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SAVING WATER IS URGENT

After filling the buckets for the loo wash your hands during the day in your left over bath water. Put an ice cream dish in the basin to wash your hands in and when it fills up, put it in the buckets for the loo. - **Cecilia Bright**

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Land Bank Manager Zilindile Makapela hands over 6 900 five-litre bottles of water to Gift of the Givers' Ekream Omar in Makhanda (Grahamstown) on World Water Day, Friday 22 March. Farming is integrally linked to sustainable water supply, Makapela said. 'We aim to help achieve the sixth United Nations goal – clean water to all communities by 2030. 'Our long-term vision is to help subsistence communities move through sustainability to commercial operations.' The Gift of the Givers came to Makhanda with emergency water supplies as the shortage became critical and has remained to drill boreholes. Photo: Sue Maclennan



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Margaret Ngubo lives in Extension 10 with her mother and children. Ngubo's mother, 66, has XDR-TB and takes 18 pills each day for her treatment, "it's an improvement!", exclaimed Ngubo, compared to 23 pills last year. Her mother has been to four different TB hospitals including Temba, but now receives care at home from her daughter. The TB Care Society assists the family by delivering the mother's treatments every two weeks; a heavy packet filled with six different medicines. Despite the extent of her mother's TB, Ngubo kept a positive outlook. "I don't take it [TB] serious as if it's a danger", she said. "It's part of life". She smiled and laughed with our reporters during the visit, joking about the cleaning and washing she still had to do. More of Ngubo's positivity is needed in Makhanda, and the country.



Nodida Hilda Wamba is 76 years old. She cares for her husband, daughter and grand-daughter in a small house in Extension 9. Her grand-daughter turns two next week, and was diagnosed with TB last year. Wamba struggles to keep her family healthy while piles of rubbish and filth collect on the streets outside her home. Providing food for her family is another challenge, especially to ensure her grand-daughter can follow her treatment. She gets powdered milk and peanut butter from the clinic, and buys spinach and other vegetables from the community. Wamba's family is just one of many families that are assisted by the TB Care Society. Photos: Stephen Kisbey-Green

Makhanda fights TB

By KATHRYN CLEARY

On 26 March, two days after World TB Day, Tembisa Hospital in Johannesburg hosted Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi. This was in honour of the country's official launch of the Lancet Commission Report on Tuberculosis (TB). The extensive report follows the United Nations General Assembly's first-ever high-level meeting on TB in September 2018. Its launch signals a new hope for TB treatment and prevention in South Africa, but comes at a time where ongoing drought heightens risk in communities. Reportedly Makhanda has seen an estimated 100 new cases of TB since the beginning of the year and with rumours of Temba TB Hospital closing down, our team investigated.

Lunga Ntshebe, Manager of the Grahamstown TB Care Society, does much more than his title suggests. From working with the Society's three community health workers to find defaulters in the community, delivering medication, and applying for lottery funding, Ntshebe is always on the go.

Since 2008, Ntshebe and his small team have worked to combat TB in Makhanda. The Society's office sits next to Temba Hospital in Fingo Village. Temba is Makana's only TB hospital, with the closest other facilities located in Ndlambe and Nelson Mandela Bay.

Temba is owned by the Society but leased by the Department of Health. In 2014, the province signed a five-year lease agreement, terminating at the end of 2019. With lottery funding scarce, and donations slim, the Socie-

ty's primary source of income is rent, and if the Department fails to renew the lease, the Society could crumble.

On social media the Society has called for interested future lessees or buyers for the property, fearing that Temba may close. Reportedly TB patients would be transferred to Settlers Hospital in Makhanda's CBD. "It's very far," said Ntshebe. "[Temba] is walking distance for people here to come see their families."

The hospital also hosts a garden that is open to the community to plant and harvest vegetables. "By closing down [Temba], it means the fence is going to be vandalised, and the gardens will be exposed and then [the community] will have nothing."

In mid-January the Society posted, "Hundreds of people are infected with TB in Makana and this will remain so, because they are defaulting treatment, whereas there is a hospital suitable to contain them till they are cured."

Ntshebe estimated that there have been more than 100 new cases of TB in Makhanda just this year.

"It's quite a lot, especially in Joza," said Ntshebe. "It's gotten worse because of the water [crisis], and TB is found in the poorest of the poor areas." He explained that water trucks cannot reach certain areas in the community, like Zolani, leaving residents no choice but to use dirty water.

Though TB is not transmitted through water, a lack of water means poorer sanitation conditions and wilting gardens; both have serious implications for immune systems and nutrition. Patients who are co-infect-

ed with HIV/Aids are particularly at risk during the water crisis. According to Ntshebe, the co-infection rate in Makhanda is around 70 percent.

To help with nutrition, the Society offers soup and bread for roughly 15 patients per clinic each week - about 60 patients in total. Should the Society close, this feeding scheme will no longer operate.

EC Department of Health Spokesperson Lwandile Sicwetsha was approached for comment on the future of Temba, as well as the number of TB cases in Makhanda, but did not provide a response. As a result, Grocott's Mail cannot confirm Ntshebe's estimate of 100 new cases.

One of the Society's biggest challenges is patients who default on their treatment. Defaulting can lead to Multidrug-Resistant (MDR) and Extensively Drug-Resistant (XDR) TB, which Ntshebe says, is common in Makhanda.

"They always says it's far for them to go to the clinic. When they're given a week's worth of medication that is when they default, because there is no one looking after them."

Patients with MDR and XDR-TB are often transferred from Temba to Marjorie Parrish Hospital in Port Alfred for further treatment.

The Society provides outreach, family checks, counselling and a feeding scheme for TB patients in Makhanda; without funding they will be forced to close down, leaving patients and their families with almost no support.

Grocott's Mail will continue to report.

Five key investments to combat TB

The Lancet Commission Report on TB recommends:

• High-quality diagnostics and treatment for patients

"Invest first to ensure that high quality rapid diagnostics and treatment are provided to all individuals receiving care for tuberculosis, wherever they seek care."

• Outreach work to high-risk populations

"Reach people and populations at high risk for tuberculosis (such as household and other close contacts of people with tuberculosis, and people with HIV) and bring them into care."

• Extensive research

"Increase investment to accelerate tuberculosis research and development and bring new diagnostics, therapeutic strategies, and vaccines to clinical practice to quickly end the pandemic."

• Co-operation and co-responsibility across the globe for TB programmes

"Make investment in tuberculosis programmes a shared responsibility, increasing development assistance for tuberculosis according to the financial needs of individual low-income and middle-income countries."

