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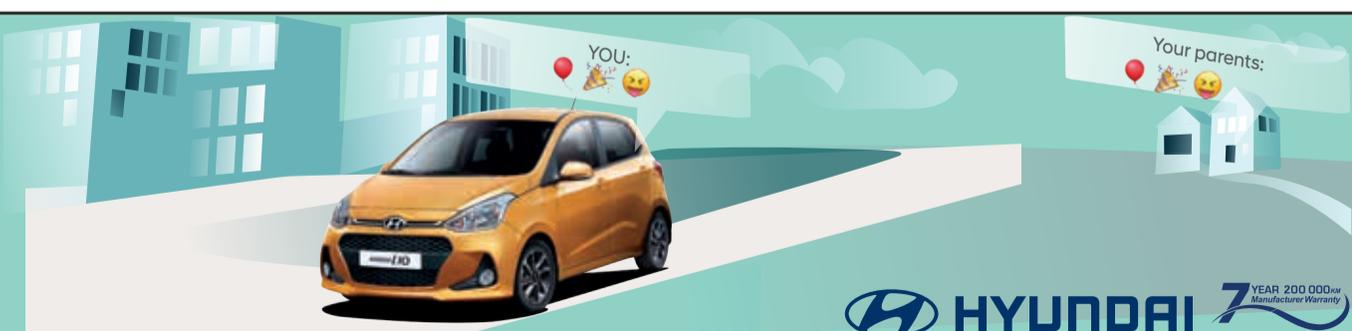


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Grahamstown paleontologist Dr Rob Gess showing Prof Per Ahlberg Devonian Period fossil tetrapods that he had discovered in black shale deposits on Waterloo Farm. The find will change how scientists understand the evolution of fish to land-living vertebrates. Photo: Steven Lang

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Grahamstown-born Julia Heemstra who now lives in the USA and has joined hands with the NGO Waste for Water to donate water purifiers to local schools and clinics. Heemstra is seen at left with pupils of Samuel Ntlebi. At right, Heemstra is with pupils and cooks at Nombulelo High School who were delighted to receive the filters especially in light of the current water crisis. The dual-purpose filters are designed to fit easily on taps or buckets; meaning that water from multiple sources can be made safe for drinking. Heemstra hopes to secure more funding to continue the project in the near future. Photos: Supplied

No water all-clear yet

By SUE MACLENNAN

Three weeks after the alarm was raised about *e.coli* in Makana's water, there is still no official confirmation that the water is safe to drink, and the municipality's advice to boil it remains. This comes as testing by staff from the Department of Water and Sanitation is under way this week in Makana and after privately conducted tests on the water in Currie Street in Grahamstown show that the water at that site is once again safe for drinking.

Weeks of concern about poor water quality led to a protest Thursday 31 May during which angry residents left buckets of muddy looking water and sewage outside the Makana Council Chamber. Unemployed People's Movement's Ayanda Kota told officials the municipality was treating residents with contempt and said the protest was to assert citizens' dignity and humanity.

Deputy Director of Water Services Regulation at the Department of Water and Sanitation, Neville Lawry, on Monday 4 June confirmed to *Grocott's Mail* that DWS is this week conducting tests on the water at Alicedale, Grahamstown and Riebeeck East. The results were not yet available at the time of publication.

The test results of samples taken at Carara Agro Processing's Currie Street site were shared on Monday 4 June by managing director Mike Duxbury. Because of unreliable municipal water, Duxbury has invested R1.4 million in securing water supply and safety, including in-house filtration and chlorination equipment. All incoming water is treated before it is used in the factory.

This (re)treated water is required by Carara's overseas clients to be regularly tested by an accredited laboratory. A sample of untreated tap water in the area, taken on 7 May, was sent to this laboratory. Results showed coliforms at 10 cfu/100ml (the SANS 241 standard is <10), *e.coli* at 8 (SANS 241 standard is 0) and total microbial activity at 4100 (SANS <1000). SANS 241 is South Africa's water safety standard.

The results on samples taken in Currie Street on 21 and 28 May, show them to be well within the safety limits for potable water according to SANS 241. Both these measurements found no growth of *e.coli* or coliform bacteria. The latest result shows total microbial activity at a quarter of the level considered to be unsafe.

Makana's advice to residents as of Monday 4 June remained that they

should continue boiling water as a precaution. Makana issued a notice on 21 May, warning of high *e.coli* levels in the water and advising residents to boil it before drinking it.

It was revealed in Council documents and portfolio committee meetings on 16 and 17 May, that in the absence of chlorine gas and sodium hypochloride, swimming pool tablets were being used to treat drinking water destined for taps in Alicedale and Grahamstown. Chemicals were finally delivered on Thursday 24 May.

"We will issue another notice when everything is fine," Infrastructure Director Dali Mlenzana told *Grocott's Mail* on Monday 4 June. He had not yet responded to a request for updated information about water safety by the time of publication.

Meanwhile, a massive pipe break, only discovered Thursday 7 June, already has left some residents without water for three weeks. Photos and more information at bit.ly/GrocLeak

MORE ONLINE:

- * Poo protest
- * Why the water looks muddy and what Makana is doing about it
- * Water and infrastructure and the new Budget: bit.ly/GrocBadWaters3

'More with less' - Nkwinti

To mark his first 100 days as minister of the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Gugile Nkwinti on Wednesday 6 June issued a statement outlining his five-pillar turnaround strategy:

- A National Water Resources and Services Authority
- A National Water Resources and Services Regulator
- A Water Resources and Services Value Chain
- A Water Resources and Services Master Plan
- Institutional Rationalisation and Organisational Alignment

Key to his plans, Nkwinti said, was a culture of "achieving more with less" in the department. It would:

- Use its own Construction Unit for infrastructure projects instead of service providers, to reduce unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure.
- Engage National Treasury and the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to address billions of unspent, or irregularly spent municipal grant funds.
- Involve local people in subcontracting.
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Tides: Low 07:14 19:28
 High 00:55 13:23

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Temperature: Min 7°C Max 16°C
Tides: Low 07:58 20:11
 High 01:40 14:09

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 Sunny. Light WNW breeze.
Temperature: Min 9°C Max 26°C
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 High 02:24 14:52

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Council tensions

By SUE MACLENNAN

With the 2019 national elections months away, the gloves are off in Makana's Council Chamber. Pressure to deliver on services, the ever-present threat of administration, divisions in Makana's ANC caucus, the fact that some of Makana has lost direct control of some of its biggest annual grant funding, along with alleged political interference are some of the reasons for open conflict during recent Council meetings, say insiders.

An expert says the results are destructive, with one casualty being the support all parties pledged earlier this year for acting municipal manager Ted Pillay when he was appointed to turn around the embattled local administration.

As Makana plunged toward complete financial and administrative collapse at the end of 2017, Cogta MEC Fikile Xasa sent formal notice of his intention to put Makana under administration under Section 139(1)a. Xasa cited Makana's failure to appoint a municipal manager (Systems Act 54A(1)) and its failure to manage its debt ("Non compliance with Section 65(2)e of the Municipal Finance Management Act in relation to expenditure management").

According to Council documents, on 22 November Makana owed just under R68 million, with the biggest amounts owed to Eskom, Amatola Water, the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Auditor General. In a surprise move in the last Council meeting of the year, Chief Whip Mabhuti Matyumza called for the Sarah Baartman District Municipality to deploy their Municipal Manager Ted Pillay to Makana for three months in an acting MM role. With a reputation for efficiency and action, there was support across party divides for his appointment. He hit the ground running when he arrived on 1 February, engaging immediately with businesspeople, activists and politicians to establish priorities and act on the concerns of a disillusioned community.



sioned community.

Pillay is the Municipal Manager of Sarah Baartman District Municipality (SBDM) and for this reason he's been able to expedite a number of essential, but quick-win projects.

However, reports on certain projects that he tabled in last week's Special Council Meeting to table the final draft Budget and IDP were met with sharp criticism from ANC councillors, with Chief Whip Mabhuti Matyumza in particular calling for his decisions to be investigated.

These included the news that Makana had lost R4.5 million of its Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) because of non-spending. The tender for the Alicedale Roads and Stormwater Project awarded at the end of the 2016/17 financial year was put on hold because of concerns about possible irregularities in the supply chain management processes. Pillay's report said the non-spending had resulted in R4.5m being deducted from the March 2018 Equitable Share allocation to SBDM.

"This money has to be recovered by SBDM from the MIG funds currently held by them on behalf of Makana Municipality," Pillay wrote.

This drew outrage from Mayor Nomhle Gaga in particular, who said, "If I was given the opportunity to represent the muni this money

would not have been taken. The District disserved us. They didn't represent us as Makana."

A road-repair project that Pillay moved on to be completed in time for the National Arts Festival, with a dedicated R10 million grant from Cogta, was also questioned by councillors. It also drew the fury of Speaker Yandiswa Vara, who said, "The support we are getting as Makana is based on what we submitted as Makana. I don't want people claiming victories that are not theirs."

Makana insiders have expressed concern that "strong" political interference could scupper Pillay's efforts at turning around the municipality, pointing to control over funding as the key.

"The mantra is things went wrong because we had no permanent municipal manager – but if a new MM walked in tomorrow, they would not be The Messiah. They would still require political support," said one Council insider, who has extensive political and administrative experience.

THE INSIDE STORY:

"The reason the Council agreed to bring him here was for him to assist them to get money for the Council. That's why they agreed to a three-month extension of his term."

• Read more at bit.ly/GrocCouncil

Makana Council Speaker Yandiswa Vara (red scarf) stands ready to receive a petition from taxi owners outside the city hall on 24 April. She is flanked by Corporate Services Director Nomathandazo Mazwai and Acting MM Ted Pillay. The ANC caucus top three (Vara, Mayor Nomhle Gaga and Chief Whip Mabhuti Matyumza) are gloves-off with Pillay in Council. Photo: Sue Maclellan

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Again? Bafana MIA at World Cup in Russia

Lindani Donyeli asked residents how they feel about Bafana Bafana MIA (Missing In Action) at Russia 2018, the second Soccer World Cup in a row that they've missed.



WADE ACKERMANN
STUDENT

I think they need to put more training into the younger ones and put more money into it.

