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Amasango pupil Asemahle Qoloshe rehearses with the school's marimba band. The Amasango Career School Marimba Band came third in the 2018 Education Africa International Marimba and Steelpan Festival in Johannesburg recently. Curated by Education Africa, the seventh edition of the Festival brought together more than 2 000 performers from South Africa, Nigeria, Botswana and Zimbabwe. The group is coached by third-year Rhodes University student, Asakhe Cuntsulana. Photo: Tolakele Silo

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The Grahamstown to Sea (G2C) mountain bike race from Grahamstown to Port Alfred in July attracted in excess of 300 entries from all over the Eastern Cape. The annual event is sponsored by the Grahamstown and Port Alfred branches of BUCO hardware merchants. The race proceeds were handed over last week to the beneficiaries, Grahamstown SPCA and Port Alfred SPCA. Seen at the handover of the cheque to Grahamstown SPCA last week were, from left, Cathy Gorham of organising club Albany Saints & Sinners Multi-Sport Club, Mark Thomas of Grahamstown SPCA and Shaun Sawyer of BUCO Grahamstown. Grahamstown SPCA also assisted with the all-important task of marshalling. Photo: Supplied

Taxi rank agreement

By SUE MACLENNAN

Taxi associations in Grahamstown (Makhanda) still have to ratify an agreement brokered this week. Competing taxi associations Border Alliance (BATA) and Uncedo have met twice this month to resolve a disagreement over fee sharing.

The dispute over stand fees (the duty payable to the rank management once your taxi is full and ready to leave) earlier this month saw Uncedo leave BATA's long-distance car rank in Link Street and establish their own loading area less than 500 metres up the road.

The dispute is about BATA's Link Street rank. Both Uncedo and BATA were using it to load long-distance taxis to Fort Beaufort, King William's Town and Peddie.

Loaded taxis pay a stand fee of between R15 and R20 before they set

off – effectively rental for the space they've occupied to load passengers.

Because BATA operates the Link Street rank, their marshal collects this fee and it goes to the association. Uncedo believes they're entitled to a share. Chairperson Monde Sandi said at issue had been that many of their drivers and owners were paying stand fees to the BATA marshal – yet Uncedo was receiving no share of that. Sandi said this had been resolved during talks.

"The stand fee payment for the Port Alfred, PE and Peddie taxis will be split half-half," Sandi said. "But for the Fort Beaufort line, each association will take its own fee."

Sandi said as far as Uncedo was concerned, negotiators had resolved the disagreement. It only needed to be ratified by the respective organisations. BATA chairperson Dole

Kondile, though, was frustrated that the Uncedo long-distance taxis continued to line up in Beaufort Street opposite the Total garage, less than half a kilometre from their rank.

"There's no change," Kondile said this week. "They're still in front of our rank."

Uncedo's home rank is in Dr Jacob Zuma Drive opposite Fikizolo Primary School. BATA's rank is in Link Street, opposite the Engen garage in Beaufort Street.

Both use the main municipality managed Queen Street rank, along with privately owned land behind Shoprite and four allocated parking bays in front of Checkers in High Street.

The 'Avanza' rank for vehicles travelling to Port Elizabeth is a section of Beaufort Street close to the Hill Street corner.

Fish hooks late-night cellphone burglar

By SUE MACLENNAN

When Sanet Steyn woke up in the early hours of Monday morning she was confused more than afraid when she saw an intruder in her flat.

Steyn, who lives in a complex at the east end of African Street, said it was around 3.30am on Monday morning when she was woken by a light on in her flat.

She thought she must have forgotten to switch it off and got up to do so – but was confused to see a person standing shining a light into her

fish tank and staring into it, clearly absorbed and fascinated.

"What on earth are you doing?!" Steyn said. Startled, the intruder ran out of the door, jumped over the fence and disappeared down the street.

It took a minute before the fact that she'd had an intruder set in, and Steyn ran to slam her door shut and looked for her phone to call Hi-Tec Security.

It was only then she realised that her phone must have been the light the "rather short" intruder must have

been using to watch the fish in the tank. Then with a shock she realised the intruder must have been right beside her while she was asleep. "My phone was next to me on my bedside table," she said.

And the fish?
 "Nothing special," she said later. "Just some very plain guppies."

Steyn said there had been several incidents in the complex in recent weeks.

"I'm just grateful that's all that happened," she said.



WEATHER & TIDES

Doctors close doors on after-hours service

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Several private healthcare practitioners in the Grahamstown (Makhanda) area have put a stop to their after-hours care services. This leaves residents little choice but to visit their local public hospital for any after-hours emergency. With the Eastern Cape suffering from a lack of healthcare resources, local residents are concerned about their options for adequate care.

One Grahamstown (Makhanda) private practise issued a letter to their patients stating that they will no longer offer after-hours care as of 1 September. Their reasoning behind the decision includes the low number of general practitioners in the area given the growing demographic of private healthcare users.

An anonymous source from Settlers Hospital stated that their private doctors had also halted after-hours care, meaning that private patients would have to wait in casualty for medical emergencies.

A recent post on Grahamstown (Makhanda) social media detailed an account of a private patient waiting for over 10 hours in casualty to see a doctor as a result of no private after-hours care services.

Local practitioner, Dr Dario Berenisco spoke to Grocott's Mail about this issue. Berenisco's practise will continue to offer after-hours care services, but only to their dedicated patients.

"We are going to cover our regular patients that are registered with the practise, emphasis on our patients and regular patients, not patients that once saw us five years ago and have another doctor that they normally attend."

Though Berenisco will continue to see patients after-hours, he expressed concerns.

"I think there's been an abuse of after-hours care", he said. "I think people call out doctors unnecessarily after-hours for things that could have been kept for reasonable hours."

"I think that's caused a lot of frustration around general practitioners."

Private patients that do not have access to after-hours care are requested to visit Settlers Hospital.

I think there's been an abuse of after-hours care.

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Tides: Low 11:37
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Tides: Low 00:04 12:07
 High 06:08 18:30

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

Rates boycott call concern

By SUE MACLENNAN

Municipal Manager Mopopo Mene says he's committed to transparency and has appealed to residents to engage with him rather than support a rates boycott. Meanwhile, Makana Revive! says it was not driving a call on social media this week for citizens to divert a portion of their rates to the Grahamstown (Makhanda) NPO.

Facebook and Whatsapp group debates began with residents' frustration at the state of infrastructure and governance in Makana Municipality and moved to ethics; risk and cost of litigation against the withholder; the problem of paying money to an NGO that isn't obliged to account directly to the public; and the suggestion that legal tools should be used to make the municipality accountable.

"Calling all Makana rate-payers! Please join us in withholding rates. Why pay rates to a dysfunctional Municipality that is clearly allowing our town to go to wreck and ruin?" wrote a resident on the Grahamstown Facebook page. "It's time that we stand together and say NO! It's time for action! From now on we will divert a portion of our rates

payment to Makana Revive! and we challenge fellow rate payers to do the same."

However, Makana Revive! Member Ron Weissenberg says the call does not come from the organisation.

"Makana Revive! has never called for a rates boycott and has no view on what people do with their own money," Weissenberg said. "Makana Revive was mentioned several times as a likely recipient given the track record on repairs and maintenance in and around Makana. This created the impression that Makana Revive had called for this. Not correct."

Public Service watchdog PSAM said the Constitutional Court (CC) had commented and ruled on the withholding of rates in various judgments.

Jay Kruuse, Director of the Public Service Accountability Monitor, cited the case of Pretoria City Council v Walker [1998] ZACC 1; 1998 (2) SA 363 (CC); 1998 (3) BCLR 257 (CC) in which the City Council characterised such conduct as impermissible self-help.

In that case, the Constitutional Court had said, "Local government is as important a tier of public administration as any. It has to continue functioning for the common

good; it, however, cannot do so efficiently and effectively if every person who has a grievance about the conduct of a public official or a governmental structure were to take the law into his or her own hands or resort to self-help by withholding payment for services rendered. That conduct carries with it the potential for chaos and anarchy and can therefore not be appropriate. The kind of society envisaged in the Constitution implies also the exercise of responsibility towards the systems and structures of society. A culture of self-help in which people refuse to pay for services they have received is not acceptable. It is pre-eminently for the courts to grant appropriate relief against any public official, institution or government when there are grievances."

Mene, who started at Makana Municipality on 1 August, said several organisations had already engaged with him constructively.

"Let those who are unhappy with the way we do things come forward and engage my office," Mene said. "I commit to serve you with the best of my ability in a manner that will pull all of us together for the betterment of our city."

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The application will lay open for inspection at the Town Planning Department ("BAB Office") in Joza, daily from 08:00 to 16:00 with Ms N. Ncilata, 046 637 0424/8.

Anyone who has comments or objections to the application is invited, according to section 98 to do so in writing. The application is open for inspection during office hours with Ms Ncilata.

Closing date for objections is **24th September 2018**.

In terms of Section 21(4) of the Local Government Municipal system act, 2000 (act 32 of 2000) people who cannot write may approach Ms Ncilata to assist them to put their comments or objections in writing.