• Accountability

"Hold countries and key stakeholders accountable for progress made towards ending tuberculosis."



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high tide 10:40

SATURDAY

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Tides: low tides 06:39 19:17
high tides 00:25 12:49

SUNDAY

Rain. Light southerly wind.
Temperature: Min 13°C Max 23°C
Tides: low tides 07:34 19:57
high tides 01:30 13:44

WEATHER & TIDES

MONDAY

Partly cloudy. Moderate SW wind.
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Tides: low tides 08:08 20:27
high tides 02:06 14:19

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy. Moderate easterly wind.
Temperature: Min 8°C Max 19°C
Tides: low tides 08:38 20:54
high tides 02:36 14:47

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy. Light NNE wind.
Temperature: Min 14°C Max 30°C
Tides: low tides 09:06 21:19
high tides 03:03 15:14

THURSDAY

Rain. Light WSW wind.
Temperature: Min 15°C Max 23°C
Tides: low tides 09:33 21:44
high tides 03:29 15:40

FRIDAY

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Temperature: Min 16°C Max 20°C
Tides: low tides 10:00 22:10
high tides 03:54 16:07

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Judge rules on Eskom threat

By SUE MACLENNAN

While in the High Court in Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Thursday 28 March a senior Judge was ordering that Makana Municipality should pay the full legal costs for an application to interdict Eskom from cutting power to the town, in the City Hall Council Chambers, politicians were voting to oppose a second High Court action for the Council to be dissolved and the municipality put under full administration.

In a special council meeting on Thursday 28 March 2019, the ANC caucus vote outnumbered opposition by both the DA and the EFF to Municipal Manager Moppo Mene's recommendation to fight the Unemployed People's Movement's bid for dissolution and Section 139(1)(c) administration.

Court papers were served on Makana Municipality on 27 February, to notify it of the UPM application. The papers allege a range of crises in the municipality including failure to manage staff; multiple ongoing sewage spills; failure to plan for the drought and secure Makana's water supply; air pollution as a result of burning waste at the landfill; repeated threats from Eskom of power cuts after revenue

diverted to pay salaries; and ineffective waste removal.

Also quoted by the Municipal Manager in tabling the item on this week's Council agenda are the UPM's allegations that Makana has been unable to provide basic services and meet its financial obligations for several years; it is increasingly in debt; and that previous 139(1)(b) interventions failed.

On the agenda of the open section of the meeting were the approval of the Draft Annual Budget for 2019/20; a report on progress in managing issues related to the drought and water crisis; and a request for Council to approve an additional R8.3 million for the Alicedale sewerage reticulation upgrade project; and the tabling of the draft integrated development plan and budget (IDP).

All hell broke loose, however, when Mene's recommendation that he be mandated to litigate on Makana's behalf against the UPM was discussed.

ANC councillor Mabhuti Matyumza suggested that all those councillors who opposed the recommendation and were in favour of the Council being dissolved should resign. DA councillor Mlindi Nhanha said

there was no point in wasting taxpayers' money, and insisted on elaborating why. Chief Whip Luyanda Nase sought for the Speaker to order Nhanha to sit down, citing a point of order.

The recommendation to fight the UPM in court was adopted by the majority ANC caucus. Both the DA and the EFF rejected the decision and insisted that their objections be minuted.

Later, in a media statement, DA Premier Campaign Spokesperson Mlindi Nhanha said, "Today the Democratic Alliance rejected the failing ANC's motion to use ratepayer's money to defend the municipality in court against a case that seeks to dissolve the council.

"The DA sees no reason to spend money to defend the court case, which has been brought by civil action groups on behalf of the residents of Makana... The looming crisis of day zero for water and massive debt to Eskom are just the tip of the iceberg. After years of maladministration, political infighting and chronic service delivery failure, it is clear that the current administration and political leadership of the ANC are not prepared to put the interests of the people before their own."

Meanwhile, at the High Court in Makhanda, Justice Zamani Nhlangulela, who is the Deputy Judge President, had instructed the Grahams-town Business Forum and Grahamstown Residents Association, along with the city's two biggest business owners, to meet with Eskom and reach a settlement.

The GBF, GRA, Beer Properties and Pinzoo Traders 8 last week made an urgent application to interdict Eskom from carrying out its threat to cut electricity to Makhanda, eventually resulting in 14-hour daily outages, from 2 April 2019.

Legal representatives, locked in discussion for most of the day, drafted a plan that the Judge declared an order of court.

It postpones the matter to 6 June and orders Eskom not to proceed with cutting electricity to the city, except for normal loadshedding. The applicants and Eskom have been authorised by the Judge to engage with Nersa, and Makana, the National Treasury, the MEC for Co-operative Governance and others to agree on a mechanism for settling Makana's arrears to Eskom and determine a payment mechanism for future electricity supplies by Eskom to Makana.

The Judge also ordered Makana to pay costs.

GBF chairperson Richard Gaybba, commenting on the proceedings, said, "I take no joy in having to go to court. Whilst the order is a relief the negotiations leading up to the next court date will be complex and taxing on all parties.

"I am bitterly disappointed that Makana and NERSA didn't respond and failed to show up. They are key role players. Makana has missed ample opportunities to resolve this matter. They are now bound by an order that they played no part in negotiating.

"Furthermore, they have a cost order against them that they can't afford."

GRA chairperson Philip Machanick said the order was a victory for good sense.

"The threat of cutting Eskom power for up to 14 hours per day was an unnecessary attack on confidence in our city.

"What is happening in Makana is not a local problem – Eskom is owed R20-billion by municipalities and Makana's debt is less than half a per cent of that. The judge has authorised us to work with the relevant government departments and agencies that should be solving this problem nationally. "It is a sorry state of affairs that we have to win a High Court action before these agencies and departments take on what should be their responsibility. GRA is committed to serving all our people and will continue to work on ensuring that government carries out its constitutionally-defined role."



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SIBULELE DIKILOLO
STUDENT

I can't cook, I can't study and lectures get cancelled.



MAZWI MTWA
PENSIONER

Sometimes I come back and I want to go to the toilet and there is no water.



ANDILE NTUKELA
RHODES STAFF MEMBER

Water and electricity are part of our life so that is not good.



THOMAS CAMERON
TEACHER

It makes life difficult, because you never know when it's happening.