VUYELWA MTSHALI
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
They are not the same as those Bafana Bafana of the olden days. [These] get opportunity without working for it.



DIVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS GROUNDS AND GARDENS

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Eligible parties/persons are invited to tender for the proposed LANDSCAPING work at the University's New Hall 7, 8 and 9 residences recently having been constructed.

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- Contact Person: Mrs Waldette Lombard: email: w.lombard@ru.ac.za

Queries regarding technical aspects of the proposed Landscape Project may be directed to the Manager of Grounds & Gardens Section as indicated below:

- Contact Person: Mr Philip Crous: email: p.crous@ru.ac.za

A compulsory pre-site meeting will take place on **12 June 2018, at 9:45** at the Board Room of the Division of Infrastructure & Operations, 35 South Street, Grahamstown, from where the attendees would be escorted to the physical site of the proposed Landscape Project where the compulsory site orientation will take place from 10:00 to 11:00.

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

Close of Tenders: 22 June 2018 at 12h00

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

Mental healthcare gaps

As Grocott's Mail continues to report on the Eastern Cape's mental healthcare crisis, journalist **Kathryn Cleary** spoke to the South African Federation for Mental Health (SAFMH) about the roles of the government and NGOs.

What are some of the key things that need to be changed nationally for the betterment of mental healthcare users?

The legal and policy framework speaks to the creation of a continuum of care, but the implementation of this system contains many bottlenecks and blockades at every level. Essentially, there is no part of the system that does not fall short of the constitutional promise made to users by government.

This stems largely from the need to make the existing system work better, but there are also legislative and policy-making efforts that ought to be undertaken to realise the rights of mental health care users.

This includes reviewing the Mental Healthcare Act and making a decision as to the next steps forward once the trajectory of the Mental Health Policy Framework and Strategic Action Plan (MHPF) comes to an end.

The structures for providing and protecting users in hospitals and at community based level do exist, but they are perhaps not quite as explicit as they could be ie there is inadequate provision for a "path" of a mental health care user through various levels of



**S.A. Federation
for Mental Health**

the system.

This needs to be rectified to prevent users relapsing and being readmitted to hospital.

Are provincial and national governments prioritising mental healthcare?

Mental healthcare has never been prioritised.

Despite an evidence-based deinstitutionalisation model (which constitutes an imperative), mental health care users have been "warehoused" in hospitals with no proper reintegration plan.

The conditions in hospitals in South Africa are deplorable and do not follow the recovery model of healthcare despite South Africa's purported commitment to it.

Instead, users are left to languish there – sometimes without the barest of amenities – with only sporadic ther-

apy and treatment.

Community-based care is also prolifically inadequate, as has clearly been demonstrated in the last two years with the Life Esidimeni tragedy, where the government embarked on Project Marathon, which culminated in one of the worst human rights violations in the Post-Constitutional Era.

Had mental healthcare been prioritised, Life Esidimeni would have simply been an impossibility because the facilities would have been adequate, the staff would have been trained, the licenses would have been granted lawfully and the subsidies would have been timeously received.

If mental health was a priority for national government, licensing of NGOs would have been adequately regulated before any patient was placed in a community-based setting; adequate funding would have been apportioned to the provinces; there would have been oversight into what was happening in the provinces and many other measures.

If provincial government prioritised mental health, hospitals would have adequate staff and appropriate infrastructure; funds would be invested in proper and lawful deinstitutionalisation.

What has changed since Life Esidimeni? Is the current crisis potentially worse?

In somewhat of a knee-jerk reaction, guidelines have been published in the Government Gazette Guidelines concerning licensing of residential care and day care facilities.

These guidelines are so onerous that an NGO cannot possibly comply with the requirements set forth therein.

This will have the effect that NGOs that are currently running well could lose their licenses and thus their subsidies, which will compromise the users in their care.

Life Esidimeni was very revealing in that it put the spotlight on the state of the mental health care system in South Africa – but the system has been crumbling for a long time. It is unfortunately only now that deficits in all corners of the system are coming to light.

On this basis, most of what is happening is not reflective of the system getting worse, so to speak, but rather of light being shone on what is happening across the country and at various levels of the system.

• *Information and comment provided by SAFMH Project Leader Nicole Breen.*

'Book was my personal protest', says Going

Media personality Tracy Going, who will be in Grahamstown tonight to talk about her recently released memoir, says when she wrote her account of surviving abuse, she had to find a way of protecting herself from her own story. The award-winning former TV and radio news anchor for many years co-presented SABC2's Morning Live, and was prime-time news anchor for Radio Metro and Kaya FM.

Grocott's Mail spoke to the former journalist this week about the process of writing her own story.

Brutal Legacy: A Memoir is published by Jacana Media who summarise on their website: *When South Africa's golden girl of broadcasting, Tracy Going's battered face was splashed across the media back in the late 1990s, the nation was shocked. South Africans had become accustomed to seeing Going, glamorous and groomed on television or hear-*

ing her resonant voice on Radio Metro and Kaya FM. Sensational headlines of a whirlwind love relationship turned horrendously violent threw the "perfect" life of the household star into disarray.

Brutal Legacy: A Memoir takes the form of creative non-fiction – a style Going chose deliberately.

"I knew writing my story would expose me and render me naked – and it was something I gave considerable thought to," she told *Grocott's Mail*.

"Did I really want to be that vulnerable, did I really want people looking at me differently?"

"But I believed it was a chance I had to take. I'm so outraged at the violence I see around me, and the horrendous stories that I hear of women living in absolute fear in their own homes. So writing this book is my personal protest."

Asked what it had been like, as a journalist, telling her own story, Going said, "I have written the story as creative non-fiction as an attempt to take the reader with me on my journey – through the fear, hurt and uncertainty. But by writing it in this way I was able to 'almost' pretend that it wasn't me I was writing about. I needed to do that to protect myself from my own story."

Going said she wanted to give some insight into the power dynamics of living in a home of domestic violence – whether it be as a helpless child or as a woman.

She said even as an empowered, successful woman it had taken her a while to find her voice.

She hopes that by her speaking out, other women will feel encouraged to tell their stories.

"I am aware of the privilege I have been given to be heard as I share my story," she told

Grocott's Mail.

"So few women are heard. Women speak out but they are dismissed, ignored and remain unheard. There is so much empowerment in being able to tell your story.

"Silence is its own brutality."

Going says she loves coming to Grahamstown and will be spending a lot more time here in the future, as her daughter will be coming back to complete her schooling.

"I miss the donkeys out on the pavement!"

Tracy Going will be speaking in the Albany Room at the Graham Hotel tonight, Friday 8 June at 6 for 6.30pm. Tickets available at Videotronic are to raise funds for Rotary Ann Christmas food parcels for disadvantaged elderly people.

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Fort England Hospital (the red roofs) houses 300 patients and has an addiction rehabilitation unit. Photo: Sue Maclennan

No proof of assault in Fort England probe

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Following a family's complaint of an alleged assault of a Fort England patient, Acting CEO, Mbuyi Zonke, has stated that no evidence of assault was found after the hospital board's independent investigation.

"The [findings] of the independent [investigator were] communicated with the family on the 25 May 2018.

"The overall perspective of the investigation did not find any evidence of patient abuse.

"This matter is now completed by our institution and

all the documents related to it will be escalated to head office (legal department)."

Grocott's Mail reported on allegations that the patient had been beaten by nursing and security staff in an acute ward. This comes after the patient's family filed a formal complaint to Fort England on 17 April in accordance with the Mental Healthcare Act.

After not getting a response from Fort England, the family laid a formal charge with SAPS on 2 May.

SAPS Spokesperson Captain Mali Govender confirmed that a case had been

opened but said no individual had been charged for common assault.

"The case is still under investigation," Govender said.

Grocott's Mail spoke to the family after they heard the results of Fort England's investigation

"They said there's not enough evidence," said a family member. "I'm going to take legal steps against it."

Zonke said he was aware of the family's reaction to the outcome.

"According to the family member, she was not pleased by this outcome and has al-

ready taken the matter to her lawyers," Zonke said.

Zonke emphasised that the welfare of Fort England's patients was their priority.

"We have a globally competent multidisciplinary team holding high level of morals in terms of patients' rights and Batho Pele principles," Zonke told *Grocott's Mail*.

"We would like to urge our community to trust us with our treatment intervention and they must be aware that we are dealing with mentally unwell patients."

Grocott's Mail will continue to investigate.

Grocott's Mail and Health-e docccie to air on eNCA

STAFF REPORTER

This week, *Grocott's Mail* journalist Kathryn Cleary, Health-e TV Producer Bernadette Maguire and cameraman Lee Saunders successfully handed over a documentary to eNCA's current affairs show, *Checkpoint*.

The film follows Cleary's investigations deep into the Eastern Cape's mental healthcare crisis, and gives viewers an exclusive inside look into the horrors of Tower Psychiatric Hospital in Fort Beaufort.

Earlier this year, on 4 March, *Rapport* and *City Press* reported allegations made by former Tower psychiatrist, Dr Kiran Sukeri, of human rights violations and hospital mismanagement. Cleary followed the story, and has since broken news about other mental healthcare facilities in the province.

In mid-April, following Cleary's story about the shock resignation of a senior psychiatrist from Cecilia Makwane hospital in East London,



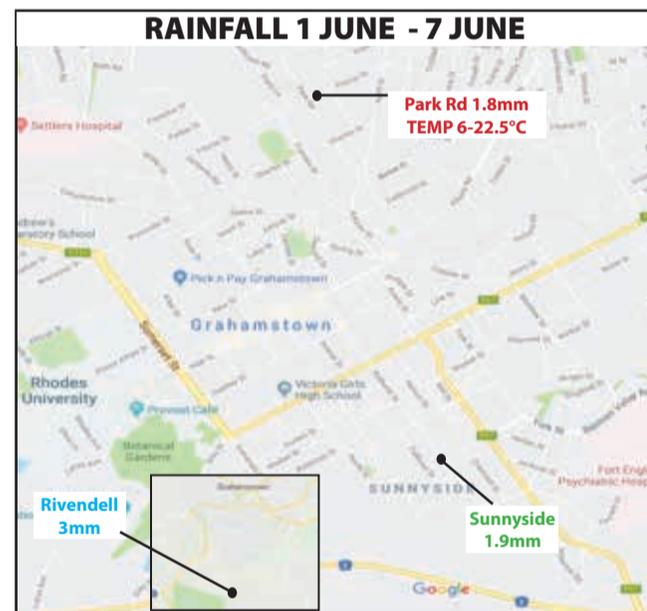
Maguire decided that it was time to take these stories to the screen.

