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Eastern Cape MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Oscar Mabuyane (left), joins an emotional crowd of anti-poaching activists, rangers, vets, environmentalists, private reserve owners and local councillors in protest against rhino poaching on High Street on Monday morning. Later, inside a packed High Court, Judge Jeremy Pickering read out his judgment in a trial within the high-profile Ndlovu rhino poaching trial. See full story on Page 2. Photo: Sue Maclennan



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Jabulani Ndlovu, Forget Ndlovu and Sikhumbuzo Ndlovu consult with Senior Counsel Advocate Terry Price in the High Court in Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Monday. They face five counts in connection with alleged rhino poaching following their arrest at Makana Resort on 17 June 2016 in possession of a freshly cut rhino horn, tranquilliser, a dart gun, a saw and a knife. They have pleaded not guilty. Price is briefed by attorney Alwyn Griebenow. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Rhino trial resumes

By SUE MACLENNAN

A chip of paint led to a further delay in the high-profile Ndlovu trial finally under way in the High Court in Makhanda (Grahamstown) this week.

In High Street on Monday, an emotional crowd of animal rights and anti-poaching activists, vets, environmentalists, private reserve owners and local councillors matched their step and song to a toyi-toyiing army of rangers.

Later, inside the packed High Court in Makhanda (Grahamstown) you could have heard a leaf fall as Judge Jeremy Pickering read out his judgment in a trial within the high-profile Ndlovu trial.

Jabulani Ndlovu, Forget Ndlovu and Sikhumbuzo Ndlovu are charged with five counts following their arrest at Makana Resort outside Makhanda in June 2016, in possession of a freshly cut rhino horn along with tranquilliser, a dart gun, a saw and a knife.

They were apprehended as part of the South African Police Service's Operation Full Moon hours after the killing and removal of the horn of a white rhino at Bucklands Reserve outside Makhanda.

Police have alleged they may be linked to as many as 50 rhino poaching cases across South Africa over a number of years.

Judge Pickering was to pronounce whether the evidence gathered on that night, 17 June 2018, at Makana Resort's Chalet Number 8 was admissible, since a search warrant had not been obtained by the

investigating officer.

Nearly two hours into the morning's proceedings, referring to numerous other judgments, Judge Pickering ruled that the unconstitutional obtaining of evidence would not prejudice a fair trial in this case. He further exonerated the officer who had entered the chalet without a search warrant, saying his conduct had been in the context of the reality of police operations.

"A blunder of a bobby on the beat is not the same as a deliberate attempt to circumvent rights," the Judge said. "I am satisfied that the admission of [this] evidence is not contrary to the administration of justice. The exclusion of this evidence would have been."

Prosecutor, Senior State Advocate Buks Coetzee then called Captain Morne Viljoen of the Jeffreys Bay based Endangered Species Unit to the witness box.

Viljoen, prompted by Coetzee, outlined in detail the meticulous detective work that had aligned GPS tracking on the hired cars used by the Ndlovu to cell phone signals and found correlations with the locations and timings of specific poaching incidents.

He gave detailed evidence on the manufacture and distribution of the Schedule 6 drugs found in the men's possession: only veterinarians are allowed to buy them. This batch was legally made in Johannesburg and bought from Zambia.

He detailed that the drug comes with a recovery antidote, in case the person administering the drug acci-

dentally wounds them self with the needle. In Incident 13 in the indictment, a black rhino had survived: black rhino were more resistant to tranquilliser, Viljoen agreed.

The last part of Monday afternoon's evidence was centred around Bruma Lake in Johannesburg, where cellphone and GPS records located first-accused Jabulani.

National investigations were centred on this area, suspected to be a hub for the international trade in rhino horn, protected animals and insects, and perlemoen, Viljoen said.

Proceedings stalled on the saw that is part of the evidence, with Advocate Terry Price SC saying on Monday of Viljoen, "This man is not certified on serrated-edged weapons."

In question is a tiny chip of yellow paint found at the site of the June 2016 incident at Bucklands. This, the prosecution says, is a direct link between the incident and the saw found in the men's possession at Makana Resort.

The State would bring an expert from Pretoria, Coetzee said, to present the evidence on Thursday 29 November. Following this, there is likely to be further evidence from Viljoen.

18 rhino shot in EC

The trial finally got under way against the background of no fewer than 18 rhino shot, and their horns removed, in the Eastern Cape this year.

It was this growing number that led anti-poaching activists to call for a state of emergency over the high numbers of rhino deaths, and or-

ganise Monday's march ahead of the court session.

Led by MEC for Environmental Affairs and Tourism Oscar Mabusyane, around 200 people marched from the Drostyd Arch, toward the Cathedral, returning to the High Court.

