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Makana Mayor Mzukisi Mphahla listens to the grievances of protesters outside the City Hall on Wednesday 13 February. While most expressed anger at the prolonged water outage, leaders also said they were calling for the Makana Council to be dissolved. Photo: Sue MacLennan

High court action for Muni

STAFF REPORTER

A group describing themselves as Concerned Citizen representatives of the Makana isiXhosa, Afrikaans and English speaking communities, Richard Alexander, Ron Weissenberg, Ayanda Kota and Gladys Mpepo last Friday announced that a High Court Application would be initiated this month for the full dissolution of the Makana Council.

In a media release, they said, "After years of discussions, protests and actions, 22170 people representing

the Makana community delivered a petition to the Eastern Cape Provincial Executive.

They requested the dissolution of Council in terms of Section 139 (1) (c) of the SA Constitution. This would mean the appointment of a temporary Administrator for Makana and new municipal elections to be held within three months.

"The Makana community needs council representatives who are highly skilled, experienced, hard-working and able to take the difficult

steps necessary to save Makana from the dysfunctional cesspit of corruption it has become. The community demands a council which can create a healthy, clean environment to attract job creation, businesses and skilled people."

The group said the EC Premier, MEC and Sarah Baartman ANC regional executive committee (REC) had ignored the petition and "continue to treat our people with contempt and disrespect".

"Accordingly, we announce that a

High Court Application will be initiated this month for the full dissolution of the Makana Council... Makana needs a majority of highly qualified, skilled and competent Councillors to ensure the Municipality is professionally and transparently operated. We need guarantees that all money is wisely spent and not used for patronage, corruption, ghost workers and nepotism. Makana needs Councillors who are directly accountable to the community, not held hostage by a political party," the group said.

R50K bail for rhino poaching accused

By SUE MACLENNAN

A Makhanda (Grahamstown) paramedic facing rhino-poaching charges was granted bail of R50 000 under stringent conditions in the Magistrate's Court on Friday 8 February. His five co-accused, who are all foreign nationals, remain in custody.

The men were arrested on 30 December in possession of two rhino horns. Microchips in the horns linked them to a black rhino in the Great Fish River reserve whose carcass was found there the next day. On Thursday 7 February, in their fourth appearance, the men began their bail application. It continued the next day.

Counsel for the local man is Declan Williamson from Wheelodon, Rushmere and Cole. Charles Stamper, from Legal Aid, is representing the other four accused, who are from Mozambique.

Through a Tsonga translator, Coetzee queried inconsistencies between the second accused's account of events, and evidence that would be brought to court in the trial. Cell-phone records and items seized by the police would be among the evidence used to argue the men's link to the vehicles, two rhino horns found in one of them and a rhino-poaching incident in the Great Fish River Reserve, Coetzee said.

The men were arrested in a road-block in Ventersburg, 150km north of Bloemfontein, on the morning of 30 December 2018.

Williamson presented Magistrate Ntsoki Moni with strong arguments in favour of bail for the local man, who is the first accused. The man would be pleading not guilty, Williams said. His family and business commitments meant that four school-going children, an adult child in a tertiary institution and an elderly mother, along with his wife were dependent on him as the primary breadwinner. The income of two employees in a business he owned would also be threatened. In addition, being absent

without leave from work would have serious consequences with his employer. All these commitments, Williamson argued, were an indication of stability.

Bail was set for him at R50 000. He is required to report at the Grahamstown Police Station twice a day. The provisional date in the Regional Court is 1 March. This is when the trial date will be set.

Grocott's Mail won't identify the men before they plead.

Note: Grocott's Mail previously referred to Declan Williamson as Basil Williams. This is incorrect and the reporter apologises.



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Tides: low tides 11:44 23:53
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SATURDAY
 Cloudy. Light SE wind.
Temperature: Min 19°C Max 23°C
Tides: low tide 12:15
 high tides 06:11 18:16

SUNDAY
 Thunderstorms. Light ESE wind.
Temperature: Min 18°C Max 25°C
Tides: low tides 00:20 12:48
 high tides 06:42 18:48

MONDAY
 Thunderstorms. Light southerly wind.
Temperature: Min 16°C Max 19°C
Tides: low tides 00:50 13:26
 high tides 07:18 19:25

TUESDAY
 Rain. Light SE wind.
Temperature: Min 16°C Max 22°C
Tides: low tides 01:26 14:15
 high tides 08:04 20:15

WEDNESDAY
 Partly cloudy. Light southerly wind.
Temperature: Min 13°C Max 25°C
Tides: low tides 02:14 15:30
 high tides 09:10 21:36

THURSDAY
 Partly cloudy. Light ESE wind.
Temperature: Min 16°C Max 29°C
Tides: low tides 03:42 17:25
 high tides 10:47 23:42

FRIDAY
 Partly cloudy. Light northerly wind.
Temperature: Min 20°C Max 32°C
Tides: low tides 05:57 19:01
 high tide 12:25

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

Empty tanks burden for schools

By KATHRYN CLEARY

It was a grey and misty Monday in Makhanda (Grahamstown) as clouds teased with the promise of rain, but learners in Makhanda's government schools were left high and dry. For some schools, Monday marked their sixth day without water, and although schools are equipped with rainwater tanks, prolonged water shortages have led to empty tanks. *Grocott's Mail* visited township schools including Makana Primary, where 472 learners were sent home early as a result of no water.

Nomsa Zono, Makana Primary's Head of Department said that the water crisis started last week Wednesday. "It was too hot," she said. "Kids were looking for water and there was no water to drink." By the end of the week, abatement facilities at the school were unusable due to clogged toilets and poor sanitation.

"The toilets are full as we speak. We can't use them," said Zono.

Lungiswa Mvula, member of the school's management team (SMT), said that letters had been sent to parents to inform them of the conditions. "We ask the parents that [learners] must relieve themselves before

they come to school," she said.

Sanitation is not the school's only concern, but also cooking meals. Without clean water, food cannot be served to the children. "Unfortunately because our students are coming from a poverty stricken area they need food at school," said Mvula. "We couldn't say that we weren't going to have school because they need that food."

Mvula told *Grocott's Mail* during the interview that learners were currently waiting for lunch, and after eating would be excused to go home for the day. The interview took place before midday.

Both Mvula and Zono expressed concern about the risk in sending learners home, particularly because parents were at work and few children had anyone else at home to care for them. However, keeping learners at the school with poor sanitary conditions was an equal risk.

Grocott's Mail reported on these same concerns in mid January, when Principal of NV Cewu Primary School Anele Ndyolashe said that with "no one to receive them at home, [learners] are vulnerable to abuse".

"It's beyond our scope of un-

derstanding," said Zono. "And we fully understand that when nature calls, nature calls."

On 1 February 2019, the Department of Water and Sanitation, (DWS) released water from the Fish River scheme to the Glen Melville dam whose water level was low and the incoming supply from the Fish River agitated the sediment resulting in high turbidity level measured at 1000 NTU.

No water could be treated at the James Kleyhans Water Treatment Works as the plant is not designed to handle such high turbidity. The incoming turbidity is normally at 80 NTU which is already too high for the plant.

On 7 February 2019, the raw water turbidity when tested was beyond the turbidity meter calibration.

Since 6 February 2019, the treatment process could not remove the turbidity to acceptable levels and hence the clear water pumps had to be shut down. This meant that no water could be delivered to the Makhanda East community.

Although municipal water trucks had been distributing water throughout the community since Saturday 9 February,

no communication was made with residents as to when and where the trucks would be stationed. Residents took to waiting in queues for up to eight hours at the Fairview Spring, while others waited on the streets, hoping for a truck.

Zono said after phoning the municipality that morning she was told the truck would come to the school by 10am. However, by 11.30am no truck had arrived.

By midday *Grocott's Mail* reporters found a municipal truck at Nombulelo Secondary School just a few blocks away. Makana said they had two municipal water trucks, and the schools whose tanks were not filled today would be filled tomorrow.

Zono called for the community to sponsor tanks for flushing toilets. "We can devise other strategies for cooking," she said.

Another government school just down the road from Makana Primary faces the same issues, but has more than twice as many learners.

CM Vellem Primary School has more 1 000 learners, but empty rainwater tanks. A teacher who requested to remain anonymous said they had been sending learners home

early since last week.

The school also struggled with sanitation, but could not deny their learners the right to relieve themselves. The school's bathroom facilities were full of toilet paper and waste, but learners continued to use them.

Should Makhanda's water crisis continue, more schools like Makana Primary and CM Vellem will be forced to send learners home as a result of poor sanitation, quickly turning the water shortage into an education crisis.

Community members are

requested to assist in any way possible.

Since Monday, the municipal water at Makana Primary has been on and off. Principal Nkhosi Williams confirmed that water came out of the taps on Wednesday 13 February, however, the water was muddy and could only be used for flushing toilets.

Williams could not confirm if Gift of the Givers had distributed water to the school, adding that the closest distribution point was Noluthando Hall.

Grocott's Mail will continue to report.

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'We're behind the Rhodes rugby team!'

There wasn't a lot to say when we asked locals if they would be supporting Rhodes University in the upcoming matches of the Varsity Shield rugby competition: it was a resounding "Yes!" Local match dates are 4 March vs WSU, 18 March CPUT and a televised match against UFH in Buffalo City on 21 February. Lindani Donyeli was out making sure the national series was on residents' radar.



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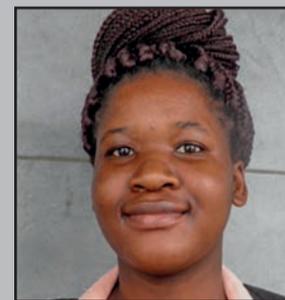
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RICHARD ALEXANDER
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 Yes.



SIHLE MBEKENI
 STUDENT
 Yes.

Nombulelo partnership boost

STAFF REPORTER

Fifteen pupils from Nombulelo Secondary School were introduced to the St Andrew's College Academy on Friday 25 January. The Academy has been established to support the pupils and empower them academically.

St Andrew's College Headmaster Alan Thompson, welcoming the pupils and staff involved in the Academy, said its main focus was to enrich the academic results of those involved in the programme.

St Andrew's College Community Engagement Officer, Ncumisa Mzaza, said, "Our vision is to establish a world class academic training environment in partnership with schools in Grahamstown East, which is sustainable and which will have a significant influence on Grahamstown's English, Mathematics and Science matriculation results as well as University entrance acceptance numbers."

The St Andrew's College Academy has been made possible through generous support from Liberty and The HM Pitje Foundation, the school said.



Boys from St Andrew's College and Nombulelo Secondary School are seen here with Nicci Hayes, Nombulelo Secondary School Principal (front, centre), Alan Thompson, St Andrew's College Headmaster (third from right) and Ncumisa Mzaza, Community Engagement Officer at St Andrew's College (second from right). Photo: Supplied

Gadra's literacy train rolls in

STAFF REPORTER

Gadra Education has opened a second site of its 'Whistle Stop School' at Tanti Primary School in Makhanda (Grahamstown). At the official opening event last week, the surrounding community poured into the school premises to show their support and appreciation for the initiative. The event was graced by many prominent members of the education community in Makhanda, including Ken Ngcoza and Margie Keeton.