With some experts claiming that the crisis at Tower could be worse than Life Esidimeni, and the provincial Department of Health refuting all allegations, the *Grocott's Mail* and *Health-e* team worked to uncover the facts.

After six weeks of travelling, filming, writing and editing, the team finally had a completed documentary, which they handed over to eNCA on 6 June.

The documentary will air on *Checkpoint* in two parts; scheduled for 12 and 19 June at 9:30pm (eNCA) and 10pm (eTV).

Grocott's Mail and *Health-e* continue to collaborate on multimedia coverage of the Eastern Cape's mental healthcare crisis.



Health MEC welcomes Ombud

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Eastern Cape Health MEC Helen Sauls-August on 6 June issued a statement in support of Health Ombudsman, Malegapuru Makgoba's, investigation of Tower Psychiatric Hospital in Fort Beaufort.

The statement comes more than two months after former Tower psychiatrist, Dr Kiran Sukeri, filed a formal complaint to the Ombud's office on 21 March.

Sukeri's concerns, highlighted in *Rapport* and *City Press* on 4 March, alleged human rights violations and mismanagement of the hospital.

Sauls-August, who was moved from Human Settlements to health in a PEC reshuffle two weeks ago, welcomed the investigation and said Makgoba had this week met with Health Department officials and hospital management as part of it.



Eastern Cape Health MEC Helen Sauls-August (pictured here as Human Settlements MEC during an August 2017 visit to Grahamstown) has welcomed the health Ombudsman's probe into Tower Psychiatric Hospital. Photo: Sue Maclennan

"The department fully supports the investigation and will co-operate with it," Sauls-August said.

"This investigation is im-

portant for to the functioning, management of healthcare facilities, particularly those that provide healthcare services to the vulnerable groups.

"It is important that this investigation is done by an independent, competent person in the stature of the Health Ombudsman. Professor Makgoba has our full support."

Sauls-August said the Department was committed to implementing the Ombud's findings.

"We believe all those working in the health sector and those receiving our services are entitled to only the best quality at all times," the MEC said.

"The department respects the current investigation and will not comment nor release information relating to... Tower Hospital until the... release of the findings by the National Health Ombudsman."

Previously, *Grocott's Mail* reported that Tower Hospital CEO, Ntombizandile Ngcume, retired as of 31 May.

This was confirmed by EC DOH Spokesperson, Lwandile Sicwtesha. Details surrounding the decision to retire are not yet

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Name change controversies

With such a troubled history such as South Africa's, it was always inevitable that the name-change debate would test the will of the so-called Rainbow Nation.

The latest controversy concerns Cape Town International Airport. The EFF have demanded – emphatically too – that Africa's third and SA's second busiest airport, be renamed Winnie Madikizela Mandela International Airport. You might recall that this airport, completed in 1954, used to be called DF Malan International Airport. It was during the six-and-a-half years of Malan as South Africa's prime minister that the foundations of apartheid were firmly planted; and it's perhaps unsurprising that it was one of the first names to be changed after 1994.

What is complicating the debate in Cape Town are the assertions by the Khoisan (the first people to call the Cape home) that the airport be renamed in honour of one of their own – either Abraham January, because the airport was built on their land. Alternatively, they've suggested Krotoa in honour of the niece of Autshumao, a Khoi leader and interpreter to the Dutch. In nearby Nelson Mandela Bay, the Khoisan are demanding that Port Elizabeth International Airport be renamed David Stuurman International Airport, after a prominent indigenous leader.

The current Cape Town airport debate has brought into sharp relief the resentment by the Khoisan and the Coloured community in the Western Cape. This resentment is not limited to the Western Cape either, with Indians also resentful of the way their historical contribution is ignored in KwaZulu-Natal.

Our small city hasn't been spared either. As recently as 2017, some reports indicated that a decision to rename Grahamstown after Makhanda (a warrior, war doctor, philosopher and prophet) was foregone. Not too long ago also, the name-change debate reached the Rhodes University Council, when a proposal to rename the Eastern Cape's premier university was defeated by 15-9 votes. This was after bitter exchanges over Cecil J Rhodes, a businessman, mining magnate, politician and arguably the British Empire's most controversial colonial ambassador.

As a result of all this, there are some members of the academic community who now refer to Rhodes as UCKAR (the University Currently Known As Rhodes). Meanwhile Grahamstown (named after the colonial and "Frontier Wars" soldier Colonel John Graham who established the city), is still as bitterly divided today, as it was when debate started almost 15 years ago. Perhaps the lesson from all these debates should be how much we know about all South Africa's communities and how much we care to have conversations that promote social cohesion in them.

As the social critic Judith February writes in the Daily Maverick this week, name changes should be part of a much larger and more complex debate about statues and names "that needs to happen in a way that unites and does not drive South Africans further apart".

LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



A group of Grahamstown hikers raised more than R10 000 for the Camdeboo Hospice by taking part in the annual 'Hike and Hobble' fundraising on the 12 May. The Grahamstown contingent joined Camdeboo locals for the 6am start at the top of the Ouberg Pass just outside Graaff Reniet to walk 50km to Nieu Bethesda in a single day. It was a wonderful sense of achievement to reach their goal for this worthy cause, and they were extremely grateful to their sponsors, the organisers and a wonderful support team that provided assistance and much needed sustenance along the route. Standing from right to left: Ingrid Ford, Desiree Philipson, Jacqui Akhurst, Peter Wentworth (support driver), Sue Wentworth, Karen Kouari, Lynne Angus, Hanli Human, Katja Offerman. Front: Liz Gowans and Noëlle Obers. Photo: Supplied

Long wait for no ID: resident's Home Affairs ordeal

On 23 May, I visited Home Affairs (Grahamstown) to collect my ID book.

When I got there a security officer said I must sign the register book and wait. While I was sitting there one of the officials called those who were there to collect their IDs and asked for my old Identity document.

"Hayi sisi! There is no ID here. When did you make it?" he asked loudly. As if I am a fool. He said there is no sign of the ID and he asked for a receipt. Luckily I had the receipt slip with me and I showed it to him.

He said I must go to a [particular] window. When I got there another official attended to me by checking the receipt and he called another official.

The lady said the receipt would not scan, so I must pay another R140 to apply for a new ID book and apply for a refund. I told her I am not there to apply for an ID - I am there to collect it. I was so angry and I ended up going back to work.

I don't mind waiting or being in a queue where I can see at least there is something moving. They are forgetting that you are utilising your lunch hour. There is no chance to go there

unless you are off and they are closed on weekends.

Good people, we are at work like you during the week. The only chance we get is the only time that they are wasting. Imagine. It is the fifth month now waiting for my ID – all to find out it was not done.

Where are Batho Pele principles?

If this thing is happening to me, how much more to our grandmothers and grandfathers?

Luleka Mantile

Office Manager Xolile Sibeje responds as follows:

We sincerely apologise for Ms Mantile's experience. The writer should have been treated better and everything should have been explained to them. On behalf of this office, I apologise for that. The office has experienced problems after the nationwide upgrading of the system early in April. Head Office confirmed in mid-May that they were working on the problem. The national office is aware of problems experienced by clients not just in this office, but across the country.

Great support for NG Bazaar: now to take the Plunge!

The joy and success of our kerkbazaar last Saturday in PJ Olivier skoolsaal, was to a large extent made possible by the loyal and enthusiastic support of the greater Grahamstown community. Baie dankie weereens aan almal, en bo alles aan God wat ons die energie en vermoë gee om sulke dinge te doen!

One of our friends asked at the bazaar about the tradition of a challenge for the dominee if the target was reached. Sadly

we worked so hard, it was missed in the mix.

But the dominee impulsively took a plunge of faith on Sunday, and promised to join the next polar plunge in Grey Dam if our target was reached. So, in hope and trepidation, I intend to get that off my bucket list quite soon. We were still some way short with the writing of this letter.

Strauss de Jager, NG Kerk Albanie

Thanks to residents for Bargain Hunters' success

The President and members of the Rotary Club of Grahamstown wish to thank the Grahamstown community for their generous donations of unused, unwanted and surplus items and their support at the Bargain Hunters' Sale. Without these goods, the sale would not be possible.

The sale realised approximately R16 000 which will be used for various charities in and around Grahamstown.

Rotary Club of Grahamstown

Friends of the Library thank supporters

The Friends of the Library Mini Fete on Saturday 27 May was a huge success, raising R 13, 420.00. Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the event with us and bought so open-handedly. We'd also particularly like to thank those who were so generous with their time and donations. The money that was raised will be channeled into improving and supplementing the library services that Grahamstown Public Libraries provide.

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Rhodes leads R68m project

STAFF REPORTER

The newly-established Centre for Biological Control (CBC) at Rhodes University has been awarded a R68m contract by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), one of the largest partnerships the University has secured to date.

The research focus of the Centre is the sustainable control of invasive alien plants through biological control using insects. The Centre is involved in the development of these agents in its Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) approved quarantine facility, and the mass-rearing and implementation of the insects once they have been cleared for release.

"This is by far one of the largest contracts Rhodes University has received, and the biggest one ever awarded to the Science Faculty," said Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Development at Rhodes University, Dr Peter Clayton.

The contract comes as a result of the University's favourable history with the DEA and the high quality and standard of work produced by the CBC in the areas of research, teaching and public engagement. This is the fourth contract the University has secured with the DEA, which indicates con-

fidence, trust, and a sustainable relationship with the DEA going forward.

"The money is being used for the research and implementation of biological control for 54 weed species in South Africa," said Professor Martin Hill, Director of the CBC and Head of Entomology at Rhodes University.

He explained how invasive alien plant species can have a drastically negative economic impact on land users, and adverse effects on the country's natural resources.

