which a former psychiatric patient is seeking compensation for an alleged assault in hospital was postponed in the East London Regional Court last week.

On 26 March, SA Society of Psychiatrists (SASOP) President Bernard Janse van Rensburg told *Grocott's Mail* that a professional staff member had recently resigned from CM's psychiatric unit.

*Grocott's Mail* confidentially spoke to the staff member about the reasons for their resignation after 13 years. The former CM staff member expressed similar concerns to that of former Tower psychiatrist, Dr Kiran Sukeri, whose claims originally highlighted in Rapport 4 March concern the overall management of Tower Psychiatric Hospital in Fort Beaufort, as well as alleged substandard and inhumane circumstances of patient care.

"Management asked me to stay, but I said 'no', because things won't change," the former CM staff member stated. After 13 years of fighting for change and improvement at CM, the former staff member said, they could no longer cope.

"Nothing has changed," they emphasised.

"I love the work that I do. Leaving was very hard."

The source stated that the

ward conditions at CM were not suitable for psychiatric patients. The two wards had previously been used as medical wards, before housing these.

The psychiatric wards at Cecilia Makiwane are divided into male and female sections, the former staff member said. Both wards were completely closed, and each housed 25 acute patients of varying ages, histories and diagnoses under one roof.

There were no open wards and recreation space was dismal, the former staff member said – a claim that appears to be backed up by images provided to *Grocott's Mail* separately.

"They are not designed for psych patients," the former staff member said, describing the patients as "difficult, acute, [and] aggressive". Both wards were closed, with round-the-clock nurses and security.

SASOP said the issues currently faced by Tower Psychiatric Hospital in Fort Beaufort were not isolated. The East London facility showed similar problems, SASOP said. [CM] management is also on the table as we speak SASOP continues to urge for the examination of the entire Eastern Cape psychiatric care referral system. This concern has also been presented to the Health Ombud.

## 16 June 2017

On 16 June 2017 there was a "revolt" in the male ward, reported in regional media. The former staff member described that patients turned on each other as well as staff including nurses and security guards. The South African Police Service (SAPS) was called to defuse the violent situation. "There was no barrier," the former staff member empha-

sised, because it was an "ordinary medical ward". They further commented that acute wards typically have a barrier for the protection of nurses and staff.

The revolt caused severe damage to the ward, and the majority of patients were immediately transferred to other institutions, including Tower.

The incident was highly traumatic for both staff and patients, the former staff member said. The Superintendent General had visited the hospital less than week after the incident, but nothing had come as a result.

They added that hospital management had not adequately addressed staff concerns after the traumatic incident. As result, ward nurses had embarked on industrial action on 21 July 2017 in protest against the dangerous working conditions.

Patients were transferred again, as there had been no means to care for them, the former staff member said.

"If [management] dealt with it differently, things could have been avoided."

## Staff well-being

On 9 April *Grocott's Mail* spoke to Khaya Sodidi, provincial Secretary of the Democratic Nurses' Organisation of South Africa (Denosa) who says staff shortages in Eastern Cape hospitals are putting both staff and patients at risk. "Staff are working in an unsafe environment in hospitals and clinics," he said.

Nurses working at the three local psychiatric facilities – Tower, Fort England and Cecilia Makiwane – received danger allowances, Sodidi said. This was because they worked with patients who were unpredictable.

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Members of the Unemployed People's Movement gathered in protest Thursday 19 April at the current site of repairs to Beaufort Street. Photos: Sue MacLennan

## Protesters halt Beaufort Street repairs

By SUE MACLENNAN

Around 50 members of the Unemployed People's Movement marched in protest Thursday afternoon 19 April to the current site of Sanral's Beaufort Street road-repair project.

The project is the outcome of the Mayor's August 2016 request to the South African National Road Agency for assistance in repairing the badly potholed 9km section of road.

However, UPM members expressed concern that non-Grahamstown residents had been employed on the project.

One of the leaders of the

protest, Thembela Gqasana, spoke to *Grocott's Mail* at the site.

"The biggest problem in Grahamstown is unemployment," Gqasana said. "Councillors and the ward committees don't involve the entire community when it comes to selecting people for jobs on projects."

"Instead they employ their relatives, friends and girlfriends. That's why the same people get employed on projects every time."

Most of the protesters, he said, came from Ward 7 (Extension 7, Extension 6, 25

Size, Lingelighle and Ethembeni). However, he said protesters had also come from wards 2, 7, 9 and 10.

Gqasana said the group had met with municipal leadership to outline their grievances, and had insisted that work on the project be halted until after discussions set for 2pm today (Friday 20 April) at the City Hall.

Responses to *Grocott's Mail's* request for comment from Sanral and Makana Municipality had not yet been received at the time of publishing and will be included in a subsequent web update.

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**NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

The acting Municipal Manager, Mr. D. M. Pillay, as duly instructed by the Speaker of the Makana Municipality (Clr Y. Vara), hereby gives notice that, in terms of Section 19(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act No. 32 of 2000, an Ordinary Council meeting of the Makana Local Municipality will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, High Street, Grahamstown on Wednesday, 25 April 2018 at 09h00

**MR D Pillay**  
**ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

Notice number: 08 of 11 April 2018

## Not xenophobia again!

It's another year, and another series of attacks have been reported against foreigners living in South Africa. This time, trouble erupted in North West Province, where ill-will towards Supra Mahumapelo, the premier of the province, quickly turned into attacks on foreigners. Readers might recall that Mahumapelo was part of a powerful alliance of politicians called the Premier League (together with then Mpumalanga Premier and now State Deputy President David Mabuza; as well as Premier of the Free State and now ANC Secretary General Ace Magashule). This alliance had a hand in the campaigns for ANC leadership positions last year, but its influence appears to be on the wane.

Consequently, rumblings of dissent against corruption and lack of basic services boiled over when residents of Mahikeng took to the streets to demand that the ANC national leadership recall their deployee Mahumapelo as premier, or they would make the province ungovernable. Even with heavy police presence, most roads in and out of the province are barricaded with burning tyres and building blocks.

Inevitably (as has often happened in such situations) the mob rage quickly took over and people started to attack anyone who did not look like a South African. They all had to run for their lives, although some were left with minor to severe injuries; and their businesses and buildings looted, trashed and even burnt down. Nothing unsecured was left unscathed either, with at least one bus and several cars set on fire during the violence.

It is such a pity that for every gain South Africa makes in its history as a democratic state, it loses a little of its moral authority due to the failure to decisively deal with criminality manifesting through identity politics.

It's only been a few weeks since former Real Estate agent Vicki Momberg was sentenced to a two-year prison term for a racist rant against officers of the South African Police Force that was captured on a cellphone in Johannesburg, in 2016. The SAPS officers were attempting to help Momberg following a smash and grab incident she had just been involved in. Many South Africans lauded the courts for sending a strong message against racism and racist language.

Many more South Africans are however, still awaiting the arrest and denunciation of other prominent South Africans who continually indulge in racially and ethnically charged attacks against political opponents in public spaces. At the local level, citizens must also begin facing the consequences of attacks against those who are different, be they refugees, illegal immigrants, members of the LGBT community or Albinos, who have a particularly hard time fitting into communities because of their pigment-free skin. This overt hatred of people who are different is obviously a legacy of apartheid, which walled South Africa off experiences that people take for granted elsewhere in the world. It's also a pity that the country has a winner-takes-all political system. Such a system does not encourage compromise or "walking in the shoes of another".

Until changes are rung up at national level, we all have a responsibility to condemn those who verbally and/or physically, abuse people who happen to be different.

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## LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Eluxolweni staff with members of the South African Police Service and the Queen P Entertainment and Events team, who organised a motivational talk and fun day for children at the shelter recently. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

## Say no to plastic – put bread in a basket

It was with absolute delight that I read about Spar's initiative to replace plastic bags with paper packets (*Grocott's Mail* 13 April, 2018); and also hearing that The Rat and Parrot provides paper straws instead of plastic straws. Well done to them! How wonderful would it be if all the shops and restaurants in Grahamstown (and possibly South Africa) adopted this policy!

We, the citizens of Grahamstown can take it one step further though, and we can take our old fashioned baskets to the supermarket instead of using the plastic baskets provided. We can put our basket in the trolley where the store plastic basket normally is positioned.

We can fill our basket with groceries, pay at the till and then refill the same basket and carry it home with us. Then no

packets are needed. There will be days when we forget, and on those days, I am happy to use a paper packet.

Not only will this help the environment, but it will provide jobs for people in and around Grahamstown. I am sure there are weavers out there who can make beautiful baskets for all of us, and how great would it be for us to know that one more person is earning an income.

There are others who can sew and possibly make fabric bags that we could use too.

We all want to work together and make our town a better place, and here is just one small way to do so.

Marion Taylor

## Extending the village concept

Educational statistics are always a frightening, negative impact scenario, yet, as your editorial of 16 March 2018 suggests, there are many forces out there seeking to make a difference in the lives of our children.

One of them, RUMEP (Rhodes University Mathematics Education Project), has been running now since its inception in 1993 and celebrates 25 years of continuous involvement in supporting the school mathematics education community in this country.

Started to focus on providing support for primary school educators, RUMEP has undergone many changes in its structure, but in all of these has been a commitment to support and stimulate, to develop and to affirm the efforts of mathematics teachers, in often trying and isolated circumstances, in far-flung communities.

### What changes have our education communities experienced?

In 1994, optimism was so strong that it felt like 'if the resources are provided, miracles of learning would occur'. Many schools were flooded with books, materials, equipment, building programmes... but as resources slowly fell into disuse and neglect, ideas and thinking were forced to change.

To many teachers in the school environments themselves, it would seem that the curriculum was blamed, as



system after system was implemented and failed – new books written, distributed, abandoned... and children continued to sit in ignorance and crowded classrooms, pushed up, dropping out, generally seeing little connection between what they deem as 'education' and what their lives actually entail.

We are way past the mark of 20 years of democracy, and people shake their heads with despondency, crying, "We still haven't got it!"

But if you have been around long enough and are prepared to look past the doom and gloom, there are definitely changes – not just passing fads and experiments, but changes that indicate a growing awareness of what may work, what is needed to be done, and just how hard the work and commitment is that is needed to make something happen, and then keep it going.

It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a people to raise a village!

Education is a deeply intense cultural process! It is not about putting a child into uniform, and sending them off to school – especially if the commitment to 'schooling' in that school is itself founder-

ing and divided. Education is not about grabbing and squabbling over the 'best resources'.

Education is about exposing our children to morals and standards, to a system of values and skills that enable them to learn how to function responsibly and with commitment in a fast-changing social and economic environment. Education is about finding a core set of principles that we wish our children to carry with them ... that no matter the demands of the situation they are exposed to, they will have a sense of identity and purpose on which they can rely.

