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Children prepare to celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. This celebration symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness and good over evil and will take place on Wednesday 7 November. They are from left: Trisha Harjeven, Diya Harjeven, Alyssa Govender, Lashante Rama (back), Priyanka Harjeven, Makayla Govender and Mihir Harjeven. Photo: Megan Kelly



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Ward 9 councillor Mfundo Moya was in Newtown and Hlalani donating clothes to needy families recently. (Left to right) Boniswa Mnyobe, Nokwanele Poni, Siphon Mthwa (ward committee member), Happiness Nololo Speckman (home owner), Vuyiswa Ntlumbini, Mfundo Moya (ward councillor) and (seated) Nolukholo Tata and Nile Zodwa. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Vaccinate, know symptoms

By SUE MACLENNAN

Immunisation is an important action parents can take to prevent children contracting meningitis, says a local GP. Being alert to possible symptoms and seeking treatment early may alleviate a serious infection. *Grocott's Mail* spoke to a doctor and the Department of Health after the tragic death of a Makhanda (Grahamstown) Grade 10 pupil last week. The child was being treated in a Port Elizabeth hospital for bacterial meningitis.

It's essential to access medical care if meningitis is suspected, says local GP Dr Fiona Meihuizen.

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes (meninges) surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

It can be caused by a bacterial, fungal or viral infection. Bacteria that enter the bloodstream and travel to the brain and spinal cord, or that directly infect the meninges, cause bacterial meningitis.

Parents of pupils at the local school have been advised to watch their children for signs and symptoms of the illness, which include severe headaches, a stiff neck, fever and vomiting.

However, the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) says people living in the same household are most at risk of contracting meningitis from an infected person.

Where does meningitis come from?

According to the NICD, Studies in the US and Britain show that between 5-10% of the population carries *Neisseria meningitidis* at any given time.

Many people carry the bacteria in their nasopharynx (the area at the top of your throat and behind your nose).

Anyone can get meningitis, says Meihuizen, but infants younger than one year, adolescents and young adults are most vulnerable.

"Also people with medical conditions which result in them being immunocompromised are at increased risk.

The prevalence of HIV and TB in the South African population in general makes meningitis more of a problem than it may be in other countries," Meihuizen said.

Meningitis secondary to *Neisseria meningitidis* is more prevalent where young people are living in close contact with each other – ie those living in boarding school and university residences, Meihuizen said.

Only a minority develop invasive infections, says the NICD. These usually occur in the first 3 to 5 days after acquiring the bacteria.

Person to person transmission of disease is rare, but close contacts have a higher risk.

This is why meningococcal disease is a notifiable disease in South Africa: it means the Local or District Health Department must be immediately notified (by phone) so they can immediately follow up on close contacts.

Signs and symptoms

Some of the following signs and symptoms may or may not be present: fever; headache; stiff neck; and a red-dish spotty or blotch rash which does not fade on pressure (look also on palms or soles of feet).

How serious is meningitis?

Meningococcal disease can progress to death within hours and it's for this reason, the NICD says, it's vital to have "a high index of suspicion".

"If meningitis is suspected it is important to access medical care immediately," Meihuizen says. "Symptoms include fever, vomiting and altered level of consciousness."

In children older than three and adults, a headache, neck stiffness, photophobia and sometimes a specific rash could occur. In children younger than three years, symptoms could be more non-specific.

"Irritability and failure to feed in young babies can be concerning," Meihuizen said.

When a case of bacterial meningitis is identified, the hospital/doctors might advise that household contacts are prescribed a preventative antibiotic.

When is it an outbreak?

The Department of Health differentiates between a case, a contact, a cluster or an outbreak of meningococcal disease. In his introduction to the NICD document on meningitis, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi encourages appropriate responses according to the scale of the disease.

In response to *Grocott's Mail's* enquiry about the status of the disease in Makhanda (Grahamstown), spokesperson for the office of the MEC Lwandile Sicwetsha said on Tuesday, "The district office is looking into this case and will check if there are any other reported cases."

How the Department of Health should respond

Every suspected case of meningococcal disease should prompt an urgent response to include:

- Immediate telephonic notification to local health authority by health care worker in the facility (nurse or clinician); followed by written notification
- Rapid investigation of the case
- Classification of the case according to case definitions (see below)
- Identification of close contacts for all confirmed and probable cases
- Provision of required post exposure prophylaxis to close contacts

Identification of other cases in same institution or community that may suggest a cluster

Grocott's Mail's query as to whether these protocols have been followed had not yet been responded to at the time of publishing.

"The most important preventative action that parents can take is to have their children immunised," Meihuizen said. "Our routine state childhood immunisation schedule now includes vaccines against Haemophilus influenza and Pneumococcal infection – both of which can be responsible for bacterial meningitis.

"In addition, meningococcal vaccines are available and can be accessed in the private sector."

If you are concerned someone you care about might have meningitis symptoms, you should consult your GP or clinic.

Additional source: Guidelines for the Management, Prevention and Control of Meningococcal Disease in South Africa 2011 (Department of Health).



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High 11:52

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Tides: Low 06:33 19:19
High 00:21 12:55

SUNDAY

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Temperature: Min 9°C Max 35°C
Tides: Low 07:24 20:01
High 01:19 13:41

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MONDAY

Thunderstorms. Moderate SSW wind.
Temperature: Min 9°C Max 23°C
Tides: Low 08:05 20:38
High 02:04 14:20

TUESDAY

Rain. Strong SW wind.
Temperature: Min 7°C Max 14°C
Tides: Low 08:41 21:12
High 02:43 14:56

WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy. Moderate easterly wind.
Temperature: Min 4°C Max 17°C
Tides: Low 09:15 21:44
High 03:20 15:30

THURSDAY

Sunny. Moderate WSW wind.
Temperature: Min 9°C Max 29°C
Tides: Low 09:47 22:15
High 03:55 16:02

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy. Light SSW wind.
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High 04:28 16:34

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

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Two weeks of hell

By SUE MACLENNAN

The weather, poor infrastructure maintenance and vandalism, alongside Eskom's continued threat to cut off power to Makhanda (Grahamstown) starting 4 December has made the city hell during the past two weeks.

First was a more than usual overflow of raw sewage into people homes and gardens, and down the streets. Sewage poured out of junctions and inspection covers in Extension 5, Extension 6, Extension 9, Scott's Farm, the Rhodes University campus and Joza, filling the hot, still air with a stench that some said they could smell from the top of Mountain Drive.

Then repeated water outages caused first by burst pipes, an electricity outage when power lines fell down in high winds, topped with sheer vandalism to the town's water supply, saw tempers flare as temperatures rose. The power outage also meant the supply from James Kleynhans to the east couldn't be pumped and so Joza, too, was without water.

Adding fuel to social media networks was the fact that the municipal landfill site started smouldering some time during Monday's 40C-plus heat. Fanned by overnight winds,

by Tuesday morning the pattern for the week was set, with thick smoke infecting various parts of the city bowl throughout the week, depending on the prevailing wind.

A major pipe burst in the main line from Botha's Hill at Vergenoeg on 16 October halted water to parts of Vukani; Xolani; Hlalani and Newtown until it was repaired – only for another pipe burst on Friday leaving those areas again without water for the weekend and beyond.

MBB Consulting have been dealing with water leaks and outages. Edwin Qamana explained to Grocott's Mail some of the challenges their team has faced. Makana's electrical engineer Mzomhle Radu spoke about the challenges of restoring electricity in the high winds of Tuesday. And the Mayor and the Speaker spoke about why the town is full of sewage.

Sewage

A delegation of 10 women from Extension 5 and 6 took Grocott's Mail on a tour of homes, where yards and even bedrooms were flooded with raw sewage. In one case, an elderly resident was unable to reach her outside toilet without wading knee-deep in

sewage. At another home, a disabled woman in a wheelchair couldn't leave her home because of the river of sewage flowing last in the stormwater drain.

B&B owner Notyolo Bungane was at her wits end. Her beautifully decorated and maintained Esihle B&B opposite the Indoor Sports Centre, popular with out-of-towners for its high standards, was permeated with the stink of the adjacent stormwater drain – filled with a toxic combination of rubbish and raw sewage.

From Scott's Farm, Letitia Walton, who has a 3-month-old baby, wrote that the drains at their house had been blocked for five months.

"The Makana staff tell us they don't have the equipment to fix it," Walton wrote. "It's difficult to eat or drink. It's unhealthy."

In her opening remarks in Monday's aborted Special Council Meeting, Speaker Yandiswa Vara said the municipality's water issues were being solved; sewage was now the problem.

"The situation people are living in is very disappointing," Vara said, referring in particular to the blockages and overflow in Extensions 5, 6 and 9.

