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Parkins

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A child waits for 'customers' at a make-believe shop she's set up from rubbish dumped on an empty plot near her home, while staff and parents of children of St Mary's Development and Day Care Centre clean up the area on Tuesday 19 March. It was the first step in a recycling initiative led by Social Work intern Liziwe Pepese. 'My brief was to engage the community in something that would help its growth and development,' said the St Mary's intern. 'I hope this project will restore a sense of responsibility towards our environment, our people as well as our animals. We also hope that through a recycling project we would be able to help families generate an income.' Photo: Sue MacLennan



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Botanical Gardens drugs link in student abduction case

By SUE MACLENNAN

Regular rendezvous between students and their dagga supplier in the Makana Botanical Gardens, allegations of a detective's vendetta and questions about security camera footage from Pepper Grove mall have provided colourful testimony in the case of the alleged kidnapping and robbery of a Rhodes student in April 2018.

Just over two weeks ago, the court finally heard Rhodes University student Ryan Morley's shocking testimony in which he described being abducted in the Makhanda (Grahamstown) CBD at knifepoint and taken to a house near Albany Road, where he said he was forced to smoke drugs.

In his account of what happened on the night of 11 April 2018, Morley said he'd been held against his will and instructed to call his parents or a friend to send money.

Among the more vivid details Morley shared was that the name of the first accused, Jamie de Jager, had been written in red paint on the wall of the room where he'd been held, and that the second accused, Andre du Plessis, had swung a rock in a sock to intimidate him.

He'd waited for the men to fall asleep before fleeing barefoot and empty handed from the house in the middle of the night, Morley told the court.

Testifying in this matter for the first time in the Regional Court in

Makhanda on Monday 11 March, almost a year after the alleged incident, first accused Jamie de Jager denied everything, and suggested instead that Morley's testimony was fabricated to support the detective's efforts to have him convicted.

De Jager denied abducting Morley or forcing him to smoke drugs. However, he spoke about a second student whose allegations against him and Du Plessis mirrored those of Morley.

Additional counts of kidnapping and robbery against De Jager and Du Plessis were withdrawn when the second alleged victim failed to arrive at court to testify. In that case, De Jager had been identified in footage from security cameras at Pepper Grove Mall.

De Jager had known that second student, he said. "He usually sent me to buy dagga and we used to smoke together," De Jager said through the court translator. In Afrikaans, he said, "I would usually meet him at the botanical gardens."

The Makana Botanical Gardens, De Jager said, was where he'd also met Morley. "That's where they call me to bring them dagga," said De Jager.

In the men's last appearance, the defence questioned details of the identity parade in which De Jager and Du Plessis were identified as suspects.

This time, De Jager claimed the detective had a vendetta against him because of previous acquittals.

Record number of parties to contest election

Voters will be faced with their biggest choice yet in a national election after a record number of 48 political parties met the legal requirements to contest this year's elections, the Electoral Commission (IEC) said in a media release.

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high tides 06:46 18:59

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Mostly sunny. ESE wind.
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high tides 10:11 23:20

SUNDAY
Cloudy. Light Westerly wind.
Temperature: Min 18°C Max 31°C
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high tides 05:43 17:53

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high tides 07:27 19:44

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

Urgent court bid launched against Eskom cuts

By SUE MACLENNAN

An urgent High Court application by Makhanda (Grahamstown) business and civil society entities to counter Eskom's threat to cut off electricity to Makana is a last resort, says business forum chairperson Richard Gaybba. The application, warning of catastrophic effects on the town should the cuts proceed, is filed by the Grahamstown Business Forum, Grahamstown Residents Association, Beer Properties and Pinzon Traders 8. Beer Properties is the largest property owning company in Makhanda, and Pinzon owns the largest supermarket in the city. Makana Mayor Mzukisi Mpahlwa says the municipality is urgently addressing the Eskom threat, will not be opposing the application and would meet Eskom to review Makana's current payment plan.

Eskom on 14 March 2019 advertised the planned cuts starting on 2 April, which from 8 April would be every day from 6am to 8pm. Eskom said this was their response to Makana Municipality's failure to stick to its payment plan. Mpahlwa said on Wednesday 20 March that as per Eskom's latest invoice, Makana owes Eskom R84 478 288.80. This included an amount of R12 666 116.30 due on 4 April.

Certifying that the matter be heard urgently, High Court advocate Gavin Brown says such

cuts would have dire consequences for hospitals, schools, emergency services, travel and tourism, business operations and industry in Makana and that this would lead to financial losses, closure of businesses and job losses.

"The short-term costs of alternative power supply are prohibitive and will not solve the problems which the suspension of electricity will cause," Brown writes.

The suspension of electricity would have substantial repercussions for the provision of municipal services such as water and sewage disposal, Brown writes. "This, in a municipal area already crippled by drought and poor municipal management, will undoubtedly affect the health and welfare of the population.

"The suspension of electricity... will almost certainly, as a result of the above, lead to civil unrest as has been manifested recently in other areas of the Eastern Cape," Brown writes. For this reason, it was necessary for the applicants to bypass normal High Court protocols and deadlines to obtain urgent relief and the application is requested for Thursday 28 March.

Eskom is named as the first respondent, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) the second and Makana Municipality the third. The Mayor and Municipal Manager

are also named in their official capacity. They are given until 10am on Monday 25 March to notify the applicants' attorneys, Wheeldon Rushmere and Cole, if they intend to oppose and to file answering affidavits by midday on Tuesday 26 March. The applicants' replying affidavits would then be filed by 4pm on Wednesday 27 March.

Devastating

The Notice of Motion asks for Eskom to be interdicted from interrupting or terminating Makana's electricity supply. Alternatively, that Makana Municipality is ordered within three days to pay all outstanding amounts to Eskom and Eskom is ordered to supply electricity on an uninterrupted basis to Makana Municipality. The third option offered is for Eskom and Makana to agree within three days to a new payment plan to ensure uninterrupted supply.

The applicants have asked the court to order Makana Municipality to comply with the conditions of a new payment plan, and not to deviate it without approaching the Court for permission to do so. In addition, they have asked that Makana Municipality:

- Reports to the court on their compliance, by the end of each month;
- Complies with the 24 November 2017 Council resolution by ensuring electricity revenue and a portion of the

equitable share be ring-fenced for electricity payments;

- Nominates a responsible person to ensure this compliance.

The proposals by Eskom would have a devastating and irreparable effect on Makana Municipality and those who work in it, the application states.

"Not only will the interruption threaten the very fabric of society, it will threaten inter alia Rhodes University, the various government schools, businesses and the tourism industry," the application states.

"An interruption, as proposed by Eskom, will also disrupt, possibly irreparably, the water supply to Grahamstown as this relies entirely upon the pumping of water from the various reservoirs and dams that supply the Grahamstown Municipality, which are considerably lower than the height of Grahamstown, and which needs to be pumped up, in bulk, to Grahamstown and its reservoirs."

Grahamstown Business Forum Chairperson Richard Gaybba, in an interview Tuesday 19 March with *Grocott's Mail*, said the coalition had not gone into the matter lightly.

"This is a last resort," Gaybba told *Grocott's Mail*. "No business can survive first the threat of loadshedding and the uncertainty that causes, nor secondly the 14-hour cuts threatened from 8 April. This would de-

stroy Grahamstown's economy."

In addition the denial of water to residents would most severely affect the poor majority, who couldn't afford to buy bottled water for drinking.

Gaybba said while the GBF's relationship with the municipality was generally supportive and constructive, for the Forum not to act on the denial of basic services would be doing their constituency a disservice.

The papers had been signed and would be served on the various respondents this week, Gaybba said.

In a telephone interview on Thursday 21 March, Mpahlwa said, "We are not going to oppose the action by the groups. We are of the view that Eskom ought to have engaged the municipality before the threat."

In his weekly report to residents, 'From the Mayor's Desk', published in *Grocott's Mail* today, Mpahlwa said, "We are planning to pay R12.6 million

to Eskom this month. We will also seek to renegotiate our payment plan to ensure that we can afford to make monthly payments to Eskom. Once this payment is made, we don't expect Eskom to go ahead with bulk supply interruptions."

Mpahlwa said Makana's senior officials, supported by officials from the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta), would meet with Eskom in the coming week to review the current payment plan.

"Despite all our financial challenges, we have been able to pay our Eskom current account," Mpahlwa said.

News24 recently reported that three chambers of commerce in Mpumalanga recently succeeded in having set aside Eskom's interruptions in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality and that in November 2018, Eskom was interdicted from cutting power to Musina.



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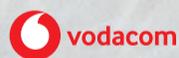
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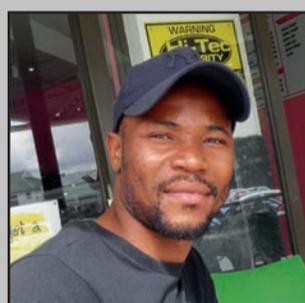
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Unreliable access to safe drinking water.



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Lack of water and electricity, and the dirtiness of the town.



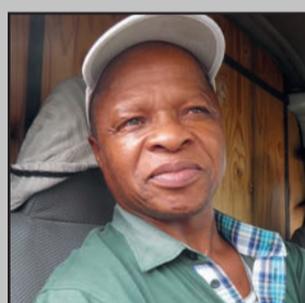
MANOJ HARJEVEN
ENTREPRENEUR
Rubbish uncollected because of the municipal strike, and overflowing sewage.



AMINA AND MEEKAH TROSKIE
PUPILS
Lack of water, and rubbish not being collected.



LEANNE KELLY
TEACHER
Lack of reliable water.



ALLEN MOYENI
DRIVER
Dirtiness, lack of water and potholes.

Serious about cutting expenses

Dear Residents of Makana Municipality, we understand that the notice issued by Eskom on 14 April 2019 has caused great anxiety among residents and businesses alike.

We empathise and we would like you to know that we are actively addressing this issue. I would like to take this opportunity to assure everyone that the municipality has acted swiftly to avert an interruption to our bulk electricity services as stated in the notice.

Makana has experienced severe cash flow problems since 2013. Eskom is the biggest creditor of the municipality, being owed R 84 478 288.80 – as per their latest invoice. This includes an amount of R12 666 116.30 which is due on 4 April.

We are planning to pay an amount of R12.6m to Eskom this month. We will also seek to renegotiate our payment plan to ensure that we can af-

ford to make monthly payments to Eskom. Once this payment is made, we don't expect Eskom to go ahead with bulk supply interruptions.