Taking steps to turn Makana around

Makana Municipality has been identified as one of the distressed municipalities in the country due its lack of financial viability; inadequate levels of service delivery and poor state of infrastructure. This situation dating back to 2011 is difficult to understand given that this city boasts a number of quality schools; a world class university; a TVET college, large businesses, industries and a great legal fraternity among other gems of expertise.

The city and municipality ought to be a thriving and viable place where people should be queuing to invest and further grow our economy.

Makana has instead experienced severe cash flow prob-

lems since 2011 and found itself in distress in 2013 and received disclaimer opinions from the Auditor General. Some of the reasons leading to this situation include:

- Incomplete / inaccurate billing of municipal accounts: there are properties not yet registered in the Deeds Office and therefore not levied property rates and services.
- Meter readings varying between 0 and 35% monthly due to meters being damaged; not installed correctly; meter installation information not provided to update the billing system; lack of access to properties; and inadequate performance management of meter readers.
- Accounts not correctly cat-

egorised with some businesses billed as residential.

As a result, not enough cash is raised to pay monthly expenses when they become due. Old debts were not being settled and payment plans ranged from one to five years. Inadequate cash flow meant these plans were sometimes difficult to adhere to, resulting in legal action against the municipality.

Monthly payments amount to around R30 million, with salaries at R15m, Eskom between R7.5m in summer and R17m in winter, and other commitments such as audit fees; fuel; maintenance; water chemicals; printing paper; security; support programs for IT systems; adver-

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



tisements; etc. amounting to around R5m per month.

Average collection from municipal billing amounts to R19m per month. The balance is usually funded from the equitable share grant.

Creditors as at the end of February amounted to R175 037 812,50 with 11 of those owed more than R500 000 totaling R169 227 214.32. The remaining R5 810 598.18 are smaller amounts owed to 75 creditors.

To address these problems, we have embarked on revenue enhancement initiatives and cost cutting measures:

• Revenue enhancement

The municipality, with the assistance of National Department: Co-operative Governance & Traditional Affairs, has appointed Kagiso Trust for 18 months from April 2018 – October 2019 to improve its revenue management.

• Cost cutting

With the assistance of COGTA, we are currently undertaking a review of the Organogram. Meanwhile:

- A moratorium has been placed on all non-strategic vacant positions. For the strategic and/ or service delivery vacancies, a motivation has to be submitted to the Senior

Management Team.

- Excessive leave payouts stopped with employees now forced to go on leave.
- Overtime budget cut from R12m to R6m.
- Operational budget cut to only cater for essential and emergency service delivery.

I would like to thank those loyal paying customers who under difficult circumstances still honour their obligations and seek to contribute to the sustainability of the municipality and would like to encourage more residents to start paying their accounts. I am confident that working together we can turn around this difficult financial situation.

*Mzukisi Mphahla,
Executive Mayor
Makana Municipality*

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For further details and enquires please contact Ms Gcobisa Stuurman at 046 603 6009 / 6111 or email: GcobisaStuurman@makana.gov.za

Mr M MENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Cash heist shock

By SUE MACLENNAN

A cash services guard was treated for minor cuts on his head when armed robbers hit the Makana Finance Department in Makhanda (Grahamstown) around 9.30am on Thursday 28 March. Hi-Tec Security alongside police and traffic officers were soon out in full force securing three sites – the High Street offices of the Finance Department, the alley next to Colcade arcade, where a wheeled cash bag was dumped, and the corner of Speke and Henry streets, where one of two fleeing suspects was shot.

Police Spokesperson Brigadier Vishnu Naidoo said two armed men had entered the front office of the Finance Department – one of them dressed in municipal clothing.

“One guard was collecting cash. As the guard was making his way through the building with the money bags, the two male suspects overpowered him, pointed victim with their firearms and hit victim with the butt of a firearm over the head. The victim was also robbed of his pistol and his cellphone. At least two bags of an undisclosed amount of cash were taken from the victim and both suspects fled and exited through the back door of the building,” Naidoo said.

Spokesperson for G4S South Africa, Heinrich Hoffmann, confirmed a G4S employee was busy with a cash collection at Makana Municipality in High Street when he was overpowered by two unknown persons inside the building.

“The robbers hit him with an unknown object on the head,” Hoffmann said. “They grabbed the trolley containing one Glory bag with money and fled the scene on foot.”

Naidoo said two police officers were conducting patrols in the CBD and responded to the robbery.

“The members noticed two men running and boarding a white sedan vehicle. The members parked in front of the vehicles and instructed them to stop,” Naidoo said.

“The suspects then jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot. The members made a U-turn and chased them and again instructed the suspects to stop at the corner of Henry and Speke Street.

“One of the suspects turned around, pointed the members with a handgun and fired shots at the members in the vehicle. One of the members returned fire at the suspect whilst the SAPS vehicle was still in motion.

“The suspect ran further and dropped the firearm and the two money bags on the ground. They collapsed about 50m away from the money bags and firearm. Both the money bags were recovered as well as a 9mm Lorcin pistol. The injured suspect was taken to hospital under police guard. The 72-hour activation plan was implemented and all the role-players were activated and attended to the crime scenes.”

According to a witness interviewed by Grocott's Mail, the second suspect ran away.

Grocott's Mail witnessed Finance Department staff being



A Hi-Tec officer leaves the Makana Finance building.

Photos: Sue MacleNNan

escorted out of the building, some of whom - shocked and traumatised - were taken to hospital.

Makana Mayor Mzukisi Mpahlwa said a report about the robbery had come during a special council meeting. Corporate Services Manager Nomathandazo Mawayi and Chief Financial Officer Gerard Goliath had been dispatched immediately to the scene.

“Councillors were shocked and we asked the CFO to ensure staff receive trauma counselling,” Mpahlwa said. “There will be CCTV footage that police will use to investigate this.”

Hoffmann said the G4S guard had a small cut on the back of his head. “Medical treatment was administered by the medical response team and no stitches were required.”



A coin bag left in an alley and bags and a firearm in Speke Street.



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Shining a light on TB

For the past few weeks, it goes without saying that Eskom has become a primary source of anger and frustration for residents in Makana and around the country. One particular headline from The Herald last week read "What a load of shed!". A funny pun given the unveiling of several 'new' stages of load shedding, however, there are other newsworthy topics that share the same sentiment. As ridiculous as Eskom's elephantine debt and lack of service may be, there are other issues in the country that deserve just as much attention.

