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Armed with placards, protesters stand in the 33C heat outside Makana Municipality's Finance offices in High Street Makhanda (Grahamstown) Wednesday morning 24 October 2018, encouraging passers by to sign a petition calling for the Makana Council to be dissolved in terms of Section 139(1)(c). The campaign was launched on 29 September and by midday Wednesday the petition had 9 500 signatures. Photo: Sue MacLennan



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Hawks probe 'ghost' worker at Makana

By SUE MACLENNAN

Public service watchdog PSAM says the Hawks should be securing preservation orders against the assets of suspected beneficiaries of alleged fraudulent payments by Makana Municipality.

This was in response to confirmation by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation that they are investigating an alleged 'ghost' employee at Makana Municipality.

Some sources speculate that Makana may have as many as 80 employees on its payroll who cannot be accounted for.

Hawks Eastern Cape spokesperson Captain Anelisa Feni on Friday 19 October told *Grocott's Mail* that a "new case" of an alleged ghost employee at Makana Municipality was being investigated.

Several inside sources last week said they believed there could be as many as 80 'employees', making up 10% of Makana's salary bill, who could not be accounted for; however neither the Hawks nor Municipal Manager Moppo Mene would confirm this.

Responding to questions from *Grocott's Mail*, Feni said, "We have a new case of an alleged ghost employee at the municipality.

"Matter is being investigated. I am unable to give further

comment at this stage with regards to this case."

And Mene said, "There is a case that we have opened... of the 'ghost' employee... the matter is being investigated..."

As to whether this was only the tip of the iceberg, Mene said, "We can't say the extent of the situation for now."

Sources said the investigation had been set in motion after a ghost employee came forward who had been on the municipality's payroll since 2013.

Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) Director Jay Kruuse said, "Hopefully the Hawks are coordinating with the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) to secure preservation orders against the ghost worker(s) if they have any assets to secure."

Staff costs make up close to 50% of Makana's total operating budget of R432.2 million

On October 11 *Grocott's Mail* reported that Eskom intends to impose power cuts on Makana Municipality at the start of the Festive Season because of Makana's outstanding debt of R67.5 million.

Makana's Finance directorate has struggled since at least 2012 to hire and retain permanent chief executives. Cases of ghost workers have also arisen before.

Makana by the numbers

ANALYSIS

By REG RUMNEY

A look at the Municipal Money website shows why sewage overflows from broken pipes, there are constant water interruptions, and roads are deteriorating in Makanda/Grahamstown. Municipal Money is an initiative of the National Treasury, a website that allows citizens to see at a glance the finances of their municipality.

In short, Makana Municipality is spending too much on running costs, too little on repairing and maintaining what it owns, and massively neglecting to spend money set aside for renewing the underlying infrastructure of the city.

For a start, the operating budget, the money planned for day-to-day expenses, was overspent in the last financial year by 18%. In other words, the municipality spent almost one fifth more than it budgeted for on running costs. Yet spending on repairs and maintenance was under 1% of the total value of the property, plant and equipment.

By contrast, the spending of the capital budget was 74% underspent. So almost three quarters of the money budgeted for projects like new water pipes, electricity lines to homes, road resurfacing or new roads was not spent.

According to Municipal Money, Makana spent about a third of its income last year on staff costs and another 7% on contractors, which is not

out of line with the rest of the province. However, the Auditor General raised concerns in his audit of the financial statements about the accuracy of employee-related costs of R161 million, so perhaps this figure is higher – especially if, as reported in GM, ghost workers haunt the municipal accounts.

If the municipality were a business, it would have been on the verge of going under. Municipal Money shows that at the end of the financial year, the liquidity ratio for Makana - that is cash plus call investment deposits divided by current liabilities - was almost zero. The liquidity ratio measures the municipality's immediate ability to pay its current liabilities.

The AG notes, "an inability to pay creditors within due dates" and "negative key financial ratios" as "financial risks that cast doubt on its ability to sustain its current level of operations in the near future".

Makana Municipality does however, excel at collecting money from ratepayers. The current debtors collection rate is 99%. This is the percentage of new revenue, generated within the financial year, that a municipality actually collects.

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It is not often that you get something for nothing, but when retailers, banks and other businesses really want your business, they are often prepared to give you something back to thank you for your business. This is known as a loyalty programme.

From a business point of view, the aim of a loyalty programme is twofold. First, it is to encourage you to spend your money with them rather than with their competitors, and second it is an opportunity for the business to really get to know your spending habits.

The better the marketing department of a company knows its customers, the more accurately it will be able to tailor its marketing strategy to gather and use customer purchasing data to attract, retain and grow its customer base.

Once you have joined its loyalty programme, the company hopes that the benefits of belonging to it will entice you to place the majority of your business with them and be less

concerned about the price or benefits of products offered by competitors.

Depending on the programme, you may be able to spend your loyalty rewards on fuel, groceries, luxury items or lifestyle purchases such as travel, accommodation or spa packages.

Other programmes may offer you cash-backs, discounts, gym memberships, frequent flyer miles or the use of facilities such as airport lounges.

Not all loyalty programmes are the same, and it is important for you to understand how a programme works before signing up.

It is also important to evaluate how the rewards can be earned and spent and whether they expire after a certain period.

Often there are no explicit direct costs to the user, whereas in some schemes there are up-front joining fees, monthly or annual membership fees, and other hidden costs.

There are often tiered lev-

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els of membership where the real rewards only kick in at a higher level of spend.

At the entry level, the benefits on offer may hardly be worth the effort and cost associated with being a member of the scheme.

Loyalty programmes have been responsible for changing the way people exercise, the way they drive their cars and how and where they spend their money.

It is estimated that there are more than 100 loyalty programmes in South Africa with over 10 million South Africans belonging to one or more of them.

The benefits or rewards are not taxed in South Africa, as they are currently regarded by

SARS as a type of "discount" offered by the provider.

A loyalty programme is never "free" as the cost of the programme is inevitably built into the cost of doing business.

Participants subsidise these programmes and those who choose not to participate will be losing out if they do not take advantage of the built-in benefits when shopping, banking, booking flights or doing other day to day transactions.

This may be as close to a free lunch as one can get!

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Lindani Donyeli asked.



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MR. M. MENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Notice Number: 14 of 11 October 2018

'Listen to each other to find solutions'

By SUE MACLENNAN

"People mustn't feel judged when they use our services," Eastern Cape Health Superintendent General Dr Thobile Mbengashe told a small but engaged audience at the 'Youth and wellness' public debate in BB Zondani Community Hall on Wednesday night.

The event was the second in the #TheDebate2019 series – a partnership between *Grocott's Mail*, Radio Grahamstown, Rhodes Music Radio (RMR), Rhodes School of Journalism and Media Studies and the Rhodes Department of Politics and International Studies. This collective hosted debates in Makana leading up to the 2016 local government elections.

#TheDebate2019 is a series of six public events, once a month, that aim to both educate voters, as well as air the big national issues in the local space. These include Land; Education; Economy; Health; Safety and security; Governance and IGR. The intention is to encourage informed participation by Makana residents in the 2019 national election. The debates take place in different community venues across the city and the municipality.

Around 66% of Makana's population is youth, with dozens of schools and two tertiary institutions being a major part of the area's socio-economic make-up. For this reason the theme was 'Youth and wellness: does public health work for you?'

On the panel with Mbengashe were the Eastern Cape Department of Health's Makana Sub District Manager Nikelwa Kanise and Raphael Centre Manager Anne Loeffler.

The event started with playbacks of accounts by three young women of humiliating experiences at local clinics. In

one case a nurse told her she was too young for contraceptives; in another, the nurse insinuated she was promiscuous, saying, "Oh, so you're getting ready for the festive season?"

While physical health was discussed, in particular the prevention and management of HIV/Aids and STIs, what emerged from discussions among participants from the floor and the panel was that paramount for young people was their mental well-being.

"There need to be things for young people to do – choirs, sports teams, youth clubs," said researcher Nicola Graham. "We talk about choices, but what choices are there if the only way to be a young person is to drink and have sex?"

The question came up again when *Grocott's Mail's* own Azlan Makalima spoke about the high-risk "pens-down" (post-exam) activities that many school children engage in at the end of the year.

Was the Health Department speaking to local government and Social Development about alternative activities for teenagers during the school holidays?

UPSTART Youth was well represented and Chelsea Moses argued that even where those activities and facilities exist – "At the Joza Youth Hub there are five organisations young people can participate in" – there will still be people who think there are better ways to spend their time.

"It's not that no one is doing things for them," Chelsea said. "I think the solution is for us youth to make our own organisations – to listen to each



Raphael Centre Manager Anne Loeffler responds to a question while Makana Subdistrict Manager Nikelwa Kanise looks on. Photo: Sue MacleNNan

other and find our own solutions."

It was a suggestion that fitted well with Loeffler's emphasis on social well-being as a precursor of physical health.

"It's easier to behave in ways that will keep you healthy if you have a sense of meaning and purpose in your life," she said. "What we are missing in our town is accessible mental health care."

Kanise spoke from her years of experience in public health, and speaking about high-risk behaviours, emphasised that young people should make the right choices.

Mbengashe elaborated on the theme, saying, "Every young person has the right to make a mistake – but they also have the right to another chance of survival."