Mathematical principles can be taught with the materials we have at hand, a couple of toys, containers from the kitchen, a stick in the open dirt outside ...

But to teach these principles involves thinking deeply about what these principles are, identifying them in the rush and crush of exercises and syllabi, and using those principles to shape and select our use of examples and exercises in the 'classroom'.

To teach mathematical principles involves learning to enunciate them in such a way that they can create meaningful order and structure in the child's way of thinking.

If we, as adults, do not recognise those principles ourselves, how will we identify them and focus our work around them in our guidance of the 'village child'?

### Interaction to solve problems

This is where RUMEP comes into play: in all our work, whether in direct contact with the children themselves, or through our vast interaction with their mathematics educators, RUMEP seeks to unveil the principles of numeracy and mathematical thinking, to instill these ideas in our educators, and to explore with those educators the myriads of ways in which they can expose their pupils to these ideas in a structured and sensible manner.

Mathematics is not about 'covering a syllabus'. It is to seek and explore the structure and meaning of quantity, to give depth to our understanding and use of the number system, to explore order and pattern, to find predictability, to find confidence in action – in a world that is not chaotic, but is certainly vast and ever-expanding.

Every time one feels overwhelmed by insurmountable work-load and crushing volumes of syllabus, there is a question that guides one. "What is the core focus?"

RUMEP, in its coursework, is in a unique position to develop such ways of thinking within mathematics teachers attending our courses. Educators of a variety of grades are brought together and offered a rare opportunity of exposure to mathematical thinking that is not based on 'directing them through next week's work in

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# Core concepts and confidence

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the syllabus.' Instead, educators are directed to explore the structure of mathematics as it stands in its own right. They have opportunity to see their specific grade work within the bigger development process that pupils themselves go through as they move through the schooling system.

**The confidence to carry on**  
By exposure to the work and thinking of mathematics structure, teachers have opportunity to think about and identify what their particular grade role may be – what core bridging concepts and development processes are vital for them to pass their pupils on, bearing skills and knowledge that provide the confidence to carry on and move forward effectively.

Instead of returning to their schools with an insurmountable load of 'compulsory coursework' and blindly led 'catch-up' sessions, we hope

to instill in our educators the power of discernment – to identify the truly necessary concepts and structures we need to impart, and to allow their creative confidence to build exercises and examples appropriately to that end.

I have heard it said that a good teacher will be surpassed by the work of her pupil – is this not what we should be seeking within our village?

Will the village remain a village, or become a place founded on a great legacy?

As our education system moves slowly from snatching and grabbing at straws toward building concrete and dedicated points of growth and focus, may every small voice in the seeming wilderness come to be heard and become part of a focused and definitive identity. "We long to teach our children well."

From RUMEP, we salute you.

• Sheila Wood is a staff member at Rumep

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## Third incident as roof burglars raid spare parts shop

By SUE MACLENNAN

A case of Business Burglary was opened for investigation following an incident at a well-known motor parts store in Grahamstown. Police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender said the suspects entered the premises using a ladder and then cut the zinc sheet open on the roof. An angle grinder was used.

"The alarm was broken out of the box and signal discon-

nected," Govender said. "Two safes were in the cash office immediately below the point of entry. Both safes were opened and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken. Other electronic goods left for sale on the shelf were also taken."

The thieves appeared to have exited the building in the same manner they entered, Govender said.

The modus operandi was

similar to that of a burglary at Makana Traffic Department as well as another store, in incidents in December 2017 and February 2018 respectively.

No arrests had been made, Govender said.

"The community is urged to alert the local SAPS or contact the Crime Stop number on 08600 10111 should they have any information on the incident."

## SA Post Office warns against parcel delivery scam

STAFF REPORTER

The SA Post Office has warned the public to be on alert of a parcel delivery scam designed to defraud them.

In a media release, SAPO described the modus operandi.

Members of the public received phone calls by persons alleging to be from the Customs division of the SA Post Office, SAPO said. The caller informs them that a parcel is ready for collection – provided they first pay 'customs fees'

into a bank account.

"The SA Post Office does not require customers to make any bank deposit before parcels are released," SAPO said.

"In instances where SARS levy import tax on parcels from abroad, the import tax must be paid at the Post Office counter when the item is collected. The customer will receive a point-of-sale receipt for this payment."

Where the Post Office has the cellphone number of the

recipient, the customer would receive an SMS requesting him or her to collect the parcel at a specific Post Office branch. The SMS would not request that funds be deposited into an account.

Members of the public that have information regarding this scam, are requested to call the police or the Post Office's Crimebuster Hotline on 0800 020 070.

The SA Post Office advised the public to ignore communication of this nature.

# Makana's plea after power surge chaos

By SUE MACLENNAN

Residents affected by last week's power surge in the Kingswood/Albany Road area have been urged to write to the municipality detailing damage to their appliances and the cost. The incident on Thursday 12 April that affected dozens of households was triggered by the theft of copper cables from a substation in the area, Makana's Communications Unit said.

In a statement Friday 13 April, the municipality said they had opened a criminal case following a break-in at the Kingswood substation, corner of Caldecott and Currie Streets.

"The vandals stole copper cables, in the process damaging the neutral conductor. This triggered high voltage, causing major damage which led to power outage and damage to people's electrical appliances," the Unit said.

"It was like Guy Fawkes," Trotter Street resident Sylvester Bowles told *Grocott's Mail* the next morning. "This light here was in flames," he said pointing to the remains of a streetlight next to the cemetery. "Flames were running all the way along this cable [the main overhead street cable]."

On Friday morning there were bits of metal and congealed melted plastic on the grass underneath.

"Smoke was coming from my TV and it was just chaos," Bowles said. "It was frightening because my family was inside. The house was full of smoke and we didn't know what was happening. It was quite scary."

Bowles's TV burnt out, along with his DSTV decoder and a computer.

Preswich Fourie, who lives opposite, was watching *National Geographic* around 7.25pm when his TV exploded, followed by his decoder.

"From my child's room I heard an explosion too."

His portable radio was destroyed and the lights tripped.

"I went outside and saw all the light were off and people were complaining about their TVs bursting."

A crowd had gathered near a burning lamppost in Grave Street, next to the cemetery.

Neaver Davies lost her microwave and DSTV – "but luckily nothing else".

"It was quite scary last night. The lights started flick-



Preswich Fourie was watching *National Geographic* around 7.25pm on Thursday night 12 April when his TV exploded, followed by his decoder. His portable radio was destroyed and the lights tripped. Photos: Sue MacleNNan

ing and the dish just exploded. My husband got up, went outside and saw at the end of Trotter Street one of the poles had caught alight - there were flames," Davies said.

"We took a walk down and no one could tell us what had happened. It was quite scary because the whole street was outside and you could see how the lights were going on and off and the TVs were flickering."

Clayton Doyle lost a 42cm LG television set. "The TV goes on and off," he said. "There's no picture – just the sound only."

Marilyn Loutz was still counting the cost this morning. She is a caterer and depends heavily on her appliances.

"My microwave is dead," she said, trying to switch on appliances as she walked from room to room. "My fridge is dead."

Worst of all, she had to quickly find storage for a freezer full of lamb and 20kg chicken.

"I just want to know, what's going to happen to my stuff – who's going to replace my stuff here," Bowles asked.

"Who's going to reimburse us for what happened? Was it the municipality's fault, or what's going to happen? I'm still in the dark," said Fourie.

Makana said in their letter to affected residents that for recourse, they were urged to write a signed letter stating:

- Their full address
- Two quotations of repairs or purchase of the exact or similar appliance
- Pictures of the damaged appliances.
- Banking details with proof of banking attached.

The letters should be addressed to:

The Municipal Manager Mr DM Pillay for the attention of Mr Mzomhle Radu, Manager: Electricity. Citizens could submit their letters to the Department of Engineering and Infrastructural Department, High Street, Makana said.

"The municipality is appealing to the community to stop this malicious destruction of property," Makana said in their statement. "Looking at the state of finances in Makana, it is costly and a waste of precious resources. It inconveniences far more people than it benefits."

"The municipality regrets the inconvenience and damage it caused to our resident's properties. We urge our community members to fight against vandalising of municipal assets."

Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services at Makana Municipality Dali Mlenzana said Grahamstown substations had been vandalised previously, with cables and earth wires usually the target.

Asked what security measures were in place at these structures, Mlenzana said all substations were padlocked.

"The major ones like Summit, Sugarloaf, and Grahams town also have alarm systems manned by Hi-Tec Security."

Additionally, cameras would be installed on the major substations; however, because of financial constraints, no other additional security measures for city substations were planned.

Asked about compensation for residents affected by the surge, he said Makana would be claiming the compensation from their insurance.



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Job Profile – IT Coordinator

**JOB TITLE:** IT Coordinator / Project Manager & Business Analyst  
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GBS has a small internal IT team, and this role therefore offers a wide variety of opportunity and responsibility. In addition to coordinating IT efforts, it will involve direct management of specific project initiatives, as well as hands-on specification and testing functions. Day-to-day responsibilities extend to coverage of all IT support areas, as may be deemed necessary from time to time. Additional responsibilities include the facilitation of the monthly IT / Operations Committee meeting, chaired by a non-executive director.

Examples of some recent project initiatives include: the implementation of a Sage X3 ERP system; the development of an integrated documentation management system for client "FICA" information; in-house client screening functionality that references UN and other relevant data sources; the roll-out of fillable PDF forms; migration to a best-in-class virtualised server environment; the implementation of a new back-up remote server environment; roll-out of MS Outlook and standardisation of desktop environments.

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Trotter Street residents could clearly see the light on this pole (right) in Grave Street in flames and (above) Sylvester Bowles the next morning, Friday 13 April, points to the patch of grass below where melted plastic and metal landed.



# Smartphones and buffaloes

By STEVEN LANG

The annual game auction at Kwandwe Game Reserve last Saturday was subtly different from previous editions. There was the usual festive atmosphere, the high-speed patter of auctioneer Brandon Leer and the enticing aroma of kudu burgers wafting through the country air.

The auction went off smoothly even though buffalo prices were much lower than in previous years. The hammer often had to come down closer to a paltry two million rand rather than the six million plus of last year.

The highest price paid for a pregnant buffalo was R4.5 million.

The two most important factors determining value of game are genetics and horn length. These two are closely linked because the genetic material of a buffalo that has long horns is what bidders really look out for.

There was nothing new about the substantial bids coming in from the bank of phones, but this time there was also an online, timed auction running in parallel. It opened on 12 April at 8am

and closed on 14 April at 7pm.

The opening bid was set at a predetermined level by the auctioneer and those who had registered online could place higher bids at multiples of a set increment. The entire registration and purchase of an animal or a whole herd of animals is paperless and can be completed on a smartphone.