In his address from the High Court steps, Mabusyane emphasised that it was not just the rhinos themselves that were being destroyed by poachers, but the tourism economy.

As he did earlier this year at World Field Rangers Day celebrations at Thomas Baines, Mabusyane pledged additional resources for the Eastern Cape to protect the Province's natural heritage.

At the August event, Mabusyane cited the International Ranger Federation's recording of 55 deaths of rangers in Africa in the past 12 months, and that since 2012, more than 269 rangers had died protecting Africa's wildlife.

"At least 176 of these brave men and women [were] gunned down by militia groups, unknown assailants or armed poachers working for multinational wildlife crime syndicates," he said at the time.

Mabusyane said as of the end of 2017, 504 rhinos had been illegally killed inside Kruger National Park and 524 in other regions of South Africa, bringing the total to 1 028. This was a slight decline from the 1 054 animals killed in 2016.

The trial was set down for this week and new dates, almost certainly only in 2019, will need to be agreed on by the end of Friday 30 November's court session.



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High 12:22

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Hope for Makana rescue

By SUE MACLENNAN

The ANC's Regional Executive Committee has put forward the names of 11 people it believes are key to its mission to rescue Makana Municipality. This comes after ANC Provincial Executive Council (PEC) Chairperson Oscar Mabuyane effectively snubbed local politicians during his visit to Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Monday, instead meeting with local activists and businesspeople.

It was widely anticipated that Monday would see Mabuyane announce a reshuffle of Makana Municipality's political leadership.

Rumours of a palace revolution followed a march by hundreds of residents last month and the handing over of a petition of more than 21 000 signatures calling for the Section 139 (1) (c) dissolution of the Makana Council.

Mabuyane, as MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, this week led a march to show support for rangers, private reserve owners and anti-rhino-poaching activists. *Grocott's Mail* questioned him on rumours that his presence in Makhanda could herald political changes.

Mabuyane confirmed the ANC PEC was aware of the

call for the dissolution of the Council, following citizens' dissatisfaction with service delivery and administration in Makana.

"Well, we are aware of what is [happening] here and we are going to arrest it as soon as possible. Indeed, we cannot blame people who are complaining, especially those [who should be receiving] services here.

"If the centre can't hold, then a shift [must occur], definitely. The governing party must look at that seriously because it's about human beings who stay here."

Mabuyane said there was an internal process within the organisation.

"It's not an easy thing, I must say. We need national and provincial government working together to ensure that we capacitate this space.

"This is an international town by virtue of having an institution of Rhodes University's calibre. So it is important that we do not just treat [the municipality] like any other institution.

"We can't allow the thing that is going on here to continue unabated."

As to whether there would be a reshuffle of the ANC's local leadership, Mabuyane re-

mained tight-lipped: "That's an internal organisation process. If it is not broken, do not fix it. But if it is broken, we definitely need to fix it."

The delegation Mabuyane later met included National Arts Festival CEO Tony Lankester, Grahamstown Business Forum Chairperson Richard Gaybba, Grahamstown Residents Association Secretary Tim Bull and Unemployed People's Movement co-ordinator Ayanda Kota.

Commenting afterwards, Lankester said, "I thought it was a very necessary and constructive dialogue. As a business community, we wanted to emphasise to him that there are people passionate about our City and who want to help... and to be solutions oriented.

"I think we achieved that, and he committed to working with us to help rescue the City."

Grocott's Mail Thursday spoke to Regional Chairperson Scara Njadayi, who confirmed Mabuyane had not met with local councillors, but dismissed the suggestion it was an overt snub.

"I exchanged notes with Mabuyane on Makana," Njadayi said. "Mabuyane will meet with the caucus during

the process that is now under way."

Njadayi said the REC had recommended to the Province 11 people, five of whom are members of the current ANC caucus, to be deployed in Makana Municipality.

"These are people whom we believe will add value and assist where necessary – people with political, administrative and technical expertise."

Whereas the deployment process normally required three names presented in order of priority, the REC had requested a diversion from this policy.

"We have submitted a wide range of names, in no particular order, for the PEC to consider," Njadayi said.

"We want to explore options. Remember, this intervention is to salvage the situation in Makana."

Njadayi confirmed that for outside people to be deployed would require that there be a vacancy in the Makana Council. It has 26 councillors, with one vacancy after the death of EFF councillor Nomakwezi Mtwa yet to be declared. The ANC has 17 seats, the DA 8, and the EFF two.

"Yes, that means some of those inside must resign," Njadayi said.