He emphasised how im-

portant young people were to the success of the country's National Development Programme.

"Youth and development are core to the NDP," Mbengashe said. "As young people, quality education and quality health care are essential for you to achieve your best."

Addressing concerns about the quality of treatment at clinics, Mbengashe emphasised that the public should expect reasonable waiting times, clean facilities and proper treatment by staff, among their rights.

"Our biggest challenge is to be responsive to the legitimate expectations of the community," Mbengashe said. Community representatives on clinic committees were key to monitoring clinic performance and conveying complaints.

The Department's call centre allowed for anonymous complaints, as did the Presidential complaints line. "If someone complains [from within my jurisdiction] via the Presidential hotline, it comes straight through to me and I have to respond," he said.

He spoke about the NDP goal of an Aids-free generation by 2021 and said that key to this was the programme to prevent mother-to-child transmission. "No child should be born with HIV," he said.

The debate was preceded by a round-table discussion among local NGOs who work with young people and the SG.

The next in #TheDebate2019 series is on 21 November in Nolutando Hall and the topic is safety and security.

Memorial for Olive 'Old Eyes' Ngesi on Saturday

By SUE MACLENNAN

Retired Makhandla (Grahamstown) teacher Nomonde Olive Ngesi passed away on Wednesday 17 October at the age of 87. Her memorial will be held tomorrow, Saturday 27 October, at the Monument.

The Newtown, Fingo Village great-grandmother, whom *Grocott's Mail* readers came to know and love as 'Old Eyes', was airlifted to Port Elizabeth for specialist treatment after a medical emergency. Third-born son Noel, who had followed in his car, was devastated to be told on his arrival that she had passed away en route.

Olive was 'Ma'am' to many Grahamstown children during a lifelong career as a teacher and a number of successful former pupils from her times at Ntsika and Nombulelo Secondary Schools still hold her close in their outlook on life and their careers. Her last teaching role was as Principal of Samuel Ntlebi Primary School from 1993 to 1997.

In more recent years, she served on the SGB at Good Shepherd Primary. Her Lisakhanya and Buhlali brought light to Olive's home, staying with her at the Newtown, Fingo Village house during term-time. Olive is survived by five of her seven children – Unathi, Noel, Cokisani, Siphokazi and Nomda. She endured the heartbreak of having her first-born Andile and fifth-born Nceba passing away during her lifetime. Her husband, Wele Wellington Ngesi died in 2007. She leaves 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Andile's son, Keith Ngesi, said, "The family – her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren – are saddened but we have chosen to celebrate a life well lived. Olive was something special to many people: the community is grieving her loss, too."

"Her exit from this world was phenomenal as she departed on the same day she was born."

We know that our readers and admirers of MaNgesi's wise, funny and to-the-point ways and words join us at *Grocott's Mail* in thanking the Ngesi family for sharing 'Old Eyes' with us and making sure she had the time, space and facilities to bring her insights to a community in great need of sharp wit, and wisdom.

The family have invited the community to attend a memorial service for Nomonde Olive Ngesi on Saturday 27 October at 9.30am in the Guy Butler Theatre at the Monument.



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Thank you, 'Old Eyes'

The second in #TheDebate2019 series took the project to a new level.

Health workers, officials, youth and NGOs engaged in frank discussion – both during the debate in BB Zondani Hall, and the round-table beforehand.

Dr Thobile Mbengashe took time to drive all the way from East London for the sessions which were small enough to allow for quality conversations about the challenges facing young people when it comes to their well-being in our town. That the Province's most senior official in the Health Department sees it as important to engage with the NGOs and young people of Makhanda is encouraging.

One August afternoon in 2015, a *Grocott's Mail* reader knocked on the editor's door. She was furious. So furious that she'd walked and used taxis to travel the 10km from her Newtown, Fingo Village home, to bring a letter. Her letter challenged the way that her municipality was communicating with her – or not.

Makana responded and apologised.

MaNgesi had that way about her: she spoke and people listened.

And it wasn't just that she'd taught many of the people in this town. It was that she didn't waste words on rhetoric – she said things the way they were.

Not that she wasn't also a poet – remember her piece, early on in the columns, 'Newtown... Old Eyes', called 'My carnations'?

She was also something of a prophet – although one can almost hear her saying, "Oh no, that's nonsense!"

In a piece called 'Sending Parliament back to school,' published in September 2015 she wrote, "I listened with appreciation as the Deputy President, Dr Cyril Ramaphosa, read out a statement, laying out strategies for the eradication of all types of corruption, and I excitedly remarked "Ramaphosa is long overdue. I think he strikes the balance that ANC has been lacking. This is just an old lady's opinion."

She was also very funny.

"Thought for the day: Nothing makes a woman feel older than meeting a bald-headed man who was two standards behind her at school."

On 13 November 2015 we published this piece written by Olive Ngesi: "The city council's name is not what matters. What they must do is convince the community – not by words and empty promises, but by a complete change of character.

"They are aware of all that has brought them to such disrepute. They must say what they are going to do that hasn't been done before, as well as tell us what they're not going to do that has been done before and shouldn't have been... This is a community in great pain..."

Rest in peace, 'Old Eyes' and thank you for your wisdom.



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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Makana Executive Mayor Councillor Nomhle Gaga led a clean-up campaign on Wednesday 17 October in Ward 4. The clean-up included the area around the cemetery in and the dumpsite near the old clinic in Albany Road. Councillors Nombulelo Masoma, Phumza Matyumza and Malibongwe Kubalo took part along with municipal officials, Community Work Programme employees and local residents. Photos: Anele Mjekula

Thank you for supporting our family in this difficult time

The Stock family hereby wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to the community of Makhanda for the heartfelt support during the past few days while we grappled with the untimely death and subsequent funeral of our beloved son and brother, Gerald Martin Stock.

The Stock family

Not just a body

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Health Department says breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in South Africa, crossing race and class. This month, Survivor **Judith Reynolds** shares with *Grocott's Mail* readers the life-changing experience of diagnosis, treatment and recovery. This is the last in her four-part story.

Shortly after I was diagnosed I had an MRI scan. Just before the scan I was in the changing room after having put on a gown. I overheard a conversation between one of the nurses who does the scanning and what I assume was a doctor who looks at the scan results.

The doctor asked the nurse about a particular patient. The nurse's reply was something like "I'm about to do breasts. I've just done a brain and before that was a liver."

I had a little giggle about this. I was no longer a whole human being. I was 'breasts.'

Shortly after that 'breasts' became 'breast'.

And not long after that I started chemotherapy. And then I was no longer seen as a single body part. But I was still seen primarily as a body, rather than as a whole human being.

Doctors and nurses were interested in the side effects that I was or was not experiencing

in my body. Chemo side effects don't just affect one body part. They have the potential to run from the head (hair loss) to the toes (bruised nails which I did get, and nerve damage called neuropathy which didn't happen to me).

I read somewhere that people who don't expect to get nausea from chemotherapy are less likely to get nausea. I decided I wasn't going to have that side effect and I didn't. Well, not much.

I found being seen primarily as a body very difficult. It's not the way I usually navigate my way through the world. I'm used to being concerned primarily with my thoughts, my actions, my relationships and my words. And I think the people around me are mostly interested in those things about me too.

I had to fight the urge every now and then in a doctor's office to stamp my foot and say "I'm a person!"



Judith Reynolds.
Photo: Megan Kelly



And in the year or so since I completed treatment I've been reading about mind-body connections. About psychoneuroimmunology and how thoughts and emotions have an effect on your immune system. About the placebo effect which results in people getting better even though they haven't had treatment, because they believe they are. About the nocebo effect which results in people getting side effects of the drug they think they are taking even though

they aren't getting it.

And I'm starting to imagine oncology treatment that takes these mind-body-spirit connections into account.

Where people are taught breathing techniques to deal with difficult moments. Or mindfulness practices to deal with difficult emotions. Or visualisation techniques to improve their healing.

I'm starting to imagine medicine done differently. Medical treatment that is for people, not bodies.

Balance and harmony with aromatherapy

The way to health is to have an aromatic bath and a scented massage every day. So said the Greek physician Hippocrates, born 460 years BCE.

There is no doubt that this is a decent suggestion, but in today's go-go-go world, it may be a little too impractical. There are, however, simple ways in which aromatherapy oils can be integrated into our daily lives to bring balance and harmony.

Cindy De Wet Steyn of Rainbow Healing in Port Alfred offers aromatherapy workshops on the use of essential oils. "You just need a little bit of education, curiosity and imagination, and you can do so much," she says. According to Cindy, the

benefits of using essential oils range from addressing psychological and physical challenges, to spiritual and emotional disharmony. In addition, essential oils can help you feel relaxed and more positive.

Lavender is probably the most well known good sleep oil, but other oils such as clary sage – a natural anti-depressant and sedative – are also good for sleeplessness. If, however, you are feeling lethargic, bergamot or patchouli can act as a stimulant. A combination of oils can also make a great blend. The bottom line is to choose scents that you enjoy.

So, how can we use oils on a daily basis without spending

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Ruth Woudstra



too much time on bathing or money on a massage therapist? Cindy suggests that you can put your favourite oil into a burner; steam with it, or add it to your shampoo or lotion to enjoy the benefits of that particular oil. Note that caution should be used when applying oils directly to the skin as they can sometimes cause irritation.