In a race-conscious South Africa, one couldn't help noticing that as usual, almost all bidders, and indeed most of the audience, were white. Game farming and trophy hunting are still very much in white hands – with the notable exception of our President, Cyril Ramaphosa.

However, this time although the complexion of the crowds had not changed, there was a notable changing of the guard at the top. Tebogo Mogashoa, recently elected president of Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA) was there with his wife Didi looking out for new stock for his Babirwa Game Breeding Lodge in Limpopo Province.

For most people, bidding hundreds of thousands for game animals is not an option, but the auction is often

a pleasant day out. The Rotary Club makes unbelievable kudu burgers and the children have a wonderful play area.

The biggest disappointment this year was the complete absence of game in the viewing area. It used to be a wonderful opportunity to gawk at some of the animals that were about to be auctioned off. This is no longer an option as one of the Kwandwe game rangers explained it is simply too stressful for the animals.

They would have to be captured several days before the auction and then kept in unfamiliar pens – a harrowing experience for animals that could lead to fatalities.

Disappointing, but perfectly justified.

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**Wildlife Ranching South Africa:** <https://www.wrsa.co.za/>  
**Signature Wildlife, Legendary Genetics:** <https://www.legendarygenetics.com/>



Bidders study the brochure in the crowd at the auction on Saturday. Photos: Steven Lang



Lime Badu and Michelle Bradley display the products made by members of the Ubunye foundation. The Ubunye Foundation is supported by Kwandwe.



Newly elected president of Wildlife Ranching South Africa, Tebogo Mogashoa and his wife Didi.

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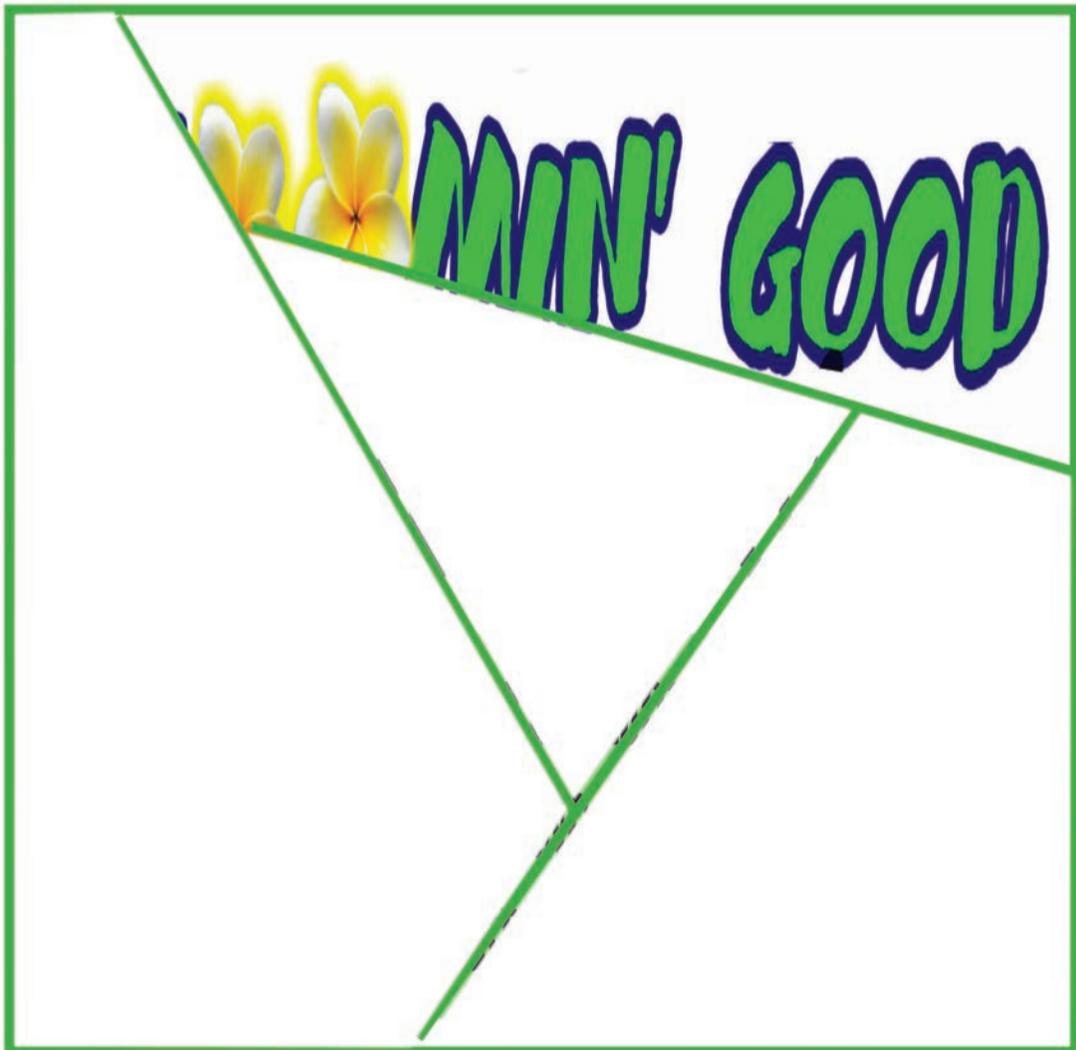


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# Solutions for waste

## Local golf course development

The authorisation for the proposed housing development located on the former Grahamstown golf course by DEDEAT in 2013 was contingent on an upgrade of the town's waste water treatment works (WWTW), to be undertaken by the developer in partnership with the municipality.

While, at the time, there was some skepticism as to the need for this large-scale housing development, the upgrading of Grahamstown's WWTW was seen to be a positive spin-off that would have benefited the whole town. Environmental watchdogs have been 'watching this space'.

Five years down the line, the developer, LFDGT 2016 (Pty) Ltd, is proposing an additional alternative sewage treatment option, namely the construction of a Lilliput Systems treatment plant to service the residential devel-

opment on site. Lilliput sewage treatment plants are marketed as "a simple, efficient and cost effective solution to sewage and wastewater treatment", which can include the recycling of water.

A critical part of implementation of this alternative sewage treatment is whether the treated effluent will be re-used or discharged into the environment – apparently this has yet to be determined. Also critical is that correct protocol is followed with respect to the EIA, and that all legislative requirements are satisfied in terms of waste water management and any spillages that might occur.

The developer has submitted an application for amendment of the conditions relating to the project's sewage treatment. The environmental consultant, EOH Coastal & Environmental Services, have drafted an amendment report which, as part of the public participation process, is now

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available for public review and comment until 8 May. A hard copy is available at the Grahamstown Public Library and an electronic copy of the report can be made available upon request to EOH CES (contact 046 622 2364 or 041 585 1715).

## Tackling plastic waste

The facts are overwhelming: more plastic has been produced around the world in the last 10 years than during the whole of the 20th Century! Packaging accounts for about 40% of total plastic usage.

More than one million bags are used every minute. A plastic bag has an average "working life" of 15 minutes.

For more info, go to <https://plasticoceans.org/the-facts/>. We all know that we should be aspiring to 'Zero Waste' or alternatively reducing our usage, re-using plastic waste creatively, or recycling which effectively delays the entry of plastic waste into the system.

However, it is quite apparent from the amount of plastic waste seen around town and in our water courses, etc, that plastics are still used without much thought given to their environmental impact.

In an exciting new development, the Grahamstown Plastics Action Group is taking a creative approach to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags in Grahamstown.

The Grahamstown Branch of WESSA has formed a new sub-committee to work with this vibrant group in using all methods to make a difference – persuasion, poetry, theatre, enforcement, and more. They are researching success stories from other places and

viable cost-effective alternatives. They have recently launched a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Grahamstown-Plastic-Action-Group-121639168691513/>. This is a new initiative and if you wish to register your interest, or get involved, please contact S.Mantel@ru.ac.za.

## Save those bread tags

On that note: the hugely successful "Bread Tags for Wheelchairs" project of the Polystyrene Packaging Council assists people in need around the country to get wheelchairs from the proceeds of recycling the high-quality plastic bread tags.

The purchase of one wheelchair requires ~350 kg of tags – which is a lot! But each one adds to the weight. You can help someone who needs a wheelchair by saving your bread tags and taking them to our local Pick n Pay store. Place them in the clear plastic box supplied for this purpose

at the entrance to the clothing section [bread tags only, please!]. Many thanks to all those who are collecting the tags.

Fiona Semple is patiently coordinating the project locally and can be contacted at 046 622 3712. More info: [www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za](http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za)

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## My Garden



## Spinach-power



Mangi standing in front of her Zimbabwean spinach.

Gogo Khunjulwa Mangi loves gardening so much and believes in the power of vegetables. She started her garden last year to "chase away hunger" as she is an unemployed mother. She spends most of her free time in the garden. Mangi has planted, potatoes, onions, green pepper and Zimbabwean

spinach, which grows very tall. She uses tap water to water her garden (which she admits is not the best use of scarce Municipal water, but she has no tank to trap rainwater). Mangi would appreciate help with seeds or seedlings. – *Text and photo by Lindani Donyeli*

## Windfarm threat to EC vultures

### STAFF REPORTER

On 10 April 2018, NGO VulPro was informed that one of their tagged vultures, Cape Vulture CV 283, was in trouble in the Molteno district of the Eastern Cape.

When collected on the 11 April, this bird was found to be yet another survivor of an electrocution on the Eskom grid network. However, the site where the bird was collected as well as the tagged information, is of huge concern for the plight of Cape Vultures in the Eastern Cape.

"CV 283, was a bird that had previously skipped wing damage from contact with transmission lines in the Burgersdorp area on the 28 February 2017," VulPro said in a media statement: "She, a young Cape Vulture, was duly relocated to VulPro in the North West province to recover and was later released with wing tags no 283, from the Magaliesberg Mountains.

"Remarkably, a year later this young bird found her way back into the Eastern Cape but what makes this so tragic, is that she was found a mere 0.8km from the nearest wind turbine on a wind farm, alive but electrocuted with a badly burnt and maggot-infested wing!

The Eskom network of power lines are known to have detrimental impacts on vultures with the Eastern Cape being no different. The alarming fact is that these birds are now dicing with these monstrous wind turbine blades of the ever increasing wind farm developments taking place in this province. With the increased number of wind farms, so do the power lines multiply."

VulPro said Vultures in Afri-



A Cape Vulture in captivity is one of just 4 200 pairs left globally. Photo: Supplied

ca are decreasing at an alarming rate with multiple threats causing a steep decline in their numbers. Many of the species had declined by over 80% in the last 30 years. "Possibly the biggest threat to vulture survival in South Africa are power lines," VulPro said.