"Most of the invader plant species spread exponentially when there are no biological control interventions in place," Hill said. "Some of the plants we are targeting include invasive cacti species, which affect the drier regions in South Africa, water weeds, which affect most of the bodies of water in the country, and highland weeds, which affect our high-lying regions."

The contract, which will run until March 2021, includes a consortium of universities from around the country, with regular inputs from the Agricultural Research Council. The consortium is being led by Rhodes University and further comprises of representatives from the University of Cape Town, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and Wits Uni-



Director for the Centre for Biological Control, Professor Martin Hill with Dr Guy Preston, Deputy Director General for the national Department of Environmental Affairs. Photo: Khuthala Nandipha

versity.

Rhodes University was chosen to lead the project because of its CBC, which is considered the centre of excellence for biological control research in South Africa. All of the consortium members are experienced in biological weed control, with some 280

years of collective experience among the senior researchers.

The project aims to employ some 42 staff, from research officers to technicians, on fixed three-year contracts at the various institutions. As part of Rhodes University's community engagement initiatives, one of the focus ar-

reas for recruitment is people living with disabilities. Furthermore, a fair portion of the contract capital has been allocated to funding postgraduate bursaries for previously-disadvantaged individuals from the Eastern Cape.

"Invasive plant species present a much bigger problem

than people realise. With this project, we hope to spread not only our biological control agents, but awareness to all people in South Africa about the devastating effects the propagation of these non-indigenous plants has on the ecosystem and biodiversity of our country," said Hill.

Riebeeck East pupils left high and dry

By LINDANI DONYELI

Nine families from Riebeeck East visited the Department of Education's Grahamstown office in desperation last week, because their children have no reliable transport to attend school in Grahamstown.

The parents have been paying out of their own pockets for their children to attend Nathaniel Nyaluza High School since January. They were accompanied by SGB members from Nathaniel Nyaluza - Thembinkosi 'Teabag' Mdyogolo (chairperson) and Zwelinzima Somyali (deputy secretary).

In his Budget speech on 6 April 2016, Eastern Cape Education MEC Mandla Makapula announced his department would be moving to rationalise small and unviable schools. He said the objective was to reduce the total number of small schools and therefore increase the average enrolment at the remaining schools to more efficient and sustainable levels.

Riebeeck East Combined School was one of those affected.

The parents, who are forking our R300 a month to get their children to school in Grahamstown, said when *Grocott's Mail* met them on Thursday 31 May that it was the third time they'd come to

the Department looking for a solution. That day, they waited there from 9am to 3.30pm.

On Monday the children hadn't got to school at all. On Tuesday, they were late because of the transport problem, Mdyogolo explained.

Riebeeck East resident Sana du Toit's daughter passed away and she takes care of her two grandchildren, 8 and 16.

She receives an old-age grant and pays for her elder grandchild's transport – and more – out of that every month. Transport usually costs her R300, and R400 if she has to attend school meetings.

Another parent, Nobuhle Nxarhala, said, "We came here to deal with the very painful problem that affects our children.

As the parents from Riebeeck East, we are sick and tired of travelling up and down with no solution. Now we don't know what to do and where to go, because we feel like the people who are supposed to help us are the ones playing with us."

Mandisa Maluni said, "As parents, we did not say the school must be closed in Riebeeck East. It is the Department of Education who closed it." There are few job opportunities in Riebeeck East, and the R300 a month transport

cost has hit them hard. Nolvuyo Ralo has two children at Nathaniel Nyaluza, in grades 11 and 12.

"We used to have our own school. The department when they closed it promised us that everything would be fine and that the learners would be transported. But as it is today, our kids are struggling and they arrive late at school. Sometimes the transport breaks down and the kids have to come back home without reaching the school."

That made the parents feel they were failing their children, Ralo said.

"The government said it is the right of the children to get education, but it is the same government who kills the right of our kids in education" said Ralo, who pays 600 a month for her two children and still has to put food on the table for them to eat.

"Our children do not enjoy the right to education in Riebeeck East, Ralo said. "There is a shortage of teachers and now they are faced with this transport situation."

Mdyogolo told *Grocott's Mail* the situation had now been resolved. The department had asked the parents to give them two days and pledged to ensure the children would be taken from Riebeeck East to Grahamstown.



Byrdsongs vocal group performed a piece commissioned in memory of her mother by former Rhodes lecturer, Ishbel Sholto-Douglas, at their concert at the Monument on Saturday night. (From left to right): Mike Skipper, Sue Skipper, Virginia David-Engelbrecht, Shiloh Marsh, Paddy Donnelly, Simon Tibbs (conductor), Ishbel Sholto-Douglas, Jayne Morgan, Gareth Walwyn, John Jackson, Asakhe Cuntsulana, Emma Farquarson. Photo: Nathan Nadler-Nir

Special audience for tribute

STAFF REPORTER

Local vocal group, Byrdsongs, had a particularly important member of the audience at their concert at The Monument on Saturday evening (2 June).

Their programme included *Three Spiritual Nocturnes* by celebrated South African composer, Peter Klatzow, which was commissioned by three sisters in memory of their mother, Elsie Fraser Munn. One of the sisters is Grahamstown resident and former Rhodes Music Department lecturer, Ishbel Sholto-Douglas, who was in the front row for the performance.

This is the third time that Ishbel has heard the piece live. She said, "It was a superb interpretation. It was more relaxed and exuberant than others I've experienced."

Elsie Fraser Munn spent her career working tirelessly for the promotion of western music throughout Africa.

She established the Zimbabwe Academy of Music (then Rhodesia) in 1934, worked in Zambia in the 50s and 60s where she began The Central African Conservatoire of Music and spent many years in Ghana where she developed a lasting interest in African music.

She finally moved to Cape Town and taught at the College of Music at UCT until her retirement. Wherever she went, she taught aspiring musicians, trained and conducted choral groups and promoted visiting and local performers. She died in 1999 aged 93.

Ishbel says that she and her sisters took some time deciding how best to honour the

memory of her remarkable mother but, in the end, music seemed the best idea. She was particularly delighted that the piece had been brought to life again on her own doorstep.

"It was lovely to hear it in Grahamstown – both other times have been in Cape Town. Often with commissioned pieces they get performed once and then aren't heard of again. It was a special and moving experience and a lovely tribute to my mother."

There are other connections between Ishbel and the choir. She taught both basses – Paddy Donnelly and Mike Skipper – while they were Rhodes students.

Mike is now Director of Music at St Andrew's and DSG and says, "Ishbel taught me everything I know about school music".

Cross a crocodile and a fish...

Grahamstown palaeontologist changes history again

By STEVEN LANG

Dr Robert Gess of the Albany Museum in Grahamstown has discovered fossils of two unique tetrapods that will force a significant rewrite of the story of life in Africa during the Devonian Period, 360 million years ago.

The two new species, named *Tutusius* in honour of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, and *Umzantsia amazana* to affirm its South African origin, are the only Devonian tetrapods discovered in Africa and the only ones ever found in what was once within the Antarctic Circle.

They are a remarkable 70 million years older than any other four-legged vertebrates ever found in Africa.

The significance of this discovery lies in the place where they were found. When the four legged vertebrates paddled around the shallow lagoon, in what is now part of Waterloo Farm just outside Grahamstown, it was much closer to the South Pole than it is now.

Until this major discovery, palaeontologists had only found Devonian tetrapod fossils in areas that lay within the tropics during the Devonian period.

These were the first four-legged animals, from whom all later four-legged animals, including amphibians reptiles, birds and mammals are descended.

Scientists therefore had good reason to believe that stem tetrapods evolved, and lived only in parts of our planet between 30 degrees north and south of the equator. At first these creatures probably still lived mainly in water but having developed legs and advanced air breathing they were later able to colonise the land. Scientists assumed, based on the known fossil record, that vertebrates moved from water on to land (terrestrialisation) in the tropics and therefore attempted to understand the causes of this major evolutionary step by studying conditions prevalent in tropical water bodies.

Palaeontologists focusing on how certain fishes evolved the abilities to inhabit the land will now have to take into consideration the two tetrapods and their surroundings discovered on Waterloo Farm.

The approximately metre-long *Tutusius* and the somewhat smaller *Umzantsia* are both incomplete.

Tutusius is represented by a single bone from the shoulder girdle, whereas *Umzantsia* is known from a greater number of bones – but they both appear similar to previously known Devonian tetrapods.

Gess says that when the tetrapods were alive, “they would have resembled a cross between a crocodile and a fish, with a crocodile-like head, stubby legs, and a tail with a fish-like fin”.

The evolution of tetrapods from fishes during the Devonian period was a key event in our distant ancestry.

During the Devonian Period, tetrapods were largely aquatic so we can imagine that most of the time they swam or walked around in shallow parts of the estuary that was to become part of Waterloo farm.

Occasionally they may have left the water either to escape from a predator or to chase down some prey. It is also possible that they would have sought isolated pools where they could protect their young.

Their gradual transition to becoming land animals is pivotal to our existence because the basic tetrapod body plan – a spine with four limbs is the same design that has carried through to all four-legged vertebrates today.



Original painting of two Devonian Period tetrapods showing *Tutusius* on the right and *Umzantsia* on the left. *Tutusius* is eying *Gondwanascorpio emzantsiensis* (the oldest terrestrial animal known from Gondwana), while *Umzantsia* is diving down to catch a small *Bothriolepis africana*. At bottom right are Africa's earliest fossil coelacanths from the world's earliest known coelacanth nursery and the hazy placoderm silhouettes in the background are *Groenlandaspis riniensis*. Painting by Maggie Newman

Indeed virtually every bone in our bodies can be matched back to one in these early creatures.

The descendants of stem tetrapods include all amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals alive today. In some cases the front limbs of the animals have evolved even further so that the front legs of all birds and bats have been modified to form wings while human front legs are no longer used for walking.

All us tetrapods are descended from the largely aquatic tetrapods that are found in the Devonian period, which already had four legs but which still had a finned tail.



Prof Per Ahlberg compares the cleithrum of *Tutusius umlambo* to those of other members of the fish-to-tetrapod transition. Photos: Steven Lang

An astonishing discovery: 'I'll never forget that afternoon'

By STEVEN LANG

Dr Rob Gess had always hoped to find the remains of a Devonian tetrapod at Waterloo Farm, even though the textbooks had warned him that this was an unlikely prospect.