A good way to start is by doing research on how to use

essential oils. As Cindy says, knowledge about aromatherapy oils is a wonderful tool to have.

Aromatherapy oils have the ability to boost your immune system and help balance mind, body and soul. Why not consider taking this modality of healing into your own hands? Visit your local health shop to (quite literally!) sniff out one that appeals to you.

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Competent officials for better municipal governance, says Mboweni

STAFF REPORTER

The employment of qualified, competent and incorruptible officials is key to transparency and better governance processes in municipalities, says Finance Minister Tito Mboweni, tabling his first Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) in Parliament. Mboweni also said education, health, social development and community development would receive over 60% of non-interest expenditure.

Mboweni said all South Africans share the pain of poorly performing municipalities, which results in bad roads and unmaintained infrastructure, among others.

He said government is "acutely" aware that some municipalities are facing capacity constraints.

"Municipalities owe more than R23 billion to service providers, mainly Eskom, and water service agencies," Mboweni said, adding that this was a reflection of weaknesses in governance, fraud and outright corruption.

"The funds lost by municipalities in the collapse of VBS Mutual Bank offer a dramatic illustration of how greed and corruption impacts the achievement of developmental objectives," he said of the current storm engulfing the mutual bank, which has been placed under curatorship.

The Minister also spoke of the cases where contracts are awarded corruptly and construction costs are inflated.

"We must repair our towns and our streets, and fix the pipes under our roads," he said.

Mboweni said the government was developing measures to improve transparency and governance processes.

Key to this, he said, was the employment of qualified, competent and incorruptible officials.

Mboweni said the government is attending to the sanitation issues faced by schools around the country and that no child should learn in a school that is unsafe.

"Our children must have access to adequate sanitation. We have committed to eradicating pit latrines at schools. The President [Cyril Ramaphosa] has directed that there be a plan to ensure all schools have safe and appropriate sanitation," said the Minister.

Mboweni said government will ensure that girl learners have access to sanitary pads, with several provinces already having rolled out the provision of free pads in schools.

"Funds will be added to the provincial equitable share to enable provinces to progressively further this objective," Mboweni said.

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Nightmare job for CFO

By SUE MACLENNAN

Makana's new chief financial officer, due to start on 1 November, faces everything from ghost workers to a growing debt of close to R200 million – over and above the municipality's operating budget that in the last financial year was adjusted to R432m. The municipality confirmed they had resolved on their choice for chief financial officer (CFO) and sent Council's selection to the MEC for Cogta (Fikile Xasa) for concurrence.

"We cannot give out the name yet, but [it] is a very competent person for the position. Our intention is for the person to start on 1 November 2018," spokesperson Yoliswa Ramokolo told *Grocott's Mail* earlier this month.

The MEC's concurrence is mandatory in terms of the Municipal Systems Act.

The new CFO will walk into the nightmare of a proposed 7.5% salary increase for municipal staff costing Makana an additional R1 million a month (in April staff costs stood at 49% of expenditure) and an annual financial statement that doesn't fly because of incomplete information. Resolving this won't be easy because of data lost in a major system crash, and incompatibilities between the old accounting systems and the new Municipal Standard Charter of Accounts (MSCOA).

They also walk into the fresh threat of electricity cuts to Makana because of an outstanding debt to Eskom of R67.5 million and a campaign by some residents to divert rates that is growing in momentum along with a call to dissolve the Council.

Below are some of the more recent episodes affecting the directorate we've reported on:

MONEY TROUBLES IN MAKANA

October 2013 – Makana staff gather outside the city hall on payday, Friday 25 October, as rumours rapidly spread that the municipality has no money in the bank.

November 2013 – Strategic Manager Mncedisi Boma says Makana is not bankrupt and that rumours the Province would take over the running of the municipality are not true.

2013/14 – Fourth successive Disclaimer audit opinion

March 2014 – MM Pravin Naidoo dismissed. Mncedisi Boma dismissed.

July 2014 – Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury invokes Section 154(1).

September 2014 – Xasa confirms he received the Kabuso Report.

September 2014 – Two competent candidates turn down the CFO job.

October 2014 – Pam Yako is appointed Section 139(1)(b) administrator.

March 2015 – Acting CFO Busi Khumalo launches a full forensic investigation into ghost workers' salaries paid into existing employees' accounts for more than two years.

August 2015 – Jongisizwe Gomomo appointed Section 139(1)(b) administrator.

2014/15 – Qualified audit opinion

December 2015 – Makana gets its first qualified audit in years. Busi Khumalo leaves.

March 2016 – The Hawks visit Makana Municipality after a ghost worker comes forward.

February 2018 – Ted Pillay, Manager of Sarah Baartman District Municipality, appointed Acting Municipal Manager.

May 2018 – Almost all payments are held back to pay Eskom R10.5 million.

May 2018 – Cogta Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize visits Makana promising support.

September 2018 – Makana's draft Annual Financial Statement - Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

R25.9 million; Irregular expenditure R181.8m; Unauthorised expenditure: R356.6m.

October 2018 – Eskom threatens power cuts because of outstanding debt of R67.5 million.



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Project Name: Supply and Delivery of Chemicals

Tender No: MLM/2018-19/INFA/002

Preference Points System: 80/20

NB: Tender will be two envelope system

Date Advertised: 26 October 2018

Closing Date and Time: 9 November 2018

Bidders are required to submit the **following mandatory documents:**

- Bidders must submit a valid SARS Tax Status report Issued with a Pin
- Completed and signed declaration of interest MBD4, MBD 6.1, MBD 6.2, MBD 8 & MBD 9, failure to submit will result in disqualification.
- Billing clearance certificate/ lease agreement signed by both parties the lessor and the lessee, if expired extension of the lease must be attached or statement of municipal accounts not more than 3 months old must be attached to and be returned with the Tender documents, failure to submit will result in disqualification.
- Tenderers must be registered as a supplier/service provider on Makana Local Municipality supplier/service provider database and Central Supplier Database (CSD) proof of registration (Makana Database Confirmation Letter; CSD Registration report) on both databases must be submitted.
- RFQ which are late, incomplete, unsigned or submitted by facsimile or electronically, will not be accepted.
- Documents to be filled with black ink.
- Tender submitted are to hold good for a period of 90 days.
- CK / Company Registration Certificate or certified copy must be submitted, if a Sole Proprietor provide affidavit confirming ownership and failure will result in disqualification.
- BBBEE Certificate to be submitted or certified copy
- Certified copy of directors ID's
- MFMA circular 90 will be applied

PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT NO 5, 2017 (PPPFA) WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

Received Responsive proposal will be evaluated based on the following two stages, namely:

Stage 1 – Functionality

Stage 2 – Price and Preferential Points

A bidder that scores less than 70 points out of 100 in respect of "functionality" will be regarded as

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EVALUATION FOR FUNCTIONALITY

Functionality will be evaluated as shown in the table below:

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Financial Reference	30
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Total	100

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- Service provider to submit the vehicle certificate for authorization to carry such chemicals.
- To provide a certificate of the personnel to handle the chemical.

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Closing Date: Completed bid documents in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "MLM/2018-19/INFA/002" should be deposited in the **Tender BOX** situated at **GROUND FLOOR** Makana Local Municipality: Finance Department at 86 High Street GRAHAMSTOWN not later than **19 November 2018 @ 12H00** where they will be opened in public- names of the bidders will be called out

Makana Local Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept the whole or part of the bid. All Enquiries are to be directed to Project Manager-Mr. B. Soyizwapi Tel 046 603 6068; bsoyizwapi@makana.gov.za and all SCM queries are to be directed to Ms. T. Mvane 046 603 6222.

Issued by office of the Municipal Manager: Mr Mene
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The Diocesan School for Girls



The Diocesan School for Girls, situated in Makhanda (formerly Grahamstown), Eastern Cape, invites applications for the position of **DRAMATIC ARTS TEACHER**

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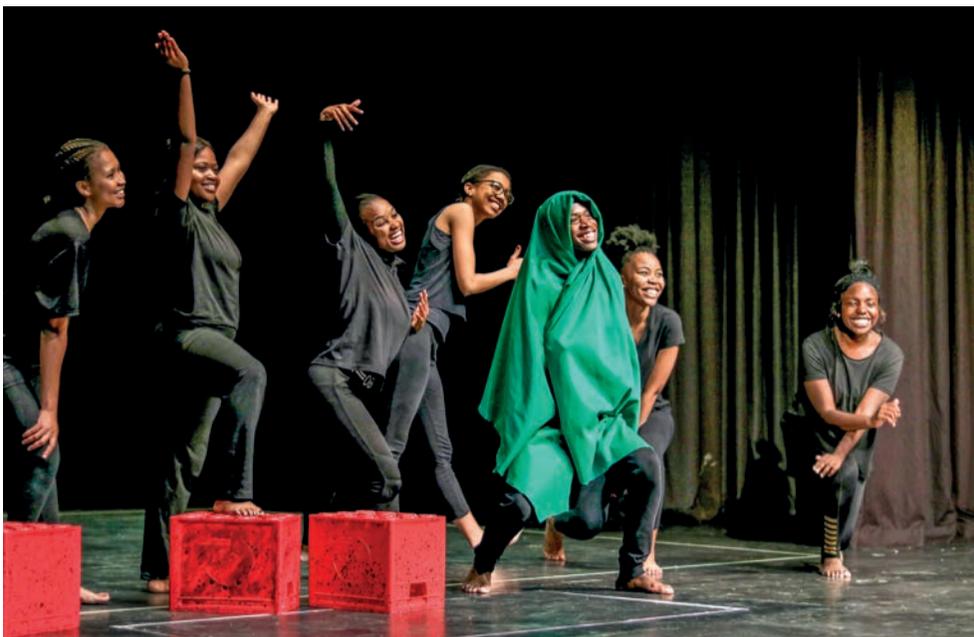
- have experience teaching Grade 8 and 9 Creative Arts (Drama) as well as Grade 10 – 12 Dramatic Arts.
- be a dynamic, caring and innovative educator with a thorough knowledge of the Dramatic Arts Curriculum.
- have a university degree and professional qualification as well as appropriate experience in the performing arts.
- bring practical skills that will enhance the extra-curricular drama programme - school productions, arts and play festivals.
- take a leading role in inspiring and growing students' talents in classwork as well as through small and large productions.