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Eastern Cape MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Oscar Mabuyane (white shirt), with the rangers during the Anti-Poaching March held on Monday. Photo: Sue Maclellan

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According to well-known investor and fund manager Peter Lynch, far more money has been lost by investors trying to anticipate corrections in the market than in the corrections themselves.

Despite the occurrence of normal downturns in the market, having shares or equities in your investment portfolio will provide you with the potential to grow your wealth at a far greater rate than inflation over time. Although it is never pleasant to see the value of part of your investment portfolio reducing, you

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need to accept the fact that corrections do occur and they tend to occur almost every year. Most corrections are reasonably small and short-lived, but every so often there is a profound correction, which is referred to as a bear market. Over the past 115 years, we have seen around 34 of these bear market situations, each lasting from just over a month to around two years in duration. When a bear market ends, the subsequent recovery tends to be quick, normally taking people by surprise and patient investors not only recover their losses but usually enjoy substantial gains. To quote the investment guru Warren Buffet, "The stock market is a device for transferring money from the impa-

tient to the patient."

Only a small number of corrections turn into full-blown bear markets; this means that most corrections are merely a break in an upward-trending market. During a bear market, the worst thing to do is to panic. One way to guarantee losing money is to sell investments when their value is low, 'hide' in so-called safe assets such as cash, then plan to re-enter the market once share-prices start increasing in value. Seasoned investors view bear markets as buying opportunities. Another famous investor, Sir John Templeton, said, "The time of maximum pessimism is the best time to buy and the time of maximum optimism is the best time to sell. If you want to have a

better performance than the crowd, you must do things differently from the crowd."

A sensible investment strategy is to invest in a diversified portfolio of funds which incorporates asset classes such as equities, bonds, cash, and property. When one asset class experiences a correction, the performance of the portfolio is often boosted by good performance in another area. Most investment portfolios should have a healthy exposure to shares or equities and you should always allow this component of the investment enough time to outperform inflation. Equities have always outperformed all other asset classes over meaningful periods of time. Instead of trying to time the market, you should rather spend more time in the market.

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Palliative Care Unit closure called into question

By KATHRYN CLEARY

December 2015, the Palliative Care Unit (PCU) at Settlers Hospital in Makhanda (Grahamstown) closed its doors to some of the community's most vulnerable residents. The PCU opened in 2006 as a collaborative effort between Grahamstown Hospice, Rotary and Settlers Hospital, with additional funding provided by FNB. The 10-bed ward provided specialised care for patients with life-threatening conditions such as HIV/Aids and terminal cancer. "I would say 80 percent of our patients were HIV," said Erica Gornall, a professional nurse who worked in the PCU from 2006 through 2015. "It wasn't a palliative care looking after the elderly people: we were looking after the terminally ill and HIV patients."

good as what they are now because of the retrovirals [because antiretrovirals were not widely available]," said Gornall. "We turned around so many patients, who were close to death and they walked out of there and are still walking today." Almost three years later, former PCU staff like Gornall are questioning the facility's closure, emphasising that the reasons given by the Department of Health don't add up. "All of the reasons that were given were reasons that were there since the inception of the Palliative Care Unit," said Gornall. Documents shown to *Grocott's Mail* state that the facility was closed due to infrastructural inefficiencies, staff shortages and a lack of transport services. Other reasons included complaints of a rat infestation and inadequate cleanliness, which Gornall

stated had been attended to. "We had one rat", said Gornall, "and we took care of it [got rid of it]". Dr Celia Jameson was instrumental in opening the PCU in 2006, and was the physician in charge through 2015. Gornall was advised and trained by Jameson in specialised care such as pain management for PCU patients. "She was brilliant, absolutely phenomenal," said Gornall. Jameson has since passed away. After the abrupt closure, Jameson sent numerous emails to the Provincial and National Department of Health. She pointed out the strong alignment between the PCU model and the goals of the proposed National Health Insurance (NHI). In January 2016, Jameson wrote an email to the provincial department stating

that the unit offered a unique model "because it offered equal services to all patients no matter what their financial situation was, and thereby offers good palliative care but in addition conforms strongly to the principles behind the proposed NHI". The email concluded with an invitation for National Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi and provincial leadership to visit the PCU. Jameson also emailed Motsoaledi directly, but never received a reply. Reportedly the facility is being repurposed into a medical ward. Patients who might have benefited from specialised palliative care have for the past three years been admitted to the hospital's general wards. When approached for comment, the Eastern Cape Department of Health could not offer any direct information on the PCU.