Our senior officials, together with the support of officials from the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta), will meet with Eskom in the coming week to review the current payment plan.

Despite all our financial challenges, we have been able to pay our current Eskom account.

Instalments for the bulk account arrears are being paid on time, as it is timed to coincide with the receipt of the Equitable Share. However, the payment plan also requires the monthly account to be paid on time every month. The monthly bulk account ranges from R7.5m in summer to R17m in winter.

Some months ago, Council

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



resolved that funds received from consumers for their electricity purchases need to be paid to Eskom. The municipality has put in place a plan to ensure that it generates adequate revenue from electricity sales to cover the cost of electricity.

The current situation of using the equitable share to pay Eskom is not sustainable.

Going forward, the municipality needs to pay its current account from revenue generated from electricity sales. Various debt collecting and revenue enhancement initiatives are being implemented, but these do not yield immediate results. Short-term ini-

tiatives to reduce expenditure are also being implemented. Examples of such initiatives include reducing expenditure in overtime and placing a moratorium on filling vacancies.

It is my wish that all the measures that are put in place to address this issue bear fruit so that we can ensure an uninterrupted electricity supply. Once the historic debt is settled we can then focus on all of our service delivery obligations. Let me reassure you once again that we are addressing this issue with the seriousness it deserves.

Honourable Executive Mayor
Councillor Mzukisi Mphahla.

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Rhino judgment is EC red light to poachers

By SUE MACLENNAN

Numbingly tragic is how wildlife vet Dr William Fowlds describes what he had to recount in a long-running trial that on Friday 15 March saw three men convicted for 10 rhino-poaching incidents around Makhanda (Grahamstown) as well as Jansenville, Cradock and Graaff-Reinet. However, like Tourism and Environment MEC Oscar Mabuyane and Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism CEO Vuyani Dayimani, he believes the judgment is a victory for the sector and sends a strong message to would-be poachers that this province is no soft target.

Judge Jeremy Pickering found Jabulani Ndlovu and Sibusiso Ndlovu guilty on 55 counts in 10 rhino poaching incidents. Forget Ndlovu was found guilty of 50 counts in nine of those. Charges relating to three other poaching incidents (two at Pumba reserve and one at Sibuya) were separated early in the trial. During the Ndlovus' three-year poaching spree, at least 10 rhinos died and 17 rhino horns were removed.

The Prosecution was led by Senior State Advocate Buks Coetzee. After changing their defence team several times, extending the trial's duration

for close to three years, the Ndlovus finally hired ace defence advocate, Senior Counsel Terry Price. Last month the men ran out of funds to pay their lawyer and Price undertook the final leg of the trial pro bono.

Two dramatic events were included in the evidence heard in the High Court in Makhanda (Grahamstown). The first was early in 2016 on Klein-doomberg game farm near Cradock, where staff member Honesty Mwariwanga assisted Jabulani and Sibusiso in their night-time poaching venture on 27-28 January. Mwariwanga was gored by a black rhino and had to be rushed to hospital. Mwariwanga subsequently made a statement implicating the men in this attempted poaching incident, as well as incidents at two other Cradock farms owned by his employer, Erwin Tam.

Apart from the inside knowledge sometimes provided by people such as Mwariwanga, the men's poaching ventures were often preceded a few months earlier by reconnaissance visits to the reserves.

The second event that caught the public's attention was the Ndlovus' dramatic arrest at Makana Resort outside Makhanda in June 2016. Seized from their chalet were

a freshly cut rhino horn along with tranquilliser, a dart gun, a saw and a knife. They were apprehended as part of the South African Police Service's Operation Full Moon hours after the killing and removal of the horn of a white rhino at Bucklands Reserve outside Makhanda.

Evidence in the trial was extensive and detailed.

Police forensic testing matched DNA from the Bucklands rhino, Campbell, to that found on the saw. A forensic paint specialist, flown in from Pretoria at the insistence of the defence, matched a paint chip found at the scene of the Bucklands incident to a gap in the paint on the saw.

Captain Deon Viljoen, commander of the Jeffrey's Bay Stock Theft and Endangered Species Unit and Provincial Co-ordinator for Rhino Poaching Investigations, was intensively cross-questioned about Operation Full Moon and the Makana Resort arrests in a trial-within-a-trial. In this, the Judge ruled that it was in the interests of justice that the evidence seized at Makana Resort was admissible, despite various procedural irregularities by the police.

A ballistics specialist spoke in detail about the dart guns used, and how the darts found



Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism CEO Vuyani Dayimani and MEC for Finance, Economic Development, Environment Affairs and Tourism Oscar Mabuyane (centre) march with school children, rangers and anti-poaching activists ahead of the November 2018 court appearance of the Ndlovu three. Dayimani, Mabuyane and wildlife vet Will Fowlds say the men's conviction last week is a victory for the Province.

Photo (November 2017): Sue MacLennan

at poaching scenes could be linked to them.

However, most of the evidence was centred on linking detailed cellphone records with GPS tracking and car-hire documentation, and establishing a pattern of night-time driving and cellphone activity that corresponded with the times and locations of poaching incidents.

It was these linkages that the defence vigorously challenged in their closing arguments.

"You can't assume that because a person has a lot of cell-phones that they are crooked," Price said, challenging the prosecution's interpretation of the trio's frequent swapping of multiple sim cards and handsets. Price accused the police of poor evidence gathering and said of the Prosecution's linking of other elements of evidence, "You can't take six pieces of donkey poo, put them together and say they'll make a cake."

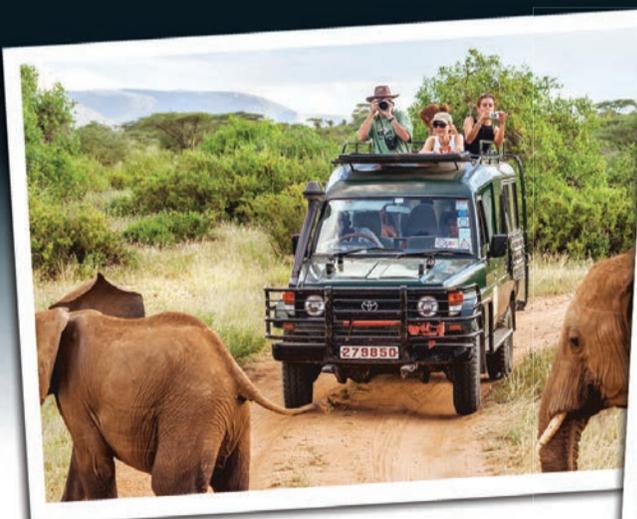
Perhaps with colourful re-

marks like this in mind, Judge Pickering in his judgment said of Incident 11 (Spekboomberg, Cradock, 20-23 April 2016), "By any standards the peculiar movements of the vehicle near the area where the rhino was poached were, in the absence of an innocent explanation, highly suspicious to say the least... When regard is had to the stark landscape in the area it is unlikely that the accused were so enamoured of the scenery that they returned

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Yes it's true

With a record 48 political parties vying for the electorate in the national elections, voters have an overwhelming choice. To help our readers make informed decisions about who they vote for to represent them in the national and provincial legislatures, *Grocott's Mail* will be working with the Rhodes School of Journalism and Media Studies to bring you in depth news, views and analysis - before, during and after 8 May 2019.

We will be looking at the political parties that have a presence in Makhanda (Grahamstown) and how their national policies and practices link to what citizens experience in their everyday lives under local government.

This week, the two parties with the greatest local support, will launch their campaign trails.

By the time you read this, Provincial Premier candidate for the DA, Nqaba Bhanga, will have addressed media and supporters on the DA Manifesto during a breakfast briefing in Makhanda on Friday 22 March.

On Sunday, ANC National Executive Committee member Ronnie Lamola will campaign in Port Alfred, starting with a political briefing and ending with a cadre forum - a format that National Chairperson Gwede Mantashe's campaigns in Alexandria on 29 March and in Makhanda on 30 March will also follow.

And yes, it's true that President Cyril Ramaphosa is coming to town next month, around Makhanda's Freedom Day celebrations. This has been confirmed by Mayor Mzukisi Mpahlwa. Also confirmed by the Mayor on Thursday 21 March is that only a few municipal staff have not received the protective clothing and tools of trade over which there's been a go-slow for the past seven weeks and that the final items are expected today. He said those who had received protective clothing had been at work and performing their duties. Cleansing Department staff had received shoes and their overalls were expected today (Friday).

What can't be confirmed, however, is that even if the remaining protective clothing arrives, normal operations will resume.

SA Municipal Workers Union shop steward Wandile Duruwe last night reiterated what he has told us each time we've asked when the strike will be over, which is that, first, it's not a strike, because staff are coming to work but aren't able to perform their duties because they lack protective clothing, tools of trade and vehicles to get to site.

"Even if they provide the protective clothing," Duruwe told *Grocott's Mail* last night, "How will the workers do their jobs without tools and vehicles?"

Solutions to our city's challenges require discipline, science and persistent effort. But they also require people who are free to think and act out of their normal paradigms. The arts have the ability to unlock that power. We encourage you to attend a performance of the interactive theatre piece, *Ukunuka*, which will be on Makhanda's streets from this weekend. Details on Page 11, on our website (search 'Ukunuka') and on the Makana Sharp! Facebook page.

We salute the multi-disciplinary team that gathered and presented the very detailed evidence that secured a conviction for three rhino poachers. This is just the tip of the iceberg of the threat to our precious biodiversity treasures. We hope you enjoy reading about the rich natural heritage in the reserves around Makhanda, and the people protecting it, opposite and on pages 8 and 9.

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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Kingswood College in Makhanda (Grahamstown) celebrates its jubilee this year; with 125 years of excellence in academics, sport and extracurriculars. Kingswood believes the best and most appropriate way to honour past generations, is to position itself to meet the educational and social challenges anticipated in the years to come. 'Kingswood's tribute to those who made the school what it is today, is to respond by making the bold changes necessary to continue to offer cutting-edge education which appropriately and effectively can respond to the challenging social, technological and educational demands made by a rapidly changing South Africa in a dramatically changing world,' the school said. Kingswood College chose its Jubilee Year to launch its ground-breaking 'Character Curriculum' formalising character education in its curriculum. Read more about the jubilee online. Photo: Supplied.

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UKUPHULAPHULA (This is positive listening)

Kwiinto ezithi zimthathe umntu zimbeke kwibakala elihle nelingathi mhlawumbi limbeke kwelona liphezulu kukuphulaphula. Uyahlupha umntu ongaphulaphuliyo.