The Whistle Stop School (WSS) is a unique, specialised school that focuses on improving the literacy skills of learners from Grade R to Grade 4. The intervention is intended to assist learners to become fluent, competent readers, enabling them to build the comprehension skills necessary to fully engage in the curriculum as they move up in the intermediate and senior phases of their schooling. It involves daily teaching of literacy of learners in small groups. This teaching is delivered by outstanding specialist teachers. WSS is carried out in partnership with select public primary schools.

The first WSS site was opened at the beginning of



A group of excited young students look eager to take part in the programme at the Whistle Stop School set up by GADRA in Tanti Public Primary School. Photo: Supplied

2017 at St Mary's, with Tanti now becoming the second site. The WSS Principal, Kelly Long opened the celebratory event last week by welcoming everyone in attendance – grandparents, parents, teachers, learners and community members. The acting Principal of Tanti Primary, Luleka Vabaza introduced WSS to those in attendance by highlighting the importance of partnership. She explained how strong partnerships between Tanti teachers

(especially Mandisa Peter and Xoliswa Mzizi) and Gadra Education lay at the root of the selection of Tanti as the second WSS site. She thanked Gadra for its decision in this regard and explained the educational benefits that the Tanti learners will enjoy as a result.

The Manager of Gadra Education, Ashley Westaway, explained that his organisation is committed to supporting public schooling in Makhanda. He acknowledged that the

recently released Makhanda 2018 matric results were the best ever, but explained that in order for the city to produce higher numbers of good quality passes as well as lower rates of drop-out from school, it is necessary for the standard of primary education to rise. Specifically, he highlighted literacy and numeracy as two of the most fundamental competencies that learners should acquire in the foundation phase of school and hone in the intermediate phase. He explained that WSS is one of Gadra's flagship literacy programmes. Westaway expressed hope that it would play a role in the restoration of Tanti as a leading public primary school in Makhanda.

After the formalities, Kelly Long invited all guests and attendees to visit the newly renovated WSS classrooms and to meet the teachers. The three WSS teachers at Tanti include Justine Bussiahn, Neo Tsokudu and Nqobile Msomi. The community members expressed their satisfaction and appreciation of the wonderful educational spaces and resources that have been created and made available to the children of Tanti.



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College student strike continues

By SUE MACLENNAN

Eastcape Midlands College's Student Support Services officer Nononde Magxaka and SRC President Siya Majali visited the Makhanda (Grahamstown) campus Thursday 14 February, a week after students at the local campus began protests over a range of grievances.

The students' demands, as listed in a document dated 4 February, include registration anomalies, a lack of transport for late classes, queries about NSFAS funding, the status of the SRC, alleged shortages of textbooks, lecturers, toilets, toilet paper, computers and internet. They demanded that management meet them to hear their grievances and protests continued through Friday and the following Monday.

On Friday, they stopped bakkies with trailers full of rubbish collected by Makana Revive and individual residents during an ongoing strike by municipal union SAMWU, to throw on to a pile of burning material at the gate.

Around midday on Tuesday 12 February, police removed students who were meeting inside the College. "Papers were thrown around and fire alarms and panic buttons were triggered," Police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender said. With the gates locked, the students burned tyres in the road before proceeding to the City Hall to request the mayor's intervention. This followed a meeting facilitated by the mayor, Mzukisi Mpahlwa, the previous afternoon and attended by the protesting stu-

dents, and management from the local campus.

Among the resolutions reached at Monday's meeting were that management assisted by students would look for suitable accommodation in town; the college would engage taxi drivers to provide a service after late classes; wifi would be made available soon and management would address the shortage of textbooks.

The college confirmed that toilets were due to be renovated and the Principal had expressed surprise that they run out of toilet paper, saying this was delivered to the campus weekly.

An allegation of bribery for admission would be investigated, as would allegations of sexual misconduct against a staff member.

In addressing allegations that student leadership had been appointed rather than elected, the parties had agreed that the Electoral Commission would be asked to come and run the elections for a student representative council.

On Tuesday they arrived at the City Hall while a press conference was under way inside for the arrival of Gift of the Givers.

The charity came to Makhanda with six truckloads to distribute in areas that had been without water for more than a week. Water was given to the EMC students and local residents who were in Church Square at the time.

The protesters said they wanted to meet with College management, who eventually arrived around 6pm, according to Sasco convener Sabelo



Protesting student burn rubbish outside the gate of the Eastcape Midlands College's Makhanda (Grahamstown) campus on Friday 8 February 2019. Photo: Sue Maclellan

Madlala, who is a member of an interim student representative structure.

"We went home because we had been waiting for them since 8am and we were tired and hungry," Madlala said. Madlala, speaking to *Grocott's Mail* early Thursday afternoon, said Magxaka and Majali were inside the College and they were outside.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, the College said it was committed to actively engage with protesting students to resolve matters as soon as possible.

"The events of the past

week raise deep concerns and the College unequivocally reiterate our condemnation of acts of violence and intimidation," spokesperson Elmarie van der Merwe said.

"On Tuesday 12 February 2019, the EMC SRC commenced visits to all campuses, providing feedback to students in the form of speakers' notes.

"The document contained the resolutions taken at the EMC stakeholders' meeting which was held on Thursday 7 February and at a Top Management meeting held on Friday 8 February," Van der

Merwe said.

"Answers were provided on various items raised by students which led to the student demonstrations during the week 4-7 February. Members of EMC EXCO set time apart to travel to Grahamstown to meet the students with the SRC members. Unfortunately, the Grahamstown students refused to meet with the EXCO and SRC members."

Grocott's Mail has not been able to establish from EMC how the College has been affected by the National Health and Allied Workers Union's TVET (technical and vocation-

al education and training) and CET (community) colleges strike that began on Wednesday.

Asked earlier this week whether EMC would be affected, Regional Secretary of the union's Max Madlingozi Region, KK Kaleka, told *Grocott's Mail*, "All TVET colleges in the Eastern Cape will be on strike."

There are 50 colleges across South Africa with more than 264 campuses, and more than 700 000 students according to <http://www.tvetcolleges.co.za>. Eight colleges are in the Eastern Cape.

Eskom's debt could sink it by April, warns Gordhan

STAFF REPORTER

High levels of debt and default risk have left Eskom in dire straits as the power utility battles to meet demand. The embattled parastatal is facing a R420 billion debt burden and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) says the State-owned entity (SOE) will cease to exist at the current trajectory by April this year. The department, led by Minister Pravin Gordhan, on Wednesday briefed the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises on the issues emanating from the State of the Nation Address (SONA),

progress in addressing audit findings of the Auditor-General on the department and SOEs for the 2017/18 financial year. Appearing before the committee, Eskom said it is technically insolvent.

At the SONA on 7 February, President Cyril Ramaphosa had announced a bold move to salvage the company, which would see Eskom be broken up into three divisions: Generation, Transmission and Distribution -- all under Eskom Holdings, while at the same time, remaining the property of the State.

The increase of employees and costs came under scrutiny after the power utility said employee costs increased significantly, driven by employee benefits. In its report, Eskom said the number of employees increased from 32 000 in 2007 to 48 000 in 2018, with associated costs growing from R9.5 billion for R29.5 billion.

High cost of Medupi and Kusile

Eskom's Build Programme has added to the cost overruns and poor performance at the power utility. Medupi and Kusile have suffered massive de-

lays and cost overruns due to poor planning, poor engineering designs, poor procurement practices and corruption. The costs for the plants have escalated significantly to over R300 billion. In his SONA debate, the Minister had at-

tributed the non-performance of these two plants to the bad designs. In order to urgently address the operational problems at Eskom, chief amongst which is generation, Gordhan and Eskom chairman Jabu Mabuza, have called on ENEL,

one of the world's leading energy suppliers, to provide the power utility with external technical assistance.

ENEL will send two or three coal power station engineers to South Africa shortly. - *SANews.gov.za*

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Heroes bring hope

February has been a month of heroes.

The extraordinary arrival in our town of the Gift of the Givers with thousands of bottles of water was welcome, and while it was suggested that bringing rainwater tanks would have been a longer term solution, even 10 litres of drinkable water makes a difference to a family that's had dry taps for a week. The good news is that the teams will be returning to Makhanda (Grahamstown) with more water over the next few days and it's possible the project of siting and sinking boreholes may start as early as next week. They brought hope and help in a dire time, and gave freely.

But the heroes we want to acknowledge are the local individuals, institutions and organisations who collected and delivered water. Rotary, Round Table, local public and private schools, churches and families reached out to schools that were having to send children home early, or close altogether because of no water.

The city's emergency services have worked flat-out – escorting the Gift of the Givers during their distribution of water to residents, managing the queues, and taking on some of the deliveries themselves. *Grocott's Mail* followed police vans that loaded up water to deliver it to the Eluxolweni Child and Youth Care Centre, the McKaiser Old Age Home and other vulnerable communities.

One of the small but significant acts were families doing laundry for others whose children needed to go to school this Monday after a week of no washing.

The community can be particularly proud of the young women who have taken it upon themselves to help their school in this time of crisis. Principal Faith Coetzee was especially taken aback by the great humility and leadership that the girls showed by giving back to the school something that learners can use for years after they have gone.

The Gadra Whistlestop Schools initiative of Gadra Education (story on Page 4) will leave a legacy of learners better equipped to tackle the academic challenges of the school career ahead of them. Gadra and its partners are playing a heroic role in turning the tide for children attending public schools in our town, and they deserve all the support they get. Support this weekend's auction at Kowie Brake & Clutch of photographs whose proceeds will go to the organisation (details in What's On, Page 11).

We pay tribute to the memory of Nozipho Plaatjie, who did all her schooling in Grahamstown and went on to fight for human rights as an ANC activist for decades, before joining Cope in 2011. It was in the election debates of 2016 that the *Grocott's Mail* team met this feisty hero. Rest in peace, Mama Plaatjie.

Next Thursday, 21 February, is International Mother Tongue Day and Puku Story Festival is back, hosted by NELM, from 21-23 February. *Grocott's Mail* will publish more details online in the next few days, as well as the weekend's programme in next Friday's print edition.

* This week's editorial was written by Sue MacLennan and Stephen Kisbey-Green.

LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Incoming management team at Somerset Place retirement home, Bill and Judy Harvey, with Ben and Norma Bezuidenhout, who are retiring after 18 years in charge. Since the early 90s, Ben has been core to developing the complex into a thriving community. Together with an active committee, he has raised R400 000 for the Somerset Care Society through his extraordinary long-distance running exploits, as well as shows and concerts. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Manage water efficiently until plant expands

I visited James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works (JKWTW) on Monday, 11 February, to see for myself the degree of turbidity in the water that was preventing the provision of water to the eastern areas of the city. My timing was fortuitous in that it coincided with a visit by *Grocott's Mail* and Mayor Mpahlwa. The existing plant is antiquated and the sludge draw-off system from the Settling Tanks is clearly inefficient.

The demonstration of sediment settling by a gentleman at the GRA meeting on the evening of 11 February, while entertaining, has no relevance to the conditions at JKWTW. Flocculation Jar Tests are used for comparative assessment of efficiency of different flocculants and varying settling rates in a laboratory environment to assist with the operation of a water treatment plant. They do not replicate the actual conditions experienced at the works.