"Those blockages are the result of our workers not doing their work," Vara said. "The problem starts when employees say they are going out to service drains, but they don't do that."

Mayor Nomhle Gaga added that Extension 6 had the added problem of houses with toilets that had not yet been connected to the sewers. "The residents flushed those toilets before the project was complete," Gaga said. "Now we must start afresh."

"But that needs funding. We need a honeysucker to clear those structures."

Eluxolweni, on the other hand, said the Mayor, had been connected: "They are flushing as we speak," she said.

Water and electricity

MBB's Edwin Qamana and Makana's electrical engineer Mzomhle Radu explained to Grocott's Mail some of the challenges their teams had faced in the past week.

28 October

Pipe burst on old rising main from James Kleynhans after someone opened a stay-closed valve meant to regulate pressure – Fingo without water.

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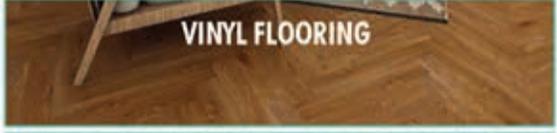
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Sanitary pads? It's about time!

What do you think of the Finance Minister's announcement in his Mid-Term Budget and Policy Statement that sanitary pads are tax free? **Lindani Donyeli** asked the question.



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- Humans: 20 Hz – 23 00 Hz (23 kHz)
- Dogs: 60 Hz – 45kHz
- Cats: 45 Hz – 64kHz

To give you a practical example of this: 64kHz (roughly the lowest note a dog can hear) is the pitch of the lowest key on a piano. For every doubling in Hz, the pitch goes up an octave. Cats, with the top range of 64kHz vs 23 in humans, can thus hear sounds at least two and a half octaves higher than humans can! This is why dogs and cats respond to dog whistles. The sound is too high for us to hear, but still within their hearing range.

Cats and dogs also respond to

SPCA TIP OF THE WEEK



Mark Thomas

a much lower intensity of sound than humans. Sound intensity is measured in decibels (dB). Dogs can hear five times more acutely than humans; and cats about twice as acutely as dogs. Like Hz, dB also increases exponentially, so 30 dB is ten times as loud as 20 dB, and 40 dB is 100 times as loud. A practical example is that a whisper weighs in at about 30 dB, and a dog can hear that from almost three times as far away as a human. Cats are even more sensitive than dogs to these soft sounds. This also explains why dogs and cats are so scared by the sound of fireworks which, to us, do not seem so loud. They are in fact at least 5 times louder to our pets!

Please see our advice below to keep your animals safe from the effects of Fireworks during

this period using our handy advice points below:

- Ensure all animals have identification.
- If possible, stay home with them if you suspect fireworks fiends are about.
- If you can't be home with them, keep them inside and preferably in a room such as the kitchen where the windows are higher (and more difficult to jump through).
- Attempt to mask any noise by drawing curtains and playing calming music at a reasonable volume.
- Put familiar and comforting things around them such as toys, baskets etc.
- Provide them with something to do such as giving your dog a chewy bone or lots of catnip or a catnip toy for felines.
- If your pets do react badly to fireworks, then seek professional advice from your veterinarian.

Why not ensure your pets have a hearty and nutritious meal around nightfall. This will make them more likely to be

sleepy! For more information and or advice on animal care, please do not hesitate to contact the Grahamstown SPCA or one of the friendly vets in town.

- Ikhala Veterinary Practice on Strowan Road, 046 622 3261
- The State Vet on George Street, 046 622 7112
- Grahamstown Veterinary Practice on Fitzroy Street, 046 622 6743

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The Municipal Manager, Mr. Moppo. Mene, as duly instructed by the Speaker of the Makana Municipality (Clr Y. Vara), hereby gives notice that, in terms of Section 34 of Council's Rules and Orders, the Ordinary Council meeting that was adjourned on Monday 29 October 2018 will continue in the Council Chamber, City Hall, High Street, Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Wednesday, 07 November 2018 at 09h00 .

MR. M. MENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Notice Number: 15 of 29 October 2018

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Veteran activists in action

Three Black Sash stalwarts again stood in protest this week in a landmark action. The anti-apartheid organisation was founded in 1955 to defend the Constitution against the Nationalist government. Veterans Rosemary Smith, Adrienne Whisson and Kay Marx on Tuesday held placards in protest outside Makana Municipality's Finance Department.

For the past two weeks, a group of activists has been staging daily protests and inviting passers by to sign a petition calling for the dissolution of the Makana Council in terms of Section 139(1)(c). They cite numerous infrastructural and administrative failures, including alleged unpaid debt to Eskom leading the entity to threaten power cuts to the city from 4 December. The trio have held placards at other political landmarks, such as at the

2011 military parade bestowing Freedom of the City on then president Jacob Zuma, once again red-flagging Constitutional abuses.

In April 2017 they staged a silent protest outside the Cathedral as part of the national #SaveSA campaign following Zuma's reshuffling of the Cabinet. On that occasion Smith, a Black Sash trustee, held a poster that read, 'When will you hear, Mr Zuma?' It mirrored the one she had held in the same spot during a vigil in the 80s that said, 'Mr Botha, when will you hear?' when the apartheid president declared a state of emergency.

This week, Smith said of the protest and the petition, "I understand that there are challenges and difficulties, but this is abuse of the community."

"We felt we had to take a stand again."



Black Sash veterans Kay Marx, Adrienne Whisson and Rosemary Smith stand in protest outside Makana's Finance Department on Tuesday. Looking on is fellow protestor Sonja Gunn. Photo: Sue MacLennan

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Eskom debt update

By SUE MACLENNAN

Legal action by local businesspeople has been put on hold after evidence that Makana Municipality is back on track with its payments to Eskom. However, litigation would remain an option should things change.

In a letter sent to its members Thursday 1 November, the Grahamstown Business Forum said Makana Municipality had, to date, settled all amounts outstanding longer than 60 days and had committed to making the remaining payments to Eskom before 19 November 2018.

The settlement was contrary to the statement issued by Eskom's Media Desk to Grocott's Mail on 29 October and reported on Grocott's LIVE that day.

The Forum was poised to take legal action until Wednesday night; however, scrutiny of documents from Council and Eskom indicated discrep-

ancies in the amounts paid. "The minutes of the council meeting grossly overstated the outstanding debt as at 30 September 2018 as R85.1m. The correct amount was in fact R50.9m," the GBF said.

"Makana Municipality has to date, settled all amounts outstanding longer than 60 days, contrary to the press statement issued by Eskom on 29 October. The statement was released prior to acknowledging a significant payment made, by Makana, to Eskom on the same day."

The Forum said it had engaged successfully with the Office of the Premier and Eskom.

"Makana Municipality has committed to making the remaining payments to Eskom before 19 November 2018. This is the deadline set by Eskom before a final decision is made to shut off power to the city," the GBF said.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 68 of the Makana By-law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management (2016) that BJB Project Services has applied to the Makana Municipality, in respect of Farm 103, Albany RD, located at Fort Brown, R67 for the Rezoning and Consnet use for "Authority Zone" on Farm 103 Division Albany, Grahamstown

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

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

Closing date for objections is **03 December 2018 (30 days from notice)**.

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

On behalf of:
Mr M Mene
 MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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Isicelo sikwavulelekile ukuba sihlolwe kwi-ofisi yocwangciso lwedolophu zase ("ofisi BAB") eJoza, yonke imihla ukusuka 08:00 ukuya 16:00 Ms N. Ncilata, 046 637 0424/8.

Nabanina onezimvo okanye inkcaso yesicelo uyamenywa akwenze oko, ngokutsho kwecandelo 98, ngokubhala isicelo esikwavulelekile ukuba sihlolwe ngexesha lomsebenzi kuye uMs Ncilata.

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Angels in hell

Makhanda (Grahamstown) was hell for everyone here during the past two weeks – residents as well as Makana staff, the GBF and the GRA trying to solve a flood of problems with sewage, water, electricity and fire.

We salute everyone who was involved including a group of residents who gave their time, vehicles, petrol and water to take water to areas without, supplementing water truck deliveries: the include Megan Herholdt, Michael Robin Wynne, Edward Gaybba, Andrew Smith from Buco, Marius Roberts at Buco for 20 litre containers, Zelda Gerber, Ursula Whitehorn, Dayne Hughes, Ryno Douglas, Carol Ann Erasmus, John Davies, Gerhard Germishuys, Leaza Tobias, Deon Steyn, Mziyanda Bulani, Thomas Stone, John Lisher and Werner O'Linsky from Shell Settlers City, who provided food and drink for the volunteers.

We salute the MBB and Makana technical staff who restored electricity and water under trying circumstances.

Grocott's Mail was shocked to witness the extent of the very deliberate destruction of water infrastructure along the main line delivering water to most of Grahamstown East and will report more on this.