Yet one day he was splitting shale with Chris Harris, one of his students, when he found

the cleithrum of *Tutusius*.

He describes the moment, “I just knew that this was what I'd spent years looking for. I went all quiet and then abandoned what I was doing and went to fetch the literature just to double check. I'll never forget that afternoon!”

Gess wanted further confirmation that he had correctly

identified the fossil; so he sent photos to international colleagues including Professor Per Ahlberg in Sweden, one of the world leaders in the study of Devonian tetrapods.

Ahlberg was thrilled with the images. “The moment I saw Rob's first photo of the shoulder girdle of *Tutusius*, which he sent me as an email

attachment, I knew he'd got this right.”

Ahlberg has spent many years studying the shoulder girdles of the earliest tetrapods so he “knew that the shape of this particular bone, the cleithrum, is absolutely characteristic”.

He said that when Rob Gess found the cleithrum of the

second tetrapod, *Umzantsia* – which is quite different and perhaps even more primitive than that of *Tutusius* – “we both began to realise what a remarkable discovery Rob had made.”

“When we were finally able to work on the material together in Grahamstown, we quickly discovered even more

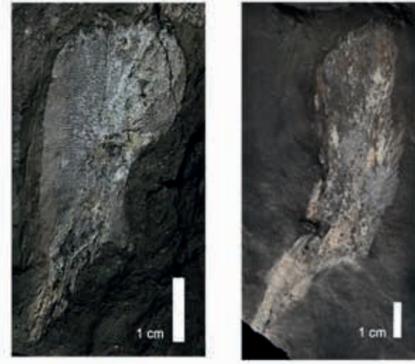
bones, turning this into one of the most significant tetrapod discoveries of recent decades. I am thrilled to have been invited onto this project.”

Gess and Ahlberg have written about the tetrapods in an academic article which is being published internationally today in *Science* magazine.

He is one of the world leaders in the study of Devonian tetrapods: alone or in collaboration with various co-authors, he has described the earliest known tetrapod body fossils and footprints as well as several new tetrapod genera (*Elginerpeton*, *Ventastega*, *Sinostega*, *Ymeria*, *Occidens*) that greatly expand our understanding of these earliest four-legged animals.

He also investigates other areas of early vertebrate evolution, such as the origin of jaws.

Waterloo Farm tetrapod cleithra



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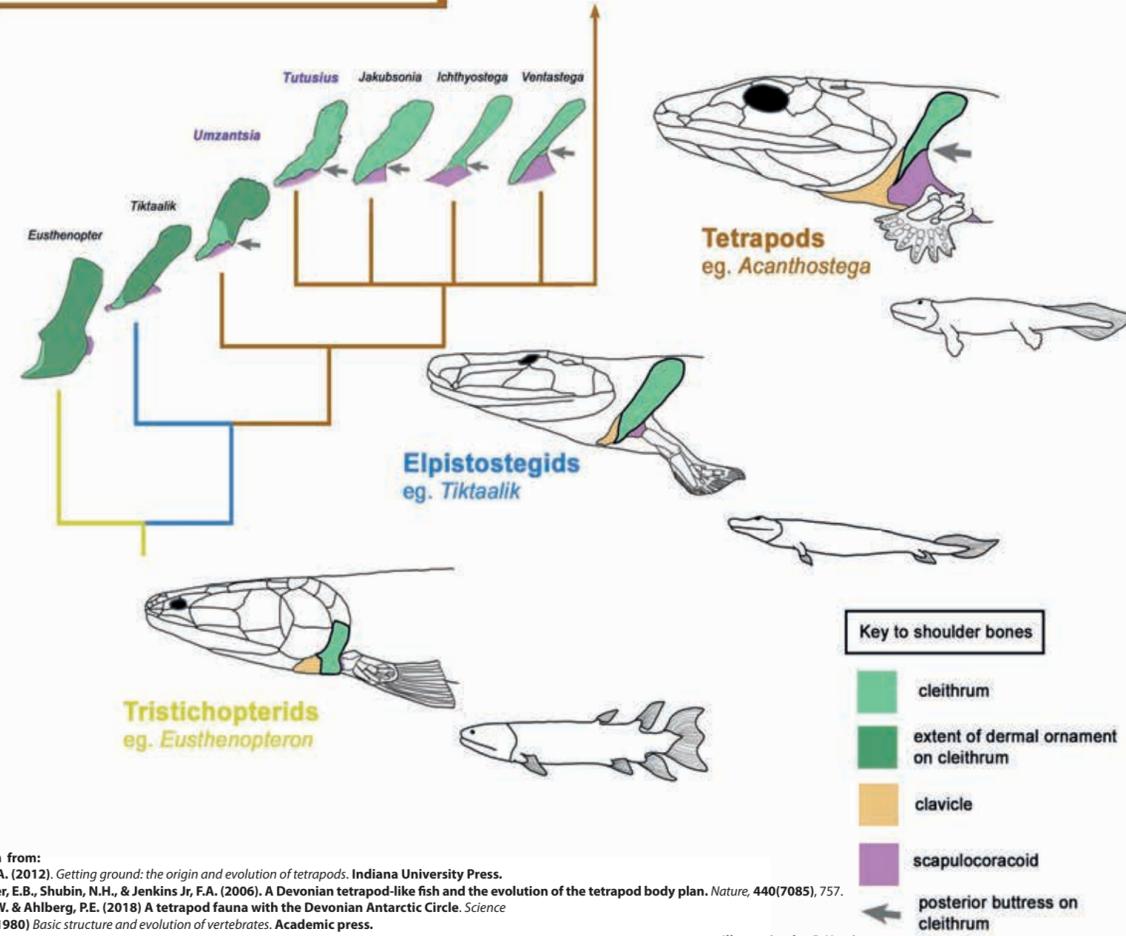


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Rich fossil site on Waterloo Farm

By STEVEN LANG

Shale deposits on Waterloo Farm, two kilometres from Grahamstown, have so far produced twenty species, including the tetrapods, which are new to science. Dr Robert Gess believes that this remarkable record represents only about a third of the total number of remains yet to be described.

The Waterloo Farm deposit is an exceptional fossil site which preserves a wide range of fish, plant and invertebrate fossils from 360 million years ago.

They are preserved as flattened silvery white impressions in black shale. Fossils first described from Waterloo Farm include the re-

main of sub-Saharan Africa's earliest woody trees (*Archaeopteris notosaria*), the oldest known land-living animal from the whole of Gondwana (the scorpion *Gondwanascorpio emzantsiensis*), the oldest fossil lamprey in the world (*Prisco-myzon riniensis*) and Africa's oldest coelacanth from the world's earliest known coelacanth nursery (*Serenichthys kowiensis*).

Other fossils include several species of armour plated fish; spiny finned fish; primitive sharks; ray-finned fish of the type that gave rise to modern fish; a range of lobe-finned fish; seaweeds; charophyte waterweeds representing the oldest fully reconstructable species; and a diverse range

of plants. Toward the end of the Devonian Period, black goeey mud accumulated in the bottom of a coastal estuarine lake where a swollen river mouth was partially cut off from the sea by a sand bar.

Rising sea levels buried the mud under layers of beach sand.

The world was very different when the mud was first deposited – Africa was part of the supercontinent Gondwana (which later broke up to produce Africa, South America, Australia, Antarctica, Madagascar and India).

The southern part of Gondwana wrapped around the South Pole and the estuary where the mud was deposited

opened into a small semi enclosed sea – the Agulhas Sea, situated within the Antarctic circle. Although it was at a latitude greater than 70 degrees south, it would not have been as cold as today and plants thrived nearby.

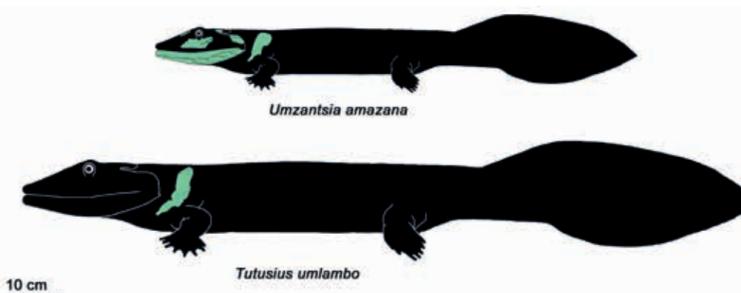
As the original fine black mud was often very low in oxygen, plants and animals rapidly buried in it sometimes left behind impressions of their soft parts.

This is extremely rare in the fossil record which normally only preserves bones, teeth and other hard bits.

Over hundreds of millions of years the layers of sand and mud were hardened into rock which was buckled and buried as continents broke apart and

mountain ranges folded up. Eventually the mountains weathered away and the shale at Waterloo Farm was exposed in 1985, when a new road was cut through a hill south of Grahamstown.

The site is unique, as it the only significant Late Devonian fossil site from high latitudes. It is also important because of its comprehensive ecological context containing the remains of an entire estuarine ecosystem, from delicate waterweeds and seaweeds to small clams, baby fish and the bones of larger fish. Land plants which grew nearby are also preserved, from the remains of small undergrowth species to fronds from the earliest types of trees.



10 cm

Tutusius umlambo

Dr Rob Gess



Dr Rob Gess is South Africa's leading researcher on Devonian estuarine ecosystems and early vertebrates (ancient fish and early tetrapods).

The driving force behind research on Waterloo Farm he has excavated thousands of specimens from the black shale which have so far allowed for the description and naming of 20 species new to science and the reconstruction of an entire estuarine ecosystem.

He is a member of the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Palaeosciences (which is based at the University of the Witwatersrand) who together with the Millennium Trust, support his research at the Albany Museum in Grahamstown. He lectures in the Rhodes University Geology Department.

Professor Per Ahlberg



Professor Per Ahlberg is the head of the Evolution and Development research programme at Uppsala University in Sweden.

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My Garden



Everywhere is my garden!



Cynthia Mbunge looks out from among the plants in her food garden.

Grandmother Cynthia Mbunge started planting food crops at her home in 1994. Since then, she's been planting different types of fruits and vegetables every July and December, growing enough pumpkin, carrots and spinach to feed her family.

She grew up in a family of home gardeners and it's a habit that's never left her.