The Plant Foreman at JKWTW is certainly committed to running the plant as best as possible and appears passionate about wanting to deliver water efficiently. However the necessity to provide more water than the plant is capable of, at the same

time trying to maintain acceptable standards of quality, puts pressure on the operation as routine downtime for cleaning and maintenance is compromised. The treatment of the water should be varied according to the quality of the raw water. When turbidity is exceptionally high the flocculant dosing should be increased and flow reduced. Due to the water demand, the foreman does not have the privilege to do this. Some improvement may be possible by using alternative flocculants when raw water turbidity increases and by optimising sludge draw-off frequencies. The foreman was aware of these factors and is trying to address them.

The bottom line is that a constant delivery of acceptable water from JKWTW is limited until the plant extensions are completed. The plant should not be run beyond its capacity as this leads to poor quality. It is therefore essential that the available water is managed as efficiently as possible and the plant extensions are accelerated.

Peter Sturrock (MSc Civil Engineering: Water Treatment)

Support kept Nombulelo going during water outage

On behalf of the community of Nombulelo, I would like to publicly express our thanks to the municipality, our ward councillor, Mr Moya, the Speaker and to Rhodes University for the support we received during this terrible water outage. With over 900 learners our reserves soon ran out, and we are

so grateful for the deliveries of water that enabled the school to keep going over this difficult time.

Nicci Hayes, Principal

Thank you for compassionate rural area coverage

I would like to congratulate the *Grocott's* editorial team (particularly Kathryn Cleary) for the latest two editions of the paper in which you provide a detailed focus on the problems of Seven Fountains, Salem, and Alicedale. Besides providing useful information (including excellent colour photographs) these editions are both informative and compassionate. It is very sad

to read about the crises which these once-thriving rural centres are suffering from critical water shortages and neglect. Grahamstown is privileged to have such a wonderful newspaper of such an excellent standard. Keep up the good work!

Irene de Moor

Amagqabantshintshi ngobomi uka Nozipho Ruth Sinxo-Plaatjie

UNozipho Ruth Plaatjie, uzalwa nguDuncan Nominah Sinxo.

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New Mayor meets testy residents

By STEVEN LANG

The new mayor of Makana municipality, Mzukisi Mphahla, made it clear that local officials and municipal unions are among the most serious obstacles he faces in trying to address service delivery problems in the area. While he stopped short of accusing municipal employees and councillors of sabotage, his new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Gerard Goliath, said that this possibility was being investigated.

Makana residents congratulated Mphahla for having the courage to address them at a Grahamstown Residents' Association (GRA) meeting on Monday evening.

He guessed correctly that the hundred-plus people who waited for him at Prime, on New Street, would be angry about going into their third week of municipal strikes and multiple load-shedding events.

The Mayor's address entitled 'The Challenges facing the Municipality' left no doubt that he had hit the ground running in his efforts to alleviate the water shortage in the area. Since being appointed in December last year, he already had meetings with the Minister of Water Affairs, Gugile Nkwinti, to brief him about the gravity of the situation in this area and to urgently request funds to procure equipment and infrastructure.

Mphahla told residents that the minister had allocated substantial amounts of money, in-

cluding R22 million from the national Drought Relief Fund, towards easing Makana's water problems, but that the benefits of these projects would only be noticed in stages.

Residents applauded the Mayor several times especially on promises to clean-up the administration of Makana, but perhaps his biggest applause came when he commented on the garbage and litter lying around town, "This city is very, very filthy."

He said the unions and their 'silent strike' were only part of the problem because there were many workers available to help with clean-up campaigns but that his plans were thwarted by councillors who appeared to have other agendas. Mphahla said "we cannot tolerate this filth" and offered himself as a last resort: "If it needs me to clean the city alone - I will do it."

The new Mayor referred to other problems on his to-do list, including the many potholed streets of Makhanda, but appeared to be most concerned about the lack of efficiency within the City Hall offices. He recognised that there are too many employees but noted that it was very difficult to get rid of superfluous staff, even if they are not qualified for their jobs.

He said that people will be retained, because "there are a lot of internal controls which are not in place" and that "it's not going to be easy, it's not go-

ing to happen overnight... but we are going to make sure that people earn their salaries".

Residents gave the new CFO a healthy applause when he opened his presentation with a commitment to the municipality. Goliath said, "I didn't come here to get a salary, I came to make a life."

He addressed residents' concerns that they would be milked to pay for the inefficiencies of the municipality when he referred to the difficulties in collecting debts: "We are not trying to get people to pay more, we want to get more people to pay." Goliath acknowledged that the bad debt problem is partly caused by inefficiencies in the meter-reading system and by the fact that a large number of households don't receive any municipal bills at all. He said that the municipality has already appointed a debt collection company.

Although the meeting was sometimes testy, it essentially achieved the goal set by GRA chairperson, Philip Machanick, of reassuring residents that the new top administration was making a concerted effort to deal with service delivery issues facing the municipality.

Machanick said it was vital to address the water problem sooner rather than later because, "You can't start too early, but you can start too late."

He also pointed out that while residents are grateful to Dr Imtiaz Sooliman and his or-



Makana Mayor Mzukisi Mphahla with the new Chief Financial Officer Gerard Goliath at the GRA meeting held at Prime this week. Photo: Steven Lang

ganisation, the Gift of the Givers, for delivering a truckload of water for immediate consumption, it would better serve long term interests if the charity could raise funds for water tanks. He said that if all houses in Makana had water tanks, residents would be better equipped to withstand cyclical droughts and water outages.

Fit for drinking

In a tense question and answer session after the mayor's presentation, Ron Weissenberg of the community initiative, Ma-

kana Revive, challenged the municipality's explanation of why the James Kleyhans Water Treatment Works was temporarily unable to treat water.

Earlier this week, the municipality said it could not use water from the works for up to five days because of water turbidity from the Glen Melville dam.

Weissenberg said that treatment with the chemical compound, Aluminium sulphate with the formula Al₂(SO₄)₃ would clear up the water within half an hour.

To prove his point, Weissenberg produced a five-litre container of muddy water which he poured into two smaller glass jars. In the one jar he added some of the chemical compound while the other only had the muddy water.

He left the two jars on the table in front of GRA chair, Philip Machanick, while the meeting proceeded with another round of questions.

After that round, the water in the jar with the aluminium sulphate was clear enough for Weissenberg to drink from.

Masicule 2019 coming for sixth year with 1000 voices

STAFF REPORTER

Masicule celebrates its sixth birthday in the Guy Butler Theatre at the Monument on 24 and 25 February 2019. Get your tickets now (before they run out) to experience this goosebump-inducing show. Tickets are available from Fusion Foods (Pepper Grove Mall), Makana Tourism, Madhatters (High Street), Joza Music Hub (Joza), at the Monument, and online - www.tickethut.co.za/creativity.

Featuring nearly 1000 voices, Masicule encourages next-level collaboration that culminates in a mind-blowing evening that will amaze, invigorate, inspire and move

you. Masicule 2019 features choirs and ensembles from Nombulelo High School, Ntsika Secondary School, Kingswood College, Victoria Girls' High School, St Andrew's College, DSG, Graeme College, Mary Waters Secondary School, East Cape Midlands College, Nathaniel Nyaluza High School, Kwantu Choir, Byrdsongs, and the Cathedral Choir.

This year's featured artist will be the legendary Vusi Mahlasela ('The Voice'). As one of South Africa's top selling and most celebrated artists, Mahlasela will be presenting new renditions of some of his iconic songs, backed by the

Masicule choristers and the massed choir. Highlights from the concert will include *Something Inside So Strong*, *Mighty River*, *When you Come Back*, and *Nakupenda Africa*.

The income from Masicule ticket sales is awarded to a local person as a stipend or to afford them the opportunity to further their education or qualification in the field of music.

In 2016, the first 'Masicule Gift' was awarded to Mpumelelo Maguntulu, conductor of the Nombulelo and Abancedisi choirs. In 2017, recipient Loyiso 'Bhoki' Sake, the efferrescent conductor of the Masicule anthem, Yele Yele, used

the award to attend conducting courses.

This year, Bhoki is studying toward a Diploma in Music at Nelson Mandela University following a successful bursary application.

In 2018, Kutlwano 'Kepa' Kepadisa, conductor of the Kwantu Choir, received the Masicule Gift, which, in part, helped facilitate his choir's attendance at the World Choir Games. In 2019, Bayanda Mthetho, a grade 10 pupil from Graeme College, will receive the Masicule Gift to pay for advanced professional piano lessons. This hugely talented young

musician has been appointed the official Masicule accompanist for 2019.

Tickets are only R40 for adults and R30 for students, learners, and pensioners: a small price to pay for such incredible entertainment - and the knowledge that a local musician will benefit directly from your purchase.

The concert on Sunday 24 February will start at 6pm and on Monday 25 February at 7.30pm.

The duration for both concerts is around 1 hour 20 minutes. Taxis will be in service on both evenings and will of-

fer transport to and from the Monument.

Masicule is a Creative City project run by the National Arts Festival, with support from the Grahamstown Foundation, Sarah Baartman District Municipality and the Eastern Cape Government. Artistic support is provided by Graeme College and Access Music Project (AMP).

For more info, contact Sandra or Kate on 046 603 1103 or email info@nationalartsfestival.co.za. For a sneak peek of previous concerts, go to YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9t4FBIaYTK>.



SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Makana Municipality is preparing a Spatial Development Framework for the municipal area, including Makhanda, Alicedale, Riebeeck East and the rural areas.

Public meetings will take place as follows:

- Alicedale 20 February 2019 at 5pm at Alicedale Community Hall
- Makhanda 21 February 2019 at 5pm at City Hall
- Riebeeck East 26 February 2019 at 5pm at Riebeeck East Community Hall

The objective of the meetings is to present the Makana Spatial Analysis and discuss a Spatial Vision for the Municipality.

Please Contact Gemma Meaton on 046 637 0424 or pgogodin@makana.gov.za for more information.

All interested and affected parties are welcome to attend.



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Gift of the Givers brings water relief

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Late afternoon on 12 February an inspiring caravan made its way into Makhanda (Grahamstown). Green trucks emblazoned with the Gift of the Givers emblem emerged from the thick mist on the N2, A total of six trucks and a handful of bakies brought with them the promise of relief for residents - some who had been without water for up to nine days.

The Gift of the Givers was notified of Makhanda's water crisis last weekend and by Monday morning, trucks from Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg were loaded to the brim with bottles of water. Operational problems at James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works which supplies Makhanda East have left some residents without water for a week or longer.

In a media release, Makana Municipality explained the problem as follows:

On 1 February 2019, the Department of Water and Sanitation, (DWS) released water from the Fish River scheme to the Glen Melville dam whose water level was low and the incoming supply from the Fish River agitated the sediment resulting in high turbidity level measured at 1000 NTU.

No water could be treated at the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works as the plant is not designed to handle such high turbidity. The incoming turbidity is normally at 80 NTU which is already too high for the plant.

On 7 February 2019, the raw water turbidity when tested was beyond the turbidity meter calibration. Since 6 February 2019, the treatment process could not remove the turbidity to acceptable levels and hence the clear water pumps had to be shut down. This meant that no water could be delivered to the Makhanda East community.

Accompanying the team is Gift of Givers water 'guru', Dr Gideon Groenewald. Groenewald works as a hydrologist for the organisation and specialises in drought relief strategies and siting water for boreholes.