On behalf of:
Mr. Moppo Mene
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER



ISAZISO SASEMTHETHWENI

Oku kukwazisa ukuba uMasipala wase Makana ufumene isicelo esenziwe ngokwecandelo **Section 74(1)** lase Makana uMthetho kaMasipala loCwangciso lweMihlabanoLawulo lokuSetyenziswa koMhlaba (2016), elo ngu **Custocel (PTY) Ltd** bafake isicelo kuMasipala wase Makana, ngokubhekiselele kwifama engunombolo **673 Albany, eSydney's Hope Game Farm ALBANY** ngenxa yokusetyenziswa komhlaba.

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Umhla wokuvaiwa kokungeniswa kwezichaso yi **24th September 2018**

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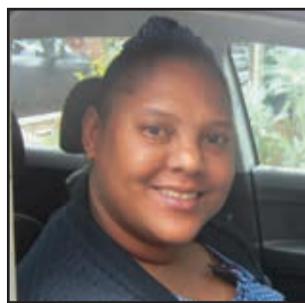
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MR. Moppo Mene
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Lindani Donyeli asked about the recent local land grabs.



ALLAN NYAKOTYO
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TASHLYN JACOBSON
NURSE

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PHELESILE BUWA
SECURITY

I don't see anything wrong, especially [if] they don't have houses. There should be an agreement between them and the municipality.



LAURA NISBET
STUDENT

What else should they do? They need to build houses, because they can't stay on the street.



KATRINA VAN RENSBURG
HOUSEWIFE

What else can they do? Because they don't have houses.



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Mark Thomas

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Whistleblower flayed

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Nearly six months after initial media reports of alleged human rights violations at Tower Hospital in Fort Beaufort, Health Ombudsman Malegapuru Makgoba released his 60-plus page investigative report. Former Tower psychiatrist Dr Kiran Sukeri blew the whistle in February this year in response to witnessing alleged poor patient care and mismanagement by hospital officials.

Makgoba hauled both the media and Sukeri over the coals, discrediting Sukeri in particular. In contrast Health MEC Helen Sauls-August, in a statement issued the same day, saluted whistleblowers for their "central role" in exposing the hospital's issues.

Sukeri's claims were investigated by public bodies including the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), and the South African Society of Psychiatry (SASOP). SASOP released a damning report of the hospital at the end of March. Their findings included the inhumane use of seclusion rooms and improper record keeping, particularly death registers. SASOP President Prof Bernard Janse van Rensburg told Grocott's Mail in March that the crisis at Tower could

be worse than Life Esidimeni. Grocott's Mail in collaboration with Health-e News continued investigations, culminating in a two-part documentary series that aired eNCA's Checkpoint in June.

In his address on Thursday 23 August, Makgoba called Tower Hospital a "Life Esidimeni copycat phenomena", saying it had "created a national hysteria" and had blown "a simple complaint into a national issue that it should not have been".

He called Sukeri's complaint "coy", "deceptive" and "complex", stating that the complainant spoke about systemic failures rather than the hospital itself. In a direct personal attack, Makgoba said, "Nobody wants a to work with [Kiran Sukeri] anymore, because they don't trust him."

Makgoba stated that allegations of human rights violations had been conflated with cases of professional misconduct, emphasising that there were no human rights violations at Tower. "I want that to be remembered", he said.

He also cited an error made by Sukeri in regards to dates, which had been later corrected and apologised for.

"Sukeri's complaint damaged our reputation as a coun-

try, of coworkers in the Eastern Cape. It was a basic statistic error." Makgoba later called for Sukeri to be reported to the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

He further suggested the appointment of an administrator of mental healthcare services in the Eastern Cape, as well as for mental healthcare to be taken back by the Minister of Health as a national competency. Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi later spoke, stating that the Department of Health will issue a contract to hire 51 private psychiatrists and 72 psychologists to address "backlogs" in mental healthcare facilities.

Makgoba targeted the media for "peddling falsities", appealing for them to retract articles about Tower and issue public apologies. "I want to ask the media and Dr Sukeri with all these allegations, and make a public apology. Together. The media as the fourth state is important for democracy. We can't do that with a media that peddles lies."

While Makgoba delivered his report, Eastern Cape MEC for Health, Helen Sauls-August, issued a statement acknowledging Makgoba's recommendations and thanking the work of whistleblowers.

"The report reveals our

weaknesses and creates opportunities for us to jack up our systems. We will implement the remedial action of the report to ensure that what has happened at Tower Hospital does not happen again in any of our facilities. We salute the whistleblowers who raised these issues at the facility so that they may be corrected."

Sauls-August wrote that whistleblowers played a "central role" in exposing the hospital's issues.

The statement confirmed the appointment of a new Acting CEO, Dr Bayeni, as well as the replacement of hospital management staff and nursing managers. It also detailed plans for ward renovations and the re-training of staff in accordance with the Mental Healthcare Act.

"We have learnt the hard lessons that our institutions have not internalised the new mental health human rights culture in particular the need to establish adequate social support before patients are discharged." Sauls-August affirmed that mental healthcare would be a high priority for this financial year.

Grocott's Mail, in conjunction with PSAM will continue to investigate the Eastern Cape's mental healthcare crisis.



Women carrying babies in their backs on the fun walk from Maweti shop to Noluthando Hall on Thursday 23 August. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Breast still the best!

By LINDANI DONNELI

Women led by drum major-ettes carried babies on their backs on a fun walk hosted by the Department of Health's Makana Subdistrict, Makana Municipality and Dlukulu Clinic from Maweti store in Joza to Noluthando Hall on Thursday 23 August.

At Noluthando Hall, Phumla Hermans (Integrated Nutrition Programme Manager) opened a breastfeeding awareness workshop with prayer. Ward 2 councillor Rami Xonxa the ward councillor gave a welcome address.

Health promoters sang songs such as "Ubusi lwamabele, sihamba nalo, sihlala nalo, ubisi lukamama. (Breast feeding, we are moving with

it, the mother's milk). It encourages women to give their newborn babies breast milk.

Yolisa Makikivana, from the Integrated Nutrition Programme said during Women's Month, they were encouraging women to feed their young babies with natural milk.

"It is healthier and less expensive than buying a tin of milk which will not last long," Makikivana said.

She encouraged partners to support breastfeeding women. "Breastfeeding is healthier for the baby, better for the brain and is much cheaper.

She encouraged partners to use the money they would have spent on powdered milk to buy vegetables that would benefit the whole family.

We have learnt the hard lessons that our institutions have not internalised the new mental health human rights culture in particular the need to establish adequate social support before patients are discharged.

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CONDITIONS APPLY

Who made the noise?

Since March of this year *Grocott's Mail* has fervently worked to investigate the Eastern Cape's mental healthcare crisis, particularly Tower Hospital in Fort Beaufort. We have visited the hospital multiple times, and conducted in depth interviews with the hospital management as well as several staff members. Our findings revealed not only shortcomings at Tower Hospital, but of the Eastern Cape system as a whole. We further investigated and published stories about alleged patient abuse at Fort England and staff worn down by conditions at Cecilia Makiwane. Our investigative work culminated in a two-part documentary in collaboration with Health-e News on eNCA's Checkpoint. It was, and remains, a great achievement for the newspaper.

However, yesterday morning, Health Ombud Dr Malegapuru Makgoba denied every ounce of information that had come from the media in respect to Tower Hospital. He released his own investigative report and flat-out said that there were no human rights violations. Not only did he deny the numerous allegations, but spent an unruly amount of time slamming the whistleblower who brought them to light. He also lambasted the media for "reporting on falsities, and peddling lies".

Arguably the most troubling part of Makgoba's public denouncement was his repeated reference to "noise", but repeated backlash against the whistleblower. Makgoba stated that the changes being made to Tower Hospital were a result of the "noise", not the complaint made by the whistleblower.

So, Dr Makgoba, who made the noise? South Africa is a troubled democracy, and just as the freedom of the media must be protected and fought for, so must the freedom of whistleblowers. *Grocott's Mail* has worked extensively with PSAM to assure that this conviction is expressed through our reporting.

The Tower whistleblower made a protected disclosure and under the Protected Disclosures Act should not be subject to such backlash. Dr Makgoba cannot acknowledge the "noise", and yet silence the one who made it.

Keep Grahamstown (KGG) campaigners, Jock McConnachie and Sigidla Ndumo have shown that keeping at an issue has its merits. The two men were photographed 11 years ago in front of the City Hall with their submission to the Makana Municipality's Naming Task Team. They argued there was a lot riding on the name Grahamstown and that the city had more urgent problems.

Many hearings and scores of more pressing problems later, McConnachie and Ndumo again posed for a photo in front of the City Hall. This time, their submission was to the Minister of Arts & Culture, Nathi Mthethwa.

We won't debate the merits of the name-change campaign. Rather, we salute that they have used the means guaranteed to them in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution to pursue it.

It's the Constitution citizens should abide by, according to legal precedent, when it comes to a proposal to divert rates to a private fund used directly and exclusively for repairs, maintenance and services to the town.

It's not hard to understand residents' frustration that has fuelled this call. So far the law's view has given precedence to "the exercise of responsibility towards the systems and structures of society", saying, "a culture of self-help in which people refuse to pay for services they have received is not acceptable" see page 3 story).