Umba wokuphulaphula uqethe lukhulu kakhulu kodwa asingabo bonke abantu abanakho oko kuqonda. Zonke izizwe neentlanga zixhomekeke ekubeni ziyaphulaphula okanye ziyaphulaphulana na. Xa lungexho uphulaphulo ufumana ethetha lowo uthethayo. Ukuphulaphula kuqala ekhaya ebuntwaneni. Uphulaphula umzali abantakwenu kwakunye noodade.

Zintoni ezibalulekileyo ekuphulaphuleni? Abanye bangacinga ukuphulaphula kubandakanya indlebe yodwa.

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Ukuba silu luntu besi nokunceda apha ekuphulaphuleni sibaze iindlebe sivule amehlo neendlebe singe singehlukani nokusoloko sise luxolweni. Buza kumakhaya ngamakhaya ukuba kutheni kuxatyanwa nje, uya kuyiva impendulo

ethi ubani akeva kudala ndithetha naye. Nomnye athi lo unenkani akeva. Xa abantwana bekhula bebona utata emamela uma ngendlela yokumthanda kwangokunjalo nomama enze njalo abantwana bangakhula bengafuni kuzibonakalisa ukuba bona bangamakhwenkwe kufuneka beviwe ukuba akunjalo kukhale ingindi, kuba oko baya kuba bengakwazi. Yingqondo ethi imane isophula oko kuthethwayo ize iyihluze kuvele ucwambu lwentetho esuka kwimvaba yolwazi ezinzileyo. Kuphume intetho ethi uthethe kamnandi umfo kaNantsi kungenjalo intombi kaNantsika. Camagu

CHILD WELFARE



Welcome to Child Welfare volunteers

Child Welfare SA Grahamstown have five new social work volunteers, who will be trained by our office. We are so excited to have these volunteers as part of our team. The intention is for them to be a support service for our social workers and they will be going on home visits. They will help on prevention cases where social workers have not yet been able to visit. Their task will be to identify strengths and weaknesses in homes, which will in turn enable the office to run appropriate programmes according to the different communities we serve.

In the process, the volunteers will be learning a lot and developing their own skills. They will learn Asset Based Community Driven Development (ABCD) as well as the Protective Behaviours approach. Conducting on-the-ground home visits will also give them insight as to the daily role and experiences for a social worker. The volunteer programme will also focus on Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes (PEIP), which

is currently one of Child Welfare SA Grahamstown's major focus areas.

Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, where an individual or group provides services for no financial or social gain to benefit another person, group or organisation. However, thanks to the National Lotteries Commission, these volunteers will be paid a stipend for the six-month period.

We value the commitment that these volunteers will be giving to Child Welfare SA Grahamstown and the community at large. We hope that the community will recognise and cooperate with them so as to strengthen families and strengthen our presence within the communities.

We look forward to the positive benefit these volunteers will have on us here at Child Welfare SA Grahamstown and the community. A huge heartfelt thank you to the National Lotteries Commission who have made this possible.



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Passion meets science in Great Fish Reserve

BY KATHRYN CLEARY

The Great Fish River Nature Reserve boasts a wealth of natural resources. From endemic flora and fauna, to untold stories of the area's cultural heritage, secrets and surprises remain tucked away in the folds of the river valley. Grocott's Mail visited the reserve as guests of the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA) during an educational weekend, when we learned more about the park's conservation successes and challenges.

Solomon Lefoka is the reserve's Conservation Manager; a true beacon of wisdom and hope when it comes to protecting and growing the park's biodiversity. Before working at Great Fish, Lefoka spent a number of years at Addo Elephant Park, and shared a story from his time there of pulling a distressed baby elephant out of a dam with his bare hands. With a vibrant personality and smile, Lefoka's passion for conservation was contagious.

"What I want to strive for is to teach people about our environment and how to protect it. If we don't take care of what we have now, unfortunately generations to come are the ones who are going to suffer," said Lefoka.

"A lot of people don't know about a place until they are there. But what is important

is actually for people to know what a reserve, such as Great Fish, can actually offer. "There is a lot out there that can be discovered," said Lefoka.

The reserve's Park Manager, Sizwe Mkhulise, emphasised the uniqueness of the area, calling it a biodiversity hotspot. "There is a special habitat that houses a diversity of rare and endangered species," he said. "The thicket is well conserved in this area, [and] also the wildlife diversity."

Mkhulise added that the park also supplied other reserves with species as a result of successful conservation efforts. "The genetic diversity [contributes] to the industry, through game sales and also to other Eastern Cape parks, because we do translocation every year of different animals." The translocation process helps to establish new populations and spread genetic material, said Mkhulise.

"When it comes to competing with other [private] reserves we will always find ourselves on the back foot," said Bongani Matshishi, ECPTA's Brand Manager. "The more information we have, the more we can refine the offering, the more we can increase the knowledge of what is in the reserve and put it out there.

"Our reserves have a dual mandate," said Matshishi. "We have to promote tour-

ism in the Eastern Cape – but at the same time we have to manage the biodiversity in the area.

"There are certain things we can't do, for example there are certain [non-endemic] animals we can't have in this reserve in order to maintain the natural biodiversity of this place."

Lefoka emphasised that the reserve was rich in both biodiversity and cultural heritage.

"If we can have university students coming in and doing their research [in those areas], that will assist a long way, and that is what we need. If you don't know what species are out there, how are you going to be able to manage them? You can't manage what you don't know," he said, emphasising the need for research and data collection as a vital part of conservation.

The Great Fish River Reserve has partnerships with many Eastern Cape universities, NGOs and other non-state actors. These partnerships all serve as an effort to promote and increase research and engagement with the park. Mkhulise encouraged organisations, students and businesses to engage with the reserve on its many opportunities for tourism, eco-tourism and research.

"If we want what we have to last for years and years to



The Great Fish River meanders through the Great Fish River Nature Reserve, providing water to the many different wildlife, fauna and flora species in the park.

Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

come, we need to have the support of not only the locals, but also [international visitors and researchers]," Lefoka said. "As government institutions we struggle a lot in terms of budgets, and if we can get people to come and assist us in conservation, we aren't going to say no."

Like many reserves across the country, and the continent, the park's biggest threat is poaching.

"There is no single golden bullet that can stop poaching," said Lefoka. "Poaching, whether it's for subsistence, or the

illegal harvesting of medicinal plants... in general [is a big challenge]."

No single approach worked to counter poaching, Lefoka said.

"You have to work with your communities, police, municipalities, schools, intelligence – those are the different important role players."

Lefoka's comments came hours after judgment in the historic Ndlovu rhino poaching trial. The gang of three targeted reserves around Makhanda, as well as Cradock, Graaff-Reinet and Jansenville, and

during a three-year spree were responsible for the deaths of at least 10 rhinos in the 10 incidents dealt with in this trial.

The conviction was a breakthrough for the country's biodiversity, animal and environmental activists, and for dedicated reserve staff on the ground, like Lefoka and his team.

For more information about the reserve, visit ECPTA's website.

Turn to pages 8 and 9 to read more about the Great Fish River Nature Reserve.

United front against poachers

FROM PAGE 5

there again and again to view it, even by moonlight."

The modus operandi of the men, in general, was to convene in Port Elizabeth, drive to accommodation near the poaching site, from where two of them would be dropped to hunt the rhino and remove the horn. They'd phone the third member, who would come and fetch them. A flight from PE, then a hired car from the airport in Joburg to the Bruma Lake area would follow. Viljoen testified during the trial that many syndicates selling illegal goods to Asian countries were known to operate from various premises in Bruma Lake.

But of all the evidence recounted in Judge Pickering's judgment, it was the details of what the rhinos underwent in the various incidents, as described by Fowlds, that was the most gruelling. Some of these details are contained in the shaded box below. NOTE: The descriptions in 'The Death of a Rhino' are upsetting.

Speaking to Grocott's Mail hours after the conviction, Fowlds said the judgment showed the enormous amount of work from a range of disciplines that had gone into investigating the poaching incidents.

"Reading the judgment in detail shows how organised and complicated these crimes are," Fowlds said. The groundbreaking aspect of Friday's judgment, he said, was the way in which microscopic details, including ballistic evidence matching dart guns and saws with crime scenes, contributed to the conviction. Also ground-

breaking, Fowlds said, was the use of complex cellphone records to associate a cellphone user with an event.

"These two areas will definitely make a difference to the way prosecutors tackle future cases," said Fowlds, who had high praise for reserve staff.

"Private and government reserves did really good work in collecting and collating evidence and establishing exactly what happened across this very varied landscape of the crime scenes," Fowlds said. "Getting all that together was a phenomenal effort.

"This judgment sends out a strong message to would-be poachers that we are not a soft target – that this is a stronghold against poaching. There were extraordinary people involved in this case whose passion goes well beyond their job descriptions," Fowlds said.

His view was backed up by Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency CEO Vuyani Dayimani.

Commenting to Grocott's Mail in an emailed reply, Dayimani said, "I think it's good work all round... years of patient work from all those involved, from the rangers to the law-enforcement agencies. I thank them for their commitment and dedication towards following all the relevant steps to achieve this welcome news.

"It is a victory for the sector. For those who have sacrificed their time protecting our wildlife, this is welcome news," Dayimani said.

Mabuyane, in a media statement, said, "The steps taken by the government together with our social partners led to the conviction of these thugs who

are trying to destroy the province's wild life. I strongly believe that the conviction of the poachers sends a strong message to other wannabe poachers that they must not even consider poaching our animals because they will be jailed."

Mabuyane appealed to communities in villages next to wild life parks not to accommodate strangers in their homes. "Some of the poachers use rural villages neighboring parks as a base for planning poaching," Mabuyane said.

He said the Province was investing R15 million to improve the security capabilities of the parks under the ownership of the provincial government.

"The people of the Eastern Cape are united behind anti rhino poaching program and this unity will make it difficult for anyone to poach rhinos in the province. With a united voice, young and old, black and white, private, public sector, police and the justice system, we are saying we will never allow poaching in our province."

Judge Pickering found Jabulani Ndlovu and Sibusiso Ndlovu guilty on 55 counts in 10 rhino poaching incidents. In the Kleindoringberg incident, they were guilty of attempted theft of the rhino horn rather than theft. Forget Ndlovu was found guilty of 50 counts in nine of those incidents. He was found not guilty of the five counts relating to the Kleindoringberg incident, where Honesty Mwariwanga was the third accomplice.