In his address during the press briefing on Tuesday, Groenewald said from a scientific point of view the drought in South Africa is the worst there has been in 220 years. He said, "...these drought cycles are normal, they are part of the natural cycle on earth that we will experience and it is possible that in the next three years we will see this drought playing out because it's actually busy growing its teeth."

He explained that the role of the Gift of the Givers at this stage is just to solve the immediate crisis, not the long-term issues. Groenewald said they might also look at the possibility of drilling a number of boreholes in Makhanda.

Gift of the Givers Founder posted afterwards on their website, "Nine days of no water, nine days of desperation. The crowds... gathered out-

side the municipality eagerly awaiting whatever they could get."

Because the convoy arrived later than expected, distribution took place today in accordance with the schedule that was available on the municipal website www.makana.gov.za and on their Facebook page Makana Local Municipality Communication the Communications Officer said.

A press briefing followed the caravan's grand entrance with Executive Mayor Mzukisi Mphalwa, Groenewald, Councillor Ramie Xonxa, Gift of Giver's Ali Sablay, Director of LED and Planning Riana Meiring, and other Makana officials and councillors.

Mphalwa kicked off the briefing, assuring press that the lack of water since last week was due not to "incompetence or sabotage", but the accumulation of sludge in the James Kleynhans water treatment facility from the Glen Melville Dam. Mphalwa said the issue was being addressed by engineers and staff.

A Makana engineer informed of the current dam levels that supply the west side of Makhanda, with Settler's sitting at 11.3% and Howieson's Poort at 21.1%. Should Settlers drop below 10%, the west side would be switched over to the James Kleynhans system. This will mean the 10 megalitres produced by James Kleynhans when it is at full capacity will be shared across the whole city, which currently uses 18ML a day.

Groenewald was positive despite the doom and gloom of the current scenario, saying that if necessary, Gift of the Givers will site boreholes for the community, and will ensure that the water is safe to drink. Meiring confirmed that Makana had the funding to go through with this process. "We have received money for drilling boreholes and are also treating borehole water. The money is already available."

Water was to be distributed to priority areas first, such as schools and hospitals. *Grocott's Mail* was assured that rural communities would be attended to during the week.

Meiring commented that Fort Brown and Seven Fountains had "adequate" water, adding that a Makana water truck would be filling up in Seven Fountains to visit nearby farms.

Mayor Mzukisi Mphalwa welcomed the assistance from Gift of the Givers. He said, "We really appreciate the gesture by the Gift of the Givers to come and provide some relief to our communities. Since Thursday our communities have been battling to access clean drinking water not because of any incompetence or sabotage or anything but simply because the water in the river had become so dirty that it needed to be clean first before it could be treated. So in the intervening period (four days) the Gift of the Givers generously stepped in to come and provide support and provide relief to those communi-



The Gift of the Givers handed out a truck load of water to members of the community who had gathered in front of the City Hall on Tuesday 12 February. The remainder of the water in the trucks that came through from Port Elizabeth was delivered on Wednesday 13 February. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

ties. For that we are eternally grateful."

On 13 February Makana Communications issued a list of ward-based distribution points as follows: Ward 2: Noluthando Hall; Ward 3: Assumption Clinic, Grave Yard; Ward 4: Albany Road; Ward 5: Ext 9 Hall; Ward 6: Indoor Sport Centre

And Ncame Ward 7: Emazotshweni; Ward 10: Soccer City/ Fingo Square; Ward 11: Near Ntsika Senior Secondary School; Ward 13: Rev Lolwana Ebaleni (Vukani) Fitzroy Street Old Ambulance Station; All Schools

Following the press brief-

ing, one Gift of Givers truck distributed five-litre bottles to a long queue of residents. Cheers and smiles filled the space as the truck was quickly emptied. Full distribution began 13 February with the promise of more trucks coming throughout the week. Since the organisation's arrival they have met with Makana to discuss long-term solutions

such as boreholes, and other drought relief strategies.

On Thursday 14 February, Gift of the Givers founder Imtiaz Sooliman confirmed to *Grocott's Mail* that a rig for drilling boreholes would leave its site in KwaZulu-Natal this Sunday and would likely arrive in Makhanda on Monday. *Grocott's Mail* will continue to report.

Water crisis in Vukani

By LINDANI DONYELI

The community in Vukani, Makhanda (Grahamstown) is struggling with the effects of the water crisis that has hit the Eastern Cape in recent months. Vukani had been without water since Thursday 7 February, until a water truck arrived on Saturday 9 February. This truck drew a large crowd, which queued up to receive the water.

Thembakazi Seyisi, ward councillor for Ward 13, and Mzukisi Mali, Chairperson of the Ward 13 committee, were assisting the community to fill their buckets of water, in the middle of an open field in Vukani.

On Sunday 12 February, *Grocott's Mail* visited the people of KwaHatsi, a farm just outside of Vukani, and asked them how they cope with

the water issues. Nobengazi Ntlokwana, a mother with a nine-year-old daughter, told *Grocott's Mail* that the truck that delivers the water does not come to their place of residence; in order for her to get water, she has to get it at her work. Even when she does get water from work, it is not a lot.

Kimberley Ntlokwana, a grandfather living in Kwa-

Hatsi, who is unable to fetch water for himself and his wife, spoke to *Grocott's Mail*. He stated that they don't have water in his home, and that his wife had to ask for water from those who are close to the road.

They had asked those who managed to get the water from the truck if they would be able to share with them. Ntlokwana does not have any

hope for where is he going to get more water when he needs it.

Seyisi understood the pain of some of the residents. "I am unaware that I have to bring the water door to door."

"The truck was in the field where most of the things takes place at. I have brought the truck high up nearly to the farm at the upper side," said Seyisi.

DWS sounds the alarm for Makana

STAFF REPORTER

The Department of Water and Sanitation is sounding the alarm after multiple water treatment facilities in Makana have added to the Eastern Cape's water crisis. A press release issued on Monday 12 February details plans for renovations at five municipal water treatment facilities as well as other plans to assist in sewage management and water shortages.

The National Department writes:

"As per the dictates of the South African Constitution, the National Water Act and the Water Services Act, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is enjoined to ensure the security of water supply to all South Africans, domestic, industrial, agricultural, mining, and all other sectors and facets of the South African populace.

"It is important to note that the "South African populace" includes the parched towns and villages across the country-like the town of Makhanda in the Eastern Cape. It is important that as part of this mandate, the DWS engage and work with other spheres of government to bring relief to these communities within its capacity. Currently the DWS is funding numerous projects within the [Makana] Local Municipality. Included in the list of projects currently being funded by the Department of Water and Sanitation are the following:

James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works (Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant funding):

"The project consists of the upgrading and refurbishment of the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works (WTW) with funding provided through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG). This WTW has a design capacity of 10ML/d

and is currently operating at 150% of its capacity. It is incapable of supplying the requirements of Grahamstown.

"The project will consist of four (4) phases: Phase 1 – Augmentation of the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works, Upgrading of Sludge Ponds and Balancing Reservoir, Phase 2 – Augmentation of the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works, inlet works, settling tanks, filters etc, Phase 3 – Upgrading / Refurbishment of Existing 350mm dia. Pumping Main, and Phase 4 – Upgrading Existing Water Treatment Works. "Currently phase 1 is 85% complete with expected completion being end March 2019.

"The department has provided additional funds to achieve this target and has approved the project to continue with all these phases. R80 m has been set aside for 2019/20 and a further R60m within this Mid Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) period.

Mayfield Waste Water Treatment Works upgrading (RBIG funding)

"The augmentation of the Mayfield Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) project is a multi-year project being implemented within the EC Region under the RBIG Programme. The above mentioned project is currently on hold due to budget constraints. ECDC funding is promised for this intervention

Belmont Valley Waste Water Treatment Works upgrading (RBIG funding)

"The Belmont Valley WWTW is currently not meeting the set discharge standards and needs to be upgraded and refurbished. The WWTW's is currently running at 150% of its capacity. The upgrade

will unlock development in the area as currently all housing projects have been put on hold as the WWTW is overloaded and overflowing, thus polluting water resources in the area and downstream. ECDC funding is promised for this intervention

Water Conservation and Demand Management – WCDM (Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Grant funding): "The funding made available for the WCDM is R10 000 000 – 00. Currently several interventions are being implemented. The project completion time is set for end June 2019.

Refurbishment of Riebeeck East WTW's (WSIG funding):

"A petition was submitted by the community of Riebeeck East due to the continuous water supply shortages and water interruptions. The raw water supply is abstracted from the 4 boreholes and the bulk water supply is almost 50% under capacity, and urgent attention is required to address the shortfall.

The plant requires an upgrade to meet the current water demand, future demand and ability to cater for the waterborne sewage as the area is still in use of VIP toilets and septic tanks. The project aim is to upgrade the plant to 1ML/d to provide adequate capacity for current demand and provision of waterborne sewage system. The estimated cost for the refurbishment of Riebeeck East WTW is R15 000 000.

Refurbishment of Alicedale WTW's (WSIG funding):

"Alicedale is the small town situated in between a variety of game reserves and hunting lodges. It has one major industry, namely a large Mohair factory. The existing water

treatment works is in a bad state of disrepair and does not meet DWS standards. It is also under capacity during summer peak periods.

It requires upgrading to 2.2 ML/day capacity to cater for the current demand and future developments. The estimate cost for the Refurbishment of Alicedale WTW is R10 000 000.

Incremental Development in the Grahamstown Area (Drought Mitigation funding implemented through WSIG):

"Currently the consultant is busy with the drafting of the full scope of works for the project. The total funding allocation for this project which was made available was R12 000 000.

Water Conservation and Demand Management in the Grahamstown Area (Drought Mitigation funding implemented through WSIG):

"Funding requirement for this project is R10 000 000.

"[Makana] LM has received R22 000 000 through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) – Drought Mitigation funding which must be utilized before end March 2019. [Makana] LM received R35 000 000 under the WSIG funding stream for the refurbishment of both Alicedale and Riebeeck East WTW's and the implementation of WCDM.

"With regards to the regulatory functions of the DWS, [Makana] can be taken to court for spilling raw sewage into the Kowie and other rivers due to failing infrastructure."

– Issued by the Department of Water & Sanitation

Grocott's Mail will continue to report.



Long queue of residents waiting for water in Vukani. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Sun City raises red flag over sanitation

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Tuesday 12 January the Sun City residents raised the red flag; calling a stop to poor sanitation and service delivery in their community. The road going up to the Electricity Department was barricaded with tires, rocks and burning rubbish, and buckets filled with waste and maggots were set out on display.

Sun City is an informal settlement that sits on top of an old landfill; as a result, Makana is unable to install underground sewer and water lines. Residents are forced to use the bucket system, as well as share one working tap.

Dustin Davies is a resident of Sun City with a family of three children. Davies spoke to our reporters emphasising

ing the horrifying sanitation conditions that residents had been living in for months at a time.

"Today I decided to represent Sun City. We are doing this protest and as you can see it is peaceful, it's not violent."

Davies said that the community met with the Executive Mayor and other Directors the end of January to discuss sanitation and water.

Kelello Makgoka, Director of Public Safety and Community Services confirmed this, stating that the meeting addressed water, sanitation and refuse in Sun City.

"The bucket system is overflowing here, that is why you see us here doing this protest-

ing", said Davies.