Provincial Spokesperson Lwandile Sicwetsha responded to *Grocott's Mail's* inquiries with: "The palliative care service is provided by the Hospice through home based. The department funds hospices through conditional grant. Palliative patients who need medical attention get services from the hospital." Our reporter has requested more information and clarification but did not receive a response at the time of publication. The National Policy Framework and Strategy for Palliative Care (NPFSPC) 2017-2022 states that South Africa's need to prioritise palliative care (PC) services was in response to WHA (World Health Assembly) Resolution 67.19 which states that PC services are crucial in managing the pain and suffering associated with life-threatening illness. South Africa is a co-sponsor of

the Resolution. The NPFSPC states that the Resolution is particularly important in a South African context given the "quadruple burden of disease". The policy further states that proper PC services "will address issues of universal health coverage, and the need to reduce suffering and promote development and dignity for all". "Grahamstown lost a lot by that ward being closed down", said Gornall. "I would just like to see that ward opened again to have patients in there." Our reporter will continue to investigate. *Grocott's Mail* is looking to speak to former patients and their families from the PCU. Please email ed7@ed.grocotts.co.za for information or tip-offs.

**In loving memory of Dr Celia Jameson; "My doctor, my doctor".*

I would just like to see that ward opened again to have patients in there.

Ubuntu is a word that has been bandied about a lot. In African society, it is a philosophy that Africans have lived by for millenia, but for most of us, we don't really understand what it means and no one has ever unpacked it for us, so in a sense we are in the box and we need to unpack it to be able to come out of the box. What is ubuntu? Is it an African thing? What are its origins? These are the questions we will explore in this inspirational lecture.



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Smell the sewage

It's silly season in South African politics as players jostle to reposition themselves within their parties ahead of the May 2019 election. And it's hard not to do a double take as we see new alliances across parties, sectors and old divides.

Here on the streets of our own town, who would have thought that we would see people living in mud and corrugated iron structures marching elbow to elbow with the well-heeled residents of Oatlands and Somerset Heights? Who would have guessed that members of the Unemployed People's Movement would be teaching local business owners how to toyi-toyi?

There is some indication that these new alliances are a sign of a new maturity in our democracy. The Zondo Commission holds the possibility for a cleansing and healing for our country. It's the space not only to work out what went wrong but also the opportunity to find the remedies we need to fix those aspects of our culture.

How does corruption start? Here at home is part of the answer. And we're not only talking about the local politicians and officials being investigated for alleged misdoings: we need to ask ourselves what our role is in keeping openness and transparency a non-negotiable. No one does a favour for a friend or family member thinking they're being corrupt. But if you're in a privileged position in an institution you need to think hard before you put that CV on top of the pile.

We're all aghast at the revelations of State Capture as they unfold before our eyes - but mostly corruption involves ordinary people with needs most of us would be sympathetic to. There is a time and place for finger-pointing - but in truth, we all have a responsibility in changing this culture and value system. Corruption affects all of us and we sink or swim together.

Ironically mismanagement, together with small and large-scale corruption in our town, is what led to these unusual alliances. Like the sewage bubbling into the streets across the city, it's impossible to ignore.

And you can't say for sure that some of it isn't yours.

LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



Cornelius Mbonani, a concerned citizen, spent part of Saturday 24 November fixing a few potholes close to his house in Leicester Street. Photo: Este Coetzee



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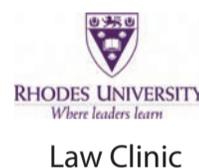
By Jonathan Campbell

Gertrude Somnandi is a school teacher who notices that in recent weeks one of her grade 9 pupils, Senzo, often cries quietly in class, does not speak or laugh with the other children, and his school work has been poor. She tries to speak to him about it, but he will not even look her in the eyes.

Gertrude decides to visit Senzo's parents to see if she can help. While talking to Zandile (Senzo's mother), Reggie (Senzo's father) comes home. He immediately starts shouting at Senzo, calling him a 'moffie', and telling him to stand up to the bigger boys at school 'like a man' rather than running home to his mother. It becomes very clear that he is drunk. He then sees Gertrude, who he recognises as Senzo's teacher, and chases her out of the house.

In the days that follow Senzo begins to tell Gertrude that his father has for a long time insulted and humiliated

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him in these ways, especially after he has been drinking, although he has never laid a hand on him. Neither he nor his mother wants to do anything about it because they are too scared. Reggie is a very big man.

Gertrude had learned about the Domestic Violence Act at a workshop for school teachers recently, given by a local NGO. She goes to visit Zandile again, who confirms what Senzo has told her. Zandile does not object to Gertrude taking this further but is not willing to bring the application herself.

Gertrude then goes to the local Magistrate's Court, and the Clerk of the Court con-

firms that the Domestic Violence Act allows her to bring an application for a protection order against Reggie on behalf of Senzo, even though she (Gertrude) is not in a 'domestic relationship' with Reggie.