Argument on sentencing was heard on Monday 18 March and sentencing will be on 3 April.

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Great Fish family fun

Makhanda (Grahamstown) is situated in an area surrounded by natural beauty, and while many residents and nature lovers want to experience the wonders of the Eastern Cape, they are not always aware of what is most affordable or on offer. The Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA), however, is a great place to look for information on Nature and Game Reserves around Makhanda and throughout the province.

The Great Fish River Nature Reserve is one of the many parks run by the ECPTA. The park is packed with engaging and exciting activities and experiences for families, hikers, birders, animal lovers as well as those dying to get out and enjoy the peace and tranquility of nature.

The park offers game drives in a specialised vehicle, as well as luxury overnight accommodation and delicious food for every meal. With one of the park's entrances located 35km from Makhanda, the reserve is perfect for long holidays, or a weekend getaway.

The reserve prides itself on conserving the biodiversity of its endemic species; meaning that there is plenty of wildlife and flora to see. Some animal species include kudu, black-backed jackals, and plant species like spekboom and porkbush. Different bird populations also thrive in the area, from fish eagles to yellow-billed ducks.

Birders will enjoy the sheer number of species that can be found within the park, as well as the experience of hiding out inside the Kentucky Bird Hide. The Hide overlooks a watering hole which attracts birds as well as other wildlife. The ECPTA list but a small selection of birds that are endemic to the area, all of which can be seen and photographed inside the reserve. Of the birds listed, martial eagles, Karoo shrub robins, black-winged stilts, acacia pied barbets and the national bird of South Africa, blue cranes, are some highlights for birders.

Hikers can enjoy peaceful walks throughout the reserve, with day visitors and over-night guests both able to enjoy unique hiking trails, each with their own merits. In particular, guests can enjoy a walk along the river's edge, or what some rangers call the "hippo walk". Be sure to keep quiet on the walk, you never know what could be lurking in the bush (buffalo, kudu, zebra

and even baboons). There are also a number of heritage sites throughout the reserve, including the Double Drift Fort and Keiskamma cemetery. The Adam's Kraantz Viewpoint also offers breathtaking views of the meandering river.

Day visitors are also encouraged to take part in game drives using their own vehicles. However, it should be noted that roads to both entrances of the reserve are unpaved, and the clearance within the reserve will likely require a high-clearance 2x4 or 4x4 vehicle. A small vehicle might struggle to get around the park, particularly when you have to cross through the Great Fish River, Spoiler alert: there isn't a bridge!

The Mvubu Chalets offer overnight guests spectacular views of the river, sitting just overlooking the river valley. Each chalet sleeps up to four guests, and comes with a fully equipped gas-powered stove and fridge for self-catering purposes. Meals are also on

offer with prior arrangement.

One thing to keep in mind, is that the chalets do not offer electricity apart from a light in the main room, as well as in the bathroom and kitchen. Guests should not expect to be able to charge or plug in electronic devices during their stay. No power may not be an issue though, considering phone signal in the reserve is hard to find. Make your calls and send your emails before taking the time to unplug and unwind at the reserve.

Another great option for Makhanda residents is the Thomas Baines Nature Reserve. Just 12km outside Makhanda, Thomas Baines offers self-game drives, fishing, and cycling as well as an Interpretation Trail and other activities. Entrance for South African day visitors into the reserve includes a Conservation/Entry fee as well as an activity fee, with a 50 percent reduction in the Conservation/Entry fee for persons living in Salem, Xolani, Hlalani,

Extensions 4-10 as well as Vukani.

The ECPTA is running a special for the month of March that offers up to 50% off all inland reserves. This includes both the Great Fish River and Thomas Baines Nature Reserves. For a wonderful experience filled with family fun and unique wildlife, these local reserves offer residents affordable deals and guaranteed family fun. The full list of inland reserves are as follows: Baviaanskloof, Great Fish River, Commando Drift, Groendal, Mpfu-Fort Fordyce, Ongeluknek, Ovis-ton, Thomas Baines, and Tsolwana.

The Conservation/Entry Fee for both Thomas Baines and the Great Fish River Nature Reserves is R22 for adults, and R11 for children. Self game drives, hikes, cycle trails, and various other activities will vary in price depending on the reserve, and depending at what time of day. For example, the cost

of a self game drive through the Great Fish Reserve can cost either R108 (Adult) or R85 (Adult), as morning and sunset drives are more expensive than day and night drives respectively. All prices are currently valid until the end of March 2019, with full, up-to-date prices available at visiteasterncape.co.za:

Grocott's Mail was treated to an overnight stay at the Mvubu Chalets, as part of an educational weekend at the Great Fish River Nature Reserve. Included in the weekend was an overnight stay at Mvubu, a heritage drive around the reserve, a trip to the Kentucky Bird Hide, traditional dancing and dinner, an early morning game drive, breakfast and a hike along the river. The package was an experimental package that is not currently priced, but since it has proven to be a successful, the ECPTA will work on formalising the package and pricing it accordingly.



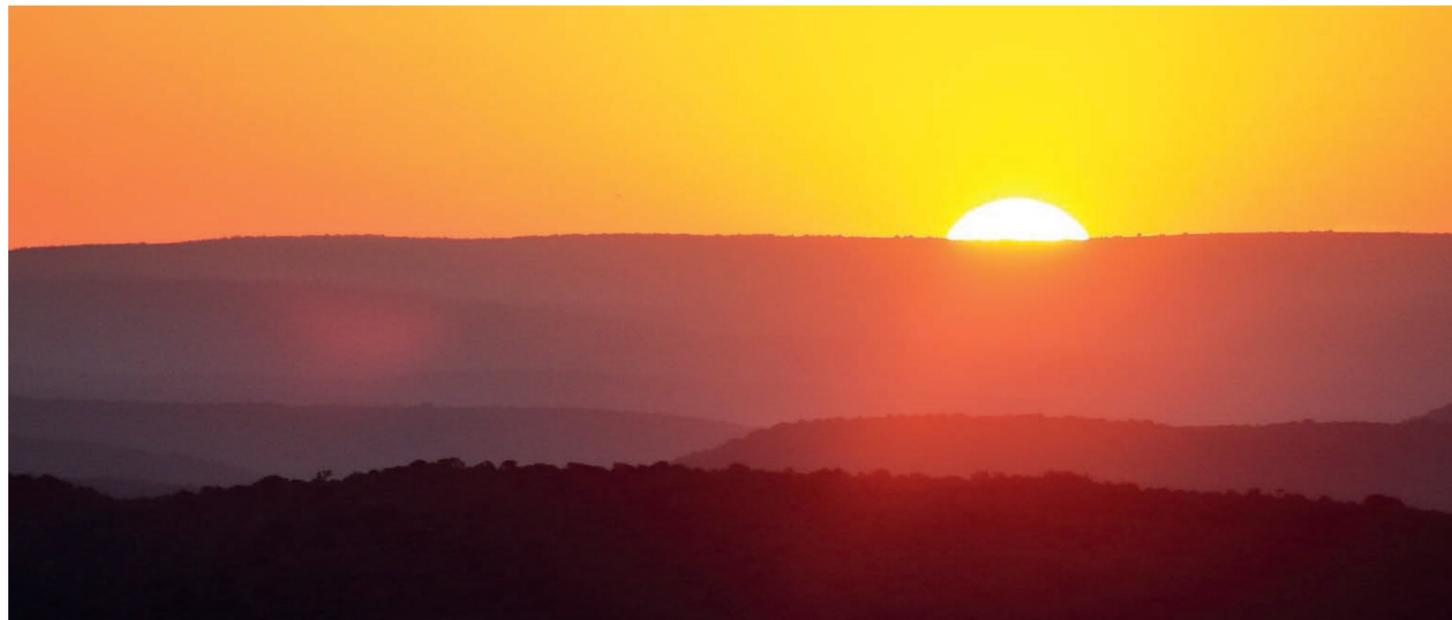
The Mvubu Chalets have a great view of the Great Fish River and the surrounding bush. Photos: Stephen Kisbey-Green



A large male Kudu shows off inside the Great Fish River Nature Reserve.



A spider's artwork lit up by the morning dew inside the Great Fish River Nature Reserve.



A beautiful sun sets over the Great Fish River Nature Reserve.



As a member of the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency, the Great Fish River Nature Reserve offers guests game and heritage drives on their large game vehicles.



The Great Fish River Nature Reserve have recently reintroduced spekboom into the Reserve.



An intrusive invader, the Warthog is not native to the Great Fish River Nature Reserve area.



The Double Drift Fort inside the Great Fish River Nature Reserve has stood since the 1830s, with this signal tower being the most prominent of the remains.



The black-backed jackal is one of many natural predators inside the Great Fish River Nature Reserve.



The remains of a hartebeest lay on the side of the road inside the Great Fish River Nature Reserve. Photo: Kathryn Cleary



The dragonflies around the Great Fish River shows that the water is healthy and good for the rest of the wildlife to drink.

It Ads up... we Googled it

By KATHRYN CLEARY

Everyone uses Google – or at least knows what it is: an online search engine helping people find anything from directions to recipes. Recently, Google helped our reporter find much more than usual. Over the past two weeks Kathryn Cleary found 29 potential scam websites claiming to sell puppies.

The majority of these sites appeared as Google Ads – either at the top or bottom of the first search result page. So, we spoke to Google. And no, they don't know where the puppies are.

Google is smart, and the way GoogleAds works is even smarter. For the website publisher, a GoogleAds account can be created which allows the use of AdSense and AdWords. AdSense lets the publisher make money by allowing Google to run an Ad on their webpage. Each time someone clicks on the Ad, Google and the publisher make money.

AdWords allows a publisher to bid on words in order to maximise their result potential in a Google search. It's like bidding at an auction. With AdWords, the publisher has a capped tab with Google, like giving a bartender R300. When the publisher spends the money on the tab, they lose their bid on the word

– just as a customer can no longer purchase drinks.

Simple, right?

Our potential puppy selling perpetrators think so too. The majority of these websites have used AdWords to maximise their viewing on a results page after a Google search. As a scam artist trying to sell fake puppies, what seems better; AdSense or AdWords? Not knowing how many direct clicks your website might get, AdWords is the smartest choice. This way, when someone searches “dog” or “puppy”, your website appears as a top result.