Residents stated that the last time their buckets were collected was early January, and that Makana told them that the sanitation truck was broken.

Makgoka confirmed that January was the most recent collection.

On Wednesday 13 February, residents continued to protest, but their buckets had been emptied.

As a result of the South African Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU) strike, Makana had to find another service provider to collect the buckets, stated Makgoka. "We are trying our best given the situation," he said.

Resident Freddie Smith en-

sured our reporters that the protest was peaceful, but that the community would not stop until Makana addressed them.

"There are some other issues in this protest [besides the buckets]", said Smith, "the taps and the lights, because it's very dark here."

Residents were calling for improved sanitation, access to water from communal taps and working street lights.

Makgoka stated that short-term plans for improving conditions in Sun City were to collect buckets once per week; while long-term plans were aimed at moving residents to a more suitable environment.

Grocott's Mail will continue to report.



Residents of Sun City informal settlement took to the streets in protest over poor sanitation and service delivery on Tuesday 12 February. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green.

Long wait for water in Makhanda

By SUE MACLENNAN

By the time disaster relief organisation, Gift of the Givers, reached Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Tuesday 12 February with truckloads of bottled water, large parts of the city had had dry taps for up to eight days. Residents queued for hours on Sunday 10 February as trucks organised by a municipality-led crisis committee struggled to service thousands of households. Volunteers who spent the week picking up refuse across the city during a strike, during the weekend turned their attention to boosting water deliveries to desperate families.

The dry taps in east Makhanda were due to excessive turbidity in the Orange/Fish supply to the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works that services the eastern part of the city and 19 streets in the west. Makana Municipality issued a notice on 8 February warning that to protect the pumps at the water works, they would be switched off until the supply settles. "This process will take 4 to 5 days and there will be no supply to Grahamstown East during this period. Trucks have started delivering water to distribution points and will continue until supply is restored," Makana posted.

Later that night, a message read by Mayor Mzukisi Mpahlwa apologised for the inconvenience caused by the prolonged water outage.

"Water deliveries did start earlier today but unfortunately

could not reach everyone. Plans are in place to acquire more water trucks to enable us to reach as many people as possible. Distribution points will be communicated as soon as they are available."

A further message raised the alarm that a day-long scheduled power cut by Eskom on Sunday 10 February meant the pumps delivering to Waainek Water Treatment Works on the west could not operate. This meant the reservoir levels would drop and the supply – currently serving the whole city (the east via deliveries, the west via taps) could be interrupted.

Settlers Dam, the reservoir for the supply of 8 megalitres a day to areas of the city west of the railway line, was this week announced to be at 11% of its capacity. Experts have warned the last 10% cannot be pumped. When this point is reached, the 10 megalitres a day supplied by the James Kleynhans water treatment works in the east will be rationed to serve the entire community. Earlier estimates were that this week (mid-February) could be the week when this happens.

While work is underway to upgrade James Kleynhans to supply 20ML by 2021, the current outage was meanwhile potentially very serious.

A joint operations committee (JOC) based at Makana and including business, education and other stakeholders, was formed last month to deal with a diminished and interrupted water supply and it is

at their request that vehicles and drivers from neighbouring Ndlambe and Ngqushwa municipalities, as well as Rhodes University have been delivering truckloads of water to around 80 000 residents in Joza, Tanti, Vukani and other areas in the east over the past few days. This is in addition to Makana's water trucks and some schools.

Amatapweni

In Pick n Pay, there were long queues of people waiting to fill bottles at the water dispenser inside the store.

The community's favourite natural source, Fairview spring, was crowded day and night, with users reporting waiting as long as eight hours to fill containers.

Last Sunday, Grocott's Mail found rows of buckets on sidewalks in Joza and Fingo Village, with their hot and tired owners sheltering inside or under trees as they listened out for the trucks.

"Molweni amatapweni," was one man's greeting to a queue of people outside Nathaniel Nyaluza Secondary School, as he walked on to Vukani carrying bottles that he had filled at a house in the area known as Mission. It was 1.30pm and the "amatapweni" had been waiting for three hours, B Street resident Manuel Chauke told Grocott's Mail.

"The councillor told us the truck would come yesterday," Chauke said. "We waited two hours and it never came."

Many Vukani residents walked the long, hot road to



Residents wait in A Street for water on Sunday 10 February. Photo: Sue MacleNNan

Mission, which is just across the stream from St Philip's Church, to fill their bottles. Eunice Ncwadi, who is 74, carried a full bottle all the way from town, where she had attended church.

"It's too difficult when the truck comes," Ncwadi said. "Everyone runs – grannies and little children – everyone. It's too hard!"

Ward 10 councillor Luyanda Sakata was present when a flatbed truck with two full water tanks arrived around 3.30pm in C Street. It was as Ncwadi had described: old and young rushed to the truck with every container they could find – bottles, basins, bowls and buckets.

Dirty uniforms

The Makabe brothers, Chumani and Chumile, live with their cousin Aphiwe Makeba in Vukani. The boys were walking, carrying containers to fill from a tank at the family home in Fingo – a good 3km away.

In Joza, in the shade above TEM Mrwetyana School, a group of mothers with their children had been queueing since 10am, they said. It was by then around 2.30pm.

"Look at these children," one mom said. "They haven't bathed and their uniforms are dirty. We can't send them to school like that."

There were reports of children having been sent home

early, as toilets clogged and handwashing became impossible. In the extreme heat (last Friday's maximum was 37 C) the risk of dehydration was high. Some schools closed early on Thursday because there was no water in the toilets.

Drivers of the water trucks told Grocott's Mail they had been working flat-out to get water to the communities.

Resident Cindy Deutschmann, among a team of four who have been collecting and removing refuse during the past weeks under the umbrella of two civic organisation Makana Revive, has been among those delivering water to parts of town that the trucks haven't reached.

Recycling units trashed as funding stalls

By SUE MACLENNAN

As private citizens continue to collect rubbish piling up on the city's streets during the municipal strike, Makana Municipality is looking into the process of reviving the IWARS recycling programme.

Last month's protest by Ghost Town residents against illegal dumping on Sugarloaf Hill was an ironic reminder of a stalled project that should by now have massively reduced the amount of rubbish lying around Makhanda (Grahamstown), by making collecting waste more lucrative than dumping it.

Sugarloaf Hill is the site of one of three waste recycling buyback centres placed at high-traffic former dumpsites in Makhanda (Grahamstown). The units were delivered to Joza (next to Makana's Kop Old Age Home), the Carlisle Street dump and Sugarloaf Hill in February 2016.

Project Manager for Integrated Waste and Recycling Services (IWARS) who owned the units, Mark Price, explained at the time that with solar-powered lights, the specialised, custom-made con-

tainers had a fully equipped office area, a suppliers' area where recycling material was weighed. A dedicated IT system for recording suppliers and sales was being developed and this system would be used at every unit.

The project was viewed as an important component of addressing the problem of waste management in the municipality. By providing easy access to recycling services at locations across the town, waste would be collected rather than discarded.

Two years later, the unit on Sugarloaf Hill is trashed. Unmanned, the windows are broken, the doors long gone and rubbish lies piled up inside – but not for recycling, just dumped. It's the second unit to go this way.

Price told Grocott's Mail that the first one had also been vandalised and burnt.

"We took it and sold it for scrap," Price said. Grocott's Mail called him after seeing its state during a protest on 7 January 2019. Ironically, the protest was against illegal dumping – the very problem the buy-back centres were supposed to discourage, by

allowing collectors to make money out of recyclable waste.

Price said the project hadn't been able to get up and running because the Department of Trade and Industry had been slow in fulfilling their part of the bargain.

"We can't go into full production because DTI still owes 45% of the money," Price said. "In December they sent us a letter confirming they still owe the money, but gave no indication when they would pay the R8.5 million needed to complete the development and set it up over several municipalities."

He said they had been waiting for the promised capital for 24 months.

IWARS has a contract with the DTI aligned to the Department's Employment Creation Fund, and a memorandum of understanding with Makana and other municipalities. The total value of the contract is R20 million.

At the time of publishing of Makana Municipality's Integrated Waste Management Plan, in 2017, IWARS were the lead reclaimers and recyclers in Makana LM.

"The IWARS programme organises people to collect recyclable materials from the landfill sites and transfer stations. Thereafter, waste is separated and transported to main processing sites through a waste transit system that has already been established by the IWARS. IWARS has registered reclaimers in Makana LM as part of the 'Masihlule Programme'," the document states.

"At the moment we're just using the remaining units as storage," Price told Grocott's Mail. "None of the units in Grahamstown are operating."

Spokesperson for the DTI Sidwell Medupe referred Grocott's Mail's queries about the matter to Project Manager in the DTI Paseka Maleno.

At the time of publishing Grocott's Mail had not yet been able to reach Maleno at the number provided.

Makana Municipality's Director of Public Safety and Community Services Kelello Makgoka confirmed that Makana Municipality had developed a draft Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) incorporating all elements of waste management as per the

requirements of The National Environmental Management Waste Act, 59 of 2008.

"Waste reduction, re-use, recycling and recovery is at the centre of the waste management strategy," Makgoka said. "The role of IWARS automatically forms part of the Plan in the sense that IWARS programmes are linking to waste minimisation strategies."

Makana Local Municipality was looking into the process of reviving the IWARS programme.

"Currently the National Department of Environmental Affairs has employed an Environmental Youth Coordinator on behalf of Makana LM to facilitate waste management programs within the Municipal Area," Makgoka said. "Therefore all waste management activities including IWARS programs will be revisited as to ensure that they operate within the municipal area going forward."

• Next week's *Environews* column will report back on Hayley McLellan's visit to Grahamstown, and ongoing activities of the Makana Plastic Action Group.

Water crisis hits creche hard

By LINDANI DONNELLY

On Monday 11 February, Grocott's Mail visited different places in Makhanda (Grahamstown) investigating the concerns of water crisis. Ubunye Bethu Day Care Centre, in Vukani, has over 50 children in their care, and have been feeling the effects of the crisis. Noxolo Kelekete, the supervisor of the creche, said that they have been assisted by the leftover of water which they have saved, but it has not done much. She explained, "children go to the toilet very often, especially when there is no water."

"They have one single toilet for all the kids in the creche", Kelekete continued. "It is difficult even cooking for the kids and they get thirsty."

The creche does not have a rainwater tank, and are suffering dearly from the water crisis plaguing the town.

The staff are appealing to any company or good samaritans to assist them in any way that they can. They are looking to raise the funds for a rainwater tank so that they can save water for the children. They are currently relying on the money they receive from parents, which they need for the day to day running of the creche. Anyone that may be able to assist the Ubunye Bethu Day Care Centre may contact them on 078 339 4932.