The past two weeks have also seen the power of citizens to make their voices heard. This is the run-up to elections, but it's also a turning point in people's consciousness and the realisation that they can make a difference.

Whether or not you think it's a good idea for the Council to be dissolved, there's no way the activists behind the petition and Tuesday's march are shutting up.

We extend our condolences to the parents, fellow pupils and staff of the two boys from local schools who died this week. It is so difficult to accept the death of a young person.

Finally, we wish our Hindu readers a blessed Diwali. May it bring light and hope to our smoke-darkened town.



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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



During Heritage Month, Liziwe Skefile saw these PJ Olivier pupils in town wearing traditional outfits and couldn't contain her joy, asking them to pose for a photo with her. 'It's good to see an appreciation of different cultures at our schools,' she said. 'That means the Rainbow Nation is being built. Let's teach them to build a new South Africa without race and not live the life we once lived.'

Loyal fun run support appreciated

Please allow me to once more extend a big "Thank you!" to the following sponsors of the Rapportryers-PJ Olivier Fun Run: Albany & Bathurst Engineering, Albany Business Machines, Andrew Coetzee Plumbing, AR Whiteley, Bargain Books, Booster Juice, Buco, Buco /Penny Pinchers, Build It, Cashbuild, Cassie en Hendrien Coetzee, De Klerk en De Villiers, Dolphin Auto Electrical, Dr Carel Buchner, Dr Gainsford & Partners, Dr. Theo du Toit, Eben van Zyl, EP Mufflers/Best Drive, Forever Pure Water, Frontier Refrigeration, Grahamstown Electrical Distributors, Grahamstad Apteek, Grocott's Mail, Handmade Coffees, Hi Q, Hi-Tec, Home Industries, Inggs Funeral Services, IT Solutions, Jacques' Artisan Bread, Jakes Electrical, Mad Hatters, Makana Brick, Market Square Volkswagen, MBB, Mike's Driving School, Mr Dog, Mug n Bean, Neels Heunis,

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The schools of Grahamstown also threw in their weight, sending their learners in droves! All said and done we could hand over R10 000 to our local SPCA, for their sterling services to our community.

Strauss de Jager, for Rapportryers Grahamstad

GOOD IDEA

Reconciliation in our land

In about six weeks, Sunday 16 December, we celebrate our national Day of Reconciliation again. This unique-in-the-world public holiday developed out of a troubled past of conflict, especially since 16 December 1838 and the Battle of Blood River.

Notwithstanding all the arguments around reconstructing the history around the interactions of the Zulu chief Dingane and the Trekkers led by Piet Retief, it was a significant point in the history of our country.

Misunderstandings were rife, and tragic loss of life were suffered on the side of the Trekkers as well as the Zulus.

Of special significance was the vow made by the 470 Trekkers to God on the days before the battle, based on their prayer to God to deliver them from the onslaught of the mighty 10 000 strong Zulu army. They solemnly undertook to hold the day in special remembrance, ask their descendants to do the same and build a church where they could worship.

Sadly, it also led to Umkhonto we Sizwe starting their armed struggle against the oppression of the Nationalist government, in 1961 on precisely the same day, 16 December.

We know now what a trau-

matic few decades would follow until the amazing grace of peace that was negotiated from the late eighties until the democratic elections of 1994.

Our new government wisely decided to retain the day and rename it Day of Reconciliation since 1995. And that is just as amazing: to officially have a national day, merging from separate histories of conflict into a mandate for national reconciliation.

Having very little to celebrate as yet, with regard to achieved national unity, I believe we should at least make a new commitment to peace and reconciliation every year on 16 December. We need to

enrich and empower our Day of Reconciliation with tangible and practical experiences of reaching out to friend and foe.

Jesus called us to be people of peace who walk the extra mile and turn the other cheek. And St Paul also beseeched the followers of Jesus, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Rom 12:18). We desperately need more peace in our beloved country.

See also: <https://www.sahistory.org.za/dated-event/day-reconciliation-celebrated-public-holiday-sa-first-time>

• Strauss de Jager, NG Kerk Albanie

St Andrew's College Rhodes Scholar

STAFF REPORTER

Shelley Frayne and Alan Thompson, the heads of DSG and St Andrew's College respectively are delighted to announce that St Andrew's College Rhodes Scholar-elect for 2019 is Leila Strelitz.

Leila, a Grahamstown resident, graduated from the University of Cape Town with a Bachelor of Arts, triple majoring in History, Sociology and English Language and Literature - her degree was conferred with distinctions in all three Majors. She is currently completing a BA (Hons) degree in Sociology, with a special interest in Urban Sociology. She intends to read for an MSc in Sociology at Oxford.

The field of Urban Sociology engages with key issues relating to 21st century social life; social inequality; the links



between economic activity and domestic life, migration; culture; and identity. Leila is committed to making a social contribution, as an urban sociologist working either in academia or with organisations that have a progressive vision for South African cities and the potential to implement it.

Leila attended The Diocesan School for Girls, where

she matriculated in 2014 with an A Aggregate, Academic Honours and 5 distinctions. She was involved in the Interact Club and in the DSG Academic Extension Programme, and has continued at UCT to be integrally involved in the Thethani Debating League (TDL), a non-profit, student-run outreach organisation that teaches debating skills in disadvantaged schools. Her commitment to TDL over the past four years and her palpable passion for developing the skills of critical thought in children, saw her appointed to the position of Deputy Director in charge of Marketing and Evaluation. In addition to this, Leila as a Honours student has been tutoring 3rd year Sociology students and she working as an intern at Eigthy20, a consulting company in Cape

Town involved with projects for the Housing Development Agency (HDA).

Leila's academic career is extraordinary. She was on the Dean's Merit List every year of her undergraduate degree, and garnered two class medals. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, and had the singular distinction of being selected as a Mellon Mays Fellow, which saw her attending a month-long research workshop at the University of Chicago.

Our schools warmly congratulate Leila on this wonderful achievement and look forward to her returning to South Africa from Oxford University and contributing in a tangible way to the enhancement of the social fabric of South African urban areas.

Sudden death shocks school

STAFF REPORTER

St Andrew's College has asked the community to keep the Chauke family, and the boys and staff of the school in their prayers as they come to terms with the death yesterday of Grade 9 pupil Aubrey Chauke. Aubrey, who was in the school's Graham House, collapsed at the school's water polo pool yesterday afternoon, after playing a match, the school said in a statement. "All medical interventions to revive him were unsuccessful and he was declared dead by the school Sanatorium doctors. At this stage we have no knowledge as to the cause of death and await further information," the school said.

"Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his family and

friends. During this time, we are focused on assisting the family, and our family of boys and staff at St Andrew's College with counselling and support.

"Mr Alan Thompson (Headmaster) and Pastoral Staff: Father David Stansbury (Chaplain), Mrs Lion-Cachet (Psychologist), and the broader wellness team are working with boys and staff. This sad and devastating news may affect all of us in different ways, but we know that our boys and staff will be able to lean on each other as they remember their fellow Andrean," the school said.

A letter from Aubrey's Housemaster to parents spoke of the "sheer grief shown by the boys in his dorm, in the

house and throughout the school at the passing of Aubrey but also with the amazing sense of community displayed by the boys, parents, staff (of both SAC and DSG) and the old boys and old boy parents of Graham".

Police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender confirmed the incident, saying that Aubrey, 14, had collapsed around 4.45pm.

"An ambulance was called to the scene. At their arrival at 17:03 the paramedic declared the young scholar dead," Govender said. "The family of the deceased was notified by the principal of the school."

Govender said a routine inquest into the cause of Aubrey's death was under investigation.

Christmas Cheer fund

STAFF REPORTER

Once again we are dedicating the *Grocott's Mail* Christmas Cheer Fund to Child Welfare which will be put the money to good use at Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home in Joza. The centre is home to around 20 vulnerable and orphaned children, and provides daytime care for around another 60.

Funds raised through the Christmas Cheer Fund will be used to by uniforms and other school necessities for the children in the new school year. Any surplus will go towards a fence to prevent residents dumping rubbish in the adjacent thoroughfare.

As usual, a highlight of the fundraising drive – and of

the festive season buildup in Makhanda (Grahamstown) will be the Pro Carmine Choir's annual Christmas Cheer Concert at Christ Church. The concert date is Friday 30 November. All proceeds from this wonderful community event will be added to the *Grocott's Mail* Christmas Cheer Fund for Child Welfare.

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Your guide to surviving Festive folly

STAFF REPORTER

This Festive Season, perhaps Makhanda is the place you have to be. But we think that with the beach and game reserves on our doorstep, hiking and mountain biking trails on the surrounding hills and the New Year's Cup soccer tournament providing two weeks of great sporting entertainment – all in the company of the Eastern Cape's coolest and most resilient people – it's also the place you want to be.