This past Sunday was World TB Day and while residents spent the day relaxing with family and preparing for the week ahead, South Africa's number one killer, TB, continued to quietly creep through communities. For TB, this past weekend was no different than any other weekend, but for the world, it was something worth celebrating. Although TB infection rates continue to slowly decrease around the world, drought-stricken Makhanda has presented new challenges. For residents, water shortages mean poorer sanitation conditions and less food in the garden, which means a harder fight against TB.

To make matters worse, when we heard a rumour that Temba TB Hospital in Makhanda was potentially closing at the end of the year, we had to investigate. The point of the investigation was not just to find out if the hospital would close, but to shine a light on what TB patients and their families experience on a day to day basis.

Although our reporter expected to hear stories of pain and weakness, all they found was incredible strength, resilience and passion from community members. For these families TB was not the biggest challenge in their life; rather it was acquiring water, food and ensuring safety and security for their children.

It is no secret that there is a stigma surrounding TB; but as most stigmas, this stems from a lack of education and understanding of the disease. TB cannot be spread through a hug, handshake or sharing a cup of tea; rather it must be spread through the air. What these families taught our reporters was something no scientific research paper would ever state; the most powerful way to end TB is with love, support, kindness and understanding.

If you know someone struggling with TB, reach out to them and ask if you can help them get to the clinic to get their treatment, or offer to make a cup of tea or go for a walk outside. Eskom can turn the lights out in country, but the country cannot afford to turn the lights out on TB.

• This week's editorial column was written by Kathryn Cleary

LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Janine Peinke (left) of Grahamstown Hospice receives a cheque for R25 000 from Makana Brick chief executive officer Colin Meyer who announced at the start of the recent 8km Nite Race that Makana Brick would donate R25 000 to Hospice on the occasion of the company's 25th anniversary this year. This amount is in addition to the entry fees paid by the 520 runners, joggers and walkers that also went the way of Grahamstown Hospice. Makana Brick was not only the sponsor of the Nite Race, but also organised the highly popular annual event. Photo: Supplied

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Roslyn Parker
Administrator : Brookshaw Home

Divorce – what happens

By RYAN MCDONALD

The act of divorce can have important proprietary consequences. In other words, there could be implications for your immovable property (e.g. a house), movables (e.g. a car) and incorporeal property (e.g. savings). The Divorce Act empowers a court granting a divorce to make an order with regard to the division of the property of the parties.

In the majority of cases, the parties to a divorce are able to agree upon the division of their assets in a way that suits them. Where agreement can be reached, this agreement will be formalised in writing and incorporated into the divorce order. In the event that the parties are unable to reach agreement, then the matrimonial property regime that the parties are married under will become the point of departure in determining how assets are to be divided.

We have previously looked at the concept of a matrimonial property regime (see "He / She said, 'Yes'..." published on 1 February 2019). To recap, where the parties were married in community of property, their joint estate will be divided

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equally between them. Where the parties are married out of community of property, then there are no joint assets, so the issue of dividing property is not relevant. In the instance where a couple are married out of community of property with the accrual system, then the difference in the amount by which the couple's respective estates grew during the marriage is divided in half. It is important to note that the pension interest of a party to a divorce will, for the purposes of the division of assets, be deemed to be an asset of the estate.

There are two instances in which it is possible to deviate from the default position of the matrimonial property regime (outside of the parties agreeing to do so). The first is where the marriage was concluded before 1 November 1984, in terms of an out of community of property antenuptial contract, the

court is empowered to grant a redistribution order in terms of section 7(3) of the Divorce Act. A court will grant a redistribution order only if it is satisfied that it is equitable and just to do so. The possibility of a redistribution order will apply to a relatively small number of divorces and a full discussion of it is beyond the scope of this article. The second instance is where the court grants a 'forfeiture order'. This is a provision that recognises that an individual should not benefit as a result of their own wrongdoing, and thus should forfeit part of what would ordinarily be due to him/her. Where a forfeiture order is sought, the party seeking it will have to show that one or more of the following factors favour it:

- the duration of the marriage
- the circumstances leading up to the breakdown; and
- if applicable, any substantial

misconduct by one or both of the parties.

An extreme example of where a forfeiture order could be granted is where a 20-year-old man, with no assets to his name, marries a 70-year-old woman with an estate of R20 million in community of property. After physically abusing the older lady for a month after marriage, he files for a divorce seeking half of the joint estate. In these circumstances, a court may find that the young man will unduly benefit if he receives one half of his estate and may well grant a forfeiture in favour of the wife, based on the length of the marriage, the circumstances that lead to the breakdown, and the misconduct.

It is important to note that one can only forfeit a benefit. If the roles were reversed in the above scenario, the young man would only ever be entitled to the normal consequences of a marriage in community of property (half of the joint estate). This is because there was no benefit for the older lady with the large estate marrying the younger man with no estate. There is therefore no benefit to forfeit.



Makhanda fights TB

0 Makhanda is fighting tuberculosis (TB) through a community-led initiative. The initiative aims to raise awareness and provide support to those affected by the disease. The community is working together to ensure that everyone has access to the necessary resources and information to combat TB effectively.

Please read about the courageous people struggling with TB in Makhanda on Page 2

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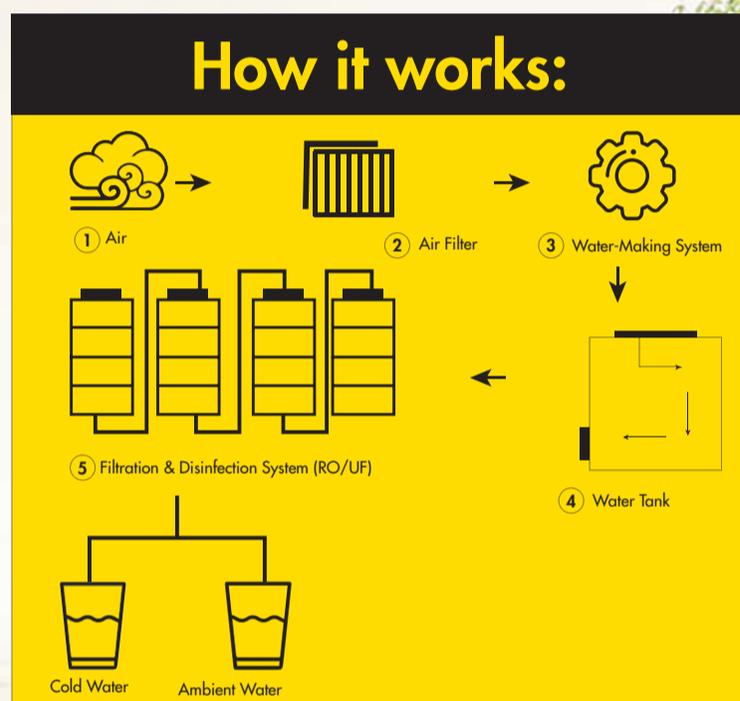
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Having a personal financial plan will help you take stock of

where you are now in your life, where you would like to be and what you need to do to get there. It may include goals you would like to achieve, such as buying a house, educating your children and enjoying a comfortable retirement.