Cape Vultures are classified as endangered with just 4200 breeding pairs left globally. The Cape Vulture is the only endemic vulture species to southern Africa and has already become extinct as a breeding species in Namibia, Zimbabwe and Swaziland.

"A large percentage of Cape Vultures affected directly by

the Eskom grid go unnoticed and the small percentage that do survive end up at VulPro, unable to be released into the wild again," VulPro said.

"VulPro will continue to tackle conservation of African vulture populations for the benefit and well-being of society. However, we also expect that development in the wind power industry take heed of the precarious position these birds hold in the Eastern Cape. For more information, contact Kate Webster (082 702 5942) or email: [kate@lcom.co.za](mailto:kate@lcom.co.za) or Kerri Wolter (082 808 5113) or email [kerri.wolter@gmail.com](mailto:kerri.wolter@gmail.com).

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**FRIDAY 20 APRIL**

**MOVIES AT THE MONUMENT**  
**5pm** at The Monument. 6pm Despicable Me 3. 8.30pm Get Out. R30 Full price. R25 Students, children & pensioners. Bar and tuck shop available. Block bookings: [kate@nationalartsfestival.co.za](mailto:kate@nationalartsfestival.co.za). Online bookings: <https://bit.ly/2HbVUix>. Tickets available at the door from 5pm

**IPSY WITH MY MIDDLE EYE - FLOATING GROOVES**

**8pm** at Slipstream Sports Bar. FLOOTING GROOVES is Pearce van der Merwe, born in South Africa, based in Italy at the moment. The Flooting Grooves sound ranges from very chilled down tempo right up to more progressive beatz. Live performances are enhanced by the use of silver flute and computer fx. It is a fusion of live elements like flute, guitar and percussion, with a lot of ethnic influences, and electronica. The result is a melting pot of pleasurable psychedelia to groove the body and sooth the soul! Also feat Dj AmodKIT @nt. R50 entrance fee.

**SATURDAY 21 APRIL**

**ELVIS LIVE IN CONCERT**  
**7pm** at The Belmont Golf Club. Tribute Show! For one night only. Includes dinner & after party. Cost: Tickets at R140 and pensioners at R100. Bookings are essential! Contact: Mark at 076 976 4030 or [djdusk740@gmail.com](mailto:djdusk740@gmail.com). Cash Bar Available!

**MONDAY 23 APRIL**

**2018 ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE BIRTHDAY LECTURE**  
**7:30pm** at Eden Grove Blue, Lucas Avenue, RU Campus. Professor Paul Walters will present 'Ripeness is all': Guy Butler as Shakespearean Scholar and Teacher - A Centennial Celebration. Cost: By donation. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**TUESDAY 24 APRIL**

**GRA AGM**  
**5:30pm** at the City Hall. After AGM reports and election there will be short [6 min] presentations by GRA, Makana Revive! and GBF [Philip Machanick, Ron Weissenberg and Richard Gaybba]. We aim to have good discussion about the way forward for Grahamstown and how Civic organisations can cooperate to work together. The GRA has booked taxis at 7.15pm to take people home who require transport.

**WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL**

**EAST CAPE WATERCOLOUR ASSOCIATION**  
**9:30am**. The East Cape Watercolour Association, friendly, non-professional hobbyists, invite you to join us for a relaxing morning "Plein Aire" painting/drawing. Visitors welcome. Contact Les on 078 161 0719 for further details.

**THURSDAY 26 APRIL**

**U3A LECTURE**  
**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 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](mailto:S.Wolhuter@ru.ac.za)

**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**

**KWC PRE-PRIMARY OPEN DAY**  
**9am** at Kingswood College Pre-Primary, Burton Street. Come and see what their Pre-Primary has to offer! They offer co-educational classes for Grade 000, Grade 00 and Grade R. Contact: RSVP 046 603 6600 before 26 April

**HIGH TEA AT THE HIGHLANDER**

**12pm** at The Highlander, 10 Worcester Street. Dress up and join us for a High Tea. Guest Speaker: Mam K. Dress Code: Sophia Town Hats and Heels. Cost: R280pp The High Tea is a delicious excuse for ladies to dress up, look good and share their stories over a wide range of teas and good food. It is about bringing like minded women together for a common purpose which is to empower, motivate and encourage harmony and inter-dependence among women from different nationalities.

**FRIDAY 4 MAY**

**ALBANY CLUB 123RD AGM**  
**6pm** at the Albany Club. The Albany Club gives notice of its 123rd Annual General Meeting. All welcome. Programme: The Committee will present a report and financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2017. Election of office bearers (nominations to be in writing and submitted at least 24 hrs before the AGM on the prescribed form).

**JONNY LUCK**

**9pm** at Slipstream Sports Bar. #SingerSongwriter, Jonny Luck from #CapeTown is coming up the coast for an #AutumnTour visit. Be sure not to miss this. #TheCoastBackEast. Specialising in his own style of #DarkFolk #BoozeBlues, cultivated from years of #BarWork and #HeartHurt. This tour is promoting his debut album, "The Watering Hole Stories", a collection of tales and truths from the bar counter. R30pp.

**THURSDAY 10 MAY**

**GRAHAMSTOWN MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT**  
**7:30pm** at Nelm. The Grahamstown Music Society is proud to present Shelley Levy (Clarinet) and Pavel Timofeyevsky (Piano) in concert. Tickets available at the door: R90pp adults, R70pp pensioners, R50pp tertiary students, Free for Scholars and GMS members.



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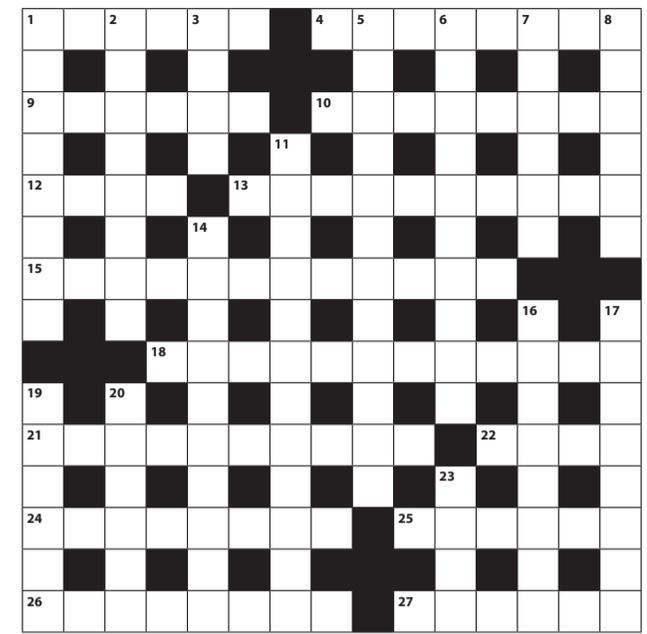
**Mondays**  
**GRAHAMSTOWN BRIDGE**  
**6:30pm** at Grahamstown Bowling Club. Duplicate Bridge. Contact Mary Birt on 083 657 0067.

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
**7:30pm** at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Learn Scottish Country Dancing in a friendly social setting. Beginners welcome. Contact Val Hodgson 046 622 2308

**Tuesdays**  
**SENIORS BRIDGE AND TEA**  
**2pm** at Christ Church Speke Street. Come and boost your weekly bridge. Join our 10 to 20 cheerful, friendly players. Cost R10 per person per week. Contact Maureen 046 622 5215.

**Thursdays**  
**GRAHAMSTOWN BRIDGE CLUB**  
**1:30pm** at Grahamstown Bowling Club. Duplicate Bridge. Contact Mary Birt 083 651 0067.

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**JDE** **CRYPTIC CROSSWORD**



JDE 130

**ACROSS**

- 1 Ass catches very loud "Keep quiet!" (6)
- 4 Height and mass benefit old servant (8)
- 9 Divine Pofadder casserole stuffing makes its return (6)
- 10 "Accidentally brush bra" are meaningless words (8)
- 12 Beat about the bush with hearts (4)
- 13 Previous dresses doctor left to mothers (10)
- 15 Heroines' professional names are about performing one's trade, primarily (12)
- 18 One time - following bad example - one friend became a bastard (12)
- 21 India cycle unfortunately leaves a bad taste (10)
- 22 Holy Circle who cheat and loot regularly (4)
- 24 Carpet tsotsi who is nurturing fight in middle of arbitration (5,3)
- 25 Young woman brings back beer to pour in (6)
- 26 Commanders become rose-red, starting to rave (8)
- 27 Decent about hurry (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Deform and randomly mash pies (8)
- 2 Confront Reserve accused of abusing visitors' privacy (8)
- 3 Make up note for song (4)
- 5 Makes people hot when A/C has broken, and so I drip terribly (12)
- 6 The Kaalvoet Terror can shoot up district, starting with Jamestown, Indwe and Elliot (10)
- 7 Trans-X (6)
- 8 Stop man going on first (6)
- 11 Big barn, big estate or big hospital? (6,6)
- 14 Spectator with the whole river below (10)
- 16 Criticise expert when producing universal remedies (8)
- 17 Improve tone and rave differently (8)
- 19 Bar Bathabile introducing possible riots (6)
- 20 Held dear, dear old daughter tight (6)
- 23 Dislike limited word of honour (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

**Sudoku**

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**Bridge Results**

<b>Thursday 12 April</b> 5 ½ Table 25 Board Mitchell <b>Movement</b> <b>NORTH/SOUTH</b>	<b>Monday 16 April</b> 4 ½ Table 27 Board Howell <b>Movement</b> <b>Pair Names</b>
1. Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel 59.50%	1. Ern van Hille & Maureen van Hille 63.89%
2. Viv Botha & Jo Fitzhenry 56.00%	1. Jenny Haswell & Ilva Benyon 58.33%
3. Pair 3 48.50%	3. Derrick Newson & Pat Shepherd 54.17%
4. Pair 1 48.00%	4. Torquil Paterson & Jo Fitzhenry 53.47%
5. Pair 5 38.00%	5. Margaret Banks & David Gain 52.08%
<b>EAST/WEST</b>	6. Allon Poole & Merle Murray 50.69%
1. Maureen van Hille & Ern van Hille 73.00%	7. Pair 8 47.22%
2. Jenny Haswell & Val Buchner 53.50%	8. Pair 1 44.44%
3. Pair 10 44.50%	9. Pair 7 25.69%
4. Pair 7 41.00%	
5. Pair 8 38.00%	

**Crossword Solution for last week JDE 129**

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### 1. PERSONAL

#### Death

**GLYNIS DRIVER**-There will be a memorial tea for all friends and family at the Baptist Church Hall, Bathurst Street @11am on Thursday 24 April 2018

#### JOHN CLAUGHTON

passed away peacefully at St Michael's Frail Care Centre, Brookshaw Home, on Sunday, 15 April. Deep gratitude to Brookshaw staff and carers.