She also remembers from the workshop that, in terms of the Domestic Violence Act, the pattern of Reggie's insults and humiliating and degrading conduct towards Senzo amounts to "emotional, verbal and psychological abuse". These are indeed acts of domestic violence, which are unlawful, even though there has been no physical abuse.

Gertrude completes the necessary papers at the Court, and a short while later a mag-

istrate grants an interim protection order, which is served on Reggie a few days later, calling upon him to be in court on a later date should he wish to oppose the application. On the later date, Reggie does not return to court, and the interim order is made final. Gertrude is given a warrant of arrest which she is told can be used by the police should Reggie contravene the terms of the court order.

Some time later Zandile informs Gertrude that Reggie had got much quieter since the visit by the Sheriff, and he now seems to ignore Senzo, although he is still drinking. She is hopeful though that a reasonable relationship between them can now be restored, and she is investigating family therapy. Most importantly, Senzo has become much more engaging in class and focussed on his work, and has even started to play with the other boys during break times.

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Holy Cross pupils shine. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

A leap into Madiba magic

By LINDANI DONNELI

When Mr Hare meets the late former president Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela, you can expect things to be very interesting.

The delightful story by Chris van Wyk was the basis for a colourful and entertaining bilingual production by

the children of Holy Cross Primary School in St George's Hall in High Street last Friday. The two-day run meant more parents and supporters had the chance to see the children performing.

Basil Mills of NELM adapted the story, translated and worked into it an amusing stage production by Holy

Cross staff. The 57 children of the school were involved and performed enthusiastically.

The bilingual production meant all the children got the chance to express themselves in both isiXhosa and English.

Dance items, just to wake everyone up in between scenes, included Letta Mbulu's *Not yet Uhuru*.

Principal Kary McConachie said the entire Holy Cross staff was involved in this production and they had helped with coaching, rehearsing, sewing, painting backdrops and transporting the parents and children. She thanked parents, friends and helpers for their support and participation.

Once again Ntsika Secondary School staff put all hands on deck to prepare a memorable occasion for learners who might not be able to celebrate Christmas like so many of their peers do. "We try to approach different funders every year as we know how many demands are placed on local businesses. This time we thank, Intercape, our families and friends, for their generosity," said Ntsika principal Madeleine Schoeman. Handing over the gift bags with toiletries is Thembele Dumbu, one of the longest-serving teachers at Ntsika. She will be retiring at the end of the year, but we know she will continue to play a big role in the lives of all her 'darlings'. Photos: Supplied



Thembele Dumbu with twins Zintle and Sihle Matsamko.



Thembele Dumbu with Sinovuyo Thomas.



Thembele Dumbu and Asemahle Macotha.



St Andrew's College School Prefects for 2019 (front row from left to right) Menno Bouman, Andrew Coxwell, Guy Rushmere (Head of School), Christopher Poole, Ignus Potgieter, Dylan Bowker (Second Head of School) and Benjamin Alier (Second Head of School); (second row) Miles Danckwerts, Olona Ratsibe, Thomas Spiro, Richard Van Coller, Andrew Clucas, Robin Compton; (third row) Alexander Pezarro, Ryan Stoddart, Tim Simpson, Peter Voges, Harry Sandell, Daniel Stijkel; (back row) Benjamin Kroon, Sebastian Jackson, James Green, Ryan Ford, Buhle Matshaya, Euan Stokes. Absent, Brayden Barratt, Hamadzi Haruperi, Kyle Letherby, Evan Rennie, Stephen Ross, Thomas Russell. Photo: Supplied



Saturday 17 November, Ebenezer Circuit held their Sunday School graduation ceremony at Library Hall. The event was supported by the entire circuit including the Circuit steward, Women's manyano, Amadodana, the church choir, the Intombi, preachers and parents. With them are WPD connexional president, Mr M. Mlonyeni, Reverend superintendent minister of Ebenezer Circuit, Rev Solomon Phillip Makhaye and SANSSA (Pretoria) president Florence Suuring. Photo: Supplied

GOOD IDEA

Dealing with grief

My first memory of grief was when I was in Std 3 (Grade 5). We were living on our farm just outside Stellenbosch, and went to and from school each day with the school bus. The farm next door had children our age (my sister and me), also a boy and a girl, and we became good friends. Sometimes we would walk across their property to go and visit them, and it was always fun to see someone else's home. But one afternoon, tragedy struck. The school bus had dropped me and my sister off at our farm. We walked home up the hill, to our house. The bus went on and stopped for these two other children to get off. The girl was so eager to get home that she rushed off the bus and ran across the road without looking. An oncoming car knocked her down and she was killed.