Applications, accompanied by a Curriculum Vitae and the names of three contactable referees, must be submitted by Friday 9 November 2018 to:

Mrs Angela Southey at The Diocesan School for Girls, PO Box 194, Grahamstown, 6140. Tel: 046 603 4300 Email: office@dsgschool.com

All applications will be treated in strict confidence. The school reserves the right not to proceed with the filling of the post. An application in itself does not entitle the applicant to an interview.

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Rhodes University Drama students treat pupils from Good Sheperd Primary School to a performance of *The Magic Cloth*. Photo: Kyle Prinsloo

Theatre comes alive at Good Shepherd

STAFF REPORTER

Learners from Good Shepherd Primary School were this week treated to two live performances by Drama 2 students from the Rhodes University Drama Department.

In *Claws and Paws* (for grades 1 to 3) Dixie the cat and Bruno the dog used to be friends.

When they moved to live with Mr Babo at his house, their friendship changed. Could it ever be the same?

In *The Magic Cloth* (grades 4 to 7) MaRosie gets a job and

is disappointed to be paid with a cloth instead of cash. But it turns out to be the beginning of everything for her struggling family falling into place.

After the productions, children and young people were encouraged to write their own stories, inspired by the performances. This is meant to promote both the reading and literacy skills.

Drama 3 Arts Administration students heloped facilitate this post-performance engagement.

Representing International

Association for Theatre for Children and Young People (Assitej) South Africa, Jacqueline Dommissie joined the post-performance theatre for children and young people's conversation through skype. Representatives from the department of education and NELM were also in attendance.

Dommissie also announced that Assitej South Africa plans to host the 2019 Cradle of Creativity festival in Cape Town and appealed for the Eastern Cape to participate.

Campaign prepares for legal challenge

STAFF REPORTER

The Keep Grahamstown Grahamstown (KGG) campaign says legal counsel have been instructed and are in the process of preparing the application to have the renaming of Grahamstown to Makhanda unlawful.

Three weeks after the Minister of Arts and Culture Nathi Mthethwa, announced his final decision on the renaming

of Grahamstown, the KGG, which submitted the most comprehensive objection on behalf of thousands of objectors collectively and individually, had not yet received a response to its objection.

In a statement this week, Joint Co-ordinators Sigudla Ndumo and Jock McConachie said Section 10 of Act 118 of 1998 required that the Minister must consider ob-

jections submitted within 30 days publication of the Notice announcing the proposed name change as gazetted on 29 June 2018 and must accept or reject the objections with reasons.

"To date the KGG is only aware of a handful of objectors – fewer than 10 – who have received responses to their objections," the KGG said.

Wit and courage give corruption and adversity a run for their money

STAFF REPORTER

If you appreciate political satire, visit an exhibition by Ghanaian artist Bright Ackwerh at the RAW Spot Gallery, 5 Rhodes Avenue (corner Lucas Ave).

Through his sharp and unrelenting wit, Bright Ackwerh turns the tables on global leaders who have treated Africa and Africans with disregard, have positioned themselves as Messiahs, or have colluded with African elites.

"Everyone wants to be the King or Queen," says Ackwerh, who places characters such as Robert Mugabe, the Queen of England, Kim Jong-un, Xi Jinping, Donald Trump or Nana Akufo-Addo in funny situations in order to imagine how they would react.

The title of the RAW Spot exhibition, "Where de cho dey?" is Ghanaian Pidgin for "Where is the food?" and the works on show grapple with

contemporary geopolitical crises through an analysis of food.

Reddits this Friday

Back again this Friday 26 October, 6pm to 8.30pm, is Reddits Poetry at Café D'Vine in New Street. Open floor poetry, spoken word and occasional music – "Come and join us at the most welcoming poetry event in the Eastern Cape (if not the entire world!)," says organiser Harry Owen.

Fresh voices wanted

Tuesday is the deadline for entries for the Distell National Playwright Competition. The National Arts Festival and Distell have joined forces to seek out and showcase fresh storytellers and new voices. Full details on Page 9

Heartbreak, humour

Two writers with local connections will launch their new

books in the city next week.

Rhodes University alumna Briony Chisholm will launch *One Night Only* at the National English Literary Museum (NELM) on Tuesday 30 October, 5.30 for 6pm.

One Night Only, set in Cape Town, chronicles the life of 33-year old Sarah Trafford, who has sworn off committed relationships after her last failed affair.

"In the book exists a familiar world of lascivious bosses, heartbreakers and clingers-on," the description says. "While we are asked to consider the meaning of 'ever after' within the levity provided by Sarah's antics, the story is fun, humorous and entertaining; it allows us moments of letting go with the comfort of an exit."

In 1996, aged 21, on her way home from finishing her degree in pharmacy at Rhodes University, she was

Calling all emerging South African writers

STAFF REPORTER

The National Arts Festival and Distell have joined forces to seek out and showcase fresh storytellers and new voices with the launch of the Distell National Playwright Competition. The Competition, for debut playwrights who haven't staged their work before, is run in honour of Adam and Rosalie Small, the husband and wife duo who made a significant impact on South Africa's literary, philosophical and educational landscape. The winning writer will receive a cash prize and see their work produced at the 2019 National Arts Festival, the country's premier arts showcase and a shop-window for producers and theatres from across the world.

The Call to Enter

It's time to shine. Writers and storytellers who've been looking for an opportunity to level up and put their skills to the test should get into action. The competition calls for powerful stories that promote diversity and inclusivity – in any of our 11 official languages. This is a celebration of talent, but also of transformation – in the internal and external sense of the word.

"South Africa is endowed with great talent in the Arts and we see this initiative as an opportunity to recognise talent, start conversations, encourage freedom of thought and imagination. Importantly, and particularly given our history as a country, we see this competition as a vehicle to bring people together by overcoming and promoting our rich cultural diversity," says Bridgitte Backman, Corporate



Adam and Rosalie Small, the husband and wife duo who made a significant impact on South Africa's literary, philosophical and educational landscape. Photo: Jeffrey Abrahams

and Regulatory Affairs Director at Distell.

The Details

- This competition is open to all South Africans over the age of 18 years;
- Artists need to submit a synopsis of a play and a ten-page writing sample. This doesn't need to be a completed play;

- All ideas must be original, unpublished and unproduced;
- To be eligible for consideration, the work needs to have a strong focus on inclusivity and social cohesion.

Says National Arts Festival Executive Producer, Ashraf Jo-hardien, "an integral part of the vision for this award is to provide support in the space that exists between the idea for a play and the final draft of that play for production. In this way, the competition is intended as a resource for both new writers and theatres interested in developing and programming contemporary South African work."

What to expect

After submissions are in and the adjudication process is complete, five plays will be

selected for a process of development, which includes workshops, masterclasses and/or mentorships. The winning play will be announced and awarded a production budget, which will see it present as a premiere on the Main Programme or Arena at the National Arts Festival in Makhanda in June 2019.

The deadline for submissions is 5pm on 30 November 2018 and the shortlisted scripts will be announced and go into the incubation process in early 2019.

For more information, visit <https://www.nationalartsfestival.co.za/distell-competition/>

Enquiries: distellaward@nationalartsfestival.co.za

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hood: "The poems in my collection mainly reflect the silence in my personal conflict, meaning, writing what I cannot say... what it means to be a man when raised by a woman, secondly my relationship with myself as a man with a physical disability, and lastly, as a black man dealing with the reality of living in a dys-

functional/disabled society." The collection was his thesis at Rhodes University where he recently completed his Masters degree in Creative Writing under the supervision of veteran poetry editor and teacher, Robert Berold, and the rhyme master himself, Lesego Rampolokeng, who is set to speak at the launch.



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Nxele has a new battle to fight

Yes, the town's name change to Makhanda fulfils of the prophecy of 'Ukubuya kuka Nxele'. But poor Nxele will find very little left of the pristine bush and clear flowing streams (Amatyana) which were once a blessing to all who passed this way.