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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Vatiswa September passes the flame for female leadership to Lindelwa Liwani at the seminar for female principals held by the DBE on 17 August. The Department of Basic Education hosted a programme for women principals. This included an analysis of research highlighting the challenges facing women leaders in particular, such as the fact the women are expected to be more participatory and democratic in their leadership style than men and experience pushback when this expectation is not met. Photo: Supplied

Financial planning for women

August being Women's Month in South Africa makes it appropriate to focus on some financial planning issues that affect women directly. While the basics of good financial planning are the same for both men and women, women often face particular lifestyle and economic issues that require special consideration.

On average, women live longer than men. According to the latest World Health Organisation data published in 2018, the average life expectancy for men in South Africa is 60 years and 67 years for women. In the United States, these averages increase to 79 and 81 years respectively and life expectancy is improving rapidly due to advances in healthcare. Unfortunately, healthcare costs across the world tend to increase at a rate greater than inflation.

It is clear that no matter where they live, most women would need to ensure that provision has been made for

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ROSS MARRINER



additional retirement savings so that they don't outlive their money.

Women sometimes have no choice but to take time out of their careers if they wish to have children, and this necessitates them having to move in and out of the workforce at certain times in their lives.

In some instances, the decision is made for the woman to stay at home to bring up the children.

This decision would have a significant impact on her future earning potential as well as on the amount she would be able to save for her retirement.

Women also face unique medical challenges such as cervical and breast cancer. Research undertaken in the

United States revealed that 1 out of every 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. These diseases account for the majority of critical illness and disability claims by women.

Threats such as heart attacks and strokes, previously associated primarily with men, have now also become significant risks for women. Surviving a critical illness or disability can be financially devastating for a woman if she does not have adequate resources or cover in place.

Sadly, close to half of all marriages across the world end in divorce. A recent study found that married people accumulate about four times more wealth than single people but, on average, divorced

people usually end up poorer than single people. It is often more difficult for a woman to accumulate wealth after a divorce, especially if her career has been interrupted at some stage and she needs to re-enter the workplace.

To deal with these unique challenges, women need to take an active interest in their own finances. They should be encouraged to seek the council of an expert, someone who they feel they will be able to trust.

An experienced Certified Financial Planner will be able to guide a woman through the financial planning process and assist her to achieve the right mix of products, thereby providing her with peace of mind no matter what the future holds.

• *Rands and Sense* is a monthly column, written by Ross Marriner, a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® with PSG Wealth. His Financial Planning Office number is 046 622 2891

GOOD IDEA

Progress through pain and faith

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. 2 Thessalonians 1v3-4

In the book of 2 Thessalonians Paul begins his letter with an expression of gratitude, giving thanks for the fact that the Christians at Thessalonica are growing, both in their

faith and in their love for each other. In other words, they are making progress in the Christian life, growing both in the vertical dimension (faith towards God), and also in the horizontal dimension (love for one another).

This reminds us that there are degrees of faith and love, and the expectation is that Christians will grow in these areas.

As we go on in the Christian life it's expected that there will be a deepening in our faith – a deepening in our reliance on the Lord, a deepening

of our trust in Christ, and a deepening of our dependence on Him. It's also expected that there will be an increase in our love for one another – that we will become increasingly self-sacrificial, and increasingly concerned for the needs and the welfare of others.

What's remarkable, however, is the expectation that this growth will take place in the context of hardship and suffering.

As someone has said, God's plants don't grow in the greenhouse; they grow outside where they're exposed

to the wind and the hail. The Thessalonians were enduring trials and persecution (verse 4), and yet this didn't stop them from pressing forward and making progress in the Christian life.

Can the same be said of us? Are we making progress in the Christian life? Do we view our trials as an excuse not to become self-absorbed, or as an opportunity to look away from ourselves and grow in faith and love?

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Assupol's Freddie Smith and Fifi Mompoti hand over the dresses they collected for Grahamstown (Makhanda) matric pupils to RU SRC members Unathi Mabukane and Nhlakanipho Mhlangu. Photo: Tolakele Silo

IRhodes ne-Assupol zinikeza ngeelokhwe kwisikolo saseNtsika

NguTOLAKELE SILO

Iqela elikhokhele abafundi kwiYunivesithi yaseRhodes (Student Representative Council-SRC) libambisene nenkampani yakwa-Assupol linikeze ngeelokhwe zeMatric Farewell kubantwana bebanga leshumi laseNtsika Secondary School eRhini ngoLwesine umhla we-16 kweyeThupha kulo nyaka wama-2018. Eli nyathelo likhokhelwa nguUnathi Mabukane weli qela okwisihlalo sokuthatha inxaxheba kuluntu. Lo kaMabukane wakuqala oku ngonyaka wama-2014 waze kulo nyaka waquka iqela lakhe le-SRC kwakunye nenkampani i-Assupol.

“Sikubona kubalulekile ukuba la magqiyazana naziinkokheli zangomso azive ebalulekile kwaye enesithozela xa esiya kwiMatric dance yawo,” utshilo umongameli weli qela likhokhele abafundi kwiYunivesithi yaseRhodes, uNhlakanipho Mhlangu. UMahlangu ukuthethe oku evuyisana ekwancoma aba bafundi bebanga leshumi ngelithi kwiimeko abajongene nazo emva emakhaya kuluchulumanco ukuba bafike kweli nqanaba ebomini babo. “Siyathemba ke ukuba kwiminyaka embalwa ezayo iya kube inini ababuya bazokuphisa ngeelokhwe,” utshilo

uMahlangu. Eli nyathelo liqokelele iilokhwe ezingapha kwama-35. Oku kwenzeka ngokusebenzisa amakhasi onxebelelwano, apho athe umsebenzi we-Assupol, umam’ uFifi Mompoti abone umbhalo kaMabukane ngeli nyathelo. “Ingummangaliso indlela esiwanyashayo amathuba okwenza inguqu sisebenzisa amajelo anje ngala amakhasi onxebelelwano,” utshilo uMompoti onethemba lokuba baza kubambisana nesikolo ukwenza okungaphezulu koku kwiminyaka ezayo.

“Nje ngabafundi bebanga le-10, sisuku kumakhaya ahlukileyo kwaye abanye bethu bebengazukuya kwi-farewell yethu kuba akukho mali yoko emakhayeni ethu,” utshilo umfundi wesikolo saseNtsika nongumongameli kwiqela elikhokhele abafundi, uSiviwe Madondo. Inqununu yesi sikolo umam’ uMadeleine Schoeman iqhwabele izandla eli nyathelo ngelithi “liza kunika inyweba yokuba abafundi babe nako ukuba baye nabo kwi-farewell yabo”.

“Siza kuqhuba nokuqokelela ezi lokhwe ‘de kufike umhla wabo we-farewell ngenyanga yeDwarha kwaye sikwacela nabantu ukuba banikeze ngoko banako,” ivale ngatshoyo intloko yeli nyathelo, uMabukane.

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Runners make their way up Mountain Drive during a training session. The GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon takes place on Saturday 25 August 2018.
Photo: Sue Maclennan

The GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon



Welcome to the creative, active city!

GBS Mutual Bank
On behalf of GBS Mutual Bank we welcome all runners to the GBS Mountain Drive Half Marathon and Grahamstown/Makhanda. We trust you will enjoy the weekend in our city. GBS is proud to be associated with this event and we are pleased that significant steps have been taken to make the race "green". There are plans to make this a major event in road running in the Eastern Cape.

Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset
The Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset welcomes all runners, supporters and their families to Grahamstown for the GBS Mutual Bank half marathon.

We are most grateful to all the sponsors, whose names are recorded elsewhere, for answering our call to assist in making this a fun-filled family event with traditional Grahamstown hospitality. While this is our first opportunity to participate in hosting the event, plans are already under way to expand the activities on offer next year. For this year, best wishes and good luck over the mountain. We look forward to welcoming you again at the finish.

Albany Saints and Sinners Multisport Club
What an exciting day!

A great big welcome to all the athletes and their supporters! The Albany Saints and Sinners members have traversed this new route in the hope that we provide you with a new and exciting challenge that also showcases the natural beauty of our beloved town.

Our hope is also that you will experience more than just physical challenges on this route and return next year with renewed vigour and pride for one of the more scenic events in the Eastern Cape.

All the best and as I always say to my fellow athletes at the start of a race: "See you on the other side."

Jaco van Dyk
Chairman, Albany Saints and Sinners Multisport Club



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Make the GBS Mountain Drive 21K your family breakfast run this Saturday!

This Saturday will be perfect weather for athletes and a fun family day outdoors in Grahamstown (Makhanda). Hundreds of runners will set off from the Graeme College start/finish of the GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon at 8am - and you're invited to join the action!

From 7am, as race entrants arrive with their families and supporters, Rotary Grahamstown will be serving delicious breakfasts, with Mugg & Bean at hand to supply the perfect cup of coffee.

While the runners make their way over the mountain in what are predicted to be comfortable 17C sunny conditions, things will be warming up at the Graemian Centre and the school's Somerset Field will see its own action. Fun for kids and adults includes a jumping castle and games, stalls and other entertainment organised by Round Table.

A delicious day-long menu

starts with cooked breakfasts and coffee, with hot drinks and muffins all morning followed by lunch. Al fresco eating at the pop-up cafe makes for a sociable day outdoors while you keep an eye on the race action.

Keep your ears open for the fantastic spot prizes on offer. The first runners are expected in a little after 9am (last year's winner on a variation of this year's course came home in 1.07.10) and all should be home and dry at the finish by midday, when the official prizegiving begins.

The GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon takes place this year in Grahamstown (Makhanda), on 25 August.