Whatever piece of land they

find themselves on, Mbunge uses it, sometimes with her husband's assistance. "You cannot become and stay healthy if you are not eating vegetables," she says.

"You get it fresh from the ground," says Mbunge.

She loves the fact that she doesn't have to buy vegetables from town and can get them straight from her garden.

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SAIAB collaborates in new coelacanth search

STAFF REPORTER

An expedition by marine scientists and film-makers to find coelacanths in Sodwana Bay recently set off and Grahamstown based SAIAB is playing a leading role. Lucky Dlamini spoke to Dr Angus Paterson, managing director of the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (@NRF_SAIAB; www.saiab.ac.za) to get a clearer view of this cruise.

SAIAB's historical link with coelacanth research goes back to 1938 when a single specimen was identified on the deck of a fishing vessel near East London.

"The search for a second specimen continued up until the 1950s and is well articulated in the famous book called *Old Fourlegs*," said Paterson. Mike Bruton's recently published book, *The Annotated Old Fourlegs*, is a reproduction of the original text by the famous South African fish scientist Professor JLB Smith who created an international sensation when he published *Old Fourlegs – The Story of the Coelacanth* in 1956. *The Annotated Old Fourlegs* includes a facsimile reprint of the original book with added notes and images in the margins, providing an interesting and revealing commentary on

Smith's text.

The book also provides new introductory and explanatory chapters that bring the coelacanth story up to date.

"In 2000, coelacanths were discovered in Sodwana Bay, and we are involved in this latest search through the African Coelacanth Ecosystem Programme (@ACEP_ZA) which is managed by SAIAB," said Dr Paterson.

Through dedicated funding from the Department of Science and Technology, ACEP is a research platform that has been facilitating research into the coelacanth's ecology and providing access to research infrastructure (e.g. ship's time, coastal craft, remote operated vehicles, etc.), to South African scientists for a number of years. On this cruise, ACEP is collaborating with Wildoceans (@WildoceansSA). Wildoceans is one of the biggest local environmental and conservation NGOs in South Africa.

It is part of the Wildtrust, which pioneers innovative sustainable programmes through networks in 60 communities across KwaZulu-Natal, Western, Northern and Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and Gauteng. Wildoceans has provided the Angra Pequena, research vessel for the cruise.

Dr Paterson said: "The coelacanth search is an ongoing research project that adds to the continued flow of information. This is important as the coelacanth legacy forms the cornerstone of our marine research."

Asked what the plans are should the discovery of more coelacanths be successful, Paterson emphasised that: "Research is not a start-and-stop activity. We will learn from this expedition. There is no doubt we will have lots of unanswered questions, so we will move forward and reformulate additional questions." According to Paterson, the cruise as "an ongoing pursuit of knowledge which adds a small part to that ongoing quest."

SAIAB's mission is to empower and develop young researchers. Paterson stressed that the strength of collaborations such as this one with Wildoceans is that: "all our projects involve a large number of students who are either studying towards their degrees or getting field experience on vessels or using different equipment."

He describes this involvement as forming part of "a framework of training and teaching the next generation of scientists."

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Vets bring space-age tech to EC

STAFF REPORTER

At Ikhala Veterinary Clinic in Grahamstown's Industrial Area, space-age technology and groundbreaking research into the big game that is the lifeblood of the Eastern Cape's tourism economy thrive alongside hands-on, face-to-face work with pets and farm animals and their owners.

Co-owner William Fowlds says Peter Brothers created an "incredible" and visionary facility when he established Frontier Vet Clinic five years ago.

"We count ourselves very fortunate to be working in this amazing space," the well known wildlife vet told Grocott's Mail during a tour of the facility, which has a full-

time staff of five vets, a nurse, and three support staff. Half the staff are from a conservation background. "We didn't have the luxury of a base before. We did all our work out of vehicles."

Ikhala Vet clinic opened on 15 January at 3 Strowan Road.

In addition to modern surgical and kennel infrastructure and state of the art x-ray equipment, the clinic houses cutting edge diagnostic laboratory and blood testing machines which can be taken into the field.

Hi-tech on the ground

Compact, portable technology makes it possible for vets to diagnose and treat large game in a single visit. Devel-

oped by Nasa for the International Space Station and bought by medical and veterinary diagnostic technology company Abaxis in the 80s, it has revolutionised the way vets work in the field.

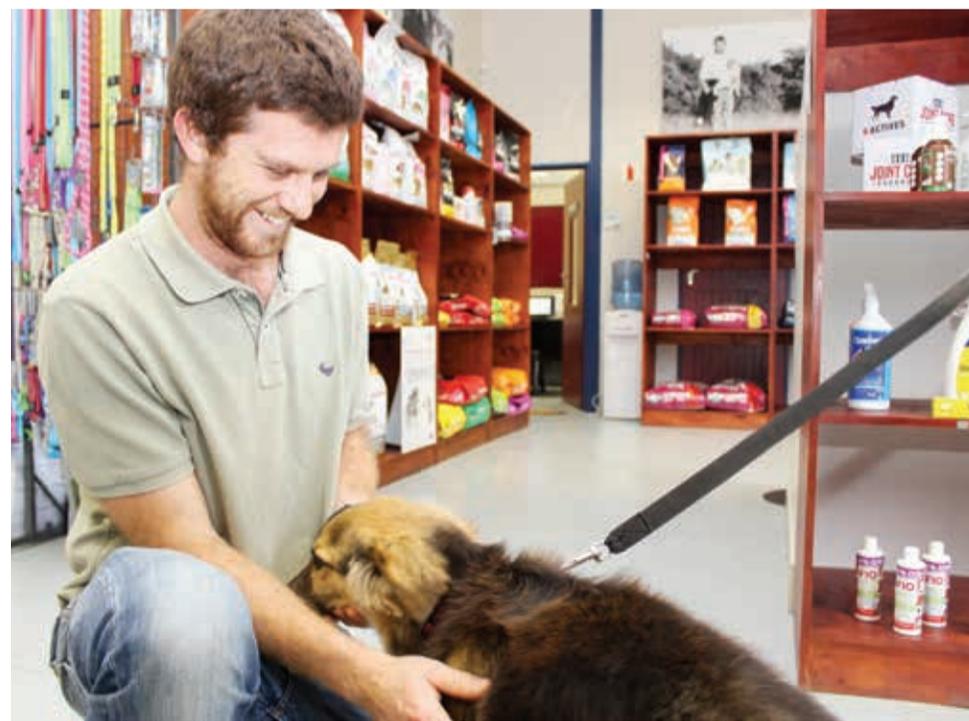
"Before, we would have to go out into the field, dart the animal, take samples and send them to Pretoria for analysis. Two days later, on the basis of those results, we'd go back out, dart the rhino again and treat it," Fowlds said.

"What before might have taken a month can be done instantly."

On its website Abaxis describes the portable VetScan HM5 as "a fully-automated, five-part differential hematology analyser displaying a comprehensive 22-parameter complete blood count (CBC) with cellular histograms on an easy-to-read touch-screen".

Also fully portable, the VetScan VS2 is "a state-of-the-art chemistry, electrolyte, immunoassay and blood gas analyser". Abaxis boasts precision laboratory quality results in just 12 minutes.

A portable ultrasound machine makes it possible to diagnose breaks and internal anomalies. Larger wildlife is still treated in the field, but



Dr Luca Mendez says goodbye to Jasper, after his checks and procedures post-adoption from the SPCA. Photo: Sue MacLennan

smaller animals are brought in for observation and treatment.

Research

Samples are analysed and stored on site, and extra blood is frozen for research purposes.

"If two years down the line

an animal presents with similar anomalies, we can compare blood samples to try and establish possible causes," Fowlds explained.

Not only wildlife

While wildlife is a special focus, Ikhala also treats com-

panion animals – cats, dogs and small exotics such as birds and rabbits. Farm animals are a large part of their practice, in particular reproductive work on sheep, cattle, goats and pigs.

READ THE FULL STORY AT bit.ly/Groclkhala



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Restyled GTI is still iconic

STAFF REPORTER

Three letters, inextricably associated with Volkswagen: GTI (Gran Turismo Injection). In the new Polo GTI the engine starter button becomes the trigger for a great driving experience, as the development team has created a style of dynamic handling that facilitates committed driving and yet integrates supreme safety and high levels of comfort. This alliance of dynamism, safety and comfort is the secret behind the success of the GTI concept and a core characteristic of the new Polo GTI.

GTI front styling. Front end features include an independent bumper with integrated spoiler lip and fog lights as standard; the classic GTI red stripe in the radiator grille and C-shaped black high-gloss air curtains in the bumper.

GTI rear section. The Polo GTI's typical rear characteristics are from 1976 to date; but now include LED tail light clusters.

GTI side profile. GTI insignia on the car's flanks include the newly designed 17-inch 'Milton Keynes' alloy wheels. The inner areas of the high-shine wheels are offset

in black. As an option, the GTI can be ordered with 18-inch alloy wheels for the first time.

GTI colours. There are car colours, and then there are typical GTI colours. On the Polo GTI, the latter include the body colours Pure White, Flash Red and Deep Black Pearl Effect. In addition, the sportiest Polo can also be ordered in Reef Blue Metallic.

GTI interior. A highlight of every GTI is its customised interior. Black, red, grey and chrome dominate visually here. The dash panel can be ordered in Deep Iron Metallic or Velvet Red; meanwhile the instruments in the upper dash area are always finished in black. (Velvet Red dash panel trim is not compatible with Flash Red exterior; in this circumstance, Deep Iron Metallic is specified.)

GTI engine and driving performance. In recent times, the GTI has been powered by high torque turbo-charged engines. The new Polo GTI has a two-litre direct-injection petrol engine with an output of 147kW. Like the Golf GTI, the new Polo GTI will be represented in the 2.0-litre turbo class for the first time. The 1 988cc engine

has a compression ratio of 11.65:1. The GTI unit delivers its maximum power between 4 400 and 6 000 rpm. The new Polo GTI engine launches with a 6-speed dual clutch gearbox (DSG) as standard. The Polo GTI with DSG accelerates to 100 km/h in 6.7 seconds. Today's most powerful Polo reaches a top speed of 237 km/h. Despite its power output, the Polo GTI can be driven economically thanks to its efficient drive technology; with a combined fuel consumption of the DSG version at 5.9 l/100km.