#### Funeral

### Siyakubonga Funeral Services



Funerals arranged by Siyakubonga Funeral Services. 6 Cobden Street Grahamstown Tel: 087 357 7047

Please go and our facebook page, all notices available on every week.

**HENDRICKS PATRICK KLAAS** Residing at no 48 Protea Street, Transrefill, Alicedale will be buried on Saturday the 21 April 2018.

**MAFANI KHANYISA NOMANGQUSHWA** uhlala kwa 68 Glenmore Loc, Glenmore ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018.

**MAPHAPHU ZUKISWA** uhlala kwa 330/71 Ekuphumleni, Kenton on Sea ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018.

**NOGQALA SAKHUMZI** uhlala kwa 2468 Dili Crescent, Kenton on Sea ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018.

**WAYIZA BLACKIE** uhlala kwa 457 Jawuka Street, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018.

**NOBEBE KHANYELWA** uhlala eGoniwe Street, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018.

**NOYILA PHUMEZA** uhlala kwa 842 Manyathi Street, Bathurst ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018.

**MAVIKELA SIMPHIWE** uhlala kwa 1465 Ntontela Street, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngeCawa umhla we 22 April 2018.

**CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: Wednesday @ 4pm**



**SANDILE PATRICK VELASHE** uhlala kwa 2681 Rayi Street Port Alfred, ungcwatywa ngomgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018. Funeral will be conducted at 2681 Rayi Street Port Alfred.

**NGXAZA MBUZELI MAGILINDANE** uhlala kwa Ntloko Location Peddie, ungcwatywa ngomgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018. Funeral will be conducted at Ntloko Location Peddie.

**FUNEKA BASHE** uhlala kwa 9500 Vukani Location Grahamstown, ungcwatywa ngomgqibelo umhla we 21 April 2018. Funeral will be conducted at Andrew Mayakhe School Hall Grahamstown.

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#### Notices

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

**Makana Rape Survivors Support Group AGM** at 13h00 on 26 April 2018 at Grahamstown Police Station Boardroom. **ALL WELCOME!**



Child Welfare SA, Grahamstown is **urgently** seeking anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Ms **Nwabisa Maqanda**, with ID Number : **871216 0244985 98 5**, the biological mother of **Piyanka Hossain**, born 13/2/2014, to contact Sally Damana, Senior Social Worker on 046 636 1355. The biological father of the child is Mr **Shohel Hossain** born 02/03/ 1985

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**SPCA GRAHAMSTOWN**  
**046 622 3233**  
spcaght@gmail.com

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

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

Thank you so very much to all who donated food, blankets and other items over the Easter Break, your support has been amazing. We really appreciate all the support and generosity and it is going a long way to helping all the animals who continue to come into our care and need our help.

A big thank you also to GHT Trailer Hire for helping us collect a bath to improve our Dog Washing facilities and to KFC for the generous donation of a New Freezer and Food.

**Cats and Dogs:** We have a large selection of Cats, kittens, Dogs and a couple of Puppies to adopt please visit the Grahamstown SPCA to meet them and for more information **Cat of the week** Hi...My name is **Murphy**. I am a large tortoiseshell cat, with lots of love to give. I am a true lap cat, but also crave the outdoors. I enjoy my night prowls and love exercise despite my size. To meet me, please visit the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

**Dog of the week:** Hi, friends, my name is **Sayer**. I am a larger than life, playful and very friendly Dashund. I love attention and enjoy walks in the countryside. Despite having short legs, I love exercise and would make a good exercise partner. Please visit me at the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

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

**Kennel Sponsorships are still available for only R850 for a year!** Thank you to Grahamstown Vets and Ikhalala Vets for your continued support. We are very pleased with all the young people becoming involved with the Grahamstown SPCA, thank you all for all the help you give us and the time you spend with the animals. Thank you to all the volunteers for coming up to the SPCA, walking and socialising the animals.

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

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### 8. LEGALS

#### ESTATE LATE

In the Estate of the Late **KATHERINE MAY WATTERS**, born 11 November 1943, **Identity number 4311060071088**, died on 8 NOVEMBER 2015, widow, who resided at **KINGSVIEW ESTATE, MILES STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN**

**Estate Number: 154/2016**

Notice is hereby given that the First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie for inspection at the Master of the High Court, Grahamstown for a period of twenty one (21) days as from date of publication hereof.

**THERON DU PLESSIS**  
**AGENT FOR EXECUTOR**  
**15 BANK STREET**  
**P O BOX 98**  
**ALIWAL NORTH**  
**9750**  
**TELEPHONE: 051-6338000**  
**FAX NO: 0866186407**

#### ESTATE LATE

In the estate of the late **AUDREY MAY PETERSON** A WIDOW, BORN ON THE 18th AUGUST 1936 who died on the 23 RD SEPTEMBER 2017 of **18 SETTLERS CLOSE, 1 KNIGHT STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN**  
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Recreation area at Cecilia Makiwane Hospital. Photos: Supplied



Bathroom area at Cecilia Makiwane Psychiatric Unit.

# Revolving door syndrome

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“For the past few years, nurses have been asking for an increase in that danger allowance or, alternatively, an increased staff complement.”

There was a shortage of staff in those institutions, Soddidi said.

“For example, a unit that is supposed to be manned by three nurses – you’ll find there is only one there.”

## Capacity

Since the incident in June 2017, Cecilia Makiwane’s psychiatric unit now only takes “16 to 18 patients” per ward, as they do not have the staff capacity to manage another crisis, stated the former staff member.

This specifically affected adolescent and geriatric patients, as the ward conditions were too unsafe, the former staff member said.

“Doctors and nurses bear the brunt. We feel as we are letting down a community.”

New psychiatric hospital? In 2012, the Eastern Cape Province commissioned a new psychiatric hospital for Cecilia Makiwane to be built in 2015.

“We were promised this

stand-alone hospital,” the former staff member said. “I don’t know what happened, maybe it was too much money.”

They added that the issue of poor mental healthcare facilities was a province-wide problem.

The problems at CM are at an “institutional level, even at national level”, they said.

There is big discrimination against psychiatric patients.

## Ward conditions

Regarding the ward conditions, the former staff member stated that “the patients are in pyjamas 24/7” and there is a television in each ward. They described highly medicated patients sitting in pyjamas in front of a television, calling it “counter-rehabilitation”.

Because there is no open ward for patients to progress to, there was a “massive revolving door syndrome at Cecilia Makiwane”, in that patients came back because they had not received proper treatment.

“It’s about considering what is the risk to the patient,” they said.

They added that there is an

overall failure by the “trained staff” to understand psychiatric conditions. For example weapons were commonly found on patients as security guards did not understand how to search psychiatric patients, they said.

“Basic things are not done”, they said, which impacted “general safety”.

## A grim future

The former staff member plans to leave the province, as they believe the working conditions are not suitable or healthy. “It’s the despondency that’s now among us,” they commented with regard to professionals who have left institutions.

With Eastern Cape facilities continuing to suffer from staff shortages, overall patient care would continue to be put at risk, they said.

The staff member’s resignation, and Denosa’s comments on staff and patient safety, come as a former patient alleges that poor ward conditions in 2013 contributed to their being violently assaulted by a fellow patient in the East London hospital at that time. In the civil claim, the former

patient says they lost many teeth and was left permanently disfigured and traumatised.

The MEC for the Department of Health is named as the respondent.

At the start of proceedings on 6 April, the defence immediately called for a postponement, on the basis their expert witness was not able to attend the hearing. The MEC’s legal counsel argued that the specialist, a psychiatrist from Durban, was necessary in order to determine if the former patient was mentally capable of understanding the litigation process. The matter was postponed to August 2018.

Grocott’s Mail has approached the Provincial and National Department of Health and other bodies for comment and further information and will continue to report on this provincial crisis.

On 18 April, Eastern Cape Department of Health Spokesperson, Sizwe Kupelo, was requested to comment on concerns expressed by the former CM staff member, but has not responded at this time.

• Additional reporting by Sue MacLennan

# No Settlers emergency cases diverted

## By SUE MACLENNAN

The after-hours emergency theatre service at Settlers Hospital has resumed, management confirmed this week. Meanwhile, a report to a meeting in the City Hall this week stated that no after-hours emergency surgery had been referred to Port Alfred since management’s 1 April announcement. In addition, theatre nurses called to an emergency after-hours operation on 2 April at Settlers Hospital had responded and performed their professional duties.

“We can confirm that the after hours emergency theatre service at Settlers Hospital is now fully operational again,” Clinical Services Manager of Nalithemba Hospitals Nolene Ferreira told *Grocott’s Mail* in response to an emailed question. Settlers Hospital is a public-private partnership under Nalithemba Hospitals, in turn managed by Netcare. Its operating theatres are owned by Netcare and staffed by professionals employed by the Department of Health.

Ferreira at the end of March 2018 informed doctors with Grahamstown practices that after-hours theatre services would no longer be provided at the hospital.

The letter said, “We have

been informed by the consortium of Department of Health on-call theatre staff that they will not be available for after hour and weekend services until further notice, due to an unresolved dispute with the Department of Health. Nalithemba is not in a position to provide this service independently of the Department of Health staff allocated to theatre.”

Port Alfred Hospital theatre was available as a divert hospital for any private emergency theatre cases, Ferreira said.

Eastern Cape Department of Health spokesperson Sizwe Kupelo told *Grocott’s Mail* in response to questions about a reported labour dispute between theatre staff and the Department that it had been resolved.

“The overtime payments fall under accruals which would be paid this month. The delay was due to the fact that we were ending the financial year,” Kupelo explained at the time.

Reports that theatre nurses had not in fact withheld their services since 1 April were confirmed by a senior source this week. “The nurses wanted a listening ear to their concerns, and they got it,” said the source who agreed to be quoted

on condition of anonymity. *Grocott’s Mail* has not yet received a reply to a request for confirmation from the Department of Health of further reports that no cases were in fact diverted to Port Alfred during this period, and that called to an after-hours theatre emergency at Settlers on 2 April, theatre staff responded and performed their professional duties. No other after-hours theatre cases occurred during this period, the source said.

Meanwhile, a report to an intergovernmental forum at the city hall this week said that a National Core Standards assessment had revealed that 96% of complaints for 2017/18 at Settlers Hospital had been resolved, with one still under investigation. A section on improved maternal and child health care stated that Settlers Hospital had been identified as a safe caesarian section site for Makana.

Challenges at the hospital included patients arriving without IDs. This led to delays in crucial administrative processes.

Young mothers abandoning their newborn babies was becoming more common, the report stated.

The hospital had 166 useable public beds, with 236 staff.