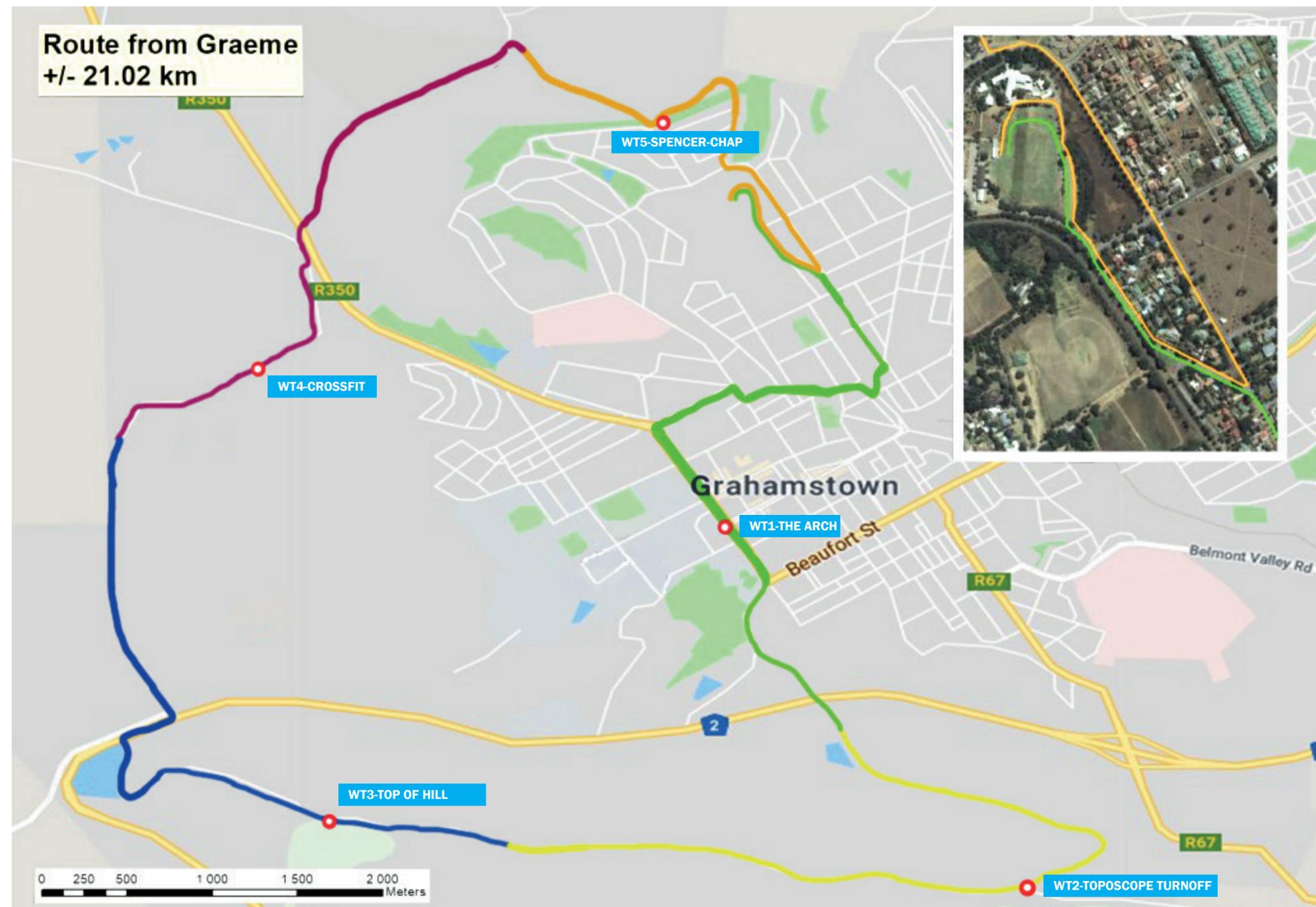
In an all-Grahamstown collaboration, GBS Mutual Bank is the title sponsor for the race, which is hosted by the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset, and organised by the Albany Saints & Sinners Multisport Club.



Enjoy a delicious cooked breakfast al fresco.. or just a fresh-baked muffin with your Mugg & Bean coffee - at the Graemian Centre pop-up café at the start/finish of the GBS Mountain Drive Half Marathon on Saturday 25 August. Photo: Avid Hills/ Creative Commons



Long and winding road... Rotary's Viv Quin, Anton Vorster and Tim Dold survey the route of the GBS Mountain Drive 21km. Part of the long, rolling section along the top of Mountain Drive stretches into the distance behind them.





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Why do you run? We asked some local runners what inspires them. Here's what they said!

Sharing the road with you



Tsepiso Nzayo

Local celebrity Tsepiso Nzayo will be one of the pairs of feet completing the GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon. The entrepreneur who stuck his neck out to pioneer isiXhosa stand-up and a Grahamstown (Makhanda) comedy club, long before the Festival made stand-up comedy fashionable, is also a more than competent long-distance runner who recently completed the Comrades Marathon.

Tsepiso, as his fans know him, will be among the pack on the day of the GBS 21km.

"I am excited and also feeling nervous at the same time," said Nzayo. "I am excited because people do acknowledge and trust me to associate their brand with me. I am nervous because, as a recreational

runner, many people will be looking at me. All in all, I am ready for the challenge."

"A half marathon is very fast compared to Comrades, so I will have to be very fast. I hope to improve my time of one hour and 25 minutes on that course [from last year]."

As Event Ambassador, Nzayo has engaged the organisers' vision to bring Grahamstown together through sport and a family atmosphere. "It's a good vision because sport does bring people together, and running is one of the sports where race and class don't matter," said Nzayo. "We are all the same on the road."

He said he started running in 2017. "I love running in Makhanda, that is why I take every opportunity I get when it arises. I don't usually run in Makhanda. I love running in front of the people," Nzayo said.

However, a number of local runners will also be looking to take the stage on the day. Runners like Sally Price Smith, Nicole Craig, Tracy van Aarde and *Grocott's Mail's* own Kathryn Cleary will be running for their own reasons on the day.

Additionally, all 50 members of the Albany Saints & Sinners multi-sport club will be involved either as competitors, marshals, or performing other tasks on the day. In addition to the usual members, local superstars Basi Bonaparte, Lubabalo Bokuva, and Defernito du Plessis, all from the Albany Saints & Sinners club, will be participating.

Keeping it clean and green

With the current global focus on protecting the environment, the GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon will do its part in reducing environmental impact on race day.

The Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset, has enlisted the help of a number of local businesses to ensure that the race is both an all-Grahamstown (Makhanda) enterprise, as well as a green event.

Oasis will donate water to fill up the water tables along the route, and runners will be able to fill up their own mugs and cups at these tables, in order to reduce the need for plastic water sachets. These sachets will be available to runners who do not have their own mugs and cups.

They will be responsibly cleaned up after the race by a sweeper vehicle with a trailer that has been donated by

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In addition to these water sachets and the fill up tables, paper cups have been chosen to replace the usual polystyrene cups for the coke at each water table along the route, to ensure the most recyclable material is used.

Pick n Pay has sponsored goodie bags available to each participant. Each goodie bag will take the shape of reusable large canvas bags, instead of the usual single-use plastic bags, to ensure that runners can continue to use the bags after the race, for shopping and other storage and carry needs.

The organisers of the GBS Mountain Drive are committed to ensuring that this year's event is not only a family-fun day, but also an environmentally responsible day. They endeavour to ensure that a small carbon footprint after the race.



Runners in training on Mountain Drive in Grahamstown (Makhanda). The GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon takes place this year in Grahamstown (Makhanda), on 25 August. GBS Mutual Bank is the title sponsor for the race, hosted by the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset, and managed by the Albany Saints & Sinners Multisport Club.

Eat, rest and relax - your last minute advice!



Kathryn Cleary is a journalist at *Grocott's Mail*, as well as an avid long-distance runner. Here is how she is preparing for the GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive half marathon.

Tracy van Aarde and Grocott's Mail's own Kathryn Cleary will be tackling the GBS Mountain Drive half marathon this year. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

It's the day before the big race, maybe even your first half-marathon. It's okay to feel nervous and demotivated, it happens to all of us. Lucky for you, today is full of food, rest and relaxation. Because you will be running 21.1km, you need to make sure your body is fuelled up for a successful race.

That means carbs, carbs and more carbs. You will want to increase your calorie intake for the day to keep you going through the race tomorrow. Make sure your meals are packed with good carbs, protein, vegetables and fruit.

Though it is tempting to indulge in breads and pastas, try to keep the gluten to a minimum. Go for some sweet potatoes, brown rice or other

whole grains. Dried fruit and nuts are also a smart idea.

My go-to dinner before long run (anything more than 15km) is gluten-free pasta with some roasted vegetables, garlic, chilli and fresh basil. I also steal some of that dark chocolate I've hidden away in my cupboard.

After a good dinner, a quick muscle massage is not a bad idea. Take some warm coconut oil and massage your legs or other sore muscles, this will help you for the race. Afterwards, be sure to get plenty of rest.

Get to bed early, and try not to stress. Every race should be a fun experience, and remember, it's not about how you start, it's about crossing that finish line.