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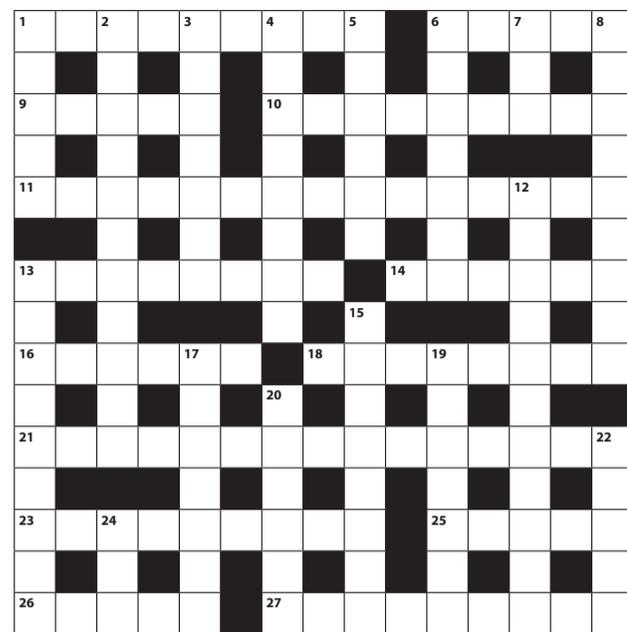
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ACROSS

- 1 Grilled steak includes a custom slap-chips, for example (9)
- 6 Managed business before deputy returned (5)
- 9 Growth of Post Office leads to lawfulness - yes, perfection (5)
- 10 Screen for role one time, then no-one has to come back (9)
- 11 Group converge at City Hall, for instance (9,6)
- 13 Second athlete with beaker that doesn't get cold (6-2)
- 14 Tahiti that I developed, one concludes (6)
- 16 Cold year grips girl with elegance (6)
- 18 I follow river with an inhabitant of Ibadan (8)
- 21 Threat of cross words from same cold phoney (5,2,8)
- 23 Joker and bright, but she cheats with hands (4,5)
- 25 Composer ends off in B# set? No (8)
- 26 Small rodent clipped hawk (5)
- 27 Revolutionary air to help one's judgement (9)

DOWN

- 1 Point to image (5)
- 2 Mount half a kilogram about one-person vessel (11)
- 3 Force a mole up container (7)
- 4 Granny Smith harbours one question concerning handcraft (8)
- 5 Wanders but remains about right (6)
- 6 Part cockroach, I'm eradicated by fire-breathing monster (7)
- 7 Starts to pen heartfelt, intimate letter (3)
- 8 Plant fine cat, reportedly (9)
- 12 Belittles 3 X 6 crumpled sail (English, small) (11)
- 13 Bags rifles after meeting of rugby players (9)
- 15 Come here and maybe zap A1 hay (4,4)
- 17 They beat others but are miserable winners (7)
- 19 Wash over No 1's ore (7)
- 20 Scared of a tattered state (6)
- 22 Cavity develops from fault over America (5)
- 24 Jumper for limited stable boy (3)

Compiled by George Euvrard

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 169



"The First World War Poetry of Thomas Hardy: implications for today". The talk will be given by Chris Mann. Malcolm Hacksley will read the poems. All are welcome and entry is by donation in aid of the Friends of the Grahamstown Public Libraries. Contact Sue Rionda 046 603 7339

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY
GRAHAMSTOWN MUSIC SOCIETY AGM
5:30pm at the St Andrew's College, Senior Common Room. Grahamstown Music Society will be hosting their AGM. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY
USA LECTURE
10am at the Grahamstown Bowling Club. Speaker : David Bristow Subject : Recent travel writing. Charge R5. All welcome. Contact Malcolm Hacksley 046 636 1762

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Thursdays
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Bridge Results

Grahamstown Bridge Club Thursday 7 Feb 2019
6½ Table 24 Board Howell Movement

PAIR NAMES

1 Sheila Hicks & Ernie van Hille	70.95%
2 Shirley Shaw & Ilva Benyon	62.08%
3 Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel	54.29%
4 Mary Godlonton & Angie Thomson	52.86%
5 Heather Inge & Naomi Dower	51.43%
6 Jenny Haswell & Val Buchner	50.00%
7 Pair 2	49.17%
8 Pair 9	48.10%
9 Pair 3	47.50%
10 Pair 12	46.67%
11 Pair 7	44.29%
12 Pair 5	37.08%
13 Pair 13	36.19%

Grahamstown Bridge Club Monday 11 February 2019

PAIR NAMES

1 Jenny Haswell & Jo Fitzhenry	65.87%
2 Mary Schudel & Peter Midlane	54.76%
3 Pat Shepherd & Derrick Newson	53.97%
4 Jenny Kroon & Naomi Dower	52.38%
5 Pair 7	45.24%
6 Pair 8	43.65%
7 Pair 4	42.86%
8 Pair 1	41.27%

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Grey water's missing link

The easy, cost-effective way to catch grey water before it's too late.

STAFF REPORTER

Funneling down the drains of your house every day and night is one of the most valuable resources in the ongoing fight against high water-usage. It's called grey water and it has a range of benefits, including reducing the need to use precious rain water and saving on household water bills. Grey water is highly usable for everything from watering the garden to flushing toilets.

South Africa is a water-scarce country with water restrictions, high tariffs and fixed charges a part of everyday life. To manage water consumption, it's up to each and every one of us to fulfil our moral obligation and save as much of this precious resource as we can. We do not have to be global environmentalists out to save the world; the least we can do is be home eco warriors with something as simple as the AquaFunnel.

To use grey water successfully, it has to be captured in great quantities. Consider a bucket in the shower. For that bucket to catch 100% of

the used shower water, it needs to cover the entire floor area of the shower. Not very likely if you're using a standard hand-held bucket.

The alternative to the "bucket parade", and the best way to ensure you catch as much grey water as possible, is to let your home's plumbing system do the work for you. Through drains and outlet pipes, your home's plumbing system is built to collect grey water. The trick is to divert the grey water it collects before it becomes waste water further down the line.

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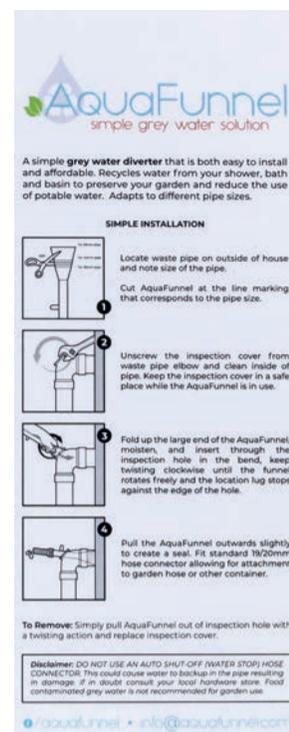
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My Garden



Members of the community gather to receive the seeds gathered by the Albany Horticultural Society. From left to right: Malcolm Southey (from Sunnyside Garden), Nontinam Thezani, Sally Koei, Mavis Njadayi, Advierre Elsie (treasurer of the Horticultural Society), Khunjulwa Mangi, Lindiwe Kulati, and Heather Surridge (Chairperson of the Horticultural Society). Photo: Lindani Donyeli

By LINDANI DONYELI

Since November 2018, the Albany Horticultural Society has been collecting seeds to provide to the members of the community that want to grow their gardens but cannot afford to buy the seeds. This initiative was inspired by the weekly "My Garden" column, in which community members with gardens are showcased.

Grocott's Mail were approached to gather members of the community who's gardens had previously been featured in the "My Garden" column, so that the Horticultural Society could hand over the seeds that they had gathered. This was done to motivate them on Vukuzenzele.

Heather Surridge, the Chairperson of the Albany Horticultural Society, was happy to share the passion of gardening with the community. "We want to help others so that they can be able to set a good example in the community and share the gift of gardening with each other."

The families and members of the community thanked the Horticultural Society for giving them the seeds; they believe that they will not have to worry about seeds anymore for quite some time. Each member received 14 packets of different seeds to plant. They also thanked Grocott's Mail for showcasing their gardens, and helping them receive the seeds from the society.

Surridge was grateful that the seeds were able to be collected by the community members and their families, and that they will be used to grow their gardens.

Malcom Southey, the owner of Sunnyside Garden Centre, said, "I am so happy that other people can be inspired by what we are doing. I hope more people can come forward to give whatever they can to build our communities, and it is our aim to give hope to those who need and encourage them to plant more so that they can be able to put food on the table."



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PLAATJIE NORA REGINA uhlala eSevenfountains Farm, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 16 February 2019.

KELELE MXOLISI JOHN uhlala kwa 5404 Hlalani Loc, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 16 February 2019.

KWENXE LUNGISWA JEANETTE uhlala kwa 4754 Ext 7, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoCawa umhla we 17 February 2019.

MANYATI KHULULEKILE uhlala kwa 1215 Runeli Drive, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 16 February 2019.

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KAMENI MTHUTHUZELI HAROLD uhlala kwa 903 Gwala Street, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 16 February 2019.

QOKOSE MZWANE uhlala eKapriver Kleinmond, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 16 February 2019.

QAKAMFANA ZIPHOZIHLE EDWARD uhlala kwa 1570 Calata Street, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoCawa umhla we 17 February 2019.

Thank You

To the doctors, nursing staff, caterers, cleaners and all others at **Fl, Settlers Hospital**: Words cannot express my gratitude I have for your care and support I have received during my stay over the last two weeks. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

To my family and friends: thank you for all the calls, messages, visits, flowers, food and everything that you have done for me during my illness and recovery. Through the Grace of the Almighty, I am regaining my health and well on my way to a full recovery. You are all dear to me and my heart is overflowing with love and gratitude for all your love and support.

My heartfelt thanks to you all.
Best Wishes and love,
Eugene de Souza

2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices



1. Child Welfare SA, Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **CHUMANI NAZO** born 20/11/2003. **Thozama Nazo** born 15/06/1970 is the biological mother of the above mentioned child Please could anyone with information contact **Shade Tobias, Social Worker at Child Welfare Grahamstown SA on 046 636 1355.**

2. Child Welfare SA, Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **LERATO TSHUNUNGWA** born 27/05/2001. The biological mother, **Nomalungisa Tshunungwa** born 27/09/1985 is deceased. Please could anyone with information contact **Shade Tobias, Social Worker at Child Welfare Grahamstown SA on 046 636 1355.**

3. Child Welfare SA, Grahamstown is looking for **Siyabonga Tyeelbooi**. Mr Tyeelbooi is the biological father of **LIYABONGA QHOKOSE** born 20/08/2009. The biological mother, **Lindelwa Qhokhose** born 24/09/1983 is deceased. Please could anyone with information regarding his whereabouts contact **Shade Tobias, Social Worker at Child Welfare Grahamstown SA on 046 636 1355.**



1. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Chulumanco Khuhlane**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

2. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological mother of **Thorn Winston Louw**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

3. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Leoline Nia Joe**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

4. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Ashwin Minnies**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

5. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Likho Kiti**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

6. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Bukho Kolosa**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

7. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Luthando Ngoqo**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

8. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Mbasa Nxaklali**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**

9. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Vuyolwethu Bhobhotyana**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs L.C. Pakati at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3310.**



10. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Sibulele Molly**. The biological father is Sonwabo Kutsi. If you have any information please contact **Mrs N.P. Matakane at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

11. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Athenkosi Petros**. The biological father is Galelekile Ramncwana. If you have any information please contact **Mrs N.P. Matakane at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

12. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Asali and Licebo Kwetani**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs N.P. Matakane at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

13. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Sibabalwe Peli**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs N.P. Matakane at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

14. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Kwanele Fatyi**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs Z Makeleni at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

15. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Sinesipho Wayi**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs Z Makeleni at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

16. Social Worker from the Department of Social Development is looking for the biological father of **Oyisa Mgxotheni**. The biological father is **Melikhaya Tambo**. If you have any information please contact **Mrs Z Makeleni at Social Development Grahamstown at 046 602 3305.**

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.