To make sure family and friends visiting you during the holidays want to come back, we're publishing My Great Big Makhanda Holiday – a guide to having the best time in and around our city.

My Great Big Makhanda Holiday will be packed with ideas and advice for where to go (day trips and some affordable overnights), where to eat out (plus some fantastic recipes you can try out at home), gift ideas that support the local economy and are Green to boot, festive season safety for you and your home (including a list of must-have emergency contact numbers), water safety for kids (plus how to deal

with heat and water outages) and how to manage the Festive Season cash crunch.

We'll also be speaking to a psychologist about how to deal with the loneliness that some people experience over Christmas. For teenagers and young people, we'll be speaking to some experts about relationships and lifestyle choices.

...AND BACK TO SCHOOL

Oh – and because the holidays are so short this year (9 January is back to school can you believe it!) parents are making an early start on uniforms and stationery. Expect price comparisons on basic uniforms and stationery plus some early bird specials and lucky prizes!

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GROCOTT'S MAIL

VACANCY: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Applications are invited for the post of Director of Music at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George, Grahamstown (Makhanda), with effect from 1 January 2019.

IDEALLY the candidate will possess:

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- The necessary qualification to teach Music at tertiary level
- A devotion to Christian ideals and ethics
- At least five years' leadership in Anglican church music-making
- Administrative experience
- At least THREE verifiable references from previous employers

The post is a part-time post, and realistically needs to be twinned with another part-time (or full time) job as a school teacher, lecturer or similar position with flexible hours. There are several fine local schools with strong musical traditions. Possibilities may exist in the Department of Music at Rhodes University as the conductor of the Chamber Choir. The successful candidate would be required to devote 12-14 hours per week to the Cathedral post.

For further particulars, please see the Cathedral website www.grahamstowncathedral.org.

APPLICATIONS must be addressed to The Churchwardens of the Cathedral of St Michael and St George and must reach the Cathedral Office by 12 noon on Friday 9 November 2018 by

- Email to admin@grahamstowncathedral.org or dean@grahamstowncathedral.org
- Hand delivery to the Cathedral Office 108 High Street Grahamstown (Makhanda).

Each application must include:

- The applicant's current contact addresses (email and telephonic)
- An up to date CV with certified copies (no older than 6 months) of degrees and certificates attached
- The names and contact addresses/contact details of THREE referees (preferably previous employers)

NOTE: this is a part time post and the remuneration is currently under review. Shortlisted candidates (where practicable) will be required to take part in an organ recital. The Cathedral of St Michael and St George reserves the right not to make an appointment. If you have not heard from us by 12 noon on 30 November 2018, then your application has been unsuccessful.

Relief from volunteers, city staff

From Page 3

28 October

Major pipe burst between James Kleynhans WTW and Bothas Hill Reservoir. The level water level at Bothas Hill, Tanti and Mayfield drops, which affects certain areas on the Eastern side like Vukani and Newtown.

29 October

On Monday night the power lines feeding James Kleynhans are damaged (ie no power to pump water).

Tuesday 30 October

The winds are so strong that an Eskom crane brought to do the repairs threatens to blow over. Repairs have to be delayed.

When repairs on a line are complete, extensive testing and resetting has to be done to prevent damage when the power is restored.

When the pumps at the water works have been in-operational for 10-12 hours, they have to be primed before starting.

This likewise is in order to prevent damage and takes around two hours.

Pumping to reservoirs on the eastern side of town finally resumes at 9.45pm on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, seven poles blown down in Belmont Valley leave Stones Hill and the wastewater treatment works without power.

Power lines blow down in other parts of town (George Street, Industrial Area, the Military Base) and are fixed by Tuesday night, except for four houses in Belmont Valley.

Wednesday 31 October

The 300mm main water pipe from Botha's Hill reservoir is vandalised, leaving Ghost Town, Kings Heights, Kings View and Oatland North without water for hours.

Grocott's Mail travels the main line from Botha's Hill

and sees first-hand the shocking extent to which infrastructure is wilfully damaged – for the theft of wiring and any other metal in the valve chambers.

“They also deliberately break the pipes so they can collect water there and let their cattle drink there,” another member of the MBB, Siyabonga Masiti explains.

Indeed, as we stop at a broken valve chamber, filled with water leaked from the broken pipe, a resident from nearby Inkanini informal settlement walks to it with an empty bottle, fills it up in the flooded valve chamber and walks back home.

Grocott's Mail will report more on this in a coming edition.

Smoke and fire

Staff at the Grahamstown Riding Club were on high alert for a runaway fire and horses were moved away from the thick smoke coming from the adjacent municipal landfill.

Grocott's Mail witnessed neighbours desperately try to douse a fire in Victoria Street in waterless Fingo with bottles of water, until the Makana Fire Services arrived.

The angels

In the hell that was this week, there were angels in the form of residents volunteering and dedicated Makana staff who brought relief, working hard under trying conditions.

Volunteers helped move horses and fight back flames below the stables.

Volunteers spent three days carting water gathered from residents and the fire station to residents in areas that had been without water for days.

Water trucks were organised through Rhodes University and Ndlambe Municipality (the Makana fire services needed their water truck for fire fighting), with the GRA and GBF planning distribution points.



Makana staff deliver water to residents in Ghost Town. Photos: Sue MacLennan



Smoke pours from the municipal landfill site on Monday 29 October.



A neighbour desperately tries to quench the flames from a shack fire with a basin of water in Victoria Road. Fingo Village had no water.



Mziyanda Bulani, Deon Malan, Michael Wynne and Edward Gaybba were some of the volunteers who spent three days delivering water to residents without.



Residents from Newtown, Vukani and Fingo queue at the Fairview spring late into the night on Monday 29 October.



Eugene Woods and Zola Payi from Ndlambe refill their municipality's water tanker at the fire station.

DA walks out, as tempers flare in Makana Council

From Page 5

Legal process

In her introductory remarks at a drama-filled Special Council Meeting on Monday 29 October, the Mayor said that Eskom had been paid and that the cut-off was no longer a threat.

However, *Grocott's Mail* on the same day sent a query to Eskom and received the following response from the Media Desk: “Eskom confirms that Makana Local Municipality made minimal payments early in October. The two amounts paid are nowhere near to what the municipal-

ity owes. Eskom continues to follow the legal process as advertised.”

Grocott's Mail has received no response to a subsequent request to the municipality to comment on the contradiction.

As the temperature soared toward the day's 42C maximum, a heated exchange in the Council Chamber Monday 29 October, saw the DA caucus walk out, forcing an adjournment of the Special Council Meeting. The party was protesting against the failure to include an item on Sun City informal settlement in the agenda.

In their statement issued

later on Monday, the DA cited the municipality's failure to pay Eskom and the resulting threat that the supply to the town would be cut on 4 December. They said the Mayor should resign and have voiced their support for the call by some residents to dissolve the council and for fresh elections to be held within three months.

“In 2017 council adopted a DA sponsored resolution that all revenue generated from the sale of electricity be ring-fenced and used to service the Eskom debt,” said caucus leader Mlindi Nhanha. “It is the Mayor's responsibility to

ensure that council resolutions are implemented without fail. The Mayor has failed the residents of Makana and failed to steer an ad hoc committee that was set up to develop a strategy to save the Municipality from collapse.”

Dissolve

Nhanha said the party supported the call by concerned residents to dissolve the council and that fresh elections be held within three months.

A petition campaign by a group of residents calling for the dissolution of Council stood at 12 750 signatures as of 29 October. Organiser

Daphne Timm said they would do a final tally on Monday 5 November, the day before an 11am march from two meeting points – Fingo Square and the Drosty Arch – meets outside the City Hall to hand over a petition to the MEC for Co-operative Governance, Fikile Xasa, between 1pm and 2pm.

The petition and the march call for the dissolution of the Makana Council in terms of Section 139(1)(c).

The GBF said, an application to the court based on urgency was no longer warranted so they had decided to not pursue litigation.

“However, there are no

guarantees that we won't be faced with a similar crisis in future. The GBF will to monitor the situation closely and such legal action remains an option should the need arise.”

In the Makana Council, the EFF has two councillors, both PR. The ANC has 11 ward councillors and 6 PR councillors. The DA has 8.

The DA caucus walkout left 13 of 27 councillors in the Council Chamber and no quorum. Four ANC councillors absent means they were missing their usual two-thirds majority.

The Special Council meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 7 November at 9am.

New centre opens

By MAKANA COMMUNICATIONS

Makana Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Nomhle Gaga officially opened the newly-built Multipurpose Centre in Foley's Ground near Hlalani on Wednesday, 22 October.