Nowadays, if you live near any of these streams, you are subjected to the chronic stench of raw sewage. The municipality's blocked sewerage lines have not been maintained or upgraded for many years, resulting in massive sewage spills (full of E coli) across town, polluting streams and putting vulnerable people at risk. And the local environs are aflutter with plastic, uncleared waste and illegal dumping. Not a very fitting welcome for a great prophet.

I'm not sure what he would think of the Egazini Memorial, erected to honour the fallen Xhosa warriors. What little remains is a bleak commemoration of despair in the face of poverty and near non-existent service delivery in that area.

The battle of 1819 was lost. And 200 years later, Makhanda's people are still suffering. Now it is a new kind of colonialism – greed, consumerism and corruption. The effect: neglect and pollution.

Nxele has returned. If his spirit truly lives on, he should have strong words for the municipality named after him (even if misspelled). Please win this battle, Nxele, for the sake of Batho Pele and restoring hope.

No Social Justice Without Environmental Justice

Below is an extract from the speech I gave at the Environmental Awards at Rhodes University this year:

A creative spirit of cooperation between students, university, and community, is beginning to blossom... working together towards sustainability.

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Nikki Kohly

Yes, there is a slow but steady shift away from narrow self-interest to an enlightened self-interest. People are "doing well by doing good" – increasingly being involved in actions that further the interests of others. In the broader scheme of things, this serves our self-interests.

People are also beginning to realise more and more that there cannot be social justice without environmental justice.

A Member of Parliament recently said at a political rally that "... it is people in the poorest areas suffering from the worst levels of air pollution. It is children from poorer backgrounds who have the worst diets, low income families most vulnerable to increases in food prices..."

Guess where this was? The UK.

Nearly 200 years ago in Germany, Friedrich Engels noted how the poor were forced "to throw all offal and garbage... disgusting drainage and excrement into the streets" because they had no other way of disposing of it... so they were "compelled to infect" the area in which they lived.

It's the same all over the world... no matter what country you live in, the reality is that when the environment is polluted, it impacts the poor first, and worst. People cannot live well when all they have is polluted earth, polluted air, and polluted water. There is NO social justice where there is NO environmental justice.

Section 24 of South Africa's Constitution focuses on our RIGHTS – it says we all have "the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future genera-

tions, through reasonable legislative and other measures". But the problem is that the RESPONSIBILITY – the power to act – is mostly in the hands of government. Is our government really interested in our environmental rights?

The country of Ecuador is smart enough to realise that human beings are part of their environment, and in its Constitution it gives the people a RESPONSIBILITY to protect and preserve their environment – the POWER to act.

It is time for people in South Africa to take power and act for the environment in which we live. We will only have social justice when there is environmental justice!

What can ordinary people do about the leaking sewage, you may ask? Simple: do not flush disposable nappies, plastic or newspaper down the toilet.

What about the rubbish, you may ask? What can ordinary people do about that? Simple: do not litter or dump illegally, and do take your own bags to the supermarkets and shops.

Ah yes, but there is a bigger problem, you may say. What can ordinary people do about a local government that does not serve its people? The solution is simple: everybody should vote in a better council – vote wisely.

Wouldn't it be great if the spirit of Nxele could help galvanise this essential change, restore environmental justice and social justice?

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Working on Fire recently recruited 91 young men and women ahead of the summer fire season. Photo: Supplied

New recruits ready for fire season

STAFF REPORTER

SS Gida Hospital which serves several rural areas around Keiskamnahoeek thanked the Cata Working on Fire team who carried out prescribed burning in their area earlier this month.

The team's Regional Manager Msindisi Poponi said the hospital had asked for a fire-break to halt runaway fires and improve the hospital's appearance and access.

Poponi said the team had burnt about four hectares around the hospital, removing the flammable material near the fence and making sure fires would not be able to reach the hospital grounds. Working on Fire is an

Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) based in the Department of Environmental Affairs, aimed at providing work opportunities to young men and women. Working on Fire manages an Integrated Fire Management programme which includes fire management planning, detection, prevention, suppression, dispatch and coordination and community fire awareness.

Working on Fire (WOF) programme in the province recently provided work opportunities for more than 90 unemployed young people. All these young men and women were recruited this month in Addo, Lottering, Baviaanskloof, Sarah Baartman,

Longmore, Molteno, Langeni, Mhlahlane and Nqadu.

In order for them to be recruited they all had to go through the fitness test which included running 2.4km in 14 minutes for women and 12 minutes for men, 40 sit-ups in one minute, 40 push-ups in one minute and 8 pull-ups.

They will be taken to the training academy in Nelspruit where they will undergo courses in advanced firefighting, fire safety and other specialised skills.

Regional Manager Ongezwa Nonjiji said, "We are topping up some of the teams in the... province as the summer fire season is approaching."

My Garden



Fit and healthy in my garden



Nontinam Thezani in her garden. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Nontinam Thezani lives in Vukani and is enjoying harvesting fresh vegetables from the garden she planted three years ago. She started her garden because she doesn't want to buy food she could grow herself. Season by season, she plants different vegetables. Thezani spends her mornings in the garden and she believes that both the activity and what she grows are what keep her fit and healthy. She has planted spinach, cauliflower and onions and would appreciate seeds so she can plant more.

If you'd like to help, please call Lindani Donyeli at 046 603 7111 or 063 423 0655.

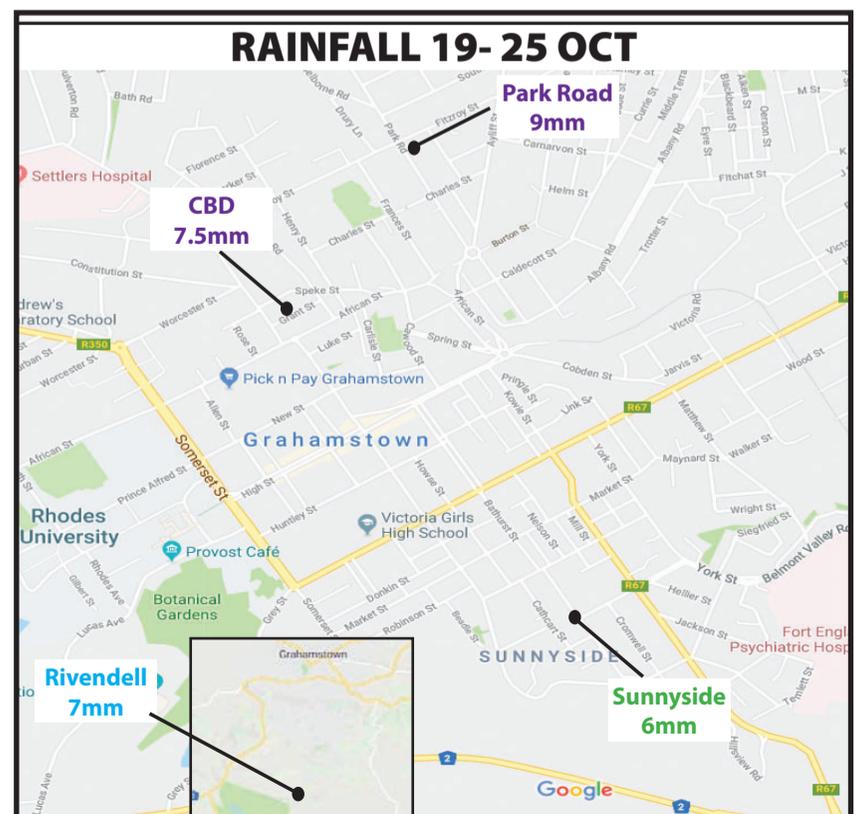


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FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

BRIGHT ACKWERH'S EXHIBITION "WHERE DE CHO DEY?" CURATED BY RUTH SIMBAO

5pm RAW Spot Gallery (5 Rhodes Ave, near the Health Care Centre and Rhodes Day Care). Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

REDDITS POETRY

6pm-7pm Cafe D'Vine, 31 New Street. Open floor poetry, spoken word and occasional music – come and join us at the most welcoming poetry event in the Eastern Cape. Contact Harry Owen heo@hotmail.co.uk

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

CHRIST CHURCH COUNTRY FAIR

9am-10am Christ Church, Speke Street. Bring the children – we have swings, jungle gyms and lots of games to play designed just for children. We also have food stalls and fresh veggies; popcorn, candy floss and toffee apples; paintings for sale; a car wash; the best curries in town; wots and bacon & egg rolls; a tea garden; pancakes; a massive White Elephant stall; second-hand clothes and brand new clothes; belts and leather goods; handmade soap and slime! And music! The Graeme College steel band will play from 10.00 to 11.00 outdoors and the Pro Carmine choir is doing a recital in our beautiful church from 11.00 to 12.00. Please come and join us for a wonderful morning! Contact Steve Birt 083 656 8810

MOVIES AT THE MONUMENT

5pm at the Olive Schreiner Theatre, Monument. 5pm: Disney's *Cinderella*. 7.30pm *Call Me By Your Name*. Contact movies@nationalartsfestival.co.za or call Kate or Akhona on 046 603 1103

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY LECTURE

5.30pm – 6.30pm Hill Street Library Hall. A talk by Rat Western entitled "Objects of Desire: Art as a souvenir, a commodity, an experience". All are welcome and entry is by donation in aid of the Friends of the Grahamstown Public Libraries. Contact Sue Rionda 046 603 7339

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER

BOOK LAUNCH

5.30pm-6.30pm Nelm, 25A Worcester Street
Briony Chisholm will be launching her book entitled *One Night Only*. Entrance is Free and there will be refreshments provided. Books will also be on sale. Briony will be in conversation with Jeannie Wallace McKeown. Contact Zongezile Matshoba z.matshoba@nelm.org.za.