Google South Africa's Head of Communication and Public Affairs, Mich Atagana, told *Grocott's Mail*, “We have strict policies that govern the kinds of ads we allow on our platform, and ads that mislead users are a violation of those policies. If we find ads that violate our policies, we remove them.”

Using links provided by Atagana our reporter found that one of the “prohibited practices” of Google Ads is “misrepresentation”.

Google states: “We don't want users to feel misled by ads, so we strive to ensure ads are clear and honest, and provide the information that users need to make informed decisions. We don't allow ads or destinations that intend to

deceive users by excluding relevant information or giving misleading information about products, services, or businesses.”

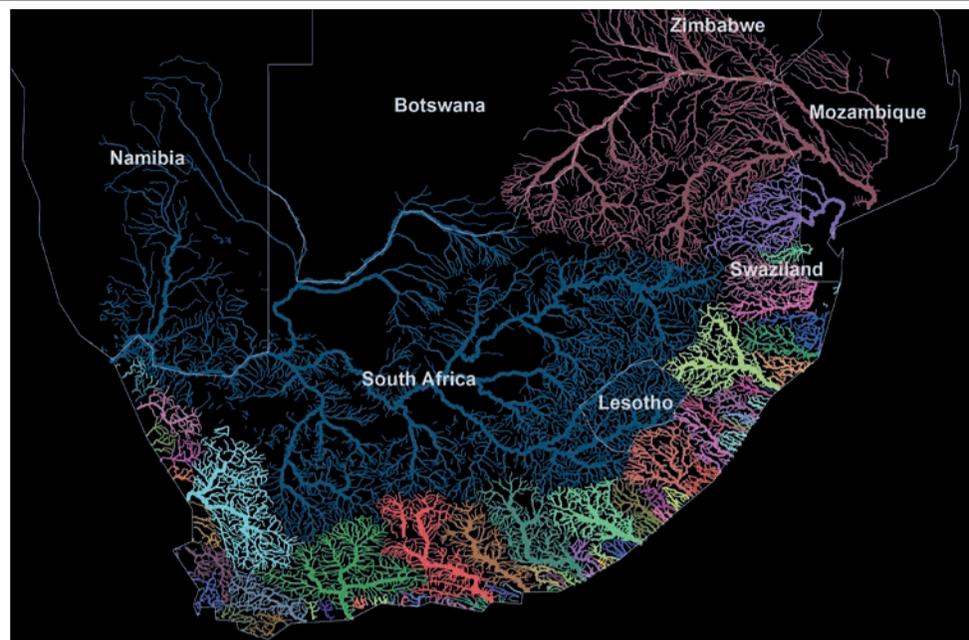
With the fake puppy sites, we are not alleging that the sites we investigated ‘mislead’ users. However, following investigation, it's clear that no puppies exist on the sites we reported on. Google writes that “making offers that aren't actually available” is considered “misrepresentation”.

Okay, Google, so is the promise of a puppy that doesn't exist considered an “offer” that isn't “actually available”?

Google also uses a selection of algorithms to monitor websites. Google writes that it “invests in quality algorithms and manual reviews to ensure that sites don't rise in search results through deceptive or manipulative behaviour. This is especially important because many such spam sites can harm or mislead users.”

In other words, unless Google's algorithms can find the fake puppies, these potential scam sites will continue to appear in a search. It is only if the website is reported to Google that a physical team will manage the issue.

• Information quoted in this article can be found on Google's website.



Youth strike for climate action

Last Friday, 15 March, thousands of school students across South Africa called on government to act against climate change. Youths demonstrated at Parliament in Cape Town, the Union Buildings in Pretoria, the Department of Energy in Durban - and right here in Makhanda, at the Drosty Arch. This was part of a worldwide effort of climate action by the youth of our planet, organised under the hashtag #ClimateStrike. Students from all over the world took to the streets – there were more than 2,000 protests in 125 countries – many of them skipping school to participate.

The student movement has been inspired by Swedish teen climate change warrior Greta Thunberg, who camped out in front of parliament in Stockholm last year to demand action from world leaders on global warming. Her serious concerns about her future, coupled with her determination to do something about it, has sparked off the movement which has raised the youth's awareness to the stark reality that there is no ‘Planet B’ and the fact that world leaders are playing with their future. Despite three decades of warnings, carbon dioxide emissions hit record levels in 2017 and again last year. While Greta acknowledges that we need hope, her real message is that we need action. And the youth of our planet are pushing leaders to do just that.

SA CATCHMENT MAP GOES VIRAL

Maps have fascinated people for centuries, and last year,

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when local freshwater ecologist, Sukhmani Mantel, published a striking and colourful map showing the layout of the country's rivers online it went viral. The map was shared thousands of times in the months after it was posted on Facebook. With the use of a different colour for each river drainage basin, the map very clearly delineates the country's escarpment, and emphasizes the dominance and scale of the Orange River catchment.

While Sukhmani very modestly notes that the map shows nothing that most South Africans don't know about the country, the map gives a ‘big picture’ view of our catchments in an engaging and colourful way.

Surprised by the response to and the interest in the map, Sukhmani and fellow researcher Stephanie Januchowski-Hartley set up a survey to understand the interest shown in the map. Responses have shown that the catchment map presents our landscape in a new or interesting perspective that provides information in a way that seems to have addressed questions held by diverse groups of people.

The map also caught the eye of local geographer and photographer, Roddy Fox, who has created a stunning 50cm×60cm

poster using the image generated by Sukhmani. It costs R165, and can be viewed at <https://roddythefox.co.za/?p=547> and ordered

through Roddy's online shop roddythefox.co.za.

'HUMANATURE': AN EXHIBITION BY NELM

The National English Literary Museum's (NELM) temporary exhibition, ‘Humanature’, explores the relationship between humanity and nature as this is expressed in South African literature. As a Green Museum, NELM recognises that the deep links between culture and nature are sources of the ecological crisis we face today, as well as sources of potential solutions to this great challenge. Since the mid-1990s, the ways in which the human relationship to nature is represented in our literature has changed dramatically.

This reflects changes in our society and our cultures, and our growing awareness of the ecological crisis. ‘Humanature’ is an exhibition of literature that demonstrates an increasingly respectful treatment of nature and of living things.

The exhibition features photography and writing by the youth of South Africa, and manuscript materials from the museum's Douglas Livingstone collection. NELM is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm daily.

Info supplied by the exhibition's curator, Tom Jeffery, who can be contacted at t.jeffery@nelm.org.za, or 046 622 7042.

My Garden



Noloyiso Mcekana grows vegetables for herself and others. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Life begins and ends in the earth and that's why we should respect it, says Noloyiso Mcekana. A teacher at Kuyasa Special School, her husband Khaya Mcekana, Archbishop of the Ethiopian Episcopal Church, passed away last year. Now she's back in the family's Makhanda home, where she uses every patch of earth she finds to grow food for herself and the needy.

“Genesis in the Bible tells us to respect nature: Adam and Eve were put in the Garden of Eden to look after it,” Mcekana says. In her Garden of Eden, she has planted carrots, beetroot, cabbage, pumpkin, strawberries and potatoes. Because of the town's unreliable water supply, she has repaired an old tank on the property, to ensure she can keep it watered.

Mcekana supplies the soup kitchen at St

Matthew's Church and rests knowing that the poor will sleep with something in their stomachs. When she has spare vegetables, she bottles them as preserves for lean times. When she has seeds to spare, she gives them to her neighbours, inspiring them to plant their own gardens.

“I love to plant, but the one who makes the seeds grow is the Almighty,” said Mcekana. “Everything is in the hands of God and I love to see a plant coming out of the ground - it reminds me of the love of God.”

The help Mcekana would appreciate is a water tank, hosepipe and garden tools. Also a pair of gumboots - because she works in all weather.

“Live begins and ends in the earth, so people should respect it and use it wisely,” she says.

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Josh Tawuli of Kenton-on-Sea Primary removes VR headgear after his turn at the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) exhibition at Scifest on Tuesday (12 March). Fellow learners from the Primary wait excitedly for their turn to experience virtual reality. Photo: Boitumelo Nte



Charmain Gradwell (centre left), Sabelo Bill (centre right) and Seven Fountains community members celebrate the start of a new community sewing initiative project, coordinated by Lalibela Game Reserve. Photo: Supplied

Seven Fountains sewing project launches

STAFF REPORTER

Seven Fountains, a village blessed with determined, passionate and committed individuals ready to pull themselves up by their bootlaces to improve their lives, is starting to shine, thanks to support from the nearby Lalibela Game Reserve.

A new development initiative coordinated by the Reserve, which aims to empower an ambitious but largely unemployed community with much needed basic skills, was recently launched.

The first step is a community sewing project. To this end,

industrial sewing machines and overlockers were procured, donations of materials and equipment garnered, as well as the services of a professional fashion designer offered: a community of people willing to support this project from its beginnings to greatness.

There will be sewing classes offered, from beginner level to advanced – all under the professional guidance of Sabelo Bill, a qualified fashion designer with his heart in the right place. Bill has offered his services as a means of giving back to the community and as-

sisting them to develop skills that will advance their quest for financial independence.

Charmain Gradwell, who heads up Lalibela's Community Outreach was extremely encouraged by the appetite in the community for self- upliftment.

With support from the Lalibela community and using funds from the conservation levy, Gradwell has been able to assist the community with some basic essentials and looks forward to building on the self-help ethos that these interventions are designed to foster.

Wake up and smell the poo: *Ukunuka* on the road

OLD MAN: *Wat sé jy? Molo my kind.*

COUNCILLOR: *Sorry to disturb, but what is this place?*

OLD MAN: *Hierdie plek is Sun City.*

COUNCILLOR: *Seriously? Like that gambling place for rich people? Or the prison?*

OLD MAN: *Ewe... Dis maar a gamble to live here, but actually maybe it's more like a prison.*

That's the start of the theatre piece, *Ukunuka*, that's going to be performed 30 times in the next eight weeks across Makhanda (Grahamstown). Scripted by Anton Krueger, it was co-directed by Luvuyo Yanta and Lalu Mokuku, all from the Rhodes University Drama Department.

The project was launched in the Rhodes University Drama Department's outdoor amphitheatre on World Day For Theatre For Children and Young Audiences, 20 March. It is funded by the Open Society Foundation.

Featuring ghost workers, undrinkable water and rivers of poo, among other things, the interactive play is a chance for its intended au-

dience of ordinary people on the street to "question, laugh, reflect and offer solutions" to the s...t that Makhanda residents face every day as they go about their lives. And yes, there are fart jokes – but they are entirely appropriate given that many of us cross streams of raw sewage to get to work or school and smell the s...t every day.