That was my first experience, and memory, of grief. I remember my sister and I hearing the news. We were devastated. In tears. Angry with the driver of the car – who herself was deeply shocked and upset. Heartbroken. Lost and sad. These two children – the boy and the girl – were the first real friends we had made since moving to Stellenbosch from Pietermaritzburg. We were just getting to know them and to like them. And now this. A few months later we went to visit the family. The girl's room had been cleared out – it was now empty of any sign of her. We ran through it, not stopping to talk, wondering how it felt to be in the room of someone who had died. We were almost nervous to enter. And then, a bit later, the family sold the farm and left Stellenbosch. The parents took strain in their marriage. We lost touch.

Why am I telling this story? Because it is my experience, as a child, of losing a friend. A number of school children here in Grahamstown have died in recent weeks, including a

boy who took his own life. Our hearts go out to their families and school friends during this immensely sad time of loss and shock and grief. The death of someone close to us is overwhelming. The death of someone by suicide is in some ways much harder to deal with. We are left with grief, but also at times with guilt, anger, and resentment. So we hold in particular the family and friends of all these young people, and especially of that young boy, in our love and prayers at this time, as well as school staff who are having to cope with it all. The prayer of Committal which we use at the burial of someone who has committed suicide is, I find, helpful: "We commit the body of our dear brother/sister to the ground, and we commend him/her to the just and merciful judgement of God who alone has perfect understanding."

The Book of Revelation gives us a picture of Christ in glory. His birth, death and resurrection provide us hope and the gateway into new life, restoration, healing, forgiveness – all the things that we desperately need, and that nothing and no-one else can provide. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty". And then, as a culmination of the vision of St John: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth... and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them and they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the former things have passed away.'"

*The Very Reverend Andrew Hunter
Dean of the Cathedral of
St Michael & St George*

Early learning budgets underspent

The two main departments responsible for crucial Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes in the Eastern Cape – the Department of Education and the Department of Social Development – have both been negatively affected by underspent budgets.



ing from the 2017/18 year is improved on. While the ECDS was allocated a welcome additional allocation of R6.3-million in an adjusted ECD budget of R82.4 million, it must be pointed out that many more children need to be provided with this service in the province.

On 22 November, the Eastern Cape MEC for Finance, Sakhumzi Somyo, tabled the 2018 Adjusted Estimates of the Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement and the 2018 Adjusted Appropriation Bill. He announced that the Eastern Cape Department of Education's (ECDoE) Grade R in Public Schools sub-programme underspent by R72.8-million in the 2017/18 financial year. It is especially concerning that a further R62-million have been shifted from the Grade R programme in the current adjusted budget announced by the MEC. This has led to the reduction of the ECDoE's main ECD budget from R785.5-million to an adjusted budget of R723.5-million.

This reduction in spending on the Grade R in Public Schools sub-programme is not good given the importance of providing resources to these schools. Shifting money from underspending or underperforming programmes to other programmes is not an ideal solution. Rather, support should be provided by the provincial treasury to improve spending.

Furthermore, whilst there was a nominal increase of the ECDoE overall budget allocation, by 0.4%, from R34.8 billion of the main budget to the adjusted budget of R34.9 billion, when inflation is taken into account, this decreased by 3% to R33.8 billion.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Cape Department of Social Development (ECSD) underspent its ECD budget by R29.1-million in the 2017/18 year. The ECSD and Provincial Treasury must work together to ensure that the budget underspend-

Basic services in schools

PSAM is also concerned about the failure of the ECDoE to meet its targets. For example, the 2018/19 Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, reported the following poor mid-year performance delivering basic services to schools.

Table 1: Provision of Basic Services to Schools, Targets vs Performance 2018/19

	2018/19	
	Target	Performance
Provision of water supply to schools	169	17
Electricity Supply	32	13
Sanitation Facilities	169	14
Classrooms Built	221	143

Table 1 above shows that ECDoE is not only underperforming on the provision of sanitation to school. Underperformance can also be noted in the provision of water where only 17 schools were provided with water from the target of 169 in the mid-year performance of 2018/19. The poor performance by the ECDoE means that the rights of learners to access equitable basic education is not being realised. There needs to be a greater effort by the national Department of Basic Education to provide support to the ECDoE to improve performance in the 2019/20 financial year.

• Siyabulela Fobosi is an education researcher at the Public Service Accountability Monitor

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"You can open a box and know you're not going to find anything of value. But they're showing

you something that is part of their heritage - you've got to be diplomatic." On the other hand, Andy is in a position to break some welcome news: "One gentleman had a Rolex Submariner watch, which had lain unworn in a cupboard since it was given to him by his uncle. He was amazed when I offered him R30 000. "Then there was the time in South Africa when someone came along with a dusty bronze which turned out to be a rare work by the sculptor Anton Van Wouw - I valued that at R100 000."