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Gadra reveals their secret weapon

By ALICE DRAPER

Gadra Matric School (GMS) principal Melanie Lancaster hints that there is a "secret weapon" contributing to the extraordinary success of the school aside from dedicated learners as well as skilled and devoted teachers.

She believes that a great deal of the learners' success can be attributed to a writing skills class run by Lauren Hacksley.

GMS is currently the biggest feeder school for Rhodes University in the area and regularly receives a 100% matric pass rate.

The writing skills class was developed in 2011 by a Rhodes University volunteer. Two years later, it was expanded by Lauren Hacksley, a full-time teacher, and centralised around essay writing skills.

Athenkosi Nzanzeka, a Gadra and Rhodes University graduate, wrote to Hacksley in her first year at Rhodes.

"Ma'am the writing skills course helped me in a way that I can't explain. My lecturer always comments about how great I am at joining paragraphs in an essay. She says that my essay (2000 words) is quite impressive for a first university essay."

Nzanzeka was in the first writing skills class run by Hacksley - and her success story was the first of many to enter the teacher's inbox.

South African basic education does not provide the necessary foundations for the level of reading, writing and critical engagement demanded by universities. This can make the gap between school and university a minefield.

Lancaster comments on some of the challenges students attending tertiary education can face.

"There is this huge gulf. Whether you're first or second language, you don't really have a clue about academic writing. There are all sorts of expectations like learning

to link evidence to opinion without plagiarising as well as learning how to structure an essay and reference."

Navigating the minefield of academic writing is challenging for all students - and certainly more challenging for many of the Gadra students who are second language English speakers. The writing skills class aims to make the demands of academic writing less daunting and more manageable for learners who enter tertiary education.

Hacksley, who teaches the class, says that she primarily focuses on essay structure and engagement with the content.

The learners write an essay almost every week and receive detailed feedback.

With just under half of South African university students not completing their degrees, Hacksley believes that basic academic writing skills are essential tools in surviving tertiary education.

"There is so much going on in university. There are so many people around you, there are lecturers who feel unapproachable and there's content that you may not understand. I feel like teaching students the structure of essays is the one thing they can just hold onto."

Gadra alumnus and fourth year Rhodes University Accounting Student, Vuyelwa Magazi, also wrote to Hacksley to explain how the writing skills class helped her at university.

"A huge thanks to you again for the writing skills classes! They are coming in very handy, especially for management essays. This week we were going through essay writing and I knew all the particulars needed, from the thesis statement to your topic sentence."

Writing skills enhance life skills, Hacksley says, including effective communication, putting together resumes, writing letters and applying for jobs.

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Flower Show just for kids!

STAFF REPORTER

The Albany Horticultural and Liliium Society will host a Children's Flower Competition on 22 September at Johan Carinus Art Centre. As the drought has persisted unrelentingly and made gardening is extremely difficult, the Society decided on just presenting a Children's competition.

The planning started with a poster competition held between four schools- Kingswood Junior, Oatlands Preparatory, Good Shepherd Primary and Victoria Primary School. Grade 4 boys and girls took part and produced wonderful, colourful and interesting posters. The winning poster for each school will be used to advertise the Children's Flower Competition.

The Society approached each school and the Grade 4 teachers agreed to encourage the children to take part. The judges were five members of the Albany Horticultural and Liliium Society and the winners were:

- Kingswood Junior: Daniel Dold
- Good Shepherd: Joanell Valentayn (Special Mention) and Tuscany Baartman (Winner)
- Victoria Primary: Shiloh du

Plessis and Zahraa Manoor (Special Mention) and Olivia Weyl (Winner)

• Oatlands Preparatory: Lonwabo Stamper and Lukholo Khanyile (both winners - they did the poster together).

All the posters will be on display at Johan Carinus Art Centre on the day of the flower competition, 22 September.

The age groups for the competition are Pre-Primary, Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-7; and the two categories are:

"My Favourite Pot Plant" (the pot plant needs to have been in the child's care for three months prior to the competition; and "My Fantastic Garden in a box" (all the components to build this garden will be provided). Children (Exhibitors) need to be at the venue from 7.30am to 9.10am to set up their exhibits. This will be followed by the planting workshop at 9.30am and Treasure Hunt at 10.20am. The Prize Giving will be at 12pm and will end this exciting morning.

"We hope that many of our Grahamstown children will be able to take part in this event," the Society said. "Moms and dads will be very welcome to attend all the events on this day."

Cows fetch top prices

By SUE MACLENNAN

A buyer paid the top price of R80 000 for a bull at the annual Frontier Bonsmara sale at the Hobson & Co auction yards this week. The bull was one of a group of 58 from Eastern Cape breeders Craig Handley and Justin Stirk that fetched the average price of R47 120.69.

A Handley stud pregnant cow fetched the record price of R50 000 in a group of 15 animals with an average price of R22 666.67.

The sale hall was packed shortly after the midday start of the auction. A who's who of farmers from the district at the top of their game, there were also a number of younger and emerging farmers, and a group of pupils from Hoer Landbouskool Marlow there to observe the sale.

The specialist nature of the Bonsmara breed means buyers from other provinces make the journey to spot and pick up quality breeding stock.

"The sale is always well attended but this year especially so," said Paul Hobson.

The mood of bidders was very measured, Hobson said.

"There were lots of interested parties, but the economic climate is such that people are really bidding to



Spotters look out for bidders at the Frontier Bonsmara Sale on Wednesday 15 August. Photo: Sue MacLennan

their budget," he said.

Particularly notable was the enthusiasm for cows.

"The female market was very buoyant and very high - the highest it's ever been," Hobson said and the R50K paid for the Handley cow was a first.

"It's partly due to the game industry being in a bit of disarray," Hobson said. "It's also

due to the drought beginning to break."

Farmers sold off animals during the drought and were now restocking.

Bonsmaras are considered a benchmark in scientific breeding.

A successful South African experiment bred for beef, they are a cross between Afrikander, Hereford and Short-

horn, resistant to drought, parasites and disease.

In other sales, a stud cow with a calf fetched R13K; 62 commercial pregnant cows averaged R18 189.52 (top price R21 500); commercial cows and calves R17 142.86 (top price R20 500) and commercial pregnant heifers R17 710.53 (top price R21 000).

Local not always lekker

Kowie River tales

As a Kowie Catchment Campaign founding member, I was delighted to attend the launch of Jacklyn Cock's *Writing the Ancestral River: A Biography of the Kowie*, this week. How privileged we are to have someone hold a mirror up to the natural, cultural and political history of this important catchment - an integral part of our landscape for millennia. Not that the book is a comfortable read.

As noted in the press release, the iQoyi runs through a formative meeting ground of people who have shaped our country's history. And Cock, prompted by her personal historical connections to this landscape, traces its history, raising questions about colonialism, capitalism, 'development' (including the Port Alfred marina) and ecology. She asks us to consider the connections between social and environmental injustice. It's a must-read for those who want to ensure the survival of the river and of our souls.

Alien invasives on the commonage

Environmentally concerned dog-walker Don Hendry notes the alarming increase in infestation of invasive alien plants (IAPs) in areas previously cleared by Albany Working for Water, various environmental groups and by sponsored Interactors ("junior Rotarians") from local schools. on the Southern Commonage above Grey Dam.

Left unattended, these infestations of mainly black wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*) and long-leaved wattle (*Acacia longifolia*) will again take over large



MAKANA ENVIRO-NEWS

Jenny Gon

tracts of the commonage, an important constituent of the Oldenburgia Conservancy. The good news is that Albany WfW is back in action this month, and the Southern Commonage is on their list of areas to be cleared. In the meantime, however, Don is appealing to all users of the conservancy to uproot any IAPs they see. Larger organisations could organise groups to remove IAPs in a co-ordinated way, using tree poppers for larger saplings.

Avoid slashing, as it often results in re-shooting. You can borrow tree poppers from WESSA, via the RU Botany Department [contact: Barry Hartley, 046 603 8597].

Local not so lekker

For many local nature lovers, the Great Fish River Reserve is one of the best-kept secrets of the Eastern Cape.

The reserve is a favourite haunt for lovers of the Eastern Cape bush and the fauna that it supports. Within easy reach from Grahamstown, the reserve gates are a 40-minute drive on the R67 to Fort Beaufort.

However, loyal supporters of the reserve are shocked at ECPTA's latest tariff increases for a game drive visit - at R90 or R115 pp, depending on the timing of the visit, plus a conservation fee of R22 pp a day trip for two adults now costs either R224 or

R274 (half-price for kids). We would like to ask ECPTA to consider a stepped tariff, a la SANParks, that will make the reserve more affordable to its local supporters. More info, phone the GFRR Office at 087 286 6545.

Trash isles campaign

The anti-single-use-plastics campaign is gaining momentum, and so it should. As you read this, a rubbish truck full of plastic is making its way into the oceans every minute. There is now so much plastic garbage that an area cumulatively the size of France has formed in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Hawaii. In an innovative global anti-plastics initiative, LADBible has teamed up with the Plastic Oceans Foundation to take this country-sized trash patch and turn it into the world's 196th nation - named the Trash Isles.

Once they met the criteria to become a country (their currency is 'Debris'), they recruited citizens online, and on World Oceans Day (8 June) they submitted a Declaration of Independence to the United Nations to seek recognition of the Trash Isles as an official country.