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with a severe illness such as a cancer, heart attack or stroke. You should make sure that you belong to a good medical aid and have the right kind of cover in place so that, if you experience any of these devastating events, there is financial support for you and your family. You should also ensure that your personal belongings are insured to their full replacement value in the event of fire, theft, accident or any other unforeseen eventuality.

The most important component of your plan is to identify the amount you will need to save each month to achieve your short, medium and long-term financial goals. A useful way to achieve this is to prioritise your savings and only spend what remains on your living expenses.

How and where you invest is extremely important. Many suitable investments are available, each serving a different purpose. You can invest in

an interest-bearing bank account, tax free investment or endowment fund to achieve short to medium term goals. For longer term goals you should contribute to a pension fund or retirement annuity. You should avoid having all your eggs in one basket, such as only investing in bank fixed deposits. It is prudent to have a diversified portfolio of investments with a portion of your savings invested in growth assets such as shares.

A crucial addendum to your financial plan is an up-to-date will. It is important to allocate your assets and belongings to your loved ones and to the organizations you would like to support in the event of your death. A well-constructed last will and testament will ensure

that your estate can be wound up with the minimum amount of fuss and without your executor having to pay unnecessary taxes and death duties.

The Gift of the Givers and other concerned organisations rushed to Grahamstown to provide residents with support when their taps ran dry. Similar organisations will not be there for you if you run out of money. You need to have a plan in place to ensure that you and your family never have to worry about a financial day zero.

• *Rands and Sense* is a monthly column, written by Ross Marriner, a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® with PSG Wealth. His Financial Planning Office number is 046 622 2891



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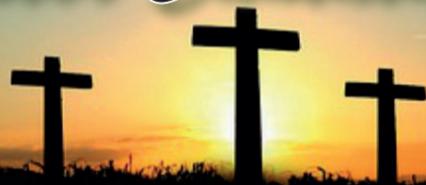
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Top quartet in concert

By JOHN JACKSON

It is exciting for concert-goers in this town when acclaimed musicians based outside the country perform here, especially beyond the National Arts Festival. And if they have grown up here, the pleasure is all the more. On Monday 1 April at 7.30pm Kingswood and Rhodes alumnus Adam Campbell will perform in the NELM auditorium with three other saxophone players (from France, Italy and Japan) as the AVENA quartet. Founded in Strasbourg in 2016, they have performed frequently in Eu-

rope and Japan, and have won several prestigious awards.

The programme includes works by Stravinsky, Ligeti, Lago, Gershwin and Geiss, but will also offer scope for the talents of the players as improvisers.

A special treat on this occasion, hosted by the Grahams-town Music Society, will be an exhibition of oil paintings by Ashwin Pienaar. Most of the works have some connection with his alma mater, St Andrew's College. Refreshments will be provided during the interval.

Rising praise for poet

By ZIKHONA NYUMKA

"My life has been dominated by art mostly. I and my art, we are feathers of the same bird [Singamaphuth'ahlathi'nye]."

Bhodl'ingqaka, whose given name is Akhona Mafani, is a Xhosa praise poet and creative artist who hails from Vukani. He's one of several artists from there that local record label Shizzo Manizo Productions owned by Lonwabo "Dezz" Gwente and Siphelo "Nqontsonqa" Dyongman has given a voice.

Bhodl'ingqaka's love for the spoken word was inspired by the free poetry shows which he attended at an early age at the National Arts Festival. In 2011, he had garnered enough material, courage and confidence to start performing publicly.

"I had a conversation with my notepad. I felt like I needed to put the words that I harboured inside me from a young age on paper. In that moment I felt no more inferiority complex, no more taking myself down," he said.

He has featured at festivals throughout the Eastern Cape and beyond, including Makhanda's own annual Puku story festival. In 2018, he performed in the Gcin'amasiko festival in Durban, hosted by Mam'Gcina Mhlophe. Bhodl'ingqaka also collaborated with her in a production called Ivili. In the same year, he performed at the Ndlambe



Bhodl'ingqaka

Music Festival.

The praise poet has performed izibongo for James Matthews, the late Saba Mbixane, Xhosa novelist Professor Peter Tshobisa Mthuze and even the Xhosa king, Zwelonke Sigcawu. Other South African stars with whom Bhodl'ingqaka has shared a stage include The Soil and Loyiso Gola.

His 10-track musical poetry album Iintonga Zetyendyana ("the sticks of a young boy") was recorded at the International Library of African Music at Rhodes University and was released in 2017.

It's a narrative of his life in Vukani, with reference to social injustice, local community issues and lost love. He has collaborated with Afro-soul songstress, Nombasa Maqoko, on a song that is making waves in local musical charts, Sasingobani.

Poetry is not this young star's only forte. He wrote a play entitled "Befile nje bafathetha" which was named

Best Play in the Makana Development Festival at Rhodes University. Bhodl'ingqaka credits his late former English teacher from Nathaniel Nyaluza High School, Steader Nkwinti, for mentoring him in dramatic arts and poetry.

"When I met him, I would say that was the part in my life that was enhanced," he said.

Controversy

The poet caused an uproar during WordFest at the National Arts Festival in 2017, when he recited a political poem criticising former President Jacob Zuma's corrupt practices. According to a report in the Daily Dispatch, former Arts and Culture MEC Pemmy Majodina consequently banned him for life from arts and culture events organised by the Province.

"The words were 'sizenzile masingakhalelwa kuba sawuyeka umhlaba wazamazama wazuma eshosholoza ngomtshini wakhe namhlanje usibethe ephangweni', Bhodl'ingqaka explained. "No one approached me and asked me what does the line mean," he said.

He hadn't aimed to disrespect the President, he said; however he wanted to show that the reason the country was in turmoil was because of the former president's allegedly corrupt ways.

"I was speaking directly to the President as a poet. As a poet, I have the authority to

demand that 'this and that cannot happen'. We are given a license as poets to speak about issues."

Bhodl'ingqaka says he and the Department have since buried the hatchet and they invited him to perform at the opening of the National Arts Festival last year.