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

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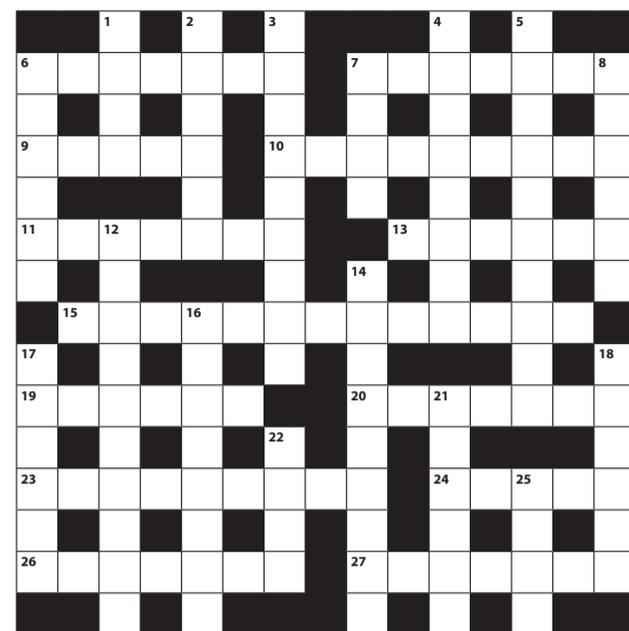
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ACROSS

- 6 Broke quietly and left a time to ask around (7)
- 7 Bust spectacles in blunders (3-4)
- 9 Park a tiger in middle of stretcher (5)
- 10 When an O met R, either caught a tiny bit (9)
- 11 Warrior has same endlessly pure heart as impi leaders (7)
- 13 High standard protects a person (6)
- 15 Pass on Skop-die-Blik? (4,3,6)
- 19 Getting on a grand Boeing that had no smell (6)
- 20 Show genuine acceptance of returning spasm (7)
- 23 Loo is hang-out for skollies (9)
- 24 River more pleasant when cold goes for good (5)
- 26 Rough etc husband is found inside - heavens above! (7)
- 27 Virtual right traded for first certain food (7)

DOWN

- 1 Trained speech was strained (4)
- 2 East has way with a woman's name (6)
- 3 Hide drunk that clings to one (4-5)
- 4 Superficial Company Sergeant-Major to lift quote (8)
- 5 Dependent Party (10)
- 6 For each one - silence and decay (6)
- 7 Stay away from bed (4)
- 8 Set about organising day for lover (6)
- 12 Ned, I am making six deliveries at no cost (6,4)
- 14 Burst out in love I have, and get in the way (9)
- 16 A little piece of slick ANC Inc. - I ... (8)
- 17 ... see sadness at way of spurious starts (6)
- 18 More than one plush rally loses their back markers (6)
- 21 May suck without leader who lives above Trump's dominion (6)
- 22 Crazy South Africa tops New York (4)
- 25 Chirped back at animals (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 156




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Winner for 19 October is Tamaryn Damana.



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Bridge Results

Grahamstown Bridge Club
Monday 22nd Oct 2018

4½ Table 24 Board Howell Movement

PAIR NAMES

1. Mary Schudel & Peter Midlane	59.52%
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Train factory on track

STAFF REPORTER

President Cyril Ramaphosa was set to officially launch a new, multibillion rand train manufacturing factory at Dunnottar Park in Nigel, Gauteng, Thursday 25 October.

The 72-hectare site at Dunnottar Park, which cost R1 billion, consists of a Supplier Park and Rail Training School, which will manufacture, assemble, test, commission and deliver 580 new commuter trains.

This massive investment will include the local manufacturing of parts, maintenance, training facilities, the creation of jobs, skills development, the

achievement of a 65% local content. According to a media release from SA News, it will promote black economic empowerment and support communities.

Construction of the factory began in January 2016, with manufacturing activities starting in 2017.

The overall employment equity constitutes 49% female and 51% male, with 635 full-time employees, 90% of whom are black.

The plant is scheduled to deliver two new trains by December 2018, a further nine trains by March 2019 and an estimated 56 trains over the next two years.

The launch is part of the government's 20-year Modernisation Programme aimed at revitalising the rail industry and training and skills development for the Passenger Railway Agency of South Africa (Prasa) employees and young people interested in the rail industry.

The President will be joined by Transport Minister Blade Nzimande, Deputy Minister of Transport Sindisiwe Chikunga, Gauteng Premier David Makhura, Provincial MECs of Transport, senior government officials together with key government stakeholders and members of the public.

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Ten Nombulelo Secondary School learners accompanied by Siviwe Ngcingi (Makana Brick sponsored intern) and Fezica Ngesi enjoyed an activity packed three-day road trip to Port Elizabeth and surrounds. They visited the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds, the Donkin Memorial and the Boardwalk. They were also moved by the displays at the Red Location Museum, impressed by the NMU athletics stadium, treated to lunch at the airport by kind strangers, and let their hair down at the beach and the Bay West Mall.

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1. PERSONAL

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1. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological father of **Oiwam Dyantyi**, born 12/03/2006. The biological mother of the child is Fikiwe Dyantyi. Please could anyone with information contact Asisipho Ginya at Child Welfare Grahamstown on 046-6361355.
2. Child Welfare Grahamstown is looking for the biological mother of **Lihle Ncula**, born 21/09/2009. The biological mother of Lihle is Asanda Ncula and is alleged to be residing in Port Elizabeth. Please could the mother or anyone knowing her details contact Ms. Ziyanda Mooi, Social Worker at Child Welfare SA - Grahamstown on 046 636-1355 as soon as possible.

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Cat of the week Hi.... My name is **Eva**, I am a very curious tabby kitten. I am not keen on dogs and am very shy, but am looking for a loving family to call my own. I am very affectionate and playful and would be your friend for life. Please visit me and all the other cats and kittens looking for a home at the Grahamstown SPCA or call 046 622 3233 for more information.



Dog of the week: Hi..... My name is **Roger** and I am a very playful and excitable Lab/Great Dane cross. I love nothing more than long runs in the countryside and lots and lots of playtime. I would love to get to know you and meet my forever family. Please come visit me at the Grahamstown SPCA or call 046 622 3233 for more information about me and my friends.

Thank you very much to the Grahamstown community for your continued food donations. Blu Robin, Madhatter's Coffee Shop and Pam Golding Grahamstown are very kindly acting as pet-food drop off points. 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 all the help you give us and the time you spend with the animals. Thank you to 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.

Look in our facebook 'Adoptions' photo albums, to see who has found their forever home. Visit our SPCA shop on site! All books only R20! Boarding fees : Dogs- XL R55; L R53; M R47; S R42; Puppy or Cats R39. We desperately need fundraising ideas. Please call 046 622 3233.

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Graeme pupils in EP squad

STAFF REPORTER

After the recent Eastern Province trials, five of Graeme College's pupils have been selected to be part of the EP Coke Week. Lakhanya Sam has been selected to take part in the U 17 team, while Mark Amm, Sipheshile Madlongolwana and Bavuyise Manyakanyaka have been selected for the U 19 team. Murray Tyson completed the Graeme contingent, being selected for the U13 team.

The last time Graeme had three players in the Coke Week team was 1986 with Wayne Wiblin, Peter Emslie and Dean Emslie. Peter Emslie went on to captain the SA U 19 team that year.

All of the EP players were in action over the past weekend for their school against

Alex Road and Herbert Hurd. The Graeme first team took on Alex Road, while the U 13 team battled against Herbert Hurd.

After some morning rain, the first team match was reduced to 40 overs. Graeme opted to bat on a slow pitch, and managed to score 191/9 after 40 overs. That required some experience from Chris Gleaves and Amm who both scored 46. Their partnership seemed to struggle to score up to drinks.

Alex fell into the same trap and Liam Agnew thrived under the conditions. In a superb spell of 6 overs, he conceded only 5 runs.

That created plenty of pressure which the Graeme spinners capitalised on. Amm was

on his third hat-trick opportunity this term, finishing with 3 for 25. Garwin Dampies bowled well to end with 4 for 24, and narrowly missed his first 5 wicket haul.

Alex were bowled out for 96, giving Graeme a 95 run victory.

The U13 match took place in good conditions. Herbert Hurd batted first and scored 58 all out.

Tyson took phenomenal bowling fixtures of 6 wickets for 9 runs. Onosizo Ntinga (2 for 6) and Ethan Beyleveld (2 for 7) backed him up well.

Graeme ran down Herbert Hurd's score with three wickets down with Ethan Beyleveld scoring 46 not out. Graeme won by 7 wickets, completing a good weekend for Graeme cricket.



Four of Graeme College's high school students will form part of the EP teams for the upcoming Coke Week. From left to right: Sipheshile Madlongolwana (EP u19), Mark Amm (EP u19), Lakhanya Sam (EP u17), Bavuyise Manyakanyaka (EP u19). Photo: Supplied

Centuries for Stirk, Loutz and Webster

By CHESLEY DANIELS

The Grahamstown Cricket Board (GCB) First and Second leagues continued over the weekend of 19-21 October.