The play puts on stage the characters – or rather the stereotypes – we're so familiar with.

Audiences will recognise the reflex narratives from social media diatribes, braai conversations or even our own sitting rooms: overpaid employees who've never met the people they represent; disgruntled municipal workers who take three-hour lunch-breaks and work after-hours to score overtime; and people who don't get jobs at the municipality because they're Coloured.

These issues often trigger a pitchfork reflex in the Facebook village and if you argue about them at the braai, you'll probably get beer in your face.

What *Ukunuka* tries to do,

explains lecturer in applied theatre, Lalu Mokuku, is to break that passive-aggressive cycle and encourage citizen audiences to engage in a very direct way with the issues.

The play is short and after Wednesday's launch performance, narrator and even MC, Ubom!s Nox Donyeli, explained to the audience that they would re-do the play as "spect-actors".

"At any point you as an audience member can stop the play," she said. The audience could either instruct the actor what to do differently to change the outcome, or replace the character and act out what they thought should have happened.

The script is an exposition of a range of issues residents deal with in various parts of Makhanda, but is set in the ironically named Sun City. For this reason, locals will be quick to pick up the artistic licence (and sometimes geographical inaccuracy) in bringing them together in one location.

"Ukunuka" in Nguni languages means not only "to smell", but also to detect, divine or seek out.

Find the performance schedule and read more online at bit.ly/2Tqo2UC



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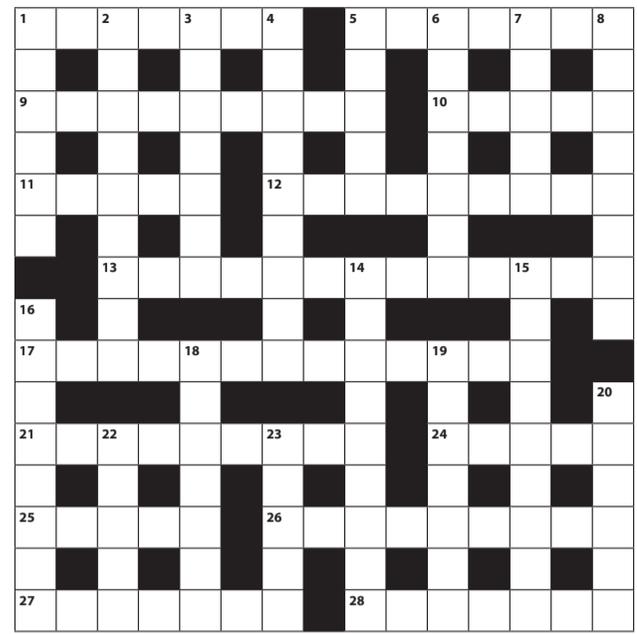
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JDE 175

- Across**
- 1 If such a development produces a plant ... (7)
 - 5 Cover fruit without any pressure from skollie (7)
 - 9 Carriage of Frenchmen around area belonging to us (9)
 - 10 Measure of light mule wandering north (5)
 - 11 Annoyed at being left in dire condition (5)
 - 12 Scotsman surrounded by Italians and East Europeans (9)
 - 13 Disadvantage - small, quiet hospital section has lousy management, clearly (13)
 - 17 Torn-up page: "Meet urbane photographer" (5,8)
 - 21 I am beaten and locked up (9)
 - 24 Dog I leave for love is a mess (5)
 - 25 Anti a radical piece of headdress (5)
 - 26 Demand, first to last, many a small corporation (9)
 - 27 Tire awfully before opening good game (7)
 - 28 Crank returns to GP when in frozen areas (7)

- Down**
- 1 Loud dears? Surprisingly, they don't stay (6)
 - 2 Share guilt about old representative authorised (9)
 - 3 Substitute street and home (5-2)
 - 4 A river tomb has shortened religious works (9)
 - 5 Run to lead mutinous bunch of mates (5)
 - 6 Home of pirates - or realm of no following? (9)
 - 7 Be careful, even ole USA embraced Umkhonto weSizwe (5)
 - 8 Imagination tends to ogle (5,3)
 - 14 Revolt about publisher misprinting date and time (4,5)
 - 15 He watches or pets cat carelessly (9)
 - 16 Salesmen turn up to collect small pieces of cotton flake (8)
 - 18 Massage husband in a river with black plantM (7)
 - 19 The white man has 'black' menu? Bizarre (7)
 - 20 They object to points and categories (6)
 - 22 English arrive in troubled Cape to find tranquility (5)
 - 23 Run in, immerse and soak (5)

Compiled by George Euvrard

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 174



manage to negotiate the difficulties of cognitive decline in family members while making the most of moments of reason.
Contact Dr Heather Rauch: 081 350 8079

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SATURDAY 23 MARCH
COMMEMORATION OF HEROES & HEROINES
11am to 2pm at the Princess Zila Lobengula Museum, Fingo Village. The King Lobengula Foundation is hosting the event and it is in honour of Rhodes Njube Lobengula kaMzilikazi. Contact 073 664 9849 or 063 188 8082.

SUNDAY 24 MARCH
MUSICAL RENDEZVOUS
5pm at the DR Wynne Music School, DSG. Liz Campbell (piano) and Duncan Samson (violin) will be presenting an afternoon of 'parlour' music. The programme includes Handel's violin sonata in D major along with some lesser known gems by Marsden, Parry, Tolhurst, Bohm, Aletter and Ireland. The concert will last approximately 1 hour. Entrance is free, but donations to a worthy charity are welcome.

THURSDAY 28 MARCH
USA lecture
10am - 11am Grahamstown Bowling Club. Speaker : Jay Kruise
Topic: Observations by the Public Services Accountability Monitor (PSAM) All welcome Charge R5. Contact Malcolm Hacksley 046 636 1762

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Bridge Results

Grahamstown Bridge Club Monday 11 March 2019
4 Table 28 Board Howell Movement
Pair Names

1 Ernie van Hille & Maureen van Hille	67.86%
2 Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	59.52%
3 Mary Schudel & Jo Fitzhenry	51.19%
4= Pair 5	45.83%
4= Pair 1	45.83%
6 Pair 7	45.24%
7 Pair 8	44.64%
8 Pair 6	39.88%

Grahamstown Bridge Club Thursday 14 March 2019
7 Table 24 Board Howell Movement
Pair Names

1 Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	61.17%
2 Maureen Clayton & Pat Shepherd	60.00%
3 Ernie van Hille & Sheila Hicks	59.49%
4 Shirley Shaw & Ilva Benyon	55.44%
5 Jenny Kroon & Shirley Gadd	54.63%
6 Mary Schudel & Peter Midlane	53.62%
7 Heather Inge & Naomi Dower	52.84%
8 Pair 3	48.55%
9 Pair 11	47.74%
10 Pair 12	43.92%
11 Pair 4	42.65%
12 Pair 6	41.73%
13 Pair 14	40.22%
14 Pair 8	37.73%

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Lusanda Mhase of Makana Pillars getting away from the Newtown City players in their Makana LFA encounter. Photo: Sue MacLennan

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Koompondo zihlanjiwe

iJacaranda Aces ibethele kwayo iRiebeck City ngamanqaku amabini eqandeni, yaze yona iCameroon yabhungca kwiNewseekers ngamanqaku amathathu kwamabini. IAttackers ibhaxabule iYoung Killers ngamanqaku amane kwelinye logama iMakana Pillars ibhulele oogqirha nezicaka iNewtown City ngamanqaku amane eqandeni.

Kumdlalo wokugqibela iFuture Stars izibethele iSophia Stars ngamanqaku amane kwamathathu. NgeCawa, amaqela ebekukhangeleka ezakulwela indawo yokuqala, aphinde aqhuba kakuhle eqinisa amathemba awo. IMa-

kana Pillars ibethe iAttackers ngamanqaku amathathu kwelinye logama yona iJacaranda Aces ikhwele izehlela kwiCameroon ngamanqaku amane eqandeni.

Lamaqela omabini awaka bethwa kwaye aphumelele yonke imidlalo yawo esele idlaliwe. Emva kwemidlalo emine, omabini lamaqela abambene enkochoyini ngamanqaku elishumi elinesibini, kodwa ke ohlulwa nje kancinci linani lamanqaku iqela ngalinye eliwafakileyo. Kuzonikisa umdla kakhulu ukubona ba leliphi iqela elizokwazi ukunyamezela kude kufikwe entanjeni.

Joza Karate fundraiser a success

By LINDELWA NXELE

The Joza Karate club together with Love Life organised a sports day on Saturday, 16 March, in order to raise funds to send four local karateka to the World Union of Karate-Do Federations (WUKF) World Championships in Slovakia in June.

The Joza Karate Club has been in existence since 2004, when it was founded by Mzwandile Matebese (Fourth Dan black belt). Matebese is still the Club's Head Coach. Classes are held at the Joza Indoor Sports Centre in Extension 6 from Monday to Thursday from 5pm to 6pm.

The day started with a 5km run, which Lubabalo Bokuva, who is a runner and a boxer at the Mfuzo Boxing Club (Luxolweni Location), won effortlessly, taking only 22 minutes to complete the race. When asked what he thought of the race, Bokuva said, "I enjoy running, this was good. It's nice to have activities like these here in the township, often races like these are held in town."

Moreover, Siphosethu Dawethu, who is also from Mfuzo Boxing Club, took home the First place title for the female racers. When asked why she decided to join the race, she said, "It will help

me with my fitness levels, and it's also to support each other. Irace ibiright, ibimnandi."

They both agreed that this should not be the last race, and that similar events should be held constantly, as it is a good way of bringing together sports clubs based in the townships, as well as a way of supporting each other. The runners were all awarded gold medals on reaching the finish line.

The race was followed by karate and aerobics demonstrations. The Joza karateka demonstrated various techniques and training exercises from the Shotokan style, which included separate demonstrations by the yellow and orange belt karateka followed by the senior black belt karateka. There were also group demonstrations comprising kata (forms) and self-defence applications. Additional photos and videos of the karate demonstrations can be viewed on the JKC Facebook page. The local aerobics clubs also used the opportunity to showcase their prowess with a one hour aerobics marathon. All in all, it was an exciting and fruitful event for all those involved.

The only disappointing factor was the crowd turnout. While the event was adver-

tised in the local press and on various social media platforms, very few people attended and participated. There could be a number of factors why it turned out like this, but the organisers believe that since it was the first initiative, it was a success, and as they continue hosting more events, they hope that the Makhanda community will show greater support.