He is currently working on his second album, Mandingathuli, produced by Elijah Madiba at ILAM. The album touches on social ills and environmental affairs. "Many people have died through the chains of silence," said Bhodl'ingqaka. With this album, he aims to raise awareness about the importance of breaking the silence about socio-political issues and issues of love.

To honour his mentor, Bhodl'ingqaka started a theatre company called the Steader Nkwinti legacy aimed at developing and nurturing young creative artists. The company is planning to showcase four productions at this year's National Arts Festival.

Bhodl'ingqaka wants to unite people through art and use it to combat crime and substance abuse in the community. He hopes to achieve this through the Vukani Festival which he established in December 2018. The festival features storytelling sessions, poetry, music, and dance workshops and he is appealing to companies for assistance in achieving this goal.

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Support for Scifest Hidden Figures screening



The US Consulate General, Cape Town's Deputy Public Affairs Officer Mignon Cardentey (pictured) and Public Affairs Specialist Kim Williams attended the #Scifest2019 for the screening of *Hidden Figures*. The screening of this film was supported by the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and was coordinated by the US Department of State together with the US Embassy South Africa. Cardentey and Williams also encouraged learners to work hard at school to get good grades, so that they can apply for Fulbright scholarships. The film was featured in 49 other countries across the world to celebrate the breakthroughs of female scientists and the obstacles they have faced in the science field in becoming... hidden no more! Photo: Supplied

Check your Scifacts

By STEVEN LANG

Scientists often struggle to cross the rickety bridge that spans the chasm between themselves and the media. One reason is that the abyss appears to be infested with the monsters of sensationalism, ignorance and their offspring: inaccuracies and false expectations.

The gap between science and the media was the focus of a panel discussion entitled "Misunderstandings and Misuses: Science Journalism" held at Rhodes University recently, as part of the Academy of Science of South Africa's (ASSAf) Embassy Lecture series.

Dr Hester du Plessis, of the Human Sciences Research Council moderated the discussion with four highly regarded academics and one senior editor on the panel: Professor Doris Schroeder, the University of Central Lancashire in the UK; Professor Harry Dugmore, School of Journalism and Media Studies, Rhodes University; Natasha Joseph, Science and Technology editor of *The Conversation Africa*; Professor Janice Limson, Director of the Biotechnology Innovation Centre, Rhodes University and Professor Himla Soodyall, Executive Officer of ASSAf.

The discussions leaned

heavily on the side of the scientists with journalists largely cast as mercenaries who will write anything to sell newspapers. Most members of the audience, and four of the five panellists, were academics, who shared stories about how journalists often get it wrong.

Dugmore questioned the ethics of media that uncritically published research sponsored by Coca-Cola about the obesity crisis.

This research attempted to shift blame from poor diet to a lack of exercise and said we should rather seek an energy balance to lead healthy lifestyles.

Dugmore said media organisations should not have unquestioningly accepted research that was so obviously agenda driven.

His second example was the nefarious role of Ugandan newspapers that rode a national wave of homophobia with gusto, printing photographs and contact details of people who were reputedly homosexuals.

Dugmore said instead of actively spreading dangerous myths about homosexuality, they should have taken on the responsibility of accurate reporting and showed why these myths are incorrect. They instead fuelled mob mentality to

boost sales.

Schroeder, a German professor who heads up the Centre for Professional Ethics at the University of Lancashire, is concerned about the ethical obligations of scientists. She spoke about scientists accused of conducting research of questionable ethical standards in foreign countries where requirements are not so stringent - a practice known as 'ethics dumping'.

Joseph was the lone voice defending journalists. She said turbulent changes in the media environment over the past two decades were partly to blame for occasional mistakes in science stories in mainstream media.

Digital media had severely curtailed the strength of the once powerful legacy media who now had less money to spend on hiring competent journalists.

Competition from all sides had put severe stress on business models of media organisations that not too long ago were quite comfortable.

Today's newsrooms were sparsely populated with younger journalists who were expected to produce a wide range of items in diverse fields.

Limson made a presentation about her postgraduate

biotechnology students who are taught how to engage directly with the public. In her model, journalists are largely dispensed with as the emerging scientists interact with communities where they expect their research to be deployed.

This goes beyond communicating, as the young scientists rely on the public to help shape their research.

Professor Soodyall, a world-renowned geneticist, spoke at length about how a newspaper almost tarnished her reputation when it published an inappropriate headline on a story about her research into the population of Tristan da Cunha. Her angry reaction was never to speak to anyone from that newspaper ever again.

Her tale of caution, and other similar horror-stories shared at the panel discussion, served as a warning to the young scientists in the audience about engaging with the media. It can be dangerous and career-threatening which is why scientists are, broadly speaking, reluctant to speak to reporters.

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Silvia Maholo in her garden. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

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Holiday Club fun

BY STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

As the schools once again enjoy their much-deserved holiday breaks, many parents wonder how they are going to look after their children while still at work.

For the children and parents in Seven Fountains, this issue has been solved by the Lalibela Game Reserve, who host a holiday club for children to attend throughout the school holidays and enjoy fun, games and snacks galore.

Started in 2018, the Lalibela Holiday Club takes place during every public school holiday period, meaning that

four times a year, children who would otherwise be bored at home can enjoy the holidays through games and activities at the Seven Fountains Recreation Centre. The idea sparked last year when Charmain Gradwell, Lalibela's Community Outreach Manager, saw that there was little happening in the village for the children during the holidays. As a teacher, Gradwell knows the importance of busy hands and busy minds. The club has since grown in popularity for both children and their parents.

On average, between 60 and 70 children from Seven Fountains come through during the shorter holiday periods in March and October. Gradwell suggests that the major holidays in June and December attract between 120 and 150 children. The children take part in a variety of arts and crafts, as well as crocheting and decorating. They also play sports such as cricket, tennis and sometimes run races.

On Wednesday 27 March, the children worked on creating a garden, learning even more life skills.

The Lalibela Holiday Club is also looking to expand. The Recreation Centre is host to the recently launched sewing project, and in the near future will offer knitting and crocheting lessons as well as a beadwork centre. The expansion includes kids' activities like a playground and homework club during term times. Gradwell hopes this will be up and running soon.

Gradwell appreciates the support that the initiative has received from the community and the staff at Lalibela Game Reserve.

"The best and most important type of support we need to make sure this project maintains its success is 'hands on' support from adults. The assistance we receive at the moment is from parents, staff from Lalibela game reserve and community leaders," she said.