The opening was done in front of the residents of the area shortly before the start of an Integrated Development Plan (IDP) meeting in the new venue. The Executive Mayor was joined by Ward 7 Councillor Malibongwe Kubalo and municipal manager Moppo Mene in cutting the ribbon and officially presenting the R16 million facility to the residents.

The opening had been delayed for a while due to the lack of electricity at the venue; however, the municipality's electrical department has since managed to connect power. Addressing residents at the opening ceremony, the Executive Mayor said it was a pleasure to announce that they would no longer hold their meetings in a tent, which cost the municipality thousands of rand to put up for each public meeting.

In the IDP meeting that followed, the opening the Executive Mayor gave clear feedback to the residents about issues that they had raised in previous IDP meetings.

This was largely welcomed



Executive Mayor Councillor Nomhle Gaga, Ward 7 Councillor Malibongwe Kubalo and municipal manager Moppo Mene officially opened the R16-million Multipurpose Centre on Wednesday 22 October. Photo: Anele Mjekula

by the vocal residents who attended the meeting.

Issues raised by the residents included asking the municipality to ensure that there is a consistent supply of clean drinking water; an extension of what they referred to as matchbox houses in Hlalani; complete eradication of pit latrine toilets; alleviation of unemployment; interventions to address crime in the area; fixing and installing high mast street lights, fixing and paving roads and collaboration in curbing illegal dumping.

In response, the Executive Mayor said there are ongoing projects directed at solving some of community's challenges.

In terms of water, the Executive Mayor said the upgrade of the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Works, due for completion in 2021, will address water outages not only in the area but in the whole of Grahamstown East.

The Executive Mayor also explained that the Mayfield Phase Two housing project would commence once the

upgrade of the Belmont Valley Waste Water Treatment Works is completed.

The Mayor also told the meeting that an application for RDP houses had been submitted to the department of Human Settlements for houses damaged during a natural disaster in 2008, adding that an official had been appointed to conduct a verification process.

The municipal manager urged residents to report unresolved service delivery issues to the municipality until they are resolved.

R10m roads upgrade stalls

By SUE MACLENNAN

The upgrading of roads in the CBD came to an abrupt halt last week, with a construction company contesting the bid process that saw the tender awarded to Mamlambo Construction Company.

Makana Municipality began the first phase of its Roads Rehabilitation Programme on Monday 15 October 2018 with the R10 million funding sourced from the Municipal Infrastructure Services Agent (MISA).

For the project, MISA has appointed Mamlambo Construction Company for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the three main roads within the CBD: Somerset, Huntley and High streets.

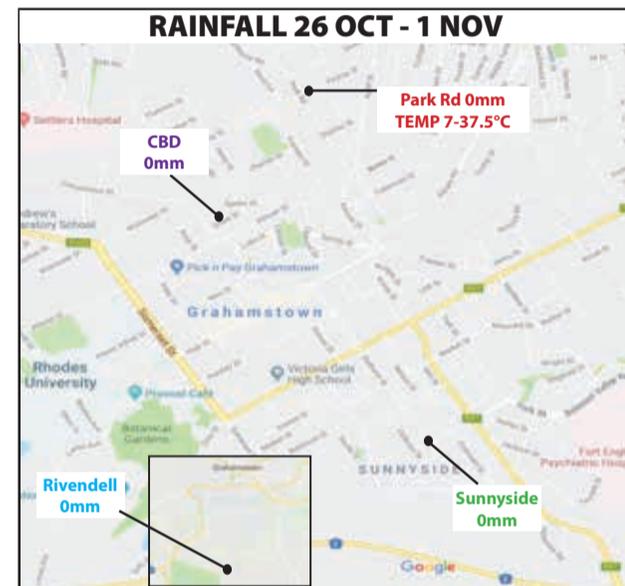
In a statement issued last week, Makana Communica-

tions said it was anticipated the project would be completed by 6 December 2018. A second phase would focus on the taxi route from Albert Road to Ncame Street.

However, MISA's Provincial Head, Luntu Ndalasi, this week confirmed that a court interdict by a rival bidder had put a halt to progress.

"The work is on hold in order to observe the court order," Ndalasi told Grocott's Mail. "MISA has issued an instruction to for all stakeholders affected to be advised." He said because the matter was sub judice, he couldn't comment further.

Regarding revised timelines for the upgrade, he said he was waiting for feedback from MISA's legal team.



Dozens queue for temporary jobs

By LINDANI DONNELI

More than 300 people from all corners of Makhanda queued outside the Recreation Hall in Albany Road from as early as 3am last Tuesday morning, hoping for one of the 1 600 seasonal jobs on offer at Carara Agri Processing. The Currie Street factory processes and packs for export peppers grown on farms in the district. Grocott's was there at 6.30am and spoke the women, desperate for work, some of whom had been there since 3am.

Zukiswa Hani, from Hlalani, has two children to care for and says there is no work in Makhanda (Grahamstown). She admitted she'd taken a risk walking in the dark, in order to be the first in the

queue at 3am.

"I passed hooligans along the way in order to put bread on the table for my kids," she said.

"After April the hunger comes back again."

She wishes there could be more businesses like Carara that employ local people.

Mariana van der Schyf, HR Manager at Carara, said the company has been operating for 13 years, employing seasonal workers from October until the end of May.

Their products do well in the overseas market, said Van der Schyf.

Last Tuesday they'd signed up around 200 people. Two days later, they signed up another 130. They would keep

hiring until their peak period in mid-March, when they reach their 1 600 maximum.

A lot of people know about the working season through word of mouth, said Van der Schyf. They also advertise on Radio Grahamstown and put up posters.

Van der Schyf said they employ relatively few men (around 200) during the season. Men are employed as forklift drivers, washers and transporters.

Duties along the production line include deseeding, washing and grading of the fruit.

The factory has two shifts: 6am-2pm and 2pm-10pm.

Rate of pay depends on one's production rate: the more you make, the more you

earn.

The cost of transport provided by Yabo's is shared between the workers and the company.

Van der Schyf says they employ people who are willing to work. Their biggest problem, she said, was absenteeism after payday or on the grant payment days.

"Sometimes not even a third of the staff are in the factory," she said. "Last year we had to throw away produce because there were no people to process it."

Temporary staff don't have to speak English.

"We welcome everyone from 18 to 60," Van der Schyf said. "Whether you are coloured, Indian, white or black."



People queue for seasonal work at Carara Agri Processing outside the Recreation Hall in Albany Road last Tuesday.

Photo: Lindani Donyeli

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- be registered with SACE.

Qualifications:

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Applications, accompanied by a Curriculum Vitae and the names of three contactable referees, must be submitted by Friday 9 November 2018 to Ms Angela Southey, The Diocesan School for Girls, PO Box 194, Grahamstown, 6140.

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All applications will be treated in strict confidence.

The school reserves the right not to proceed with the filling of the post.
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Members of nine Working on Fire teams in the Eastern Cape recently underwent refresher training ahead of the summer fire season. The National Department of Environment Affairs programme has 210 firefighters and supporting vehicles, and aircraft working to contain the garden route fires which have been burning for six days. Photo supplied

EC sends help to George

STAFF REPORTER

The Working on Fire programme assembled 300 firefighters and management to provide ongoing firefighting support to the local and district municipalities in the Garden Route.

At the same time, just over 200 firefighters in the Eastern Cape have also been battling fires in the Singisi Forest in Mhlahlane (OR Tambo District Municipality) and also in Tsitsikamma, where teams from Working on Fire are assisting SANParks at a fire at Witelsbos, Witelsbos.

The Garden Route fires erupted towards the end of October near several towns, from the Hessaqua Municipality (Vermaaklikheid).

Storms River Village in Tsit-

sikamma had to be evacuated Monday night 29 October as gale-force winds drove the fire around Lottering forest and it breached the containment line. That night the N2 was closed at the Kareedouw turn-off and the Tsitsikamma toll gate closed, Working on Fire spokesperson Nthabiseng Mokone said.

Two hundred fire fighters were deployed to the Tsitsikamma fire which continued to rage, Mokone said earlier this week. The area impacted by the fire was close to 30 000ha.

The National Department of Environment Affairs' Working on Fire programme has 210 firefighters and supporting vehicles, spotter planes, two Huey helicopters and two fixed-wing 802 air tractor

bombers, working to contain the fires in the area which have been burning for the past six days.

Mokone yesterday said an additional 120 Working on Fire fire fighters from the Free State and Eastern Cape (Cata and Tsomo) had been deployed to assist the George and Garden Route Municipality with fire suppression and mop-up operations.

"On Monday night the fire jumped the N2 and burnt north and south of the N2. Storms River Village had to be evacuated to the SANParks sports field," Mokone said.

Two babies were among the eight people killed in a fire at a house in Farleigh, Knysna, on Monday, according to a report by News24.