In part due to the campaign's success, the issue has become a major discussion point around the world, with 193 countries at the most recent UN conference pledging to tackle the global crisis of plastic in the oceans. The campaign recently won two prestigious Grand Prix awards at the Cannes Lions Festival. For a two-minute video clip go to <https://youtu.be/u9Ne9VnZ7fs>

My Garden

Garden in a wasteland



Vuyani Notyawa, Monde Xinwa and Xolani Mcobongi are growing vegetables in old tyres at the municipal rubbish dump. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Vuyani Notyawa, Monde Xinwa and Xolani Mcobongi make their living from collecting waste at the municipal landfill site west of the industrial area. They live in Tantyi, Zolani and Xolani respectively, and spend their days at the dump.

They collect cardboard, paper, plastic, cans and electronics to sell on to recycling operations. How much they make depends on the weather and how many other people are at the site on any given day.

"In the rain, recyclers don't buy paper," says Xinwa. "It depends how many we are here, but it can R70-R150 that we make in a day."

Recently a group of students from RMR at

Rhodes University brought them seeds and some advice about how to grow vegetables using the hundreds of old tyres at the dump as mini-beds. Then RMR raised R3 000 which they used to buy tools, wheelbarrows and seed.

There are six of them in the group altogether. They've been growing spinach, cabbage, green onion, and carrot seedlings in the tyres since June and want to transplant them to a patch of land adjacent to the dump.

"What we want is to buy two donkeys and a cart and sell vegetables that we grow at the taxi rank," said Xinwa

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New spinning spot in Soweto

STAFF REPORTER

Gauteng's newest spinning arena is set to stun crowds and produce engine-roaring entertainment when it launches tomorrow (25 August) at GOG Gardens in Protea Glen, Soweto. The Jeff James Spin Hub is a

brand new 400 square-metre arena that is to become the official home of spinning in Soweto, named after the spinning legend himself.

The new arena is the brainchild of Tim Hogins, CEO of the GOG Group of Companies and Jeff James, who saw the

value in building a bespoke spinners arena at the popular GOG Gardens Park. The arena is yet another venue within the 17-hectare, multi-purpose facility and Hogins believes it will heighten the entertainment factor.

"Spinning is such a popu-

lar and entertaining sport in South Africa but there is still a negative stigma attached to it.

"This new arena is going to turn the negative into positive and give fans and spinners alike a place to call home."

The arena features seating areas, food and drink outlets and safety marshals in addi-

tion to the myriad other entertainment facilities at GOG Gardens, Soweto. It's ideally situated in a safe and secure environment, off the public streets.

For Jeff James, this is a big highlight, noting that "spinning has for years been considered by some to be

an unsafe street sport... Now people can spectate in a new environment where families and kids can be safely entertained".

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The new spinning area in Soweto. Photo: QuickPic

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Isuzu joins to back Southern Kings

STAFF REPORTER

An exciting new era has dawned for the Southern Kings with the announcement of the proudly Eastern Cape-side's new owners on Monday, 20 August.

Isuzu Motors South Africa will partner with a consortium of predominantly black business people, to sponsor the Southern Kings and Eastern Province Rugby for a three-year period.

The Isuzu Southern Kings have thus become the first black-owned rugby franchise in the country. Binding offers were submitted to the SARU EXCO approval.

Said Isuzu Motors South Africa Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Michael Sacke: "The Kings represent an ideal partnership opportunity as we are both new companies."

On behalf of the proposed Consortium, Loyiso Dotwana said the Eastern Cape deserves a rugby team.

"We want to build a professional and competitive team for the long run," he said. "Our long-term ambition is to achieve incremental growth which ultimately will result in the Isuzu Southern Kings winning the GUINNESS PRO14 Championship.

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In Memoriam

HEINRICH ARNOLD KEULDER 13/08/2017

Our hearts still ache with sadness and many tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. We hold you close within our heart and there you will remain. To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. R.I.P. Love Penny, Jaden & Cian

HEINRICH ARNOLD KEULDER

On 13 August 2017 you were taken from us so suddenly, but your memories will remain with us eternally R.I.P. Love. Eric, Phyllis and family

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In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and greatgran. Always in our hearts thoguh 15 years ago. R.I.P. MAMMA

Thank You

In a humble effort to improve the condition of Andrew Heemro Road, Penny Keulder with Eric Haarhoff's help, would like to acknowledge the following:
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2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices

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

TRINITY CHURCH FETE

Tomorrow Slow cooked beef paired with peanut butter spinach and served with Jasmine rice.
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TRINITY CHURCH FETE

Saturday 25 August
Sale of surplus furniture Chairs, Tables and other items from 8.30a.m



1. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Sibulele Gotyana**, born 14/06/2010.

The biological mother of the child is **Thabiso Gotyana**, born 03/03/1983, is deceased. Please could anyone with information regarding his whereabouts contact Shade Tobias, Social Worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046 636 1355.

2. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for **Zukisani Robile**, the biological father of Azolue Papu, born 15/04/2010. The biological mother **Nosibusiso Papa**, born 03/03/1990, is deceased. Please could anyone with information regarding his whereabouts contact Shade Tobias, Social Worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046 636 1355.

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We are however in desperate need of a top loader washing machine that can assist us in the daily task of washing blankets and medical sheets; we also are looking for a sponsor for a tow bar, assembly and towing pack for our Toyota Hilux. This will assist us greatly in being able to transport more animals and make better use of a recently donated animal trailer.

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Dog of the week: Hi..... My name is **Lightning**. I am a white coloured male GS cross looking for a loving home. I love long walks in the countryside and am looking for a large property to call my own. I need lots of exercise and lots of love and affection. 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.

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Best view of creative, active city

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

The Albany Saints and Sinners multi-sport club has once again played a major role in the organisation and planning of the event, which is rich in history. The club has been involved with hosting the event for over 10 years. For a number of years, Run/Walk for Life was the organiser, until the end of 2017, when the local Sunset Rotary club met with Albany Saints & Sinners and decided to continue this successful event in conjunction with this year's generous main sponsor, GBS Mutual Bank.

Continuing on from the success of the Run/Walk for Life years, the 2018 GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon could see it expand into a fun run and even add cycling in future.

Jaco van Dyk, chairperson of the Albany Saints & Sinners Multi-sport Club, said, "We want to enable the Grahamstown community to join us in a great local event that provides everyone with a great view of our town and our beautiful scenery. This year, the event will be hosted at Graeme College and we aim to provide a wonderful festive atmosphere for our community and visitors."

"Historically, the Drosty Harriers Running club hosted an event, the Salem half [marathon], which started at the Waainek Water treatment plant and ended at the Salem Sports Club. Drosty Harriers closed down and the Albany Road Runners (ARR) continued hosting it for a couple of years," said Van Dyk.

Albany Road Runners then decided on a local race, also held in honour of Drosty Harriers member Alistair Weakley and his brother Glen Weakley.

All 50 members of the Albany Saints & Sinners Multi-sport club will be involved either as competitors, marshals, or performing other tasks on the day. In addition to the usual members, local superstars Basi Bonaparte, Lubalo Bokuva, and Devernito du Plessis, all from the Albany Saints & Sinners club, will be participating.

Fans fuel Varsity Shield win

By LUTHO MAGASANA

After a disappointing season for Rhodes Rugby, they managed to duck relegation from the Varsity Shield on Monday 20 August, when they beat University of Zululand 44-5 at Rhodes University Great Field.

Rhodes started showing their dominance from the first touch. Rhodes full back, Zuko Zote knocked the ball on, right before the try line, giving the visitors a chance to clear the ball from their side. However, from that scrum, Rhodes' eighth man, Ukhanyo Charles, scored his first try, taking the hosts to a 5-0 lead. Aviwe Ntutu failed to secure the conversion.

Rhodes managed to maintain their dominance as they pushed for more tries to extend the lead.

Their right wing, Cameron Libera, did just that, after he scored the second try of the match. Ntutu failed to secure the conversion again, taking

the hosts to a 10-0 lead early in the match.

After the strategy break, the visitors attacked, trying to catch up with Rhodes' score, but Rhodes kept it tight and again managed to get the ball in their hands.

They looked hungry to score more tries. From an incredible assist by flanker, Ongeziwe Shumi, Rhodes wing Justin Bendeman dove behind the try line with Ntutu securing his first conversion.

This took the hosts to a half-time 18-0 lead.

In the second half, Rhodes started where they left off and continued attacking. They received a penalty, which was secured by Ntutu, further extending their lead. Fans were happy and singing – giving the purple army more energy to get more tries.

Charles made an exceptional run and scored his second try after the ball was kicked from the right-hand side, with Ntutu securing the

conversion.

The hosts kept showing their dominance. They played the ball close to the try line, which gave Bendeman a chance to score his second try of the match. Ntutu had found his kicking form, scoring his fourth successive conversion, and taking Rhodes to a lead of 37-0.

However, the visitors finally got a chance to put their name on the scoreboard when their flyhalf, Siphesihle Mhlamvu, made an exceptional run from the centre passing through Rhodes' backline and laying behind the try line. The conversion was missed.

Rhodes scored their last try through Ryan Horne, crossed over the line from five meters out, allowing Ntutu to kick the last points of the match.