Parents in the community, such as Nokhanyo Binda, always look forward to the holidays now, as their children can continue to learn and play even when they are not in school. "I love school holidays because we as parents see how our children are getting opportunities to learn things we don't do with them at home," said Binda.

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The children at the Lalibela Holiday Club always look like they are enjoying themselves throughout the day. Photo: Supplied



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Swimming strong at SA Nationals

STAFF REPORTER

St Andrew's College and Diocesan School for Girls (DSG) were well represented at the South African Junior Nationals in Durban from the 20 to 24 March.

Toni Rafferty, Emma Podesta and Courtney Repinz, all from DSG, produced excellent results all round. Rafferty swam in five finals, winning a gold in the 50m freestyle and bettering her own Eastern Province record, a silver in the 100m freestyle breaking her EP record, a silver in the 50m butterfly and a fourth place in the 100m butterfly. Podesta swam in two finals, namely the 50m backstroke, placing tenth and in the 100m butterfly, placing eighth.

From St Andrew's College, Martin Wolmarans, Oliva Lange and Joss Hempel also took part in the national championships. Lange took home the bronze medal in the U15 200m breaststroke, while also placing fifth in the 100m breaststroke and tenth in the 50m breaststroke.

In the U16 boys category, Wolmarans was unlucky to miss out on podium finishes in his finals, as he took home fourth in the 50m butterfly as well as the 50m freestyle, and came fifth in the 100m freestyle, finishing within the South African Qualifying time.

Hempel swam in the U14 age group, taking part in five races. Unlucky to finish in a podium position by finishing fourth in both the 100m freestyle and butterfly, also came in sixth for both the 50m butterfly and freestyle races. His final result saw him finish ninth in the 200m freestyle race.



Toni Rafferty, left, and Emma Podesta at the South African Junior Nationals in Durban. Photo: Supplied

Sakhulutsha in LFA relegation drama

By CHRIS TOTOBELA

The Makana LFA Premier league is well under way, with the teams having played five to six games already. It is still the early stages of the season but there are fireworks already and the teams seem to mean business, however there is still one team that is yet to take the field in this year's competition.

Just before the start of the current campaign, the fans anticipated good football and highly contested clashes especially after the relegation of Eleven Attackers and Sakhulutsha from the SAB league. Attackers have had a rocky start to the league while Sakhulutsha are yet to kick a ball this season in the Makana LFA Premier league.

Grocott's Mail spoke to Sakhulutsha's head coach, Siyabonga Masinda, who did not hide his dissatisfaction about his team's situation. "We were told that we are supposed to play in the first division which is something that came as a surprise to me. When we won the league we did not get our prize money from the league but [other teams reportedly] got their prize money," said Masinda.

Masinda was frustrated that the club is reportedly still owed money from the league from a number of years ago. "How are we suppose to pay the affiliation fee that they want from us if they know exactly that they still owe us money that has been outstanding for years. This is so

frustrating for my players and I am willing to do anything to make sure that justice prevails," said Masinda.

Akhona Heshu, the general secretary of Makana LFA, responded on behalf of the association.

"We alerted all the teams that were promoted to the SAB league about this rule and this is compulsory to all the promoted teams. The promoted teams are suppose to leave a team that will play in the local premier league so that when they get relegated they fall back straight to our premier league," said Heshu.

"If you do not have the team that will play in our league, you must pay the affiliation fee that is paid by all the premier league team. We are very aware of the costs that the promoted teams endure while playing in the SAB league which is why we do not have a deadline for them. They are allowed to pay it any time before the start of the new league."

"Sakhulutsha knew their fate with three or two games to go and should have made plans to avoid the situation that they find themselves in. We had no choice but to instruct them to go and play in the lower league. We made several attempts to try and avoid this situation. We have written a few letters to them requesting a meeting with them but they never showed up. This is nothing personal and we are just following the rules," said Heshu.

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The South African Welterweight Champion, Mziwoxolo Ndwayana will defend his title for the first time since winning it in September of 2018, when he goes up against Odwa Gaxa at the Uitenhage Indoor Sports Centre on Sunday 31 March. Ndwayana looked full of confidence at his pre-weigh in at the Makhanda Indoor Sports Centre, as he prepared for his first defence. Pictured are, from left to right, Bongani Fule (boxer), Rami Xhonxa (ward councillor), Thandisile Poltin (Ndwayana's trainer), Mziwoxolo Ndwayana (SA Welterweight Champion), Bulelani Ndwayana (Ndwayana's coach and manager), and Lungelo Dube (boxer).

Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

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Parkrun #235

A total of 181 runners came out for the Makhanda (Grahamstown) Parkrun on Saturday 23 March. Of those 181 runners, the following were the fastest finishers:

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2. Melikhaya Dyubele - 20:19 (M)
3. Cee-Jay Porthen - 22:05 (M)
4. Grant Mackenzie - 23:00 (M)
5. Kennedy Khuzwayo Simango - 23:38 (M)
6. Lutho Singata - 23:38 (M)
7. Adam Weeks - 23:55 (M)
8. Lwando Myles Saunders - 24:23 (M)

9. Matthew Parkinson - 24:56 (M)
10. Thobela Sambane - 25:04 (M)
11. Unknown - Information not collected
12. Unknown - Information not collected
13. Unknown - Information not collected
14. Kelly Mackenzie - 25:32 (F)
15. Unknown - Information not collected
16. Robert Kirkpatrick - 25:35 (M)
17. Cole Youthed - 26:06 (M)
18. Mongezi Leighton Mackade - 26:12 (M)
19. Quinlan Caiger - 26:25 (M)
20. Jethro Napier Weeks - 26:37 (M)

Protea Fire

Proteas Women's assistant coach, Salieg Nackerdien was delighted with the quality of work put in by the young players during the Cricket South Africa (CSA) National Women's camp at the Powerade Centre of Excellence in Pretoria. He is also looking forward to more selection headaches going forward. A mixture of the full nationally contracted team as well as emerging talent from the Powerade National Academy and a couple of players identified as prospects for the future formed a 21-player squad that attended the intense camp alongside Proteas Women coaching staff and specialist consultants led by head coach, Hilton Moreeng.