FRONTIER AUCTION

Furniture auction be held at **The Scout Hall, in African Street, Grahamstown.** To add your items please contact Craig on 076 312 3514. Auction to start at **10am, 23 Feb.** See you there!

REWARD OFFERED! R5 000 for return of A4 hard cover black notebook with red spine, containing notes and diagrams, stolen from car in Kingswood area on night of Wednesday 30 January. Hand in to Grocotts for reward. No questions asked.

3. SALES & SERVICES

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Cell: 082 857 8167

Miscellaneous Wanted

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Do you require a highly skilled painter who can also plaster walls, lay tiles, glaze windows, and repair roofs and gutters? If so, phone Patrick Mgcqobele at 083 929 1317. For a recommendation, contact Mike or Sue at 046 636 2312 or at 082 778 1242.

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I AM a Zimbabwean man looking for a job. I once worked as a salesman. I can do painting, gardening, waitering and shop assistance. I also have basic knowledge in home nursing. Contact Brian 084 625 0886

I AM looking for a job as a cleaner, housekeeper or any related to babysitting and caregiver. I am a honest, hardworking domestic worker and dedicated lady. I am very dependable and trustworthy. Please call Gladys N Adam if you need any further information on 072 766 1921

I AM a Zimbabwean lady looking for part time jobs like cleaning, laundry and baby sitting and old age caring. Also shop assistance and waitressing. Contact Vimbai 084 625 0886.

I AM looking for work as a domestic working. Contact Siphokazi Mpako on 074 025 7604.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: Wednesday @ 4pm
Contact: **046-603 7111**

Employment Offered



ASSOCIATION FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
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The Association for Persons with Physical Disabilities – Makana based in Makhandla/ Grahamstown, invites applications for a qualified and registered **SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKER** to work part time.
Essential requirements: proof of qualification; proof of registration with the national body for Social Work; Police Clearance certificate; fluent in English and isiXhosa; computer literate and experience working in a team.

Please email your CV together with the above documentation, with 2 current contactable referees to **apdgrahamstown@yahoo.com** or deliver to APD office in **GADRA building, Cobden Street, behind the Settler's Day Hospital, by 12 noon on the 28 February, 2019.**
 For enquiries
Tel: 046 622 5359.

If you do not hear from APD within 2 weeks after the closing date above, consider your application unsuccessful.

8. LEGALS

Estate Late

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN DECEASED ESTATE

In the Estate of the Late **MDLANA PAUL KOLITI**, Identity Number **320305 5145 087**, who died on **5th February 2018**, who was a widower, and who resided at **91/100 Extension 5, Grahamstown, 6139**

Estate Number: 249/2019
Master of the High Court, Grahamstown

All persons having claims against the abovementioned estate are hereby called upon to file their claims with the undermentioned within 30 (thirty) days from date of publication hereof.

BRENDA CAMPBELL
ATTORNEYS
87 High Street
Grahamstown
6139
Telephone Number
046 622 2757
Email:
legal@brendacampbell.co.za

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ESTATE LATE

In the **ESTATE OF THE LATE UNA SYDNEY DENISON WILMOT**, Identity Number **291011 0030 085**, who died on the **2nd September 2014**, who was unmarried.

Last Address:
Frail Care, Somerset Place, Lucas Avenue, Grahamstown

Estate Number:
022081/2014

The First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the abovementioned Estate will lie for inspection at the offices of the **Master's Office, 5 Bathurst Street, Grahamstown**, for a period of **21 (TWENTY-ONE) days** from the **15th February 2019**.

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10 African Street
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6139

ESTATE LATE

In the Estate of the late **SYBIL ROUTLEDGE**, Identity Number **390609 0304 085** of **15 Lawrence Street, Grahamstown 6139**, who was born on the **9th June 1939** and who died at **Grahamstown** on the **1st January 2019**

Estate Number:
00271/2019

All persons being indebted to, or having claims against the above Estate are hereby called upon to lodge their claims with and pay their debts to the undersigned within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the date of the publication hereof.

WHEELDON, RUSHMERE & COLE
Attorneys for Executrix
119 High Street
GRAHAMSTOWN
Tel No: 046 622 7005
SL Froneman/rmc

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE:
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@ 4pm
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046-603 7111

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SAC takes cricket victory

STAFF REPORTER

The St Andrew's College Cricket Club travelled to Queenstown for their annual cricket fixtures against Queens College, on Saturday 9 February. In the first team match, Queens won the toss and had little hesitation in electing to bat first. The St Andrew's side picked up some early wickets using the swinging conditions. However, it was spinners, Chris Poole and Nicholas Frances who did the damage in bowling Queens out for 99 runs. Chris Poole picked up 5 wickets for 14 runs and Nicholas Frances 3 wickets for 21 runs.

St Andrew's approached the run chase in a mature fashion winning by 7 wickets. Sam Francis led from the front with an organized 31 not out.

Alex Road success

STAFF REPORTER

The Kingswood College girls' first team water polo travelled to Port Elizabeth for the Alexander Road water polo festival over the weekend of 9-10 February. It was a busy two days with the team playing 11 matches in total. The strength of the opposition varied, but it was an ideal opportunity to work on patterns of play and combinations for St Peter's tournament later in February in Johannesburg.

Kingswood won nine of their 11 matches, drew one and lost one. The team worked well together nicely and there were some excellent attacks where they were able to use their awareness and communication in the pool to score. The Kingswood defence was solid. All the players, except for the goalkeeper, contributed to Kingswood's impressive 66 total goals scored at the festival.

A highlight was the match against Collegiate, which Kingswood won by a win of 5-3. Kingswood are hoping to repeat this sort of performance at St Peter's.



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GENERAL VALUATION ROLL 2018 - 2023

INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEMBERS

Makana Municipality would like to invite you to attend public participation meetings, where the Certified General Valuation Roll will be explained in detail. Makana Local Municipality has released the final General Valuation Roll for all properties within its jurisdiction in accordance with the Municipality Property rates Act of 2004.

VENUE	TARGETED RESIDENTS	DATE	TIME
City Hall	Stakeholders/Businesses and Rate Payers	18 February 2019	17H30
Noluthando Hall	Rate Payers	19 February 2019	17H30
Indoor Sports Centre	Rate Payers	20 February 2019	17H30
Riebeek East	Rate Payers/Businesses	21 February 2019	17H30
Alicedale	Rate Payers/Businesses	21 February 2019	17H30
Recreation Hall	Rate Payers	25 February 2019	17H30

Mr M MENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED AS VOLUNTARY MEMBERS TO THE MAKANA

MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL

CLOSING DATE: 18 MARCH 2019

In terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 16 of 2013, the Makana Municipality hereby call for nominations for members of the public to be appointed to the Makana Municipal Planning Tribunal for its first term of office.

Function of the Municipal Planning Tribunal

To consider and formulate the decisions regarding all land development applications submitted in terms of Section 15 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Regulations.

The period of office of members will be five years calculated from the date of appointment of such members by the Makana Municipality.

Nominees must be persons registered with the professional bodies contemplated in section 34(1)(b) – (g) of the By-law on Municipal Spatial Planning & Land Use Planning, 2015, who have leadership qualities and who have knowledge and experience of spatial planning, land use management and land development or the law related thereto in the following professions:

- I. Town Planning
- II. Engineering
- III. Land Surveying
- IV. Environmental & Heritage
- V. Legal

Application forms are available in Makana: LED & Planning Directorate. Failure to comply with may result in the disqualification of the nomination.

Nominations must be sent to:
The Municipal Manager
Makana Local Municipality
P.O. Box 176
GRAHAMSTOWN; 6140
For Attention: Mr. Moppo Mene
For Enquiries: S. Jonas
Tel 046 603 6123

M MENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

CSA Rural week heads to town

By LEON COETZEE and CHESLEY DANIELS

The Grahamstown Cricket Board (GCB) and Makhanda (Grahamstown) are ready to host this year's edition of the Cricket South Africa (CSA) Rural Week. Makhanda will host this prestigious event for the first time since 2006, 13 years ago. The CSA Rural Week will take place from 21-25 February 2019, with the Opening Ceremony taking place on 20 February and Closing Ceremony on 25 February.

Local Cricket Clubs will host two to three games over the duration of the week. Clubs will have the opportunity to showcase their venues, which might lead to future use of their facilities from the other unions in the GCB. The rich history of the GCB and its clubs underlines its Rural Status.

Rural Cricket, previously known as Country Districts Cricket has deep roots in the Grahamstown Cricket Board District.

A huge number of cricketers from the area represented Eastern Province Country Districts on various occasions and ultimately got selected for the South African Eleven. Claude Pittaway, Lorrie Wilmot, Sean Long, Cuan King, Craig Handley, David Duncan, Wayne Wiblen, Melvin Daniels, Asi Bhudaza and most recently Brandon Handley have

all been selected for greater honours. Norman Elliott, Peter Wilmot along with Ebben Hufkie from the Karoo Region served Rural Cricket in the Pre- and Post-unification era. Norman Elliott has served RCSA for over 25 years as an executive member.

"Besides our Water and electricity issues, I think Grahamstown, with its many restaurants and pubs, is ready to host more than 200 visitors coming to town," said Leon Coetzee, the Chairperson of EP Rural Cricket. "The Eastern Province Grahamstown side, under the leadership of Brandon Handley, is a well-balanced outfit and can produce quality cricket to win this event."

The week brings together the best Rural Cricketers from across South Africa. For some of these players, a week of this stature could be the springboard of a professional cricketing career.

Players such as Dale Steyn, Lance Klusener, Kyle Abbott, Dean Elgar, Asi Bhudaza and lately Ferisco Adams all started their careers in the Rural setup.

The tournament will be played over five days; four days of 50 over cricket and day five will have T20 games. Ten teams will be divided into two sections - five teams per section, playing cross-pool games.

The Eastern Province



Brandon Handley will captain the EP Rural cricket side, when they take part in the Cricket South Africa Rural Week in Makhanda over the week of 21-25 February. Photo: Supplied

Cricket Union Region will have two teams in this Tournament namely, EP Rural (Makhanda) and EP Midlands (Karoo). St Andrew's College, Graeme College, Rhodes University, Sidbury, Southwell, Cuylerville, Salem, Manleys Flats, and Port Alfred (Stand-

by) will be the venues set up to host the titanic battles. The team with most points will ultimately win the week. At the end of the week, a Rural Cricket SA Eleven will be selected to participate in the Future Cup to be held in Kimberley in April 2019.

Rhodes brace for Varsity Shield

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

Another year of university rugby kicks off on Monday 18 February, with the start of the 2019 FNB Varsity Shield tournament coming on Monday 18 February. This will be the third year in a row that Rhodes University will be participating in the competition, having won their promotion/relegation match against the University of Zululand at the end of 2018.

Rhodes has had a run of bad luck in the competition since their first year in 2017. They have finished at the bottom of the table in both seasons up until now, having failed to secure a single win in last year's regular season competition. This year, however, they intend to use the new expertise gained from incoming Sports Administrator, Frans Mamabolo, to earn a few more victories.

"2019 is still going to be the year of building Rhodes Sport, and Rugby is one of the sport codes that we earmarked to make big changes moving forward," said Mamabolo. "The Division of Student Affairs and Sport Administration have put their resources in support of the team for this year's shield campaign."