In a bid to improve its services, the hospital was in the process of recruiting a chief medical officer; one pharmacist; two operational managers; two general professional nurses; an admin clerk and a data capturer; five porters; five general assistants and two medical doctors.

Mayor Nomhle Gaga requested a report at a future meeting on the hospital’s plans for 2026, when the public-private partnership contract ends.

The Forum, to which all government departments and state owned entities operating in Makana were invited, also received reports from Sassa, the Department of Health’s Makana Subdistrict and the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform.

The IGR, an initiative of the Mayor is, according to the invitation, intended to foster coordination and cooperation between entities involved in development within the Makana’s jurisdiction.

“It is also intended to promote and facilitate cooperative decision-making and make sure that policies and activities across all spheres encourages service delivery and meets the needs of citizens in a collaborative and effective way,” the document says.

# CHURCH SERVICES

## ABUNDANT LIFE WORSHIP CENTRE

- Kuyasa School Hall

**10.30am** Morning Service - Pastor NC

Julius 079 496 4256

## AFM OF SA - God's Glory Assembly

- Indoor Sports Centre - Ext 6

**9am** Youth and Sunday School

Services **10am** Morning Service

Pastor B.L. Kutu 082 828 6194

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

**10am** Morning Service

Pastor Pieter Swartz 082 414 7711

Elders: Dennis Goliath 073 272 8112

Ronnie Scheepers 083 610 2926

## BODY OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL RAINBOW MINISTRIES - Makana Hall

**9am** Children Ministries

**9.30am** Intercession

**10am** Sunday Service

Apostolic MM Mngcongco

071 906 4286

## BOWKER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

**10am:** Sunday Service - Pastor:

Eugino Nel

## CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

**7.30am** Holy Eucharist (SAPB)

**9.30am** Sung Eucharist (AAPB)

**5pm** Choral Evensong

**6.30pm** Student Service

**CHRIST CHURCH - Speke Street**

**8.30am** Sunday: Holy Eucharist with

Hymns (APB 1989)

**9am** Wednesday: Holy Communion

Vic Graham 076 098 5763

## CHRIST EMBASSY CHURCH - 19 African Street in Princess Alice Hall

**9am** Morning Service

Pastor Stewart 078 875 0319

## CONQUERORS COVENANT CHURCH

- Nombulelo Hall, Joza

**10am - 12pm** Sunday

Nceba Ngeju 073 653 2655

## EMMANUEL ASSEMBLY - 12 Paton Place, Vergenoeg

**10.30am** Morning Service

**5.30pm** Evening Service

Pastor Apost NJL Williams

084 226 2457

## EVERY NATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- VGHS Hall, Beaufort Str

**9.30am** Morning Service

**12.30pm** isiXhosa Service

**6.30pm** Evening Service

046 622 3426

## FRONTIERS CHURCH INT - VP School Hall, Beaufort Street

**9.30am** Dave Koch 084 470 2095 or

046 636 7815

## FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF GOD - 11 Caldecott Street

**9am** Morning Service and Promised

land (Sunday School)

**6.30pm** Evening Service

Pastor JJ Botha, 046 622 5949 or

Email: fullgospelchurch@telkomsa.net

## SHALOM REVIVAL MINISTRIES - 8073 Lingelihle Loc Ext 6 Joza

**10am** Morning Service

Pastor TP Dube Ngayisa 083 671

9686

## GRAHAMSTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

- Bathurst Street

**9.30am** Morning Worship and

Sunday School Every 1st Sunday

Communion

**6.30pm** Evening Service every 3rd

Sunday Communion

**11.30am** Kariega Church 4th Sunday

only

## GRAHAMSTOWN CHRISTIAN CENTRE - Lucas Meyer Ave

**9am** Sunday Worship

Pastor D Hagemann 046 622 3309

## GOD'S KINGDOM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP - 8 Frere Street

**7pm** Wednesday **10am** Sunday

Mrs Mildred Oosthuizen

046 622 6655 or 079 475 0868

## JABEZ HOUSE ASSEMBLY - Sun City community creche

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

Service

Pastor T Smit 079 622 9812

## MARIYA uMAMA weTHEMBA MONASTERY - Highlands Road - Holy Cross Benedictine Monks

**9am** Holy Eucharist

046 622 8111

## METHODIST CHURCH OF SA

**Commem 9am** English Service

**Wesley 9am** English Service

**Sole Memorial 10am** Afrikaans

Service

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

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

**NEDERDUITSE GEREFORMEERDE KERK - 38 Market St**

**9am** Erediens, aand selgemeentes

046 622 4598

## NEDERDUITSE HERVORMDE KERK

**9am** Every Sunday erediens - Port

Alfred 2nd and 4th Sundays

**11am** Eredienste Cannon Rocks

Prof John Gericke 046 624 9025

## PEACE OF CHRIST MINISTRIES AND PRAISE - Nduna 1, Ext 1, Joza

**9am** Kidz Church **9.30am**

Intercession **10am** Sunday Service

Pastor PP Pango 082 662 9422

## PINKSTER PROTESTANTE KERK

- Brushwood Farm, industrial area,

behind Ght Prison

**9am** Sondagskool **10am**

Oggenddiens **7pm** Aanddiens

Shawn Warren 082 808 6136

## RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) 622 3382 or 622 3076

**RIVER OF LIFE** - Assembly of God cnr

Hill and Huntley St

**8.30am** MORNING ALIVE (Worship

service & Kidz Church)

**10am** Worship Service & Kidz Church

**6pm** Dynamic Evening Service

Pastors Innocent and Milcah Matepo.

046 622 3626

## ROCK OF AGES CHRISTIAN CHURCH INTERNATIONAL - Duna Library

- Joza

**10am:** Sunday Service

Past FW Arendse 072 118 9049

## SALEM CHURCH

**8.30am** Mr Mike Webb

## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

-next to Pick n Pay

**9.30am** Sabbath School (Saturday)

**11am** Worship Service

## ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

**9.30 am** Sunday Service

**ST BARNABAS (Alicedale)**

**10am** Xhosa service on the 1st, 2nd

and 4th Sunday of each month and

the English service on the 3rd.

J Olckers 082 601 9665

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH (Market Street)

**9am** Eucharist with hymns - APB1989

Fr Eric Kelly 046 622 4552

## ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH - (top end of High Street, next to Railway Station)

**9am** - Holy Eucharist

**ST CYPRIAN'S - (Highlands)**

**10am** Second Sunday of month.

Contact R Wilmot 0825796886 or

P Rose 082 801 1353

## ST MOSES CHURCH OF CHRIST IN ZION OF RSA - (9772 Manka Veleleni Street, Vukani Location)

**Sunday** 11am to 1.30pm **Wednesday**

6pm to 7.30pm

Siyabulela Mnyakama 073 961 7839

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Joza)

**8am** Mass

## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Albany Road)

**10am** Sunday Mass

**6pm** Tuesday service

## ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (47 Hill Street)

**8am** Sunday Mass. -046 622 2808

## ST PETER CLAVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Raglan Road)

**11am** Mass

**ST PETER'S (Sidbury)**

**10am** Every 1st Sunday.

R Hart 042 235 1250 or Rev Isaia

Chachine 071 005 0185

## THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF AFRICA (Z Street, Joza)

**10am** Sunday School,

# I-Eleven Attackers isebenze ngokuzimisela kwidabi leSAB

**NguCHRIS TOTOBELA**

Ngomgqibelo umhla we-21 kuTshazimpunzi, i-City Pirates ekhokelayo kwi-league ye-Makana LFA, ibiqubisene ne-Santos kumdlalo obumnandi ngeyona ndlela, oye waphela lamaqela ebambene ngenqaku elinye macala.

Kowona mdlalo otsale umdla wabalandeli bebhola, i-Eleven Attackers isindleke iMaru kwidabi labakhaya kumdlalo wabo we-SAB Regional League eJD Dlepu. Umdlalo uqale ngesona santya siphezulu, amaqela omabini ezama ucacisa zisuka nje ukuba azimisele ukuwuphumelela lomdlalo. I-Marum iye yawulawula umdlalo kula mizuzwana yokuqala yaze yaphantse yafaka inqaku emva kokuba imbumbulu yomnye wabadlali bayo iye yaqabela nje kancinci phezu kweepali. I-Attackers iye yabuya kancinci kulomdlalo yaqala yazama ucinezela ifuna inqaku.

Uburhabaxa lomdlalo nanjengoko bekulindlekile xa iyimfazwe yabakhaya. UNako Maneli usinde ngezika sibi ngethuba ezibuyisela emva kokukhatywa kwakhe kakubi ngumdlali we-Marum, kodwa ke uye wafumana nje ikhadi elityheli. Omabini lamaqela ankqonkqozile ezipalini kodwa kwala uvuleka. Kuphele esokuqala isiqingatha kungekho nqaku.

Abuye awuxhoma nangakumbi umgangatho lamaqela kwisiqingatha sesibini abukelisa ezo zihlewe bezigwalise i-Dlepu. Umdlalo ubumhle kakhulu kodwa ukungxama phambi kweepali kubangele ukuba kubenzima ukufaka inqaku. I-Attackers iye yophisa kuqala kushiyeke nje imizuzu engamashumi amabini kuphele umdlalo. Emva komdlalo omhle oqale esuswini onyanzele impazamo kumdlalo wangasemva we-Marum oye washiya uSiyathemba "Stone" Melitafa ejongene nqo nonozinti wayibeka nje



Maru midfielder being surrounded by XI Attackers defenders.  
Photo: Xolisa Jodwana

ngokulula emnatheni lo bhola ebeka iqela lakhe phambili. I-Marum khangela inikezele tu nanjengoko iye yacinezela ngamandla ifaka i-Attackers phantsi kokuxinezelele olumandla kodwa ayavuleka tu imbobo. Umdlalo uphele iphumelela i-Attackers ngenqaku elinye eqandeni.

U-Siyathemba Melitafa uthe emva kwalo mdlalo "ndiyavuya kakhulu ufaka inqaku lempumelelo kwaye ndibulela iqela lam ngokundithemba emva kokungakwazi uzilolonga nabo kuleveki ngenxa yomkhuhlane, andibalibela nabalandeli abagcwalise eli bala ndiyababulela nabo". Umphathi qela we-Attackers u-Afiika Adam uthe "namhlanje ndibone umdlalo omhle kakhulu obonakalise italente yalapha ekhaya, kuyaqala ezimbalini ukuba uphele lomdlalo kungakhange kuphume ikhadi elibomvu. Ndibulela abahlali baseJoza ngohlala begcwalisa elibala benika inkuthazo ebantwaneni, I-Attackers soloko iziva isekhaya xa ilapha ngenxa yenkxaso yabo. Siphumelele namhlanje kodwa kusafuneka siqinise pha napha". Ibambela mqeqeshi le-Marum u-Tanduxolo Matebese uvakalise ukudana emva kokubethwa kulomdlalo wathi "ubunzima kakhulu

lomdlalo kodwa ke siwafumene amathuba nathi qha asikwazanga ukuwasebenzisa. Senze lampazamo emva yaze i-Attackers yasohlwaya, kunye ngoku okuseleyo kusebenza nzima sizilolonge le ezayo imidlalo. Ndiyabavala abadlali bam ngoba akukho lula ukubethwa imidlalo emithathu ilandelelana kodwa nabo kufuneka bazame ukunyusa umxakatho".