Jasmin astounds by making first kill in record time and takes significant strides towards her eventual release into the wild. Photo: Supplied

Cheetah makes her first wild kill

STAFF REPORTER

The conservation team at Kuzuko Lodge, managed by Legacy Hotels and Resorts, recently reported that the captive bred cheetah Jasmin, which was donated to Kuzuko by the NPO Ashia Cheetah Conservation, was recently released into a larger holding camp and officially made her own kill.

The significance of this is a critical piece of a carefully constructed conservation puzzle that brings her closer to being released into the wild.

Jasmin, who arrived at Kuzuko Lodge on 29 August 2018, was initially kept in a smaller holding boma to acclimatise, thereafter she underwent a soft release into a 300ha camp on 27 September. Upon her release she picked up the food that had been provided to her in the boma, carried it 20 metres, dropped it and started looking for animals to hunt.

"That very afternoon she was seen chasing impala and we were surprised by her speed, especially considering she has been raised in captivity," said Gerhard de Lange, Kuzuko Reserve General Manager. "During the next couple of days, she was regularly seen chasing springbok, steenbok and meerkats.

"She made her first springbok kill on Friday 5 October, a mere eight days after her release out of the holding boma. Unfortunately I was not on the property at the time to document it, and it was in a river line. Knowing that there are other animals around this area that could present a danger to people on foot, my team could not photograph it. But we knew that it would only be a matter of time until she killed again, and we could document it for the public to see," said De Lange.

It was on Monday 15 October, that De Lange then found

her hunting in the North-Eastern corner of her camp, but lost visibility of her when she entered a densely vegetated area. At 5pm that afternoon he decided to follow her radio collar signal and started walking in its direction when he came around a corner and there she was, on another springbok kill.

"I rushed back to the vehicle to collect camera equipment to photograph and film this milestone to share with everyone in South Africa who has been following Jasmin's story. We also had a number of foreign tourists out on the game drive with us that afternoon, who our qualified field guides then took within a safe distance of the site to also experience this incredible feat of Mother Nature. It's an unbelievable journey we are on and to be able to share this wilding process with people who can take the story of Jasmin home with them, and share with hundreds more, is what conservation is all about," he said.

With this milestone, the process of wilding Jasmin is well and truly on track and according to the Kuzuko team is "going better than expected".

While De Lange says she still has a way to go to build her full strength, it is important to celebrate the success of her being able to hunt, on her own, for the first time in her life. As a result of the speed at which she has accomplished this she could very well join the two males out on the 15 000ha Kuzuko Reserve sooner than expected.

"The cheetah has become Africa's most endangered big cat. From a count of 100 000 in 1900, the numbers have dropped to under 7 000 today. Ethical breeding in captivity, such as that we are working on at Ashia Cheetah Conservation, has become essential to ensure the long-

term survival and viable genetic diversity of the species. The release of Jasmin, a captive-born cheetah, into the wild – the first of many to come for Ashia – who is now proving our efforts right through her successes, is a true win for conservation on numerous fronts. A large part of this achievement has been the successful collaboration between the various stakeholders involved," says Chantal Rischard, co-founder at Ashia Cheetah Conservation.

Like Jasmin, further captive-born cheetahs will be released into the protected wild within selected Private Game Reserves in South Africa through Ashia's Release Programme. According to Rischard, several potential game reserves have already been identified and visited by the Ashia team and are in the process of applying for the necessary permits.

"I often get asked why does this matter? It's a huge step for conservation, as a community we need to pool together and help our big cats by diversifying their gene pool in order to ensure the longevity of the species. Jasmin's DNA, which we have on record, doesn't have the same structure than the cheetahs in the existing metapopulation, and indicates that she is in fact closely related to captive animals. Therefore, breeding her with existing wild males will create a diversified gene pool that can only benefit the cheetah metapopulation," said De Lange.

"From our side, Kuzuko Lodge must thank NPO Ashia Cheetah Conservation for trusting us with the first wilding process of a captive bred cheetah from its programme. Jasmin will, and is, opening doors for many other captive bred cheetahs to be wilded in suitable areas, and will ultimately secure a more genetically viable wild cheetah population," De Lange said.

My Garden



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Nosakhele with Malcolm South, owner of Sunnyside Garden Centre.

Nosakhele Mbema was the winner of the August Garden of the Month competition. Mbema says this is the best thing because she hasn't yet planted for the new season and is looking forward to choosing new plants to grow from seed. Mbema thanked Sunnyside Garden Centre for giving her the seeds to plant, as well as *Grocott's Mail*. The winner gets to choose which seeds they receive.

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Manufacturer partners champion tyre safety

STAFF REPORTER

Sumitomo Rubber South Africa (SRSA), manufacturer of the Dunlop, Sumitomo and Falken tyre brands, has taken up the mantle as continental custodian and steward of Part Worn Africa, a new pan-African consumer, tyre and road safety advocacy initiative.

CEO Riaz Haffjee said, "The use of second-hand tyres, where the buyer has no knowledge of the tyre's age or repair history – together with the illegal and highly dangerous practice of 're-grooving' tyres to create greater tread depth – are a significant cause for concern within South Africa's informal tyre sector.

"As an African corporate citizen, we recognise the causes and consequences of unsafe and unregulated part-worn and second-hand tyres. Our custodianship and support of Part Worn Africa seeks to advance our already well-established manufacturing, product and consumer safety initiatives such as our 'Safert-hanSafe' campaign."

Statistics from the Road Traffic Management Corporation state that vehicle factors contributed to 7.8% of all road fatalities.

Studies have shown that defective tyres are one of the leading contributors to fatal

collisions – representing as much as two thirds of vehicle factors responsible for collisions. Poor tyres can reduce the performance of a vehicle, increase stopping distance, raise the risk of skidding, and, if under-inflated or worn, will also increase fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

"SRSA has piloted and pioneered innovative and sustainable models for formalising the informal tyre trade in South African townships, in a safe and compliant manner, while creating employment opportunities and driving entrepreneurship with safety at the core of the programme," Haffjee said.

SRSA's Dunlop Container Programme in townships, for example, is centred around transforming containers into Dunlop branded tyre fitment centres and providing opportunities for unemployed youth and women to be trained and mentored in tyre sales and repair. Today, the SRSA container initiative has grown to 120 containers nationally.

In South Africa, while it is illegal for tyres to have less than 1mm of tread, this should be seen as an absolute mini-



mum rather than the exact point at which a tyre should be changed. On a part-worn tyre, the tread will not be as deep as on a new tyre, thus providing less effective grip in wet conditions and potentially leading to aquaplaning.

SRSA's latest Used Tyre Survey, which collects data by visiting various second hand tyre dealers in South Africa, reveals that:

In 2017, 58% of tyres sampled were illegal or previously repaired and therefore not fit for use on the road. This stood at 61% for the year to date as at 6 August 2018. There are no controls governing the condition of second hand tyres being sold, and some dealers regroove the tyres themselves. This creates the impression that a tyre's grooves are sufficiently deep, when the tyre is in fact damaged and dangerous. Price is the first concern

of dealers and consumers, who seldom gain the knowledge required to make good product recommendations or safe purchases. Dunlop tyres have tread wear indicators built into the tyre's tread grooves at 1.6mm to indicate when they are worn.

Safety Regulations

In South Africa, all tyres for use on passenger and commercial vehicles and trailers must conform to the SABS compulsory specifications for safety. The manufacturer must have implemented an internationally recognised Quality Management system and the tyres must conform to the applicable South African compulsory specifications and corresponding ECE Regulations and Directives.

Compulsory Specification:

VC8056 ECE Regulation 30 applies to all new pneumatic (operated by air or gas under pressure) tyres for passenger cars and trailers, while Compulsory Specification: VC8059 ECE Regulation 54 pertains to new pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles and trailers.

Both these regulations require tyres to have

the 'E' mark on the tyre and the concomitant E Certificate as proof of compliance on the part of the manufacturer.

The following additional markings must also appear on the sidewall – Size, Tread Pattern, Load/Speed Index, "E" Mark, Date of manufacture, Radial/Bias and Whether tubeless or not.

To ensure compliance, all importers and manufacturers are responsible for homologation – meaning approval or official confirmation – of all tyres through the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) before selling them. Homologation – introduced by the Minister of Trade and Industry on 1 January 1996 – represents a measure to minimise the risk of non-complying tyres being introduced to market and subsequently sold to the public.

However, Part Worn Africa highlights that unscrupulous operators still can and do take advantage of waste tyre disposal processes and the economic pressures and circumstances of consumers, by making available cheap but unsafe, ill-suited and illegal part-worn and second-hand tyres that have not been stringently tested for safety against regulated standards and specifications.