Mamabolo, who was previously involved with the sports programme at the University of Cape Town (UCT) which takes part in the Varsity Cup competition each year, is confident that the players will give their all in this year's Varsity Shield season. "We are expecting that they will compete for Rhodes University and they will do their utmost best to win all their games, or at least get a podium position."

The Rhodes team will get their campaign underway on Monday 18 February, when they travel to the Howard College rugby stadium to take on the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN).

Rhodes hosted UKZN in 2018, in what ended as a 0-48 defeat for the home side, however they will not let that distract them from getting the best possible start to their 2019 season.

The remainder of the Rhodes season will see them take on the University of Fort Hare (UFH) on 21 February, Nelson Mandela University (NMU, Madibaz) on 25 February, Walter Sisulu University (WSU) on 4 March, the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) on 11 March,



Rhodes University captain, Joshua Parsons, runs onto the field in the last preparation match ahead of the 2019 Varsity Shield season. Photo: Daniel Goldberg

and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) on 18 March, with their bye week coming in the last round of the regular season.

"We at Sports Administration, we are behind you boys,

and we know that you have it in you to make us proud. You carry the hopes of all of us here at Rhodes. Go out there and do your best, but most importantly enjoy it whilst it lasts," said Mamabolo.

LFA pre-season up and running

By CHRIS TOTOBELA

It was a good weekend for football fans in Makhanda (Grahamstown), as they enjoyed local football after a long break.

Makana LFA organised a pre-season tournament over the weekend of 9-10 February, to allow the teams to test their squads and to give players a chance to stake their claim in the starting line ups.

All the local teams took part except for the SAB league teams.

This tournament was played on a knockout basis and there was no extra time as the games that finished in a draw went straight to penalties.

Teams displayed some good football although most of the players seemed to be struggling a little bit with fitness.

As the teams fell by the wayside, the tournament reaches the semi final stage.

The semis will take place over the upcoming weekend, where Love and Peace will take on Young Killers in the first semi final while Sakhulutsha awaits a winner between Newtown City and Makana Pillars.

The two final spots were decided on Saturday but the first game of the day at midday will see Newtown City locking horns with Makana Pillars.

This match will be followed by the Love and Peace versus Killers game.

Makana LFA executive member Afika Adam was happy with the proceedings and confirmed that the two teams that will contest the final will represent Makhanda in the SAPS tournament that will take place on the 23 February against other teams from around Makhanda.

"It will be up to them to play the final to have an overall winner or not but both finalists will represent us in this upcoming tournament," said Adam.

This proved to be a good exercise for our local sides as they are preparing for the start of the league which might be mid March.

In another clash of the weekend, City Pirates hosted Leeds from Alexandria in their SAB league encounter.

Pirates collected maximum points as they eased past their opponents by three goals to nil.

Sidbury take a two wicket victory

By CHESLEY DANIELS

The Sidbury First Cricket side edged Willows with a narrow two-wicket win in a titanic battle on Saturday 9 February in their Grahamstown Cricket Board (GCB) First League encounter. Sidbury hosted the match, which could have gone either way over the course of the day.

In hot weather conditions and on a very "tricky wicket", the visitors batted first and did well to post a target of 180 runs. With the assistance of the wicket, the bowlers had a feast with the ball. Bryce Howarth (4/30 (7)), Greg Evans (2/23 (7)) and Jason Howarth (2/21 (60)) bowled on target with accurate bowling. Willows started off well and lost wickets regularly thereafter. Melville Daniels (29), Pieter George (25), Abner Accom (16) and Winston Johnson (16) all tried their

best with the bat in very difficult batting conditions.

The Willows bowlers started off in great fashion and caused the Sidbury batsmen trouble.

Willows looked to have clinched the game when Sidbury were 60/6 at a stage, but they missed out on a few opportunities. It was the patient batting of Hugh Oxenham (65*) and Archie Chirinda (32) who stood firm. It went down to a interesting and nail-biting finish. Cole Wesels (3/42 (10)), Winston Johnson (2/13 (10)), Melville Daniels (2/42 (10)) and Chesley Daniels (1/21 (10)), all performed extremely well with the ball. In the end, Sidbury took their chances and deserved the win, scoring 181/8, and a two-wicket victory.

See full story on www.grocotts.co.za

KNOW THE SCORE

Parkrun #229

The 229th edition of the Makhanda (Grahamstown) Parkrun took place on Saturday 9 February. Here are the top finishers from the event:

1. Thoko Sipungu - 20:10 (M)
2. Sylvester Jeffries - 22:36 (M)
3. Michael du Preez - 22:39 (M)
4. Unknown - Information not collected
5. Kennedy Khuzwayo Simango - 23:21 (M)
6. Elisa Kirigin - 23:50 (F)
7. Andrew Jelley - 24:15 (M)
8. Thobela Sambane - 24:17 (M)
9. Unknown - Information not collected
10. Dylan Bowker - 25:17 (M)

Proteas vs Sri Lanka
A maiden career century by captain Dané van Niekerk laid the foundation for the Proteas Women to make a strong start to their three-match One-Day International Series against Sri Lanka with a narrow seven-run win in Potchefstroom on Monday 10 February. The South Africa captain struck 102 off 117 balls (5 fours, 1 six) at Senwes Park. The Proteas clinched the series on Thursday 14 February in 30-run victory in Potchefstroom.

Pro14
Round 15 of the Guinness Pro14 kicks off after a bye weekend, with the Isuzu Southern travel to Cork in Ireland to take on Munster on Friday night. The Kings suffered an agonising defeat to the Toyota Cheetahs two weeks ago, losing by 40-36 in the last couple of minutes of the match. The Cheetahs will also be in action this weekend, when they travel to Galway, Ireland, for their match against Connacht on Saturday.

Chippa United
After another victory for the Port Elizabeth-based side, Chippa United will head into their Nedbank Cup round-of-16 encounter against Milano United brimming with confidence. Chippa defeated the Free State Stars by two goals to nil in their PSL encounter in Bloemfontein, and will host Milano for their knockout match on Saturday.

Men's Proteas
The South African Men's Cricket side move from their successful hosting of Pakistan, to hosting a tour from Sri Lanka in a series of Test, ODI and T20 matches. The opening game of the tour sees the Proteas host Sri Lanka at the Kingsmead Oval in Durban, from Wednesday 13 February to Sunday 17 February. The Proteas went into bat first, and were bowled out on day one. They bowled Sri Lanka out by tea on day two, and their second innings continues today. The second test will be played at the Wanderers in Johannesburg, starting on Sunday 3 March.

Super Rugby
The much-anticipated return of Vodacom Super Rugby comes this weekend, with all four of South Africa's franchises taking part in round one of the competition. The Sharks and Lions will start their campaigns with away matches in Singapore and Buenos Aires respectively, when they take on the Sunwolves and the Jaguares on Saturday. In between those matches, the Bulls will host the Stormers in their grudge derby match, in a reverse fixture of the #SuperHeroSunday encounter two weeks ago.



Holy Cross Country Fair

Ayabulela Ndolomba from Oatlands Prep won the 2019 Holy Cross fun run. The 13-year-old Grade 6 displayed great athleticism on his way to the finish line. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

By LINDANI DONNELI
On Saturday 2 February, the Holy Cross School held its annual Country Fair on the school grounds, situated on the beautiful Highlands Road. The fair saw various activities and stalls being set up for the community to enjoy. The day started with a 5km fun run along the Highlands road up to the old level crossing and back. Runners young and old, from different schools, as well as community members from all four corners of Makhanda (Grahamstown) were present. Even the chairperson of the

Albany Saints and Sinners Multisport club, Jaco van Dyk, took part in the fun run. While the runners were out on the fun run, parents, staff members and the Brothers from the Holy Cross School, were busy preparing the meals that were to be sold to the people. Different stalls were set up, giving out clothes, books, cold drinks, cakes, tea and coffee for those who were in need. Pupils from the Diocesan School for Girls (DSG) assisted with the stalls while others painted faces in

different characters; spider-man being the favourite for the children. There was also bicycle rides available on the day. Indigenous games were played, including *upuca* and *ugqabsie*, with the parents joining in on the fun with the children. The principal of Holy Cross, Kary McConnachie, thanked DSG and St Andrew's College for their support to the Fun Run. "It is so much fun for the school children to compete against other children from other schools," said McConnachie. She also gave a huge thanks to all the patient

adult Fun Run participants. Holy Cross also thanked the sponsors who contributed to make the Country fair to be successful, including Pick n Pay, ABM, Suzi-Q, Tip Top Butchery, Best Drive, Fusion and Farm Box. "Our parents support the school in a wonderful way," the Principal thanks to everyone who contributed money, items or their hard work. "It felt like a great team effort," said McConnachie. "It is wonderful to know that Holy Cross is supported by so many," said McConnachie.

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THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY

WATER POLO

- Graeme College, Kingswood College and St Andrew's College at Oakhill Festival (Knysna): First team - 14-17 February
- St Andrew's College and Kingswood College at Pitcairn Cup Tournament (Reddam): U14 A - 14-17 February

FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY

ATHLETICS

- Archie Mbolekwa and Kingswood College at the Sarah Baartman Championships - Westbourne Oval, PE

BASKETBALL

- St Andrew's College: 10:00 - Boys-U16 A v Enjabulweni Independent School; 13:00 - Boys-U16 A v St Benedict's College; 17:00 - Boys-U16 A v Maritzburg College

SQUASH

- Kingswood College at Dave Hodgson Invitational festival

TENNIS

- Knowing Shield: Graeme College vs St Andrew's College - 2nd team, 3rd team, U15 A and U15 B teams.
- DSG: U13 A and U11 A vs Port Alfred (DSG)
- Kingswood College: Girls First team vs Collegiate

WATER POLO

- Graeme College and St Andrew's College at Oakhill Festival (Knysna): First team - 14-17 February
- St Andrew's College at Pitcairn Cup Tournament (Reddam): U14 A - 14-17 February
- Kingswood College festival (including DSG)

SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY

BASKETBALL

- St Andrew's College: First, Second, U15 A, U14 A and U14 B vs Queen's College (SAC); 10:00 - Boys-U16 A v St David's Marist Inanda; 13:00 - Boys-U16 A v Falcon College.
- Kingswood College: Boys vs Grey High; Girls vs DSG.

CRICKET

- Graeme College Junior: U13 A (Home), U13 B

(Away), U11 A (Home), U11 B (Away) and U9 A (Home) vs Westering.

- Graeme College vs St Andrew's College: Firsts, Seconds, Thirds, Fourths, Fifts, Sixths, U15 A, U15 B, U14 A and U14 B (Alternating Graeme and SAC).
- Kingswood College: Firsts, Seconds, Colts and U14 A vs Framesby.

WATER POLO

- Graeme College and St Andrew's College at Oakhill Festival (Knysna): First team - 14-17 February
- St Andrew's College at Pitcairn Cup Tournament (Reddam): U14 A - 14-17 February

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY

TENNIS

- Buco Doubles tournament: Graeme College, St Andrew's College and Kingswood College

WATER POLO

- Graeme College and St Andrew's College at Oakhill Festival (Knysna): First team - 14-17 February
- St Andrew's College at Pitcairn Cup Tournament (Reddam): U14 A - 14-17 February