After the victory, Rhodes coach Carlos Katywa, said, "despite the lack of full support from the university and lack of commitment from some players, the boys man-



Rhodes University beat University of Zululand in the Varsity Shield Promotion/Relegation match to stay in the Varsity shield tournament. Pictured: Ongeziwe Shumi (Far Left), Nic Butler (Left), Cameron Libera (Middle), Christopher Johnson (Middle), Liko Ndiyalwa (Right) and Mark Webber (Far Right). Photo: Mzwanele Sibanda

aged to dodge the relegation". He added, "patience is a virtue. The supporters need to

be patient because Rhodes is still new in the Varsity Shield. If both players and the univer-

sity at large could give out full commitment, and then everything else will fall into place."

Cape Town soccer tour for SAC

STAFF REPORTER

The St Andrew's College Football Club (SACFC) enjoyed a great tour of the Western Cape last week. The St Andrew's U15, U17 and U19 teams took part in a training camp on 8 August, before going on the tour. On their way to Cape Town, the teams played friendly matches against Tramways Football Club on 11 August. The SACFC tour of Cape Town got underway against the very skillful young players from Tramway FC.

The St Andrew's U15 A team went down 1-3 in the first game of the day, having worked hard to hold their opponents to 1-all for most of the match. The U17 A

team came back strongly in the second half to make up a two goal deficit, leading 3-2 until the dying moments when a superbly struck free kick saw Tramway draw level. The First team dominated their encounter, running out comfortable 4-0 winners. The club greatly appreciated the warmth of reception and efforts made by Tramway and in particular, Dr Nasief van der Schyff.

The following day saw the boys engaging with some of the Cape's top youth coaches, including legendary 81 year old Basil "Puzzy" Jacobs who was vital in the formation of South African greats like Quentin Fortune and Benni McCarthy. Theo Hemp,

who, after years in the PSL and NFD as player and coach, now runs a football academy, and Nasief van der Schyff, the chairman of Tramway FC.

"We are so grateful to the club and the coaches for giving up their Sunday morning to coach our boys. We all learnt a lot and from the laughter on the field also had a lot of fun," said Tim Barnard, St Andrew's soccer coach.

On Monday 13 August, the First team enjoyed an emphatic win, by four goals to one, against Bishops. The U17s were competitive to the last, but hesitation in front of goal saw them go down 1-2. The U15s just couldn't overcome the resolute Bishops defence despite dominating posses-

sion, drawing 1-1. "We have loved having the support of parents and friends," said Barnard.

On Tuesday 14 August, the teams enjoyed a hectic day of football with five hours of 5 vs 5 futsal for the senior teams, with the U15s playing the first two and half hours before leaving for a match against Hout Bay International School. The stunning view did little to distract the team who ran out comfortable 4-1 winners against Hout Bay. "A scenic drive via Chapman's Peak home was a fitting end to a god day," said Barnard.

On Wednesday 15 August, the St Andrew's boys attended a Cape Town City FC training session before meeting players

and coaches. The U15s then faced Rondebosch, the U17s were up against Hout Bay and the U19s faced the much lauded Wynberg teams. The day began with the touring party watching PSL club Cape Town City's training session at Hartleyvale, followed by a chance to meet their players and coaching staff, and to listen to their coach and manager Benni McCarthy. The teams then moved on to their match venues, with the U15s losing to Rondebosch 0-1, the U17s beating Hout Bay International School 3-2 and the First team losing to the well organised and skillful Wynberg team by one goal to six.

Freezing wind, driving rain and mud made conditions

tough on Thursday 16 August. The First team managed a battling 3-2 victory over Reddam, but the U17s and U15s were up against it in their Wynberg matches, losing 1-6 and 0-5 respectively. "Hot showers and fried chicken dinner from the ladies from Fran's place soon restored spirits", said Barnard.

The St Andrew's College Football Tour ended on Saturday 18 August with a great result for the U15 A team beating Imizamo Yethu FC by three goals to one, and very competitive matches against Rondebosch, with the U17s losing 0-3 and the first team going ahead and dominating in the first half, and being worn down, losing by 1-4.



**MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING:
GENERAL VALUATION PROCESS**

Makana Municipality would like to invite you to attend a public participation meetings where the General Valuation process will be explained in detail. Makana Local Municipality is in the process of valuing and rating all the properties within its jurisdiction in accordance with the Municipal Property Rates Act of 2004.

Members of the Public will be given a chance to air their views and ask questions.

The process will be presented and discussed at the following public meetings:

Venue	Targeted Residents	Dates	Time
City Hall	Stakeholders/Rate Payers and Businesses	27 August 2018	12:30
Crown Hall	Rate Payers	27 August 2018	17:30
Noluthando Hall	Rate Payers	28 August 2018	14:00
Indoor Sports Centre	Rate Payers	28 August 2018	17:00
Riebeeck East	Rate Payers and Businesses	29 August 2018	14:00
Alicedale	Rate Payers and Businesses	30 August 2018	14:00

You may contact Ms. Z Dyaloyi on Tel: 046 603 6213 /6130 or zdyaloyi@makana.gov.za should further information be required.

Ms. M Mene
Municipal Manager

Graeme end winter season with Muir derby

STAFF REPORTER

Graeme College brought their winter sporting season to a close in spectacular fashion on Saturday 18 August, when they hosted Muir College from Uitenhage in an age-old derby day. A full set of hockey and rugby fixtures were played, with Graeme getting the run of the majority of the fixtures. The Graeme hockey team kicked the derby off with an emphatic 10-0 win, but far more important than that, was the development of this group of players.

This squad has established a positive hockey culture and left a legacy for others to follow. It has been a great season for them, playing against the very best teams, and have ended the season ranked 35th in the country.

The Graeme College rugby community would have been equally delighted to have a clean sweep over their rivals from Uitenhage. The senior school dominated the derby winning all 10 matches. There were some intense encounters, culminating with a 41-12 win for the First team.

That meant Graeme held on to the Buco trophy between the schools for the sixth consecutive year. The first half was a tight affair as Graeme were made to work for their points from the visitors Muir College. Graeme scored three tries in the first half whilst Muir College managed three penalties to make the half time score 19-9. Even though Graeme dominated most of possession they struggled to capitalise as they made un-

forced errors and therefore at halftime one felt the game was still in the balance.

Muir converted another penalty early in the second half to make the score 19-12. With 20 minutes to play, the game was still on, however, Graeme was at their best in the last quarter as they started to capitalise on the pressure they had created. They managed to run in another four tries to make the final score 41-12 to the hosts.

The junior school fixtures were far more tightly contested with results evenly shared and Muir grabbing the bragging rights with five wins. Probably the highlight for Graeme, was that the impressive U13 C side ended their season unbeaten, after their victory on Saturday.

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Members of the Kowie Striders who have been selected as part of the EP team for the SA X Country Championships. Avril Byleveld (Left), Rebecca Nelson, Sizakele Dayimani, Mpo Nxabazi, Sticks Stiglingh (Chairperson), Aya Saul, and Lithemba Jekana. Photo: Supplied

Kowie Striders to storm SA X Country

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

The Eastern Province team heading to the South African Cross Country Championships on Saturday 8 September has taken a distinctly local flavour, with a large number of Kowie Striders and other Grahamstown (Makhanda) runners making the squad.

The Kowie Striders running club have a large contingent of seven runners in the EP squad, with six of them coming from their development runners group. These seven runners include Avril Byleveld, Rebecca Nelson, Sizakele Dayimani, Mpo Nxabazi, Sticks Stiglingh (Kowie Striders' chairperson), Aya Saul and Lithemba Jekana.

The development runners programme was started two years ago, by the newly appointed chairperson at the

time, Stiglingh, and Lungi Matsatse, a disabled runner and member of the Kowie Striders club.

Out of the total 40 members in the small Kowie Striders running club, 14 are active in the developmental runners group; and six of the 14 have made it into the EP squad.

The runners who form part of this group train with Stiglingh on Tuesdays (time trials) and Thursdays (general training). In addition to these two training sessions, individual runners take personal responsibility to improve their running.

Stiglingh, who is still the chairperson of the Kowie Striders, is incredibly proud of his runners. "[It is] absolutely awesome," said Stiglingh. "As a coach, I cannot even start to explain how proud I am of these guys. I only see them

twice a week, so they have to go and do the rest by themselves."

The runners from Kowie will be joined in the squad by local runners Terri-Lynn Penney and Jene Banfield. Both Penney and Banfield have been training very hard for the race, and are looking forward to representing their province on the national stage.

"It is only my second time representing EP in the SA Cross Country Champs," said Penney. "I am preparing as normal... just adding more speed and hill sprints, and adding a lot more running on grass and off road."

"I am definitely looking forward to taking part in the SA Champs," said Banfield. "But I am also quite nervous, as the athletes from other provinces are very competitive and talented."

I-Makana LFA izakusingatha itumente kule mpela-veki

NguCHRIS TOTOBELA

Kuzobe kuqhawuka unobathana kwibala lase JD Dlepu kule Cawa yomhla wamashumi amabini anesithandathu ku-August. IMakana LFA izobe ivula unyaka wayo ngetumente yamaqela asibhozo azaku khiqana elwela indebe. Eli lithuba lokuba lamaqela azivavanye alungise neempazamo zawo phambi kokuba kuqale imidlalo enzima ye-league.