Events such as these encourage cohesive fellowship among local sports people while supporting young talent in realising their potential at national or international level.

More importantly support, participation and contributions from the greater Makhanda community would not only be an indication of our society's willingness to recognise and invest in our youth, but it would also assist in building bridges which transcend socioeconomic factors and the various challenges which we face, as we strive towards a united community.

If anyone would like to make contributions towards the four athletes' expenses in travelling to the WUKF World Championship please contact Sensei Gary Grapentin at garyg@geenet.co.za or Sensei Mzwandile Matebese at matebemz@eskom.co.za.



The past weekend saw the DSG 1st hockey team clinch the top spot at the SPAR Hockey Festival in Graaff-Reinet. Photo: Supplied

DSG thrive in Graaff-Reinet

STAFF REPORTER

The Diocesan School for Girls (DSG) demonstrated the benefits of being quick out of the blocks when they emerged as the winners of the PE North tournament in the SPAR Eastern Cape Schoolgirls Hockey Challenge in Graaff-Reinet on Friday 15 March.

The Makhanda (Grahamstown) school scored an early goal in their key pool match against Kingswood to win 3-1 and repeated that effort in the final against Union High, winning 3-0.

Winners of the 2016 version of this event, DSG became the first team to qualify for this year's provincial finals, which will be played in Port Elizabeth on July 27 and 28.

Coach Chris Hibbert said they had thoroughly enjoyed the day, which had been well hosted by Union High and the local SPAR retailer. "There was a very good turnout and it was a great learning experience for several of the schools," said Hibbert.

"I think our girls outdid themselves on the day and it was all set up by the match against Kingswood, where we started strongly."

As the leading schools in

pool B, that encounter was tipped as the possible decider for the section winners and Hibbert said DSG's early goal made all the difference.

"Kingswood are a really good side, but I think they will admit themselves they weren't quite at their best in our clash. "We managed to win 3-1 in a 20-minute smash and grab job, jumping on them from the start and snuffing out their big threats.

"Scoring early in these games puts the pressure on the opposition, who then go chasing the game.

"We were able to score once more and Kingswood pulled off their goalkeeper to go on an all-out attack. They got one back, but then we added a third from a penalty corner," said Hibbert.

Facing Union High in the final, a repeat of the 2016 decider in Grahamstown, Hibbert said they knew it would be very different from a recent match in an East London tournament when DSG beat the Graaff-Reinet outfit 4-1.

"Union had scored quite a few goals during the day and we were aware we would be up against it and needed to start strongly.

"Again, we managed to get the upper hand with an early goal and the final went according to plan as they had to chase the game from then on. That allowed us to score twice more."

Union finished top of pool A on goal difference after drawing their match against the fast-improving Volkskool side 0-0.

SPAR EC sponsorships and events manager Alan Stapleton said it was wonderful for them to be involved in a day which was "so superbly hosted by Union in their 100th year".

"There were some amazing displays of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the teams," said Stapleton.

"It was also great to be able to welcome the team from Fain as part of the SPAR Hockey Challenge.

"Celebrating local suppliers, the beauty of women and real values of sport are very much part of where SPAR is in terms of our community support."

The next tournament in the Schoolgirls Hockey Challenge will be the East London Coastal tournament to take place at Clarendon on May 12.

Kingswood kick off hockey season

STAFF REPORTER

In the midst of Kingswood's 125th Founders Celebrations, the local hockey scene saw Kingswood College host its annual U13 Co-Ed Hockey Festival on 14 and 15 March.

Traditionally a one-day festival, this year it took place over two days to form part of Kingswood's Foundation Weekend and greater 125 Jubilee celebrations.

The campus was bustling with people and activities and it was no different up at the

City Lords AstroTurf.

Kingswood welcomed newcomers to the festival, Stirling, Clarendon, Selborne, Queen's and Hermitage House, as well as old friends DSG, SAP, St George's, Victoria Primary, Holy Cross, Glenwood House and Merrifield.

A total of 19 teams participated in the festival and a total 47 20-minute matches were played over the two days, with each team playing up to 5 matches.

Earmarked as the perfect

pre-season festival, coaches got a chance to test various combinations or considered this an extension of pre-season trials.

The festival format lent itself to playing competitive hockey in an environment that promoted collegiality, friendship and camaraderie.

With the schools hockey season just getting started, players and fans can look forward to more great matches similar to the ones on display throughout the festival.





Energy and determination filled the Kingswood College Netball court from the beginning of the Past versus Present Netball match. Photo: Amey Meyer

Past meets present for KC 125

By AMEY MEYER

Past and present fans gathered at Kingswood College for the celebration of the school's 125th anniversary on Saturday 16 March.

A variety of sports and activities took place both on and off campus in a massive celebration of this achievement, with the netball match between the past and present pupils being the one of the

highlights.

The netball court was filled with the sounds of squeaky shoes as past and present players went head to head in a dynamic match. The court was filled with laughter and jokes as the players excitedly displayed their skills. By half time, the past players were proudly leading by 6 points to nil.

Their determination did not waver throughout the second

half, however, ending with a final score of 9-0 to the past players, showing that some things most certainly do get better with age.

A number of other past versus present matches took place throughout the day, with teams going head to head on the cricket and hockey fields, as well as the tennis court. It was a great way to celebrate the magnificent anniversary of one of Makhanda's oldest



Guy Rushmere, from St Andrew's representing the Warriors at the CSA T20 Schools Tournament, plays a superb cut shot. Photo: Supplied

Warriors represented by SAC

STAFF REPORTER

Over the weekend of 15-18 March, St Andrew's College cricket represented the Warriors at the Cricket South Africa T20 Schools Tournament in Pretoria.

In their first match on Friday the St Andrew's College side made a good attempt in chasing the Dolphins' representative St Charles College's impressive 170. St Andrew's finished on 153/8 (Callum Francis top scoring with 45 off 29 balls).

In the afternoon St Andrew's College only managed 111/7 in their 20 overs vs the Inland Focus School from Gauteng, Queens High School. Matthew Schaefer top scored for St Andrew's College with 42 off 29 balls. It was however not enough and St Andrew's lost by six wickets in the 19th over.

Malcolm Macgregor from St Andrew's representing

the Warriors at the CSA T20 Schools Tournament, enjoyed his time with the ball for his province. Photo: Supplied

St Andrew's were well placed in the Saturday morning innings on 90/2 after 14 overs against Waterkloof High School, but Waterkloof did well to pick up wickets and stemmed the runs resulting in a below par 128/7 for St Andrew's. James Mullins played well for his 54 off 48 balls.

Waterkloof started well, before stumbling a little, but in the end won comfortably on 132/6.

Liyama Dotwana took 2/19 and Malcolm Macgregor 2/35 in an attempt to stem the Waterkloof chase.

In the afternoon match St Andrew's College were faced with a massive task to chase the 184/8 set by St Andrew's School, Bloemfontein, H Koekemoer scored a superb 63 off just 29 balls for St Andrew's

School, with Macgregor taking 2/21. St Andrew's College responded in fine style chasing down the total with 3 balls to spare.

Callum Francis (58 off 39 balls), Guy Rushmere (32 not out off 18 balls) and man of the match Schaefer was in fine form with his 72 not out coming off 43 balls which included seven 4s and two 6s

St Andrew's College finished the CSA T20 Schools Tournament with a spirited performance on the final morning (Sunday) defending a small total against Paarl Gimnasium, winning by 44 runs. Rushmere made 31 runs off 29 balls, and was supported by Nic Frances (21 not out off 25 balls). Macgregor (4/17) and Ryan Ford (2/12) were in fine form with ball in hand. Off spinners, Nic Frances and Macgregor bowled well in tandem securing St Andrew's College's win against Paarl Gim.

CPUT end Rhodes relegation struggle

By MZWANELE SIBANDA

Rhodes's final match of the 2019 Varsity Shield season was scheduled to take place on Rhodes University's Great Field on Monday 18 March, between Rhodes and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT).

The fixture was, however delayed by an hour due to load-shedding. Rhodes supporters still arrived early and in their numbers to send their team into their final match of the regular season.

The Rhodes team warm-up was explosive and they exuded confidence behind the ball. CPUT won the toss and opted that Rhodes kick off to them. CPUT's backline was quick off the ball as they passed to one another and outran their opposition to score the first try of the game with five minutes

on the clock. CPUT lacked discipline around rucks, however, and gave a penalty away to Rhodes. Rhodes's Lelethu Cekiso made use of the penalty and made the score 3-7.

Minutes later, the visitors scored and widened the score to 3-14. With 10 minutes left of the first half, Rhodes put up a fight against CPUT and they edged closer to the try line to make the score 10-14.

The Rhodes players' spirits were uplifted and they played the last few minutes of the first half vigorously. Unfortunately, CPUT capitalised off a Rhodes error and they scored with one minute left of the half. The first half ended 10-21.

The second half came underway and within three minutes, CPUT ran through Rhodes and scored a try. Behind the try line, Rhodes Captain

Joshua Parsons and Sino Ralo charged the team up. Rhodes put up a better defensive effort to keep the CPUT backline at bay, however within ten minutes, CPUT put two tries past Rhodes to make the score line 10-36.

CPUT was relentless on their attack and they used their pacy backline to put more points on the board. With 18 minutes left of the second half, CPUT managed to score two more tries. They played phenomenal rugby and the game ended 10-52 in favour of the visitors.

Rhodes is currently sitting at last on the Varsity Shield log, with no more matches left to improve their log position.

This means that at some point in the near future, Rhodes will be involved in their second promotion/relegation match in as many years.

Pirates close out derby win

By CHRIS TOTOBELA

On Saturday 16 March, all roads led to JD Dlepu stadium where a huge crowd witnessed a thrilling local derby in which City Pirates hosting two times New Year's cup winners Maru. This was a Sarah Baartman SAB regional league clash and Maru came to this game with a four-point lead over their opponents who are lying second on the log just behind them.

The game was delayed for about ten to fifteen minutes as Pirates officials tried to get rid of the small patch of water that was inside the eighteen area on one of the goal posts. The game resumed shortly after that to the delight of the local football fans who packed Dlepu.

It was clear from the word go that both teams came prepared for this top of the table encounter. Pirates dominated the early exchanges in the midfield and they had the first real scoring chance of the game when Aphelele "My Computer" Tyelbooi went through the Maru defence like a hot knife through butter after receiving a perfect pass from midfield but failed to hit the target with only the goalkeeper to beat.