In some instances, these tyres are imported and dumped into African markets from other jurisdictions where they are no longer fit or safe for use and are often also ill-suited to Africa's climatic and road conditions. This is further exacerbated by weak import control and trade administration.

Currently in South Africa waste tyres are regulated by the Waste Tyre Regulations 2017 which repealed the 2009 Waste Tyre Regulations and form part of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008.

Commenting on the formation of Part Worn Africa, Ethicore CEO Abdul Waheed Patel said: "Part Worn Africa is set to fulfil a critical gap in working with key stakeholders to address the policy, legislative and regulatory deficits governing the proliferation of unsafe, ill-suited and illicit part-worn and second-hand tyres sold and fitted for use on public roads in Africa."

With consumer safety as a key priority on the SRSA's corporate agenda, the company has now engaged Ethicore, and through Pan-Worn Africa will take its safety concerns forward. <http://www.srigroup.co.za/home> and <http://www.partworn.org>



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This Anglia is one of the cars that will be participating in this year's Car Run. Photo: Don Bryce

Start up your engines...

By DON BRYCE

Bookings are now open for the annual Amatola Classic Car Run, which this year will be held on Sunday 18 November. Note that the run is a week earlier than usual, due to other motoring events happening on the last Sunday.

The popular social event was founded in 1991 by three motoring enthusiasts, Frikkie Viljoen, John Small and Clive Morris, to commemorate the gruelling Amatola Rallies of the 1950s. The modern day "Amatola" has become the largest event on the classic motoring calendar, growing year by year and including entries from Grahamstown and King William's Town. A large contingent of Queens-

town participants is expected this year. Anyone with an old, classic or exotic vehicle is welcome to attend, and the general public is invited to view the cars and see them off at 10am on the day.

Lunch is in Kei Road, hosted by the farming community and consisting of steak and vegetables, dessert and coffee. Booking for the lunch is essential, and this can be done at Tiger Wheel and Tyre, Devereux Avenue, in East London. The run will start at the Hub in Beacon Bay with coffee and doughnuts for participants at the start. Registration opens at 8am on the day. Clubs interested in group bookings are welcome to contact the organiser Joyce Hattingh at the numbers provided below.

Tiger Wheel and Tyre and Plastic Arts and Signs are the main sponsors of the event.

Additional attractions are a flea market, a touch farm and stalls selling fresh farm produce. The pub will be open to cater for the thirsty. There will be a lucky draw for participants.

Meal tickets are on sale at Tiger Wheel and Tyre, at a cost of R80 per person. Registration costs R30 per car, which includes indemnity and a numbered commemorative plaque. These plaques have become collectors' items with regulars. Anyone wanting to secure a particular number may contact Joyce.

For further information phone Joyce Hattingh at 084 798 6248 or 043 741 2577.

1. PERSONAL

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Death



MARGARET ANEMA Beloved Friend and Healer Passed away 24 October 2018 aged 84.

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2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices

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



1. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for **Ms. Nandipha Pikes**, who is the biological mother of **Libone Pikes** born 23-10-2012.

Please could anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Nandipha Pikes contact Tendai Wapinduka, Social Worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046 -636-1355

2. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Yonela Cunge**, born 24/05/2003. The biological mother **Ntombizodwa Cunge** born 05/03/1972 is deceased.

Please could anyone with information regarding his whereabouts contact Shade Tobias, Social Worker from Grahamstown Child Welfare on 046- 636-1355

3. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Xhanti Mdoko** born 13/06/2001. The biological father is **Vusumzi Sati** and is alleged to be residing in Port Elizabeth. The biological mother, **Mdoko Siphokazi** is deceased.

Please could the father or anyone knowing his details contact Ms. Ziyanda Mooi, Social Worker at Child Welfare SA - Grahamstown on 046 636-1355 as soon as possible.

The AGM of the Grahamstown Red Cross Society will take place at the Protea Hotel, High Street at 17h30 on Monday 12 November 2018. The public are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. For info: 060 6276770 or 073 6139114

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Thank you to Ikhala Vets and Grahamstown Vets for your continued support. We are very pleased with all the young people becoming involved with the Grahamstown SPCA, thank you all for the help you give us and the time you spend with the animals. Thank you to all the volunteers for coming up to the SPCA, walking and socialising the animals.

Please continue to support us by buying books in aid of the SPCA from Madhatters Coffee Shop in town and Noom Coffee Shop in the industrial area.

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On Friday 26 October, Wimpy celebrated National Downes Syndrome Day with a special meal for the children of Kuyasa. The General Manager of Wimpy invited 50 children from Kuyasa School and thanks the following people for their sponsorship: the Farm Box, Pieter Burger, Pepper Grove Mall, Sbw lounge and the volunteers who did face painting. Class teacher Nokuzola Booi said she hoped the community would accept the children as they are. She thanked the parents, teachers and the principal of the school for taking care of their children regardless. Photo: Lindani Donyeli



Staff at Grahamstown Correctional Services held a Heritage Day event on 26 September. Prison head Norman Malone spoke of the diversity of heritage and cultures. 'We need to accept our differences and work together to be united as a team.'



At the end of the third term VP Foundation phase put on a play called Peace Child.



Kingswood College recently announced their leadership team. From left are Jon Trafford (College Head), Colleen Vassiliou (Head: Strategy, Organisational Development and Operations), Amy Mills (Deputy Head Girl), Siya Nomoyi (Head Girl), Ben Maposa (Head Boy) and Caleb Daniels (Deputy Head Boy).

Soccer pageant

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

The annual New Year's Cup soccer tournament will once again be hosted in Makhanda (Grahamstown) from mid-December 2018 to early January 2019, with preparations already under way. This will be the third successive year that Makhanda will host the national tournament.

Voting lines are currently open for the participating teams. Currently, 90 teams have registered for voting, which needs to be reduced to 32 to compete in the prestigious tournament. Voting for the participating teams will close on Saturday 3 November, with the final teams to be announced shortly afterwards. Supporters can still cast their votes for their team by sending an SMS containing Team+Address+Province to 47555; SMSes cost R3 per vote.

The winners of the tournament will receive a grand prize of R100 000 as well as a full set of new kit, along with their trophy and medals. Second- and third-place teams will receive R50 000 and R25 000 respectively, along-

side their medals and full kit, while the fourth place team will receive R20 000 and full kit. Additionally, all 32 final teams will be provided with 10 match and practice balls per team.

The organisers of this year's event will be aided by a number of sponsors, including Mercedes Benz (Official Sponsor), the South African Football Association (SAFA), La Liga, the Eastern Province Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), the South African Defence Force and new sponsor, Coca Cola.

The official grand opening of this year's tournament will take place on Sunday 16 December, with delegations from all over the world here to celebrate, including from the US, Uzbekistan, alongside representatives from FIFA, Cosafa and SAFA.

They will also be joined by Gauteng Legends from the 80s and 90s, who will be here to celebrate Nelson Mandela's centenary.

The New Year's Cup Committee hope to bring the world to the local communities, and achieve through sport.

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Parkrun #214

The 214th edition of the Makhanda (Grahamstown) Parkrun took place on Saturday 27 October. These were the fastest finishers from the race:

1. Unknown - information not provided
2. Cee-Jay Porthen - 20:54 (M)
3. Daniel Erasmus - 22:00 (M)
4. Kendal Rose - 22:15 (F)
5. Unknown - information not provided
6. Unknown - information not provided
7. Brian Cordner - 22:54 (M)
8. Unknown - information not provided
9. Daniel-Keagan Hockly - 23:03 (M)
10. Lwando Myles Saunders - 23:28 (M)
11. Siviwe Moyake - 24:23 (M)
12. Unknown - information not provided
13. Unknown - information not provided
14. Andrew Quin - 25:26 (M)
15. Jedrick Theron - 25:29 (M)
16. Unknown - information not provided
17. Candice Serfontein - 25:40 (F)
18. Charlotte Abraham - 25:52 (F)
19. Ottilie Allen - 26:06 (F)
20. Sbusiso Mukhari - 26:38 (M)

Continuing the surfing dynasty

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

At only 15 years old, Kye Macgregor has been dominating the local surf scene for a number of years. Having recently come in close second in his age group in the South African Longboard championships, and performing exceptionally well in the men's open category: he qualified for the semi-finals.

Macgregor is both a talented longboarder and short boarder, and has garnered the attention of sponsors such as Billabong SA, the Royal St Andrew's Hotel and Spa in Port Alfred, Fishstix surfboards and Shaka Surf School in Port Alfred. As a junior professional surfer, Macgregor is being home schooled, in order to enable him to continue competing throughout the year.

The freedom and creativity of surfing is what Macgregor enjoys the most about the sport. Macgregor hopes that his surfing will help him travel and explore the world. When not in the water, Macgregor enjoys cycling around his family's surf camp.