Southwell's captain and opening batsman, James Stirk recorded his third consecutive century in the First league, while Marquin Loutz scored 107 runs for Willows.

Salem vs Willows

Willows Cricket Club continued its unbeaten run with a bonus point 62 run win over Salem. Willows also moved to the top of the GCB first league, overtaking Salem who held that top spot since the start of the season.

Willows batted first and posted a defendable 250 all out. Willows looked set to post 300 but collapsed after Marquin Loutz (107) and Thandisile (73) ended their 185 run partnership. Loutz also scored an unbeaten 93* last week against Cuylerville.

Nicholas Zimmerman 3/22 (5), Matt Liesenberg 2/57 (10) and Kevin Zimmerman 2/19 (6), were amongst the wicket takers for Salem.

Willows' bowlers put the home side under constant pressure and took wickets at regular intervals. Chris Van der Meulen (34), Brad Wilmot (35) and Nick Wilmot (25) showed good resistance, but it was not enough. Cole Wessels was the pick of the Willows bowlers with return figures of 4/44 (9).

Duane Brown 3/30 (7) and Melville Daniels 2/24 (7) gave great support. Salem were bowled out for 188.

Sidbury vs Port Alfred

Sidbury beat Port Alfred in a 5 wicket bonus point victory. Port Alfred batted first and were bowled out for 153. Damon Weeks took 5/20 (10) while Stefan Schoeman 2/22 (10) and Wesley Cue 2/23 (7) supported him well.

Sidbury reached the target with five wickets down in 31.5 overs. Grant Stone (40), Huge Savage (39) and Carl Van Niekerk (28*) were Sidbury's top batsmen on the day.

Second League Manleys vs Kenton

Kenton 200
- T Pedro 75, V Cook 31
* L Isaacs 6/47, J Balmer 2/37
Manley's 203/3
- J Balmer 84, D Duncan 67*
* S King 2/42, Pedro 2/32
Manley's won by 7 wickets and bonus point

Shrews vs Salem

Shrews 246
- W Samson 68, M Scheepers 45, S Pettitt 33
* M Mattison 4/45, C Labuschagne 3/48
Salem 243
- P Buthi 55, P Wansbury 59
* J Wehemeyer 4/28, V Make-
lini 3/52
Shrews won by 3 runs

Sidbury vs Southwell

Southwell 175
- H Visser 31, R Moss 29
* H Kurten 3/34, R Harrison 3/16
Sidbury 178/8
- H Kurten 80, D Webster 21
* G Armitage 3/33, J Knott 2/41, H Visser 2/47
Sidbury won by 2 wickets and bonus point

Shrews vs Cuylerville

Shrews 141
- J Wehemeyer 41*, J Tilbury 23
* M Van Wyk 5/31, C Japp 2/32
Cuylerville 142/5
- G Pike 48*, S Botha 46
* L Plaaitjie 3/34, E Greyling 2/25
Cuylerville won by 5 wickets and bonus point

Titans vs Early Birds

Early Birds 43 all out
* B Ntukela 3/15, M Siko 3/9
Titans 44/1
- Z Manyati 14
Titans won by 9 wickets plus bonus point

Rhodes cricket names USSA squad for weekend tourney

STAFF REPORTER

The Rhodes University Cricket Club has named their 14 man squad that will be traveling down to the Durban University of Technology to contest in the University Sports South Africa (USSA) B Week tournament taking place from 27-30 November.

Incoming captain, Sean McQuillan will lead the side in Durban while explosive all-rounder Simon Webster will deputise as vice-captain during the week.

The side is a blend of experience and youth with no less than five first years in the squad, which includes talented all-rounders and former Coca Cola Khaya Majola week participants David Blenkinsop and Njabulo Shabalala.

Other exciting prospects to watch is the Rhodes Internal Premier League top runs scorer, Ryan Harley, as well as opening bowler Lelethu Cekiso and the left-arm orthodox spinner Bradley van Heerden.

The squad will come together for a training camp starting on 19 November before departing on Monday 26 November.

They will be managed by club chairman Stephen Pettitt, who said that they have one goal for the tournament and that is to gain promotion.

"I'm really excited for the tour this year. I think we have a great squad and the vibe is really positive," said Pettitt.

"We all know that the expectation is to try and top the C Section and gain promotion back into the A Week and the guys are really excited to go down there and play some great cricket".

Rhodes Cricket USSA Squad: Sean McQuillan (C), Simon Webster (VC), David Blenkinsop, Lelethu Cekiso, Alistair de Blocq, Aiden du Toit, Ryan Harley, Viwe Makeleni, Langa Plaaitjie, Njabulo Shabalala, Jack Tilbury, Daniel Tooley, Bradley van Heerden, Nicholas Zimmerman.

Celebrating our diverse culture and traditions



Holy Cross teachers, pupils and their families joined together for a Heritage Day celebration at the school on 23 September. Rhodes student teacher Lwandisi Mantla led the children in imixhentso dancing. The children played indigenous games such as itoti, upuca and ugqabsi and sang U yalila ubhabha, Dadobawo sicelamandla, kubuhlungu ukugula, and Inzonzobile. Wanderers Rugby Football Club member and parent Peter Evan taught the children basic rugby skills. Of course there was delicious food and drink: umqusho, isigwamba, umqa, braai meat, sauerkraut, stews and ginger beer. Photo: Lindani Donyeli



The High Court in Makhanda (Grahamstown) celebrated Heritage Day with African food and traditional outfits. Monwabisi Nyikilana said, 'Kule yamagugu nencubeko kweyomsinti sithi ungalahli imbo yakho ngophoyiyana.' (From left) Monwabisi Nyikilana, Nosango Mbanya, Doris Budaza, Nosidima Mpolweni, Vuyiswa Mthimi-Mxaxa, Jannie Coltman, Pholisa Luguxa and Nikima Malehunga. Photo: Lindani Donyeli



The annual St Andrew's Highland Gathering and Highland Games took place at St Andrew's College in Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Sunday 23 September. The Day was a celebration of the school's heritage, which included Scottish games, a performance from the school's pipe band, as well as traditional highland dancing. Photo Supplied



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Omabini lamaqela aphose amanqaku amaninzi kwisiqingatha sokuqala kodwa Amakonokono ibengawo afumana amathuba acacileyo okophisa kuqala. Kuyiwe ekhefina ebambene ngeqanda macala.

Kwisiqingatha sesibini iConnection iye yacinezela

ngamandla inyanzela Oosotheko ukuba bachithe ixesha elininzi bedlala kumhlaba wabo.

Amakonokono ophise kuqala ngethuba uZingisani Mazaka engena okwemela eshushu ebhotolweni kubadlali bangasemva beRhodes phambi kokuba ashiye nozinti enablee.

UAnelisa Milisi uye wongeza elakhe inqaku naye emva kokuba Oosotheko bengakwazanga ukuchitha ibhola ebigotywe kwiphiko lasekhohlo.

Uphinde wabuya uMazaka ngelihle lona inqaku esongeza kulomgalelo. IRhodes ikhangeleke idiniwe kwaye ifumbe ngasemva izama ukuthintela imvula yamanqaku. UZimkhitha Donyeli on-

gene njengelalela kulomdlalo uye wabethelela isikhonkwane sokugqibela kulomkhombe weRhodes. Umdlalo uphele iConnection iphumelela ngamanqaku amane eqandeni.

Ukapteni, nokwa nguzozinti weRhodes uNcamisile Mbele uthe, "Sizamile kakhulu kodwa ke ukungazilolongi kakuhle kuye kwasibetha." UZingisani 'Caster' Mazaka uthe, "Sidlale ngcono kakhulu namhlanje kwaye size sizilungiselele. Izamile kakhulu yona iRhodes kodwa ke besiyazi ukuba abazokwazi ukunyamezela ithuba elide. Ndxolile ngala manqaku mabini ndiwafakileyo namhlanje kwaye ndibulela nabalandeli bethu abaphume ngobuninzi bazosixhasa apha namhlanje."

International karate instructor to teach in Makhanda this weekend

STAFF REPORTER

United Shotokan-Ryu's (USR) intention of bringing top class international karate instructors to South Africa will be realised with Sensei Pascal Lecourt's (7th dan) arrival in the Eastern Cape later this week.

Lecourt's Seminar will be held in the university town of Makhanda (Grahamstown) and is open to Shotokan karateka 12 years and older, who hold the level of green belt or higher.

The occasion will mark Lecourt's first visit to South Africa. Lecourt is a former protégé of the legendary Japanese karate master Sensei Taiji Kase (1929-2004) and is currently one of the world's leading authorities on Kase's unique form of Shotokan karate.

He is in demand throughout Europe, and has also taught in Israel and England as well as in many other countries.

The style is fondly known throughout the world as Kase-Ha, and is a pure form of Japanese Budo (martial arts), which emphasises the use of powerful large scale blocking

and striking techniques based on the use of the Japanese katana (sword).

In 1964 Kase became one of the first Japanese Shotokan Karate masters to ever visit South Africa.

During this time he spent six months primarily instructing karate in KwaZulu-Natal and in 1996 he returned to South Africa to teach in various cities and towns.