Umdlali oye wangoyena mdlali ugqamileyo kulomdlalo uthe emva kwalo mdlalo "ndivuya kakhulu emva kokuba side sayibetha i-Marum nangona ubunzima kakhulu lomdlalo. Siye sasebenza kakhulu ngezindawo zibuthathaka kuzo. Ndihlala ndizimisele kuyo yonke imidlalo kwaye ndiyawuhlonipha kakhulu umdlalo webhola nanjengoko ndinqwenela uzibona ndidlala kudidi lwabahlawulwayo ngenye imini."

Nge cawa iNewtown City ibethe iFuture stars ngamanqaku amathathu eqandeni kumdlalo wabo we-league ye-Makana LFA. Kumdlalo wesibini i-Sakhulutsha yamkele i-Manchester yaseMnyameni kumdlalo we-SAB Regional League, kodwa ngelishwa iye yabethwa ngamanqaku amabini eqandeni.

## Grahamstown's Ironmen, women and kids

Several Grahamstown athletes and community members took part in the Ironman over the past weekend. They all enjoyed the physical challenge and approached the race in Port Elizabeth with full effort and enthusiasm. Here are a few photos of the Grahamstown locals who took on the Ironman and Ironkids challenge:



Nolan Berriman ready to take on the Ironman challenge over the past weekend. Photos: Supplied



Megan Hobson with her Ironman trophy after a tough race.



Kyle Buckingham with Divan and Stephan Eksteen at the Ironman and Ironkids event.



Walter Eksteen and Megan Hobson exhausted after a difficult Ironman race.



Michaela Blaine received her Ironkids medal after a gruelling race.



After a good Ironkids race, Matthew Blaine is given his well deserved medal.



Nina Hobson was ecstatic after her performance in the Ironkids event.

## Graeme dominate Gill, struggle against Grey

**STAFF REPORTER**

### Hockey vs Grey

Graeme put three teams up against Grey High School on Friday 13 April. In the first match, Grey U14 C took on Graeme's U15 side. The inexperienced sides were evenly matched in the end, resulting in a 1-1 draw. The Graeme 2nd team found it a lot harder going, as they went down 9-0 against a far more experienced Grey U16 B outfit.

The Graeme 1st XI played against the Grey 2nd XI, coming close to downing the tough side. Grey had a lot more of the ball, and created

some exciting opportunities. The Graeme side defended well, with an organised and structured defensive system. Graeme could have opened the scoring early in the first half, which would have been an interesting start to the match. It was Grey though who scored mid-way during the first half, after Graeme had soaked up a lot of pressure.

In second half, Graeme come into the game more and managed to hold on to the ball for longer periods. A Graeme penalty corner late in the game, saw another great

opportunity go begging, and Graeme had to settle for a 1-0 loss. The Graeme side have improved enormously over the last 18 months, and starting to play a solid type of hockey at this level.

### Rugby vs Gill College

There is always something special for Grahamstown teams to travel to schools like Gill College, and playing below the Boschberg Mountains. What also makes this kind of fixtures so special for parents and players, is that the derby ranges from u9 all the way up to 1st XV.

Graeme proved a little too

strong for their opponents on the day, as they managed to win all, but one of the matches.

This included a dominant 52-14 victory for the 1st XV over their Gill counterparts. In the 1st XV game, Graeme made a slow start as they made a number of unforced errors in the opening exchanges, however they got into their running as Yanga Bangisa scored from deep in his own half after a great offload from Liam Agnew.

This seemed to kick the team into gear as they continued to hold onto the ball for

long periods of time and play with great width.

They managed to score another two tries in the first half to lead 19-0 at the break. Gill struck first in the second half with an intercept try after Graeme had been on attack.

Graeme then continued where they left off in the first half scoring another five tries as they varied their play.

The Gill defences struggled to cope with the speed and precision at which Graeme played the game. Gill scored in the final minutes of the game to make the final score 52-14.

### Results Summary:

#### Hockey:

Grey u14C vs Graeme u15 drew 1-1  
Grey u16B vs Graeme 2nds won 9-0  
Grey 2nd XI vs Graeme 1st won 1-0

#### Rugby:

Graeme U9A 28-12 Gill  
Graeme U11B 5-0 Gill  
Graeme U11A 7-12 Gill  
Graeme U13B 38-12 Gill  
Graeme U13A 45-24 Gill  
Graeme U14A 43-0 Gill  
Graeme U15A 62-0 Gill  
Graeme U16A 39-0 Gill  
Graeme 2nd XV 28-0 Gill  
Graeme 1st XV 52-14 Gill

# RU set for Ultimate Frisbee

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

Grahamstown's Albany Sports Club will welcome the first South African Flying Disc Association (SAFDA) Nationals tournament over the weekend of 27-29 April. With 15 teams from all over the country coming through to participate in the tournament hosted by Rhodes Ultimate society, the weekend promises to be full of action.

While Rhodes is hosting the tournament, the Albany Sports Club was chosen due to the number of fields and the location of each field in relation to one another. The six fields at Albany are all in close proximity to allow for teams to move quickly from one field to another in between matches.

In addition to a lunch hour each day, the Heinz Venison Food truck will be at the Albany fields on Friday and Saturday for those in need of refueling between matches. The SubUrban market will also set up shop on Saturday to advertise local crafts to the teams from across the country.

Rhodes Ultimate's chairperson, Eduard Andersen, is ex-

cited for Grahamstown to host this event, and looks forward to seeing what his young team can do. "It is a really great opportunity for Eastern Cape Frisbee, and for Rhodes especially, because we are such a new society. We've got a good team. We played ELUF [East London Ultimate Frisbee] this past weekend [15 April] and we didn't seem to do too badly," said Andersen.

Despite being chairperson, Andersen has opted not to captain the side to nationals, instead letting former chairperson and society founder, Jason Wehmeyer, take up the mantle for one last time.

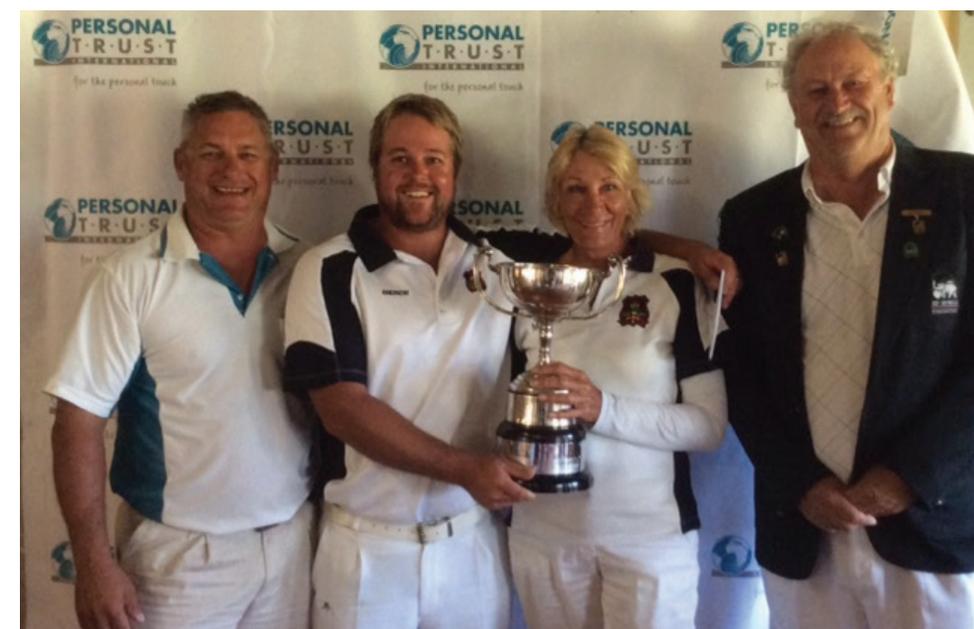
"I started this [society] two years ago, and we didn't have kit, we didn't have anyone to play against; we were just a society that played essentially," said Wehmeyer. "We have grown, and have played GaleForce (Port Elizabeth) for the past two years and have lost twice to them in about seven games," he added.

Seeing the society that he started grow to the place where it is now is something special for Wehmeyer. "It's really special. It is really nice to

be able to play nationals here, because if it was anywhere else, I wasn't going to be able to go. I think we will have a home field advantage," said Wehmeyer.

Grahamstown will be ready for the nation's teams, and Andersen believes that the unique nature of the town will make this year's nationals particularly special. "[Grahamstown] is a very unique place, and it's going to bring it's own special vibe to the tournament. Of course Rhodes will bring it's gees, and it is going to be a really cool experience for everyone that comes through," said Andersen.

- Teams participating:
- UCT flying tigers
  - Ghost
  - Chilli heat
  - Chilli legends
  - Ultitude
  - Catch 22
  - Skyveld
  - UCT roaring tigers
  - Knights
  - Wits voodoo kudus
  - GaleForce
  - 4th prime
  - Soweto dream team
  - Maties
  - Rhodes raiders



Winners of the Eastern Province Mixed Pairs competition Andrew Sterley and Marlene Mitchener (centre), with Sponsor, Personal Trust's Carl Vermeulen (left) and EP President, Brian Buchanan. Photo: Supplied

## Albany duo win EP Mixed Pairs finals

STAFF REPORTER

Albany bowlers Andrew Sterley and Marlene Mitchener won the Eastern Province mixed pairs final at the Port Alfred bowling club last weekend.

The pair had a very good start on Saturday morning (14 April) when they beat Hennie Slabbert and Dalena Muller who have not only won the EP finals before, but have won the SA National mixed pairs finals and came second on another occasion.

They followed this up by beating another strong pairing of Eric Kent and Jenny Giles in the afternoon.

Sunday morning dawned and they had to face F. van der Merwe and Riana Du Toit from Graaff-Reinet. Once again, Sterley and Mitchener triumphed, although this match was particularly difficult.

After winning three good

games Sterley and Mitchener had won their section and qualified to play in the afternoon final against the winner of the other section, Barry van Wyk and Elsa Grobler.

The "local" pair (who are both still classified as novices) had a great start and midway through the game had built up a good 14-3 lead.