Kumdlalo wokuqala wosuku, iintshatsheli ze-Makana LFA i-City Pirates, izobe iqubisana ne-Future Stars evale kwindawo yesibhozo ngentsimbi yeshumi. Kowesibini umdlalo, abavale kwindawo yesibini i-Jacaranda Aces izakungquzulana ne-

Newseekers egqibe kwindawo yesixhenxe ngentsimbi yeshumi elinambini. Ngentsimbi yesibini i-Riebeck City idibana ne-Makana Pillars evale kwindawo yesithandathu, logama kumdlalo wokugqibela ngentsimbi yesine. i-Joza Callies egqibe kwindawo yesine, izobe ijongene nqo ne-Young killers evale kwindawo yesihlanu.

Unobhala we-Makana LFA uAkhona Heshu uqinisekisele ukuba ngenene iyaqhuba letumente.

"Ewe letumente iyaqala kule mpela-veki, kwaye siyisebenzisa njenge qonga lokuzilungiselela kwamaqela ethu. Iqela eliphumelelayo lizakugoduka nendebe kwaneembasa zegolide, logama elo

liphume kwindawo yesibini lizakugoduka neembasa zesilivere, kwaye zonke ezonto iyinkxaso ephuma kwa-DSRAC kulengingqi ye-Sarah Baartman" utshilo uAkhona.

Omnye wemidlalo ezakutaka iintlantsi ngumdlalo we-Callies idibene ne-Killers, nanjengoko lamaqela ehlala ezijaca xa edibene exolisa abathandi bebhola. Umqeqeshi we-Callies u-Louis Ntlanjeni uthe "Siwulungele lomdlalo nangona singakhangise sikwazi uzilungiselela kakuhle ngenxa yemozulu kodwa ke siwujonge ngamehlo abomvu lomdlalo" Utshilo lo ka-Ntlanjeni.

Amasi abekwe elangeni nanjengoko abalandeli bebhola kudala benxanelwe imidlalo.

KNOW THE SCORE

The 204th edition of the Grahamstown park run took place on Saturday 18 August. Here are the top finishers from the weekend's event.

1. Enock Mukwekwe - 21:28 (M)
2. Sean Knight - 21:41 (M)
3. Sylvester Jeffries - 21:54 (M)
4. Richard Alexander - 22:10 (M)

5. Nolan Berriman - 22:28 (M)
6. Siviwe Moyake - 23:54 (M)
7. Aaron Samuel Mulenga - 24:24 (M)
8. Damien Swart - 25:15 (M)
9. Sbusiso Mukhari - 25:21 (M)
10. Marphil Mokeona - 25:38 (M)



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Ayabulela Dyalom

Archie Mbolekwa School's Ayabulela Dyalom is an extremely talented, multi-sport athlete who has been engaged in sports for the school for a number of years. The 14-year-old Grade 7 pupil has not only competed in soccer and rugby for his school, but he has also been on the athletics track.

In addition to his outstanding talent on the field, Dyalom has been recognised at the provincial level for his rugby. He was part of the Archie Mbolekwa team that represented Sarah Baartman in the provincial Copa Coca-Cola tournament recently. He was then selected to represent the Eastern Cape side based on this performance.

Despite being recognised for his rugby, Dyalom says that he is most passionate about



Ayabulela Dyalom dreams of one day joining Bafana Bafana. Photo: Supplied

soccer and dreams of one day being a professional soccer player. He certainly hopes to represent South Africa as part of Bafana Bafana.

While he keeps this goal

in mind, Dyalom does not neglect his studies. He is a dedicated student in the classroom, and has found a way to balance his exceptional sporting talent with his academics.

Can the sports hero please come and collect his prize from the Grocott's Mail offices situated at the School of Journalism and Media Studies, AMM Building, Prince Alfred Street. Call 046 603 7111

Women in karate

Karate key to confidence

As the nation celebrates women and their place in South Africa, Grocott's Mail, East Cape Shotokan-Ryu and Joza Karate Club have teamed-up to offer free karate lessons for girls (seven years and older) and women. In this spirit, focus and appreciation must be given to the women who have been practising karate for some time.



KAYLE OLIVIER

Kayle Olivier (right) practising her devastating kick at the Hill St Masonic Hall during one of the advanced training sessions. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

After witnessing a karate demonstration at her school when she was in Grade 6, Kayle Olivier came to the conclusion that the sport would be a good fit for her.

Seven years later, Olivier is now a brown belt and a dedicated young woman in the Grahamstown Shotokan-Karate dojo.

"I would advise [other young women to get involved], because it makes women stronger, it builds their confidence up, they get higher

self esteem and it is good for self-defence as well," said Olivier.

Olivier believes that karate can help to empower women in their everyday life, as it helps to build the confidence and self-defence skills that young women need.

TO RSVP your place in the free classes, please contact Gary Grapentin at garyg@geenet.co.za.

As venue space is limited, the offer will be on a first come, first served basis.



The annual GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon will be taking place this Saturday in what looks to be superb conditions. Last year's organiser, Stephen Penney, who had been working on the event for a number of years with Run/Walk for Life, is passing the baton on to Albany Saints and Sinners Multisport Club chairperson, Jaco van Dyk. These local runners prove that training never stops for a race as big as the GBS Mountain Drive. Runners and organisers from left, Malibongwe Mbelu, Basi Bonaparte, Jaco van Dyk, Stephen Penney, Carolene Brooks and Richard Alexander. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

Isuzu Southern Kings
The Southern Kings have received a boost ahead of their second season in the Guinness Pro14 tournament, with the announcement earlier in the week that Isuzu has come on as the new main sponsor of the franchise. At the same time, the Kings became set to make history as the first black-owned rugby franchise in the country.

DSG Squash
Erin Powers, a diversely talented U14 pupil at Diocesan School for Girl (DSG), took part in the 2018 African Junior Squash Open in Cape Town from 10-12 August. Despite having to compete in the U15 age group, Powers finished with third place, only losing to the eventual winner and runner-up respectively.

Springboks
After winning their opening match of the 2018 Castle Lager Rugby Championship last week, the Springboks travel to Mendoza, Argentina tomorrow for their second match against Argentina. Los Pumas will hope to recover from the 34-21 defeat they suffered in Durban a week ago.

Pick n Pay Night Bowls
The 2018 Pick n Pay Night Bowls League will be back in action on Tuesday 2 October, and will run right through until Friday 16 November. Entries for this year's tournament are now open, and those interested can contact Kallie Calitz on 082 378 0728 tmcalitz@gmail.com. Entries close on Thursday 20 September.

Protea women in West Indies
The South African Women's cricket team will be on tour in the West Indies from 10 September until 6 October. Powerade National Academy graduates Tumi Sekhukhune, Saarah Smith and Robin Searle will embark on their first international tour when the Proteas take on the Windies in a three-match One-Day International (ODI) and five-match T20 International series in Barbados and Trinidad.

Clean sweep for MAWAS

By SARAH CONNOCK
The finals of the 2018 Makana High Schools Rugby League took place at the Oval on 15 August, with Mary Waters (Mawas) making a clean sweep of trophies at U15, U17 and U19.
The Oval ground was well attended and the Mawas teams put on a show for them. The U15 side earned

the first trophy of the day, with a convincing 36-14 against Ntsika Secondary School. Mawas U17 then dominated Ntsika 45-0 before the U19 team took Nyaluza and earning a tighter 15-10 victory.
In addition to winning league, the Mary Waters U15 team was a finalist in the Developing School Team of the Year in the Eastern Cape. The Sports

and Recreation Achievers Awards will be held today (24 August) at the Boardwalk Hotel in Port Elizabeth.
Tomorrow, (Saturday 25 August) at the Oval, Mary Waters High School will host various U15, U17 and U19 teams for their inaugural Rugby Day. The matches will kick off at 9am, starting with one involving a team of Old Mawarians.

Errol Goliath, Director of Rugby at Mary Waters High School is eagerly anticipating the inaugural rugby day.
"The idea is to showcase the talent of historically disadvantaged schools and to build rugby relations with all the participating schools."
The day will end with an awards ceremony at the Albany Road Recreation Hall at 8pm.

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Mary Waters Rugby day (Grahamstown Oval) - Participating schools include: John Bisseker High, Gelvandale High, Bertram High, Alexandria High, Booysens Park High, and other local schools. The proceedings will kick off at 9am with the two Old Mawarians.

MONDAY 27 AUGUST
RUNNING
Graeme College Junior - Round the block relay

CRICKET
St Andrew's College: First team tour of Zimbabwe - St George's College, Harare

TUESDAY 28 AUGUST
RUNNING
Graeme College Senior - Cross Country

CRICKET
St Andrew's College: First team tour of Zimbabwe - St John's College, Zimbabwe

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST
SOCCER
Graeme College interhouse Soccer

CRICKET
St Andrew's College: First team tour of Zimbabwe - Prince Edward and Falcon College

THURSDAY 30 AUGUST
SOCCER
Graeme College interhouse

CRICKET
St Andrew's College: First team tour of Zimbabwe - Peterhouse Boys

FRIDAY 31 AUGUST
CRICKET
St Andrew's College: First team tour of Zimbabwe - Hellenic Academy (Connell Field) St Georges's 20/20 (Harare) and St John's (Zim) (Connell Field) St Georges's 20/20 (Harare)

SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
CRICKET
St Andrew's College: First team tour of Zimbabwe - Churchill School (Connell Field) St Georges's 20/20 (Harare)

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Graeme College: Rugby Sevens tournament

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