Lecourt's karate is a continuation of Kase's research, innovation and development into the practice of Shotokan karate, and considering Kase's historical significance to South African Shotokan karate, his visit will play an important role in re-establishing these ties.

Karateka are expected to attend the Seminar from the Western Cape, Gauteng as well as a large contingent from the Eastern Cape.

With the assistance of USR's presenting partner, the Grahamstown Foundation, Lecourt's Seminar will be held in the Thomas Pringle Hall at the 1820 Settlers Monument



French Sensei, Pascal Lecourt, practicing his Kase-Ha, a pure form of Japanese Budo. Photo: Supplied

in Makhanda.

The seminar times are as follows: 09:30 to 11:30 and 13:30 to 15:30 (Saturday, 27 October and Sunday, 28 October). Please note that the seminar is closed to spectators.



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Johan Botha

Johan Botha recently came back to Makhanda (Grahamstown) having placed in the prestigious Mr World Bodybuilding competition in Taranto, Italy, 13-16 October. Botha came fourth in the Masters division of the Mr Universe competition, after months of training and preparation.

An experienced bodybuilder of 25 years, Botha has won a number of accolades throughout his career, including: first place at the SA Champion Masters division in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017; SA Police Champion 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 and second place in the 2018 SA police championships. Botha has also represented SA at the World Championships in 2014 (Italy, sixth place) and 2015 (Spain, fifth place), as well as being chosen for the team in 2016, but had to withdraw due to injury.

Botha began bodybuilding after a number of serious rugby injuries sidelined him from the field, sparking a passion for the sport. He has passed on his love of the sport to his son, Francois, whom he hopes will achieve as much as he has over the years.

"My ultimate goal is to win the Masters Mr Universe Competition in 2019 and for my son to win the Junior Mr Universe in 2019," said Botha. "My prepara-



Johan Botha after his stellar performance at the Mr Universe competition in Italy in early October. Photo: Supplied

tion for the 2019 Mr Universe has already started."

"I want to keep encouraging the younger guys to keep on working hard in the gym, stick to their diets and hopefully join me on the biggest stage ever shortly," said Botha.

Botha was also full of praise for those who have supported

him throughout his career. "I want to thank all my sponsors for making this trip possible for me and a special thanks to Mr Ron Weissenberg who always ensures that I make it abroad," said Botha. "[I also want to thank] my wife especially, who prepares my stringent diet food on a daily basis."

KNOW THE SCORE

Graeme College cricket results

Graeme College took part in a number of cricket fixtures over the past weekend. Here is how the teams fared in their respective matches.

U15A vs Alex

GC u15 made 282 for 3 in 35 overs
Mornay Kohl 79, Ashahle Mbanaga 60 not out, Fabio Rischbieter 50 not out.
Alex 78 all out.
Mihlali Kobese 4 for 19.
Ethan Richardson 4 for 11.
Graeme won by 203 runs.

2nd XI vs Alex:

Alex 77 all out. Aaron Richardson 4 for 19. Sino Stamper 3 for 15. Sonqoba Makalima 2 for 14.

GC 78 -2

Seth Faltain 21 and Sonqoba Makalima 27 not out.
Graeme won by 8

Junior matches in PE cancelled by Herbert Hurd.

u9A vs Herbert Hurd

Herbert Hurd 99 for 5. Caleb Jattiem 2/15.
Graeme 100 for 4.
Graeme won by 6wks.

U11A vs Herbert Hurd

Herbert Hurd 51 all out - Enrique Strydom 3/8, Andrew Muir 2/2, Chris Zimmerman 2/6 and Umar Hayat 2/9.
GC 52/1 - Ryan Stobbs 20* and Rhys Wiblin 21*.
GC won by 9 wickets.

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

SA Rugby

Aimee Barrett-Theron, South Africa's leading female referee, will officiate the season-opening Women's November International between the USA and New Zealand in Chicago on Saturday, 3 November, as well as the Test between England and Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday, 24 November. She is the only South African on the referee panel, which includes referees from England, Ireland, Italy and France.

Comrades entrants

Over 19,000 entries into next year's Comrades Marathon have been snapped up in the first three days of the process, with more than 15,000 on Day 1 alone. The #Comrades2019 entry process will close on 10 December 2018, or as soon as the cap of 25,000 entries has been reached. At the rate at which they are currently going, all entries will be taken up before three weeks is over.

Motor racing

Michael Stephen clinched his third consecutive Sasol GTC Championship with sheer excellence at Zwartkops Raceway on Saturday by powering his Engen Audi GTC to a pair of dominant victories. Simon Moss, in the second Engen Audi GTC secured the runner-up championship position with a strong second and fourth place result in the two 12-lap races. Gennaro Bonafede (Sasol BMW GTC) ended his year in third place after crashing out of the final race of the year.

Pro14

After two weeks of no action, the Isuzu Southern Kings and the Toyota Cheetahs will be back on South African soil for another round of Guinness Pro14 matches. The Kings will host the Scarlets from Wales in Port Elizabeth on Friday evening, before the Cheetahs host the Cardiff Blues in Bloemfontein on Saturday night.

Springboks

The Springbok Women's team, including 11 capped players assembled in Stellenbosch as the team kick off their preparations on Sunday for their first round of Test matches since the 2014 Women's Rugby Cup. Included in the 32-member squad are four players from the 2014 showpiece, Nolusindiso Booie, Tayla Kinsey, Fundiswa Plaatjie and Thantaswa Macingwana, while seven capped Springbok Women's Sevens players, Kirsten Conrad, Nosiphiso Goda, Babalwa Latsha, Zintle Mpupha, Zinhle Ndawonde, Snehlanhla Shoji and Eloise Webb, were also included.



Rhodes Shrews next to the scoreboard after their nailbiting victory over Salem 2nds. Photo: Supplied

Rhodes Cricket ends season on a high

By STEPHEN PETTIT

Both Rhodes cricket teams bounced back from defeats on Saturday 20 October to record fantastic wins on the Sunday 21 October as they went into their mid-season break on a high note.

The Rhodes Firsts travelled to Southwell on Saturday and, despite a magnificent century from Simon Webster, were unable to chase down the 240 posted by Southwell.

The Shrews meanwhile hosted Cuylerville at Prospect Field, where they managed to salvage a total of 141 all out in the first innings. Jason Wehmeyer top scored with 41,

while Jack Tilbury and Aiden du Toit chipped in 23 runs apiece. Cuylerville lost a few early wickets but eventually chased down the total with relative ease, sealing a five wicket victory.

With the last day of the GCB season for Rhodes on Sunday, it was all to play for as the First team and Shrews looked to find the perfect way to head into the break.

Rhodes First team hosted Cuylerville First team on Prospect field and, after winning the toss, elected to bat first.

Ryan Harley (22) and Matthew Menear (38) laid a good foundation

in the early overs before David Blenkinsop smashed a quick 80 to set a very competitive 248/8.

A fantastic bowling performance then ensued as Cuylerville were skittled out for just 67 giving Rhodes a terrific 181 run bonus point victory to make a huge statement of intent across the first league.

Meanwhile at Salem, the Shrews posted a first innings score of 241 thanks to a great knock from William Samson (68) and handy contributions from Martinus Scheepers (45) and Stephen Pettitt (33).

Salem got off to a slow start but eventually built some momentum

until they looked on track for victory at 223/7 needing just 26 runs in 13 overs with three wickets in hand.

However, some terrific bowling from Wehmeyer and du Toit meant that the Shrews had Salem 243/9 and with just three runs remaining, Wehmeyer sent the bails flying as the Shrews picked up the tenth wicket to win by just three runs in stunning fashion.

It was the perfect way to end the season for Rhodes cricket who have bounced back very well after a disappointing previous season and look on track to become a very competitive side in both leagues going forward.

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FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER
TENNIS:
Graeme College: Albany Trials - U10 through U18 age-groups.
St Andrew's College: Second Team vs Craddock High School

CRICKET:
Graeme College: First Team vs Kingswood College (Kingswood).
St Andrew's College: vs Woodridge College

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER
WATER POLO:
Graeme College: First Team and U15 A vs Grey College (Grey)

CRICKET:
Graeme College vs Kingswood College: U14 A and Second Team (Graeme); First Team, U15 A, and Third Team (Kingswood)

St Andrew's College: 09:30 - 1st XI v Woodridge College (Away); 09:30 - 2nd XI v Woodridge College (Home); 09:30 - 3rd XI v Port Alfred High School (Away); 09:30 - 4th XI v Mary Waters (Home); 09:30 - Boys-U15A v Port Alfred High School (Away); 09:30 - Boys-U15B v Woodridge College (Away); 09:30 - Boys-U14A v Woodridge College (Home); 09:30 - Boys-U14B v Mary Waters (Home)

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER
TENNIS:
St Andrew's vs Graeme College: 1st team and 2nd team

WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER
WATER POLO:
Graeme College in Wednesday league - 1st team and U15 team.

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER
CRICKET:
Graeme College vs St Andrew's College: U14 B, U14 A, U15 B, 3rd (St Andrew's); U15 A (Graeme).

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER
CRICKET:
Graeme College vs St Andrew's College: 1st team (Graeme).

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

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