GTI running gear. The Polo GTI is offered with two different running gear configurations. It is based on a sport suspension; while the optional 'Sport Select' suspension with active dampers is available as an option. Like all Polo models, the GTI is also equipped with electromechanical power steering and Electronic Stability Control (ESC). Also on-board is the XDS differential lock, which further refines traction when cornering quickly.

New Active Info Display (optional). The new Polo (and Polo GTI too), are the first VW models to feature



Style, safety and comfort. The new VW GTI. Photo: QuickPic

a new generation of the Active Info Display. Using a 'View button' on the multifunction steering wheel, the Polo GTI driver can now also switch between three basic layouts, easily and quickly.

New cockpit environment. A new, digital and interactive cockpit environment has been created in the interplay of the Active Info Display and the infotainment system. VW has introduced the Composition Media (20.32cm radio-infotainment with CD player) that comes as standard in the Polo GTI and the optional Discover Media (8.0-inch radio-navigation infotainment with CD player).

GTI standard features include additional curtains (front and rear), XDS differential lock, driving profile

selection, Composition Media infotainment system, ambient lighting (white), door sill trims with GTI logo and air conditioning. Also included are front fog lights and cornering lights, LED tail light clusters, a height-adjustable driver's seat, floor mats (front and rear), all-round electric windows with convenience switching, and multifunction display plus. The Polo GTI can also be equipped with an exceptionally large range of optional convenience and assistance systems. Two other optional equipment highlights are the largest panoramic sunroof in its class and Advanced Safety Package (which includes Parallel Park Assist, Park Distance Control, Rear View camera, Blind Spot Detection and Electric Folding

mirrors. Other features include Rear Traffic Alert; Driver Alert System; Automatic Post-Collision Braking System; Driving Profile Selection; Park Assist; and Tyre Pressure Loss Indicator.

Some of these features are optional as part of the Advanced Safety Package (which includes Parallel Park Assist, Park Distance Control, Rear View camera, Blind Spot Detection and Electric Folding mirrors).

The new Polo GTI costs R375 900, for the 2.0 TSI 147kW DSG (including VAT and emissions tax). Coming standard is a three-year/120 000km warranty, three-year/45 000km Volkswagen Service and a 12-year anti-corrosion warranty. Service interval is 15 000km.



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Makana Municipality's Traffic Department recently acquired an automatic number plate recognition system to help them trace offenders with outstanding summonses and warrants of arrest. "It scans number plates and alerts us to offenders," said Traffic head Coenraad Hanekom. Members of the public were advised to check at the Makana Traffic Office for any outstanding matters that could see them arrested at the side of the road. Photo: Supplied

1. PERSONAL

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Death

EHRKE JESSIE

Dearly loved mother and grandmother of 95 years old, died on Sunday 3rd June after a short illness. Greatly missed by her children, Liz and Les Reynolds, Roslyn Parker and Andrew Ehrke and her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. **Memorial service on Tuesday 12th June at 11am in the Salem Church.**

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.



1. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for **Mr Mziwethu Kuzwayo**, who is the alleged father of **Yongama Mantla**, born 15/7/2011.

Please could anyone with the information regarding the whereabouts of Mr Kuarayo contact Nasiphi Matshaya, Social worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046-636-1355.

2. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Asanda Mlatsha** born 15/09/2004 and **Thandolwethu Mlatsha** born 27/10/2008.

Please could anyone with the information regarding the whereabouts of the father of the above mentioned children contact Nasiphi Matshaya, Social worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046-636-1355.

3. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Kungawo Siyavuyiswa Lukwe**, born : 23/01/2015 Please could anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the father of the above mentioned child contact Nasiphi Matshaya, Social Worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046 636 1355

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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 everyone who supported us at our Pick and Pay tin collection on Friday. We raised a total of R1059 and collected much needed dog and cat food as well. Thank you to everyone who has also given donations of food, and blankets etc, we really appreciate all your continued support and can only continue with your generous donations. From all the animals here at the SPCA and those we have yet to help and assist thank you so very much for caring.

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 Tabby Male Cat. I am playful and have lots of love to give. I enjoy roaming and hunting and am looking for a rural property with plenty of space as my forever home. To meet me, please visit the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

Dog of the week: Hi..... My name is **Snowy**. I am a very affectionate female white wire terrier cross. I am very playful and very affectionate, I love kids and would be a great family addition. I am still young, am very friendly and love being out. 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 Ikhala 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 shop on site! All books only R20! Boarding fees : Dogs- XL R55; L R53; M R47; S R42; **Puppy or Cats R39. We desperately need fundraising ideas. Please call 046 622 3233.**

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 Services **10am** Morning Service
 Pastor B.L. Kutu 082 828 6194

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9.30am Intercession

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Grahamstown meets Syracuse in working exchange

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

On Wednesday 30 May, students from Syracuse University in New York State, America, descended upon Grahamstown's Graham Hotel to host a meet and greet together with the Inkululeko programme.

The event was the official start of the Syracuse students' three-week trip in Grahamstown. While in town, the students will be working alongside volunteers from Inkululeko in an attempt to experience the Grahamstown culture.

They will be stationed at the Graham Hotel, and a number of guest speakers will be coming to speak to the students from a number of local Non-Governmental Organisation's (NGOs).

On their website, Inkululeko describe themselves as a non-profit organisation that serves motivated students in Grahamstown.

They work collaboratively "to fully realise and unlock their potential".

Jason Torreano, the organiser of the initiative, was excited about the way the trip had started.

"I think something that is really important is weaving the students, as much as we can, into the Grahamstown community," said Torreano.

This is the seventh year that Torreano has brought students from Syracuse to Grahamstown, and he was looking forward to the upcoming weeks of activities planned.



Deanna Berg and Hanna Nichols (Syracuse), Tamuka Mtengwa, Ryan Patel (Syracuse) at the Grahamstown meets Syracuse evening. Photo: Sue MacLennan

"[The students] work really closely with Inkululeko... they come every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to work on a project with them," said Torreano.

The guest speakers, mentioned by Torreano, include Jane Bradshaw from Eluxolweni shelter, Dr Nomalanga Mkhize from Rhodes University, and a recovering drug addict who will talk about their steps to recovery.

This is in response to Inkululeko deciding to focus on drug use in the community during the students' time in Grahamstown.

April Pelkey, Hannah Nichols, and Olivia Kylander,

three students from Syracuse University, were all excited to experience Grahamstown culture for the first time.

"I have really enjoyed working with the Inkululeko students so far and I am really excited to see what the next two weeks are going to bring," said Kylander.

"I am looking to just learn from the students and learn about the education system here in all of the schools.

"We are doing a health promotion project as well, so I want to learn about how to implement a community based project as well," said Nichols.

Pelkey was inspired by the

students in town and how they are looking to grow as people.

"One of my favourite parts [of being here] is how friendly the people are and how motivated the students are; they really have the ambition to grow and become the best people they can be," said Pelkey.

"Each year when we come, we see a few folks that wish to remain engaged and involved in some capacity; we have had some people that have come back to South Africa to continue working with us, or to continue to support other NGOs in and around Grahamstown," said Torreano.



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POETRY OF THE WEEK
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The Oven of God

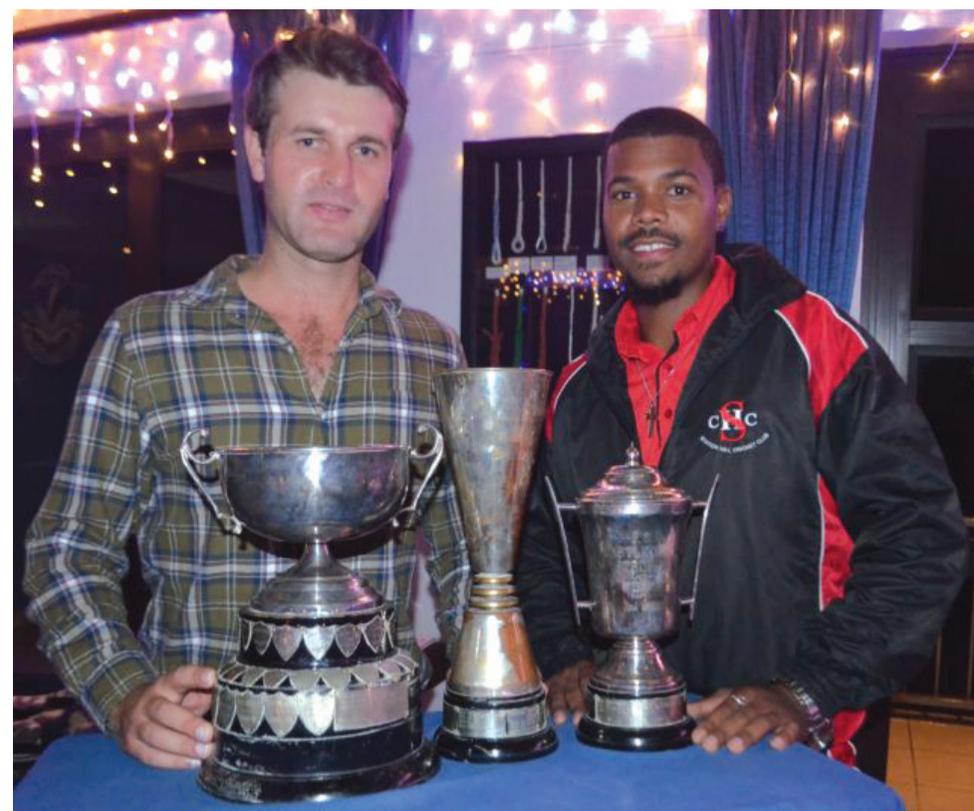
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The captains of the First and Second league winning teams, James Stirk (Left) from Southwell, and Cody Jones from Station Hill. Photo: Supplied

'More than just bat and ball'

By CHESLEY DANIELS

At the recent Annual Grahamstown Cricket Board's (GCB) Awards Ceremony, Southwell First and Station Hill were crowned as First and Second league winners respectively. The Awards Evening took place at the Ski-Boat & River Club in Port Alfred on Friday 25 May.