Barry van Wyk is not the captain of one of the Eastern Province senior sides for no reason though and the fight-back started with a big score of five, followed by numerous two's and one's.

By the 19th end they had scored 13 shots in a row to take a 16-14 lead.

Sterley and Mitchener fought hard though to win the 20th end with a one and repeated that in the 21st end to tie the game at 16-16.

After that the umpires came on to the rink to toss a

coin to determine which side would play first in the extra deciding end. Mitchener saved her best for last, and bowled four great bowls in the last end, however, so did the opposition.

"The holding shot" changed numerous times before Sterley and Mitchener were holding game with Van Wyk having the last bowl of the match.

He played into the group surrounding the jack and the jack squirted out to the side of all the bowls into open space. When they looked at the head Sterley and Mitchener were just holding and with that they became Eastern Province mixed pairs champions.

Sterley and Mitchener will now travel to Alberton in June to play in the SA National mixed pairs finals and all local bowlers will be rooting for them when the time comes.

## Team SA takes 5th at Commonwealth

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

The 2018 Commonwealth Games came to an end on Sunday 15 April, after two weeks of entertaining competition. Team South Africa finished fifth overall on the medals table, behind hosts Australia, England, Canada and India. Our team had big wins in the pool, the sprints and middle-distance running, but had a surprising non-podium finish in rugby.

Earning a total 37 medals, including 13 gold, 11 silver and 13 bronze medals, Team SA touched down in Johannesburg last Monday 16 April with the pride of the nation. With 14 medals in athletics and 12 in swimming, team South Africa improved on their 7th placing in Glasgow 2014.

Caster Semenya lit up the track on the Gold Coast with double gold in the women's 800m and 1500m. Semenya clocked 1:56.68 for the 800m, setting a new Games record after opening up a big gap on Kenyan rival Margaret Wambui, who took silver in 1:58.07.

"We had a great off-season.

The build-up was great and we had a lot of long runs, so we knew where we were," Semenya said. "With the experience we have, we're more mature. It has been almost 10 years running 800m, so for us it's quite easy to run 800m and 1500m, but 1500m is the hardest because it's beyond the distance I usually do."

In the pool, the pick of the bunch had to go to Chad le Clos, who took home a fantastic five medals, three of them gold.

Particularly impressive for Le Clos was his 50m butterfly win over Dylan Carter from Trinidad and Tobago, whom he beat by 0.30 seconds in a time of 23.37. Carter took silver in a time of 23.67, while fellow South African Ryan Coetzee took bronze in a time of 23.73.

The national men's 4x100m relay team closed out the SA athletics contingent's campaign in style on Saturday, taking the silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia.

The quartet, consisting of Henricho Bruintjies, Emile

Erasmus, Anaso Jobodwana and Akani Simbine took second place in 38.24 seconds to break the SA record of 38.35 which had been set in the final of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The final day of the games saw the most disappointing result for Team South Africa, when the Team SA Men's Rugby Seven's side failed to place on the final day. After losing out to eventual silver medalists, Fiji, Team SA went down to England in the Bronze final to finish fourth overall.

This was particularly shocking, considering the fact that Team SA were the defending champions, and have put together a string of solid performances all last year and this year on the World Series circuit.

Overall, however, Team South Africa returned home with an improved position on the medals table from the previous games, and looked strong throughout the games. For the full list of SA's medal winners, see: <http://www.grocotts.co.za/category/sport/>

## Harcourts HERO OF THE WEEK

### All-sport athlete Dwayne Pharo

Kingwood College's Dwayne Pharo has been an inspiration the sports field over the summer season. Pharo, a native of Breidbach, just outside of King William's Town, is a Grade 9 boarder at Kingswood.

While he is an exciting and talented cricketer and was top scorer at the national U14 Hockey IPT as well as netting 50 tries on the rugby field last year - it is Pharo's accomplishments on the athletics track that he has caught the most attention.

By the end of 2017 Pharo had made the finals of the U15 section, as an U14, in the 100m sprint at the SA Championships. He went on to break a 30-year old 100m record at the prestigious Hirsch Shield Inter-Schools competition. Pharo ended the year enjoying the privilege of training with 'Tannie' Ans Botha, Wayde Van Niekerk's coach, for two weeks, as well as meeting and spending time with 400m Olympic Champion and World record holder Van Niekerk himself.

Pharo went on to be the provincial champion in the 100m, 200m and long-jump events. He ran a personal and season's best in the 100m in a time of 10.60 secs; and was second overall in South Africa over the 100m (10.90 secs) as well as in the 200m events.

Pieter Serfontein, the head of College Sport at Kingswood said, "Dwayne is an outstandingly talented individual on many



Dwayne Pharo is an exciting sportsman in all the codes he tries and will look to continue his success while still in school. Photo: Supplied

fronts. It's exciting to watch him play sport because he has that natural flair that is inherent and not coached. Dwayne has the ability to play several sports at the highest level, should he choose to pursue this avenue.

However, Dwayne's best attribute is the way he carries himself. He is a very personable and humble guy with a great sense of humour. He is the kind of person everyone enjoys being around."

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**World Surf League**  
Dale Staples (St Francis Bay) and Luke Thompson (Durban) earned their maiden World Surf League (WSL) event titles when they won the Men's and Junior Men's respectively at the Mitchum Buffalo City Surf Pro presented by Reef Wetsuits in East London on Sunday 15 April. Classic conditions and a pumping 1.5 to 2.0 metre swell at Nahoon Reef produced the ideal canvas for the country's top surfers to perform their magic.

**Triathlon Challenge**  
Port Elizabeth hosted a perfect race weekend packed with thrilling triathlon action and idyllic weather on 14 and 15 April. Local tyre manufacturer Continental Tyre South Africa had plenty of reason to celebrate after taking the lion's share of trophies in the Isuzu Corporate Triathlon Challenge, held on Saturday at the Friendly City's popular Hobie Beach.

**Ocean Swim**  
The toughest Indian Ocean swim in the world takes place in Algoa Bay when the 2018 Jendemark Bellbuoy Challenge takes place on the morning of Saturday 21 April, at Pollok Beach with a record entry of over 130 entries. A daunting 5km ocean swim which sees some of South Africa's bravest open water swimmers heading 2.5km straight out to sea to round the nautical bellbuoy directly off Pollok Beach.

**Emerging Women Cricketers**  
Tumi Sekhukhune starred with the ball and Lara Goodall did it with the bat as the South Africa Emerging team edged out the England Women's Academy in their second match of the Cricket South Africa Emerging Woman's Triangular Series in Pretoria on Monday 16 April. There was also a stellar all-round performance from Nadine de Klerk as the hosts bounced back from a heavy loss to the Australia Under-19s with a three-wicket win at the at the Groenkloof Oval.

**Matter of Fact**  
Last week Grocott's Mail published an article on the Back Page about the Rhodes Archery where we in error misnamed Gareth Ross as Trevor Rochat. The piece has now been corrected and it can be found at <https://bit.ly/2Hebudu>. Grocott's Mail regrets the error and apologises to all concerned.



The Brumbies look to use their line-out as an attacking weapon on the Windvogel 5m line. Photo: Lutho Magasana

# Brumbies off to 43-24 win

By LUTHO MAGASANA

The Grahamstown Brumbies opened their Grand Challenge Cup season with a win over Port Elizabeth side Windvogel in a match played at the Grahamstown Oval on Saturday April 14. The hosts looked to continue their form from the previous couple of weeks, during which they have participated well in the SEDRU league.

Although the visitors started well by putting pressure on the Brumbies, it was the hosts who scored first, with Chad Gill getting the ball over the try-line and Duane Brown successfully securing the conversion. After the try, the Brumbies relaxed

and the visitors took the opportunity to equalise, scoring a converted try of their own. Two minutes later, Unathi Kongwana dove over the try-line. However the conversion was missed by Brown, which took the Brumbies to a 12-7 lead.

The hosts kept on attacking and extended their lead with the try by Barabbas, however Brown missed another conversion.

The visitors attempted to catch up and eventually Dwayne Camper made an exceptional run to the try-line, with Garth Sampson successfully taking the conversion. Shortly after, the Brumbies showed their dominance again when Chadwil Jeggels

scored a try, which made the conversion for Brown easy.

Just three minutes before the end of the first half, Brumbies' Janie Du Toit made an exceptional run from the 22m line and scored an unconverted try, the last points of the half. The half time score was 29-14 in favour of the hosts.

The second half opened with the visitors' Dwayne Sampson scoring a brace. However, both conversions were missed.

The hosts fought back through Brown, who scored a brilliant try and converted his own score, taking the score to 36-24. However another brilliant converted try by Mains took

the game beyond the visitors' reach. It was Windvogel who had the final say, after they scored one last unconverted try just five minutes before the end of the match. The final whistle blew with the score reading 43-29 in favour of the hosts.

Brumbies coach Eugene Janson was thrilled with result. "It is a great start for a new season after we did not do very well last season. This season we are working on becoming better every week as individuals, as a club and get a support from the community," said Janson.

The Brumbies will now go into a bye week, before travelling to Alexandria to take on the Trying Stars.

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**Hi-Q SPORTS DIARY**

**FRIDAY 20 APRIL**  
**Hockey:**  
• St Andrew's College: 12:15pm Boys-U14A v St Charles College; 5:15pm Boys-U14A v Clifton College  
• Kingswood College Festival

**SATURDAY 21 APRIL**  
**Hockey:**  
• St Andrew's College: 7:45am Boys-U14A v Merrifield; 6:30am Boys-U14A v Michaelhouse

**SUNDAY 22 APRIL**  
**Hockey:**  
• St Andrew's College: 8:15am Boys-U14A v St John's College; 12:15pm Boys-U14A v Bishops Diocesan College

**MONDAY 23 APRIL**  
**Squash:**  
• Graeme College vs VGH52 (away) - 6pm

**TUESDAY 24 APRIL**  
**Squash:**

**WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL**  
**Hockey:**  
• Graeme College: 1st XV, 2nd XV and U14 A vs Westering (Away)

**Squash:**  
• Graeme College J1 vs Kingswood College 5  
• DSG vs St Andrew's Preparatory School Boys-U13A - 6pm

**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)

**FRIDAY 27 APRIL**  
**Frisbee:**  
• SAFDA Mixed Nationals - Albany Sports Club - 8am-5pm  
**Hockey:**  
• St Andrew's College U16 A vs St Stithian's College

**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 Benedicts's College - 16:00  
**Rugby:**  
• St Andrew's College: 11:40 1st XV v Durban High School; 10:20 Boys-U16A v St Stithians College; 10:20 Boys-U16A v St Stithians College; 11:40 Boys-U15A v Eezi Fana; 09:10 Boys-U14A v Brandwag HS

**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

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