Coming from a historic surfing family, Macgregor has been playing around surfboards



With a passion for surfing that has been with his family for four generations, Kye Macgregor has been shining in the waves since before he could walk. Photo: Supplied

since before he could walk. The fourth generation surfer inherited his passion from his great grandfather, RR Macgregor, who began surfing off the coast of Durban in 1927, and passed the stoke down to the next generation ever since. Kye is not the only

Macgregor to have achieved well on the international waves, however. His father, David, has also earned two SA titles, while his elder brother, Cuan, has won one SA title.

The Macgregors often compete together, enjoying the time on the waves together.

"Surfing is a family affair, that is what we do," said David Macgregor.

The Macgregors live by the motto: "Keep your feet on the ground and reach for the stars... Surfing is so cool, do something you love and you'll never work a day in your life."



St Mary's Day Care Centre (DCC) celebrated the end of their rugby and netball season with a fun rugby day this past week. St Mary's DCC used both rugby and netball throughout the year to focus on the core values of life, namely respect, discipline, teamwork and fun. Staff at St Mary's DCC hosted this rugby day as the last chance to promote these values before the students switched their focus to exams. Photo: Supplied

Makana Sona take record win in Port Alfred

By CHESLEY DANIELS

The Makana Sona first cricket side secured a record victory against Port Alfred with a 50-run bonus point result on Saturday 27 October in the Grahamstown Cricket Board (GCB) First League.

Makana batted first and were cheaply bowled out for only 79 runs. Thereafter, Makana Sona bowled the home side out in record time for only 29 runs. It is also a record on its own in the GCB first league.

The slow and uneven pitch did not assist either team, which saw both side struggling with the bat. Makana captain, Thando Ngcete (14) and veteran Ricardo Abrahams (13), showed resistance with the bat for Makana, while Justin Dollery starred with the ball for Port Alfred, with figures of 5/34. Warren Bowdler also chipped in with 3/21. In their turn at the crease, the home side struggled to get to terms with

the pitch and the aggressive bowling attack of Makana. They found themselves back in the pavilion in no time for 29 runs all out. Sango Mini 6/18 and Sqibo Bongo 3/9, were the destroyers-in-chief and secured a record win for Makana.

Salem vs Cuylerville

Salem got themselves back on the winning path after their loss against Willows the previous week. Salem scored a massive 324/7 (50) against

a solid bowling attack from Cuylerville. Nicholas Zimmerman (88), Kevin Bennett (77) and Leard King (41), batted with aggression and were in good knick. James Renton 5/57 (10) was the star bowler for Cuylerville. Cuylerville just couldn't get going in their attempt to chase down the huge target set by Salem. They were bowled out for a valiant 283 runs in the end. The Handley brothers, Brandon (90) and Kyle (86),

formed a formidable pair and tried very hard with the bat, but in the end it was just not good enough for a win. Buster Brotherton 4/52 (10), Leard King 3/47 (10) and veteran Kevin Zimmerman 2/30 (9) ensured the victory for Salem with some accurate bowling.

Sidbury vs Southwell

Southwell continued their good form with a fine bonus point six-wicket win over Sidbury. Sidbury scored 135 (41.3), however Southwell were able to chase

down their target, scoring 139 runs in just 31.5 overs. Grant Stone was Sidbury's top scorer, with 32 runs. Murray Hobson 4/22 (8) and Adam Cotton 3/31 (10), were the stand out bowlers for Southwell. Southwell's captain and opening batsman James Stirk, who is also the leading run scorer in the GCB first league, was the top run scorer for his side with a fine 42. Stone was the best bowler for Sidbury with 2/37 (8).

Pro14

The Isuzu Southern Kings will be back in action this weekend against Leinster on Sunday 4 November, after coming off a disappointing loss to the Scarlets last week. The Kings were unfortunate to lose out to the Scarlets after playing some much improved rugby last week. The Toyota Cheetahs will then take on Munster in Bloemfontein immediately after.

Proteas

As far as bucket lists go, playing Australia in Australia is as big as it gets for Standard Bank Proteas fast bowler, Lungi Ngidi. The 22-year old is one of six players in the limited-overs squad making their debut tours 'Down Under' with the series set to kick off with the first One-Day International (ODI) at the Optus Stadium in Perth on Sunday, 4 November.

Telkom Knockouts

This December, all roads lead to the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, subsequent to the Premier Soccer League's announcement, naming the facility as the host venue of the 2018 Telkom Knockout Cup Final. "It is a stellar achievement for the stadium. This is the third time that a Premier Soccer League domestic cup final will be played at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium," said Mpho Mokonyama, Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium Manager.

Canoeing

Entries have opened for the 26th edition of the N3TC Drak Challenge canoe marathon in the Southern Drakensberg on 19 and 20 January, with the event retaining its status on the International Canoe Federation's Classic Series. With the approach of regular summer rainfalls paddlers are eyeing the water levels in the popular 62km stretch of the Umzimkhulu River between the Castleburn Bridge and Early Mist Farm that hosts the two stage race, as many paddlers opt to trip and train on the river during the end-of-year holidays.

Club rugby

Adelaide Fisheries were crowned the new SA Fish Industries champions after powering their way to a 36-7 victory against Sea Pride in the final of the 31st edition of the tournament at the Smit Sports Grounds in Veldrif on the West Coast on Saturday 27 October. The team from Gansbaai stumbled in their opening match against West Point, going down 10-3, but they bounced back strongly and won their five remaining matches to clinch the title.



Pascal Lecourt (left) sparring against Mzwandile Matebese during his demonstration at the international sensei seminar. Photo: Supplied

French Sensei-tion!

STAFF REPORTER

Sensei Pascal Lecourt's first South African Seminar brought more than 80 karateka to Makhanda (Grahamstown) over the weekend of 27-28 October.

Lecourt was invited to South Africa as a guest of the newly formed United Shotokan-Ryu which has dojos in the Eastern Cape, Western Cape and Gauteng. The Seminar was held in the Thomas Pringle Hall, at the 1820 Settlers Monument in conjunction with staging partner, the Grahamstown Foundation.

Lecourt began practicing karate in 1975, and in 1976 he became a

student of the legendary Japanese Shotokan karate master, Sensei Taiji Kase (1929-2004). Kase had visited South Africa in 1964 for an extended period, and was thereafter sent by the Japan Karate Association (JKA) to France in order to further oversee the development of JKA Karate in that country as well as throughout Europe.

While there are a number of Kase's students still teaching throughout Europe, seminar organiser, Gary Grapentin is of the opinion that Lecourt's transmission of the Kase-Ha School of Shotokan is closest to Kase's core teachings and principles.

Another unique characteristic of Kase-Ha, is that it is practiced strictly as a Japanese Martial Art or form of budo without any sporting aspect attached to it.

During the seminar Lecourt expressed the importance of developing energy through correct breathing techniques, as well as being in harmony with oneself. His quiet demeanour, humble personality and amazing ability earned him the respect of all in attendance. One of the seminar participants remarked that Lecourt's moments were akin to that of a tiger – graceful, relaxed and powerful with no wasted or superfluous movement.

ous movement.

Lecourt's passion for teaching the "Kase way of karate" was clearly evident during his interactions with each of the students over the two day Seminar. Although Lecourt is too humble a man to ever accept such an accolade, it is clear that he has become a master in his own right – someone who has achieved harmony within himself and his art.

Grapentin hopes that Lecourt will become a regular visitor to South Africa as he believes his continued input will further develop and improve standards in the way in which Shotokan karate is practiced locally.

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FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER CRICKET

- Graeme College vs St Andrew's College: 1st team (Graeme).

GOLF

- Elephant Cup Golf Day

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER CRICKET

- Graeme College vs St Andrew's College: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, U15 A, U15 B, U14 A and U14 B.

WATER POLO

- St Andrew's College: 12:00 - Boys-U18A v Kingswood College

(SAC) 11:30 - 2nd Team v Kingswood College (SAC) 11:00 - 3rd Team v Graeme College Boys-U18A (SAC) 10:30 - 4th Team v St Andrew's College Boys-U15B (SAC) 10:00 - Boys-U15A v Kingswood College (SAC) 10:30 - Boys-U15B v St Andrew's College Boys-U18D (SAC) 09:30 - Boys-U14A v Kingswood College (SAC) 09:00 - Boys-U14B v Graeme College Boys-U15A (SAC)

SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER CRICKET

- St Andrew's College: First team, Second team, Third team, Fourth team, Fifth team, U15 A, U15 B, U14 A and U14 B vs Pearson High School

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER CRICKET

- St Andrew's College: U15 A vs Scriberians XI (SAC)

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER CRICKET

- St Andrew's College in Shaw Brown 20/20

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER CRICKET

- St Andrew's College in Shaw Brown 20/20

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