This triggered Maru into action as they started string-

ing some neat passes in the midfield and created chances of their own. They were very unlucky to see the ball cleared on the line by the Pirates defender with the keeper well beaten.

Dangerous tackles flew all over the field and tempers flared, which is always a sign of any local derby. Both teams played entertaining football but failed to break the deadlock before the halftime break.

In the second half, both coaches made some changes to try and gain advantage. The teams threw everything at each other while dishing out good football and entertaining the crowd with some kasi style.

Pirates broke the deadlock after a pass to the left wing was met by a perfect overlapping run from Nkululeko George, who made no mistake and calmly slotted the ball into the net to give his side the deserved lead. Maru responded with attacks of their own and nearly caught Pirates on few occasions but the host goalkeeper stood firm.

Maru was caught with a quick counter attack with some of their defenders way out of position and were made to pay after a good pass found

Tyelbooi who easily beat an advancing keeper to extend the lead. Tyelbooi proved to be the thorn on the flesh of Maru defenders throughout the game and it was no surprise to see him on the scoring sheet.

Maru never stopped trying and kept on piling the pressure and were rewarded with less than ten minutes left in the game when the Pirates keeper failed to hold on to the ball after a well taken shot just outside the penalty area.

This was tapped home by the ever alert goal scorer, Liyabona "Silent assassin" Nondlwana who reduced the deficit. Maru pushed hard for an equaliser with Pirates defending desperately deep in their own half but were unlucky not to find the net.

The referee blew the final whistle with Pirates winning the closely contested encounter by 2-1. Both teams displayed very good football and Pirates looked much more improved compared to the way they played in their first round clash held at Rhodes.

This was a good advert of local talent at its best and the local football lovers got all that they came for as this game had all the ingredients of a good local derby.



The DSG U15 A netball team participated in the Westering Sports Festival in PE over the weekend. They enjoyed victories over the hosts, Westering (20-12), Pearson (15-14) as well as Woodridge (15-9), but lost out to the Hudson Park U16 A side (9-17) and Volkskool (11-14). Photo: Supplied

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Parkrun #234

A total of 185 runners took part in the Makhanda (Grahams-town) Parkrun on Saturday 16 March for their 234th event. Here are the top finishers from the day:

1. Thoko Sipungu - 20:16 (M)
2. Unknown - Information not recorded
3. Reuben Thifhulufhelwi - 23:08 (M)

4. Siviwe Moyake - 23:56 (M)
5. Unknown - Information not recorded
6. Unknown - Information not recorded
7. Philip Mostert - 24:21 (M)
8. Thobela Sambane - 24:26 (M)
9. Unknown - Information not recorded
10. Simo Ndyoko - 25:16 (M)
11. Mongezi Leighton Mackade - 25:23 (M)
12. Jess Owendale - 25:34 (F)

13. Unknown - Information not recorded
14. Andrew Jelley - 26:32 (M)
15. Charlotte Abraham - 26:39 (F)
16. Themani Buka - 26:41 (M)
17. Mnoneleli Dingiswayo - 26:48 (M)
18. Neil Kirkpatrick - 26:56 (M)
19. Govert Brombacher - 27:04 (M)
20. Gregory Shaw - 27:12 (M)

Chippa United

After their one-all draw with Highlands Park on Sunday 17 March, Chippa United remain two places from the bottom of the PSL table, ahead of Baroka FC and Maritzburg United. They will enjoy their week off this weekend, before turning their attention back to the Nedbank Cup on Saturday 30 March, when they take on Bidvest Wits in the Quarter-Final.

Proteas

South Africa completed their clean sweep of One Day International (ODI) victories over the touring Sri Lanka, earning a 41-run (Duckworth-Lewis-Stern) victory over the tourists on Saturday 16 March. They turned their attention to the three-match T20 International series against Sri Lanka, where they won their first match on Tuesday 19 March through a super over, after the teams were tied at the end of their respective innings. The second T20 will take place on Friday 22 March, with the final match of the series and the tour taking place on Sunday 24 March.

Pro14

After two weeks off, during which the Guinness 6 Nations came to a dramatic conclusion resulting in Wales winning the Grand Slam, the Guinness Pro14 will be back in action this weekend. The Isuzu Southern Kings and the Toyota Cheetahs will both be on tour on Saturday, with the Kings taking on Ulster in the Kingspan Stadium in the evening, before the Cheetahs take on Glasgow in Scotstoun Stadium.

World Surf League

The Ballito Pro, the world's longest running professional surfing event, welcomes global wetsuit and apparel giant O'Neill as the new presenting sponsor when it enters its sixth decade of attracting the world's top surfers to compete in South Africa in June. The Ballito Pro presented by O'Neill will again be a key event on the World Surf League (WSL) schedule, showcasing the best juniors, women and men in the surf at Willard Beach in KwaDukuza from June 27-July 7 when it will be the cornerstone of the continent's biggest beach festival.

Super Rugby

Round 6 of Super Rugby is scheduled to be another action-packed weekend of rugby, as all four of South Africa's franchises are expected to face strong competition. Opening the SA weekend, the Stormers will travel to Wellington to take on the Hurricanes in the first of their tour matches. The Lions will then travel to Singapore to take on the ever-improving Sunwolves early on Saturday afternoon, before the Bulls host their first New Zealand team of the year, the Chiefs. The Sharks will close out the weekend when they host the in-form Melbourne Rebels in Durban on Saturday evening.



Nothing could separate Graeme College and Dale College on Saturday 16 March, not even at scrum time. Photo: Mzwanele Sibanda

Graeme Day ends in draw

By NONHLANHLA GUMEDE and KIM KRIGER

The 21st annual Graeme Rugby day on Saturday 16 March was met with sheer excitement as the First Team games played were as heated as the temperature on the day. Graeme day takes place around the same date every year and marks the beginning of the schoolboy rugby season in Makhanda.

The game between Selborne's First Team and Marlow's First Team kicked off in the scorching midday sun, with excited chatter among supporters and vibrant energy from players and spectators alike. Selborne's forwards and backline combined well and managed to puncture Marlow's de-

fence multiple times, with full-time going 33-19 in favour of Selborne.

The St. Andrew's boys made their presence known when their First Team took to the field in the next game against South African College Schools (SACS), their war cries filling the open field.

Both teams maintained defence in the first half, however St. Andrew's conditioning and fitness proved superior to provide a full-time score of St Andrews 27-13 SACS, marking the second win of the rugby season for St Andrew's.

Next up was Kingswood versus Pearson's First Team. Pearson's finest were no match for Kingswood's outfit, with the locals cruising through to

a 31-0 victory at full-time over their counter-parts from Port Elizabeth. This dominant performance was particularly special as it came during the the 125th Founders Weekend celebrations for Kingswood, and marked a successful opening to Kingswood's rugby season.

The main fixture of the day took place via the host game between Graeme's First Team and Dale's First Team. The game's proceedings were nail-biting from start to finish. Both teams managed to hold each other at a tense deadlock, despite vigorous attempts to touch the ball down over the white line by both sides.

At full-time, Graeme and Dale ended the match (and the day) with

a well deserved draw of 14-14. The draw can arguably be viewed as a victory from Graeme's perspective as they have not won a game in the festival in seven years.

The summer's day heat did not stop the overwhelming support from the spectators, who really brought in the energy in their songs, cheers and shouts of praise (gwijo). Everyone and everything looked good and well kept, with great food and refreshments from the stands.

It was a great opening to the schoolboy rugby season. Hopefully it continues this way as we await K-Day, this year it is being hosted by Kingswood as part of their 125th anniversary celebration.

SPORTS DIARY



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FRIDAY 22 MARCH

HOCKEY:

Kingswood College (Girls): 15h30 KC 2nds vs DSG 2nds (KC Astro); 15h30 KC 3rds vs DSG 3rds (Webster); 16h30 KC 1sts vs DSG 1sts (KC Astro); 16h30 KC U14C vs DSG U14C (Webster); 17h20 KC U14B vs DSG U14B (Webster); 17h45 KC U14A vs DSG U14A (KC Astro)

St Andrew's College: U14 A vs Bishops Diocesan College and Michaelhouse College - Independent Schools Hockey Festival

NETBALL:

DSG: 19:00 - 1st Team v Kingswood College; 18:10 - 2nd Team v Kingswood College; 17:30 - 3rd Team v Kingswood College; 16:50 - 4th Team v Kingswood College; 17:30 - Girls-U16A v Kingswood College; 16:50 - Girls-U16B v Kingswood College; 15:30 - Girls-U16C v Kingswood College; 16:10 - Girls-U16D v Kingswood College; 16:50 - Girls-U16E v Kingswood College; 16:10 - Girls-U15A v Kingswood College; 15:30 - Girls-U15B v Kingswood College; 16:10 - Girls-U15C v

Kingswood College; 15:30 - Girls-U15D v Kingswood College

SOCCER:

St Andrew's College at Wynberg Boys' High School Festival: First Team vs Bishops and Mondale HS

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

HOCKEY:

Kingswood College (Girls): 08h00 KC U16D vs DSG F (KC Astro); 09h50 KC U16B vs DSG C (KC Astro); 10h40 KC U16C vs DSG D (KC Astro); 11h30 KC U16D vs DSG 16E (KC Astro); 12h20 KC U16B vs DSG U16B (KC Astro); 13h10 KC U16A vs DSG U 16A (KC Astro)

St Andrew's College: U14 A vs St Benedict's College and Cornwall Hill College - Independent Schools Hockey Festival

NETBALL:

DSG: 10:00 - Girls-U14A v Kingswood College; 09:20 - Girls-U14B v Kingswood College; 08:40 - Girls-U14C v Kingswood College; 08:00 - Girls-

U14D v Kingswood College

RUGBY:

Grey High School Rugby Festival: Graeme College, St Andrew's College and Kingswood College will all be participating in the second day of the annual Grey High Rugby Festival. They had all previously been in action on Thursday 21 March.

SOCCER:

St Andrew's College at Wynberg Boys' High School Festival: First Team vs Wynberg and Rondebosch Boy's High

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

BIATHLON:

Kingswood College Biathlon: Start times - 10h00 - U10; 10h30 - U13; 11h00 - U16; 11h30 - U19; 12h00 - OPENS

SOCCER:

St Andrew's College at Wynberg Boys' High School Festival: First Team vs Westerford HS and St Joseph's

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