The Prestigious Awards Evening was well attended by estimated 100 plus guests, which included players, supporters, club officials, GCB officials, former players and former officials of the game.

Adding emotion to the occasion, the Station Hill Cricket Club presented blazers to three veteran players who recently retired – Andy Jones, Wayne Gaseba and Nathan Hilpert. They will stay on in

supporting roles at their club and will assist in running the club going forward.

The President of the GCB, Leon Coetzee, delivered the key note address and thanked everyone for their presence and all the individual and league winners.

He also thanked all clubs for their commitment for the past season.

"We are one of the best, if not the best affiliated club in the EPCB (Eastern Province Cricket Board) and I'm proud to say that cricket is well and alive in the GCB," said Coetzee.

He added that cricket was not just a battle between bat and ball, but had the inevitable element of a wave of emotion that comes over the players, whether they win or lose. Coetzee then mentioned

the need for new umpires and scorers, particularly women, before congratulating the umpires on their good season. Southwell Cricket Club were honoured for their consistency and were crowned both overall First and Bathurst First league champions.

Salem won the Central Albany First league and were also Runner's Up for the overall First league, which earned them the Club of the Season Award.

Among the individual prize winners, Nicholas Zimmerman (Salem) was the Best Batsman, Francois Van Rooyen (Manleys) the Best All Rounder, Leard King (Salem) the Best Bowler and Brandon Handley (Cuylerville) the Rural Player of the Year.

For the full list of winners, visit: <http://bitly/GrocSport>

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KNOW THE SCORE

St Andrew's College took part in a number of different fixtures against Grey High School in Port Elizabeth over the past weekend. Here are just a few of the results from the weekend:

Air rifle vs Grey High:

St Andrew's 1924 points - Grey 1900 points.

Cross-Country

St Andrew's beat Grey in the team event. Antony Rubombora of St Andrew's was the overall winner.

Park Run #193

The 193rd edition of the Grahamstown Park run took place on Saturday 2 June. Here are the

top 10 finishers from the event:

1. Unknown - information not registered with officials
2. Unknown - information not registered with officials
3. Unknown - information not registered with officials
4. Vusumzi Mafu - 22:07 (M)
5. Sylvester Jeffries - 22:31 (M)
6. Ryan Bruton - 23:23 (M)
7. Unknown - information not registered with officials
8. Scott Ritchie - 24:51 (M)
9. Candice Serfontein - 25:07 (F)
10. Brent Smith - 25:23 (M)

Rhodes archers dominate EC

STAFF REPORTER

The Rhodes University Archery Club hosted the 2018 Eastern Cape Provincial Target Archery Indoor Championships over the weekend of 26 and 27 May. The tournament was well supported with archers travelling from as far as Cape Town and Pretoria, as well as Port Elizabeth, Tarkastad and East London. This was the first in a series of four indoor tournaments that will be hosted by Rhodes Archery.

Rhodes archers Derryn Nel and Gareth Ross were awarded their Eastern Cape Provincial Colours for Indoor Archery.

The rest of the team from Rhodes Archery Club displayed consistent shooting, with all the team members medalling in their respective categories.

Ettione Ferreira, Derryn Nel, Lance Ho, Gareth Ross, Trevor Rochat and Kizito Mukasa won gold in their respec-

tive divisions, while James McAlpine, Matthew Barwick and Prasantha Yengopal won silver.

It was encouraging to see so many young archers taking part in the tournament, especially development archers from Orange Grove School in Tarkastad.

They had their own series of pre-selection tournaments, with 8 archers from the school qualifying to take part in the Provincial Championships.



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SPORTS

HERO OF THE

WEEK

Simoné Schoonbee

Simoné Schoonbee, a Grade 11 pupil at Höerskool PJ Olivier, is an extraordinary all-round sports personality as well as student. Schoonbee is a member of the PJ Olivier first teams in Netball, Hockey, Tennis and Athletics, as well as being an avid horse rider and cyclist.

The talented all-rounder's parents, Ezra and Johlene, farm outside of Salem, and she is the eldest of three sisters - her siblings are Bianca and Marcelle. Schoonbee believes strongly in the strength and support of family. Her family has supported her spectacular sporting career while she has been at PJ Olivier.

Simoné has achieved a number of accolades in her sporting career, including the Sportswoman of the year at PJ Olivier in 2017, Victrix Ludorum in Athletics, and was in the Cradock top 10 Athletics performers. She has also represented the Sarah Baartman District in both Athletics and Netball, although she only made it to trials in Netball.

She is not only an outstanding achiever on the school sports field, however. Schoon-



Simoné Schoonbee (middle) chasing down a ball for the PJ Olivier First team. Photo: Supplied

bee recently took part in the 30km Herald and Nanaga Mountain Bike Races, and participates regularly in horse riding events.

She is also a top academic achiever at PJ Olivier, being named among the top 5 Aca-

demical Achievers for 2017.

"I love playing sports and being active. I am definitely going to continue playing sports and training. Becoming a personal trainer and sport coach are two of my possible plans for the future," said Schoonbee.

Can the sports hero please come and collect her 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

GBS Mountain Drive training programme: Week 3

With 10 weeks to go before the GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon, here is the third week of Grocott's Mail's 12-week training programme, created by Terri-Lynn Penney:

- Monday** 5km easy
- Tuesday** 15min warm up
10 x 1min faster than normal pace
10 x 1min easy easy jog in between
10min cool down
- Wednesday** Cross train
- Thursday** 6km easy
- Friday** rest
- Saturday** 50min Easy run
- Sunday** 20min jog

Terri-Lynn Penney is a local triathlete, having great success around the province, nationally and internationally. Having recently completed her 14th Two Oceans Ultra Marathon, *Grocott's Mail* asked Penney for her go-to training programme for a 21km. With the GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon just 10 weeks away, *Grocott's Mail* is ready to see our readers reach the finish line. Penney is a personal trainer and bootcamp instructor, for more information please contact her at 083 504 7940.



Onika Mgijima scoring a try for Kingswood against Ithembelihle. Photo: Supplied

Kingswood test K-Day form

By CHANEZ SIA

The afternoon of Saturday 2 June saw Kingswood College (KC) Boys First rugby team play host to Ithembelihle from Port Elizabeth. Kingswood Second team then faced off against the Mary Waters High boys First rugby team.

Kingswood firsts dominated proceedings against Ithembelihle, particularly during the first half. The opening 10 minutes of the match saw Kingswood secure three effortless tries which took them up to 19-0. The hosts' communication was on point at all times as the team made

use of the wide channels and exceptional teamwork to secure a number of tries.

Kingswood ran out to a massive 46-0 lead at the end of the first half. KC went into the second half to almost double their score, running out a total of ten tries, with a single penalty to add to Ithembelihle's woes. The final score was 73-5, where Ithembelihle managed to secure at least one try.

The Kingswood boys' second team took on Mary Waters (Mawas) High First team next. Mawas struggled to keep possession for most of the first

half, but showed their speed when they did have ball in hand. The hosts, however gave them little opportunity to make use of their pace.

After a number of scoring attempts, Kingswood succeeded in scoring a converted try to take an early 7-0 lead. Mawas, however, looked resilient on defines, making Kingswood work for their points. Kingswood made multiple attempts at scoring, dominating the territory and were camped on the Mawas try line. Eventually, the hosts went on to score, leaving the score at 12-0 after the conversion dropped short.

Mawas scored their only try of the match, after their wing broke through and ran around the entire Kingswood team. The conversion was missed, however the game seemed to be turning around for Mary Waters, with the half time score reading 12-5 in favour of the hosts. Kingswood dominated possession for the remainder of the match, scoring three more tries before the final whistle. The hosts ran out eventual 29-5 victors over their opponents.

Kingswood has since being preparing for the much anticipated K-Day next week.

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- Graeme College: 4:30pm - 2nds vs Queens; 5:30pm - U15 A vs Queens; 6:30pm - 1st XI vs Queens
- Albany Hockey League (DSG): 2pm DSG Girls-U13 B vs DSG Girls-U13 D; 2pm Girls-U13 D vs DSG Girls-U13 B; 2pm Girls-U13 E vs Victoria Primary U13 B
- St Andrew's College: 6:30pm 1st XI vs Pearson High School; 5:15pm 2nd XI vs Pearson High School; 4pm 3rd XI vs Pearson High School; 2:45pm Boys-U16B vs Pearson High School; 4pm Boys-U16A vs Pearson High School; 2:45pm Boys-U16B vs Pearson High School; 2:45pm Boys-U16C vs Pearson High School; 1:30pm Boys-U16D vs Pearson High School; 1:30pm Boys-U14A vs Pearson High School; 4pm Boys-U14B vs Pearson High School; 1:30pm Boys-U14C vs Pearson High School

SATURDAY 9 JUNE RUGBY

- Kingswood College: U13A vs Gonubie (Dold A) 11:45am; U13B vs Gonubie (Dold A) 10:15am; U13C vs Gonubie (Dold A) 9:30am; U11A vs Gonubie (Dold A) 11am; U11B vs Gonubie (Dold B) 10:15am; U9A vs Gonubie (Dold B) 9:30am
- Graeme College Junior vs Westerling Primary (Away)
- Graeme College Senior vs Queens (Away)
- St Andrew's College: 2pm 1st XV vs Pearson High School; 12:50pm 2nd XV v Pearson High School; 8:30am 3rd Team v Pearson High School; 10:40am 4th Team v Pearson High School; 11:40am Boys-U16 A v Pearson High School; 9:40am Boys-U16 B v Pearson High School; 10:40am Boys-U15 A v Pearson High School; 8:30am Boys-U15 B v Pearson High School; 9:40am Boys-U14 A v Pearson High School; 11:40am Boys-U14 B v Pearson High School

HOCKEY

- Kingswood College (Girls): U13A vs Cambridge (City Lords Astro) 10:30am; U13B vs Cambridge (City Lords Astro) 9:40am; U11A & B vs Cambridge (City Lords Astro) 9am; U10A & B Internal matches (Gane Mini 1) 8:30am; U9A & B Internal matches (Gane Mini 2) 8:30am

NETBALL

- Diocesan School for Girls: All teams vs Pearson (Away)