Andy prides himself on offering a fair price: "I treat people as I would want to be

treated myself," he says. "Every one wants to make a profit, but you've got to be honest."

"I've got customers who have been coming to me for 15 years and others who have been referred to me by family and friends. I think that speaks for itself." He's always been interested in antiques and jewellery and has worked with two of the major auction houses in London and another in Nottingham. But he prefers to be his own boss.

"I've travelled all over the UK and I regularly go to South Africa, meeting thousands of people along the way," he says.

"You come across some wonderful stories; I love hearing about how grandad got his medals."

"You never know what the day will bring - that's why it's such a lovely job. I'm a very lucky man. Hopeful I'll be making someone in The Graham Hotel very happy!"

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Eluxolweni staff and community members pose with Eluxolweni President's Award winners (from left): Phazisa Qokose (Silver), Lisakhanya Habana (Silver), Sibulele Williams (Silver), Mario Jameson (Silver), Siyanda Zuke (Bronze), Simankele Faba (Bronze), Siyabulela Yako (Bronze), Sinombulelo Tata (Bronze). Photos: Stephen Kisbey-Green



The youngest Eluxolweni learner, just seven years old, cuts the cake.

The boys are presidential

By KATHRYN CLEARY

The Eluxolweni boys shone with excitement on Thursday morning as eight of their number received prestigious Bronze and Silver President's Awards.

Jane Bradshaw, Principal of the Eluxolweni Child and Adult Care Centre, beamed with pride as she lauded the boys' many outstanding achievements for 2018.

This was the final week of

the school year for the boys, ending with a Friday beach trip and braai. The boys will return home Monday 1 December, each with food parcels for their families.

The awards ceremony was well-attended by staff, community members and supporters of Eluxolweni and culminated in a celebratory feast of meat, salads, and cake.

Reverend Thenduxolo Jali opened the ceremony

in prayer and offered warm words of advice to the boys regarding social media and safety.

Rhodes Music Radio (RMR) presenter, Nceba Matiwane, hosted the proceedings which featured marimba performances by the boys and guest speeches by Nosi Nkwinti from Rhodes University Community Engagement, and Nombulelo Habana from the office of the President's Awards.

Nkwinti spoke about the importance of believing in dreams and working hard for a bright future.

"You [will] work so hard that Eluxolweni will become a better place because of you," she said. She ended with a quote from Nelson Mandela: "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up."

Her remarks were met with thunderous applause from all in attendance.

Eight boys were awarded their President's Award certificates and badges by Habana and warmly congratulated by Bradshaw and others. "It's always a pleasure to work with Eluxolweni," said Habana.

Silver and Bronze winners included Phazisa Qokose (Silver), Lisakhanya Habana (Silver), Sibulele Williams (Silver), Mario Jameson (Silver), Siyanda Zuke (Bronze), Simankele Faba (Bronze), Si-

yabulela Yako (Bronze), and Sinombulelo Tata (Bronze).

The ceremony closed with a vote of thanks from Eluxolweni pupil Sigqibo Saki and social worker Linda Mpiyane. Mpiyane encouraged the boys to always remember, "I am not what you say I am, I am what God says I am."

Grocott's Mail congratulates all the winners and wishes them a happy holiday and best of luck for the 2019 year.

My Garden



Noma-Italy Mbalo working in her garden.

Noma-Italy Mbalo is the garden lover. She has been planting from when she was young, and started planting in Vukani in 2006.

Mbalo has planted spinach, cabbages, turnips and carrots.

She believes that planting is a career, as sometimes employment is nowhere to be

found. Her garden becomes vital when there is no work. To save money, Mbalo picks veggies from the garden and mixes them with what she has to cook in the house.

She believes it is also healthy and fresh. Mbalo would appreciate assistance with seeds.

– Text and photo: Lindani Donyeli

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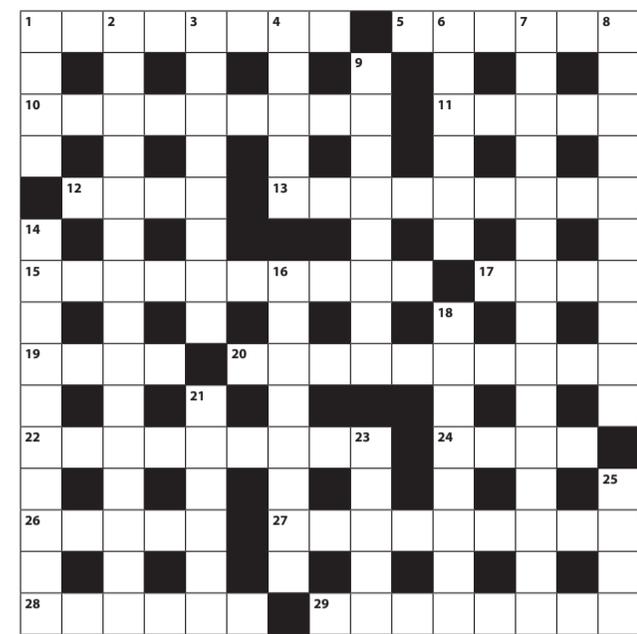
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 - 5 Gumedede was like a loveable Tutu? (6)
 - 10 Cloth in the land of the Gauls had a sweet smell (9)
 - 11 Short-change half a dozen with business degree (5)
 - 12 Offered untouchable service to all customers, especially DIY beginners (4)
 - 13 Charge for performing prank in street (9)
 - 15 Male race shows no movement (10)
 - 17 Knock back granny, for example (4)
 - 19 Guffaw at Old Andean in pretentious car (4)
 - 20 Oo, kind Dane restored tree (10)
 - 22 After tea myself and Tony produced the creature (9)
 - 24 Chaff the dog that has been docked (4)
 - 26 Our country boykie could be Greek (5)
 - 27 Apartment you loaned is windy (9)
 - 28 Discourages buck's time inside (6)
 - 29 Tested seeds scattered by donkey first (8)

- DOWN**
- 1 Payments supports daughter to become expert (4)
 - 2 Look around hotel with a Scotsman – and a pair of students at one time – for dinges (15)
 - 3 Loud way to travel with new tourists initially (8)
 - 4 Unknown on party commission (5)
 - 6 Show about five brewing beer (6)
 - 7 Someone gushes on about sameness (15)
 - 8 Thoroughness of former presentation and mixed duet, captivated one (10)
 - 9 Soapstone sculpture doesn't need small utensil (8)
 - 14 Isolated old holy woman reared about a hundred (10)
 - 16 Rated? That's the compromise (5-3)
 - 18 Ah, see out amazing Himalayan accommodation (8)
 - 21 Gentle offer (6)
 - 23 Comes closer, to within earshot, partially (5)
 - 25 Nail half the learners (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 1611



MONUMENT MOVIE CLUB
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TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER PROBUS CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AGM
5pm at Emfundweni Training Room (behind the Centre for Social Development, Prince Alfred Street on Rhodes Campus). The guest speaker and Friends of the Library Committee Member, Vuyokazi Jamieson, will give a talk entitled "Back to the future: Looking back and finding a way forward..." , presenting what she has seen during her recent travels, what she has done at St Andrew's College library and then looking to answer the following question..."How do we future proof our libraries"? Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All are welcome. Contact Sue Rionda 046 603 7339

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1= Dave Gain & Jenny Kroon	56.67%
1= Allon Poole & Pauline Henson	56.67%
1= Mary Schudel & Peter Midlane	56.67%
4. Gus MacDonald & Ian MacDonald	50.95%
5. Pair 1	45.24%
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1. Maureen van Hille & Margaret Banks	56.67%
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4. Sheila Hicks & Ernie van Hille	50.56%
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Goosebumps at Grand Prix Festival

STAFF REPORTER

Motorsport history was recreated in the Eastern Cape last weekend as the sights and sounds of pre-war Grand Prix cars reverberated around the East London Grand Prix circuit at the South African Historic Grand Prix Festival.

For many, it was an emotional reunion of cars – some of them the very cars that turned a wheel in anger here some 80 years ago. From eye-witness accounts of elderly spectators who were at the original Grands Prix to family reunions of relations to the drivers that originally competed, and those who merely appreciated these iconic cars, the South African Historic Grand Prix Festival was an experience never to be repeated.

“This is the realisation of a dream,” said event organiser, Mark Woolley from Speedstream Events. “It’s the culmination of 19 months of hard work to secure the cars, unpack the history, and truly appreciate the contribution South Africa and East London have made to motorsport. To actually see and hear these cars by the South African seaside has been an immensely emotional and satisfying experience.”

The owners and drivers also relished the thrill of the East London Grand Prix Circuit, which stretched the legs of their 80-year old cars around the legendary tarmac. The parade around the remains of the original Prince George circuit also instilled a sense of awe at what these cars and drivers faced in the original South

African Grands Prix between 1934 and 1939.

At the front of the field, the two ERAs, Whitney Straight's Maserati 8CM and the ex-Dick Shuttleworth Alfa Romeo P3, didn't hang around, jostling for position with ear-splitting screams and lurid