Pro14

Neither of South Africa's representatives in the Guinness Pro14 managed to return home with a victory over the past weekend, with both the Isuzu Southern Kings and the Toyota Cheetahs losing out to their European rivals on Saturday. The Kings had travelled to Ireland, hoping to get revenge over Ulster from their 7-28 loss in Port Elizabeth in Round Three earlier in the championship, but were on the receiving end of a 33-19 loss. The Cheetahs were also out for revenge against Glasgow, however they too could not pull off the victory, losing out by 35-17 in Scotland. Pro14 rugby returns in the first weekend in April.

WSL

West Africa stages a World Surf League (WSL) competition for the first time as the inaugural Senegal Pro presented by BKS got underway at Surfers Paradise in Dakar on the westernmost point of the continent starting on Wednesday. The competition will run until Sunday 31 March. Featuring Qualifying Series (QS) 1,500 rated events, this historic contest has attracted entries from a total of 26 women and 41 men from 15 countries and is the first event in the 2019 WSL Africa Series with 19 of the entrants also earning points on the regional rankings, including seven new members from Senegal.

Provincial Cricket

The country's top cricketers assembled in Bloemfontein this week for the 2019 instalment of the Cricket South Africa (CSA) Women's National Week, taking place from 25-29 March. The eight-team, 50-over competition is the culmination of the 2018/19 Women's Provincial League. The provincial sides were split into two pools, with play-off matches taking place to decide the champions and the final standings. The top six teams form part of the national pool next season, while the bottom two will be relegated to the regional inland and coastal pools. The final day starts on Friday, with live scoring available at www.websports.co.za.



Jason Thomas of St Andrew's College, during the Grey High School Rugby Festival match between St Andrew's College and Jeppe Boys High at Grey in Port Elizabeth, Saturday 23 March 2019. Photo: Supplied

Locals shine in PE Festival

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

The early stages of the schoolboy rugby season continued at the Standard Bank Grey High School Rugby Festival on Thursday 21 March and Saturday 23 March, with schools from across the country travelling to Port Elizabeth to take part. From Makhanda; Graeme College, Kingswood College and St Andrew's College would all look to make their mark in the prestigious festival of schoolboy rugby.

All three schools brought more than just their first teams to the festival, with U14, U15 and U16 matches also taking place on both days. The Graeme age-group teams celebrated with three wins against St Alban's on the first day of the festival. This was followed by another perfect run of results, where all three of the Graeme age-group teams defeated the Park-

town sides on day two. While the U15 A and U16 A matches were closely contested, Graeme U14 A dismantled Parktown to romp home a 43-0 victory, the highlight of their festival.

The St Andrew's age-group sides faced some tough opposition on the Thursday, with the U14, U15 and U16 sides drawing, winning and losing respectively against St John's College. The second day was not so kind to the St Andrew's younger sides either, with only their U14 A team in action, St Andrew's lost to Framesby in a 26-0 lockout.

For Kingswood's age-group teams, the 2019 Grey High Festival will surely be one to forget as they lost all of their games on day one, with their only win coming on day two for the U14 A side. Their U14 A side ran out 12-26 victors over St John's.

The main matches on both days

were always going to be the first team matches, with the Makhanda sides doing arguably better on both days than their age-group sides had done. However, Graeme College's first team's luck was opposite to that of their age-group teams, as they were unable to register a win over the two days. Graeme Firsts lost out to St Alban's in a closely contested match on day one, with only three points separating the two sides at the end of the match; Graeme lost by 10-7. Day two also saw the Graeme firsts on the losing side of things, this time being run over 10-34 by a powerful Marlow side.

For Kingswood and St Andrew's, however, they will fondly remember the Grey High Festival, as both of their first teams were undefeated. St Andrew's College whitewashed St John's in their encounter on day

one by 31-0, before moving on to their day two clash against Jeppe. In a titanic clash on Saturday, only one point separated the historic schools, with St Andrew's earning a 12-13 victory over the Johannesburg school.

Kingswood closed out the festival with impressive wins in their two first team matches. Thursday saw their First Team dismantle their opposition from Parktown Boys' High, running in fifty points to secure a 50-12 victory. They followed up this strong performance with an arguably stronger one against St John's to earn a 35-8 victory on the Saturday.

The 2019 rugby season is shaping up to be another great one for local schools, and with both St Andrew's and Kingswood's first teams looking strong, the annual K-Day is shaping up to be a mammoth one in Kingswood's 125th year.



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SPORTS DIARY

FRIDAY 29 MARCH HOCKEY

Graeme College U15 team in KwaZulu Natal - from Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April

Diocesan School for Girls: Second team at Festival in Knysna - Against Brackenfell High School and Witteberg High School.

Diocesan School for Girls: U13 C vs St Andrew's Prep U13 D; U13 D vs St Andrew's Prep U13 E

Kingswood College: U13 A, U13 B (St Andrew's), U11 A, U11 B and U11 C (Kingswood) against St Andrew's Prep School

SATURDAY 30 MARCH HOCKEY

Graeme College U15 team in KwaZulu Natal - from Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April

Diocesan School for Girls: Second team at Festival in Knysna - Against Bergvliet High School and Collegiate Girls' High School.

SUNDAY 31 MARCH HOCKEY

Graeme College U15 team in KwaZulu Natal - from Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April

Diocesan School for Girls: Second team at Festival in Knysna - Against Oakhill School.

MONDAY 1 APRIL HOCKEY

Graeme College U15 team in KwaZulu Natal - from Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April

SQUASH

Makana Squash League: DSG vs Kingswood College Junior (U13 A)

FRIDAY 5 APRIL HOCKEY

St Andrew's College: First team, Second team, U16 A, U16 B, U14 A, U14 B and U14 C vs Grey High School (SAC)

Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

NETBALL

Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

SQUASH

Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

TENNIS

Diocesan School for Girls at All Girls Festival

SATURDAY 6 APRIL HOCKEY

St Andrew's College: Third team, U16 C and U16 D vs Grey High School (SAC)

Diocesan School for Girls: Second team, Third team, U16 A, U16 B, U16 C, U16 D, U16 E, U15 C, U14 A, U14 B and U14 C vs Collegiate Girls' High School - all fixtures at DSG

NETBALL

Diocesan School for Girls: Second team, Third team, Fourth team, U16 A, U16 B, U15 A, U15 B, U14 A, U14 B, U14 C and U14 D vs Collegiate Girls' High School - all fixtures at DSG

RUGBY

Graeme College: Senior Teams vs Gill College

St Andrew's College: First team, Second team, Third team, Fourth team, Fifth team, Sixth team, U16 A, U16 B, U16 C, U15 A, U15 B, U15 C, U14 A, U14 B and U14 C vs Grey High School - All fixtures at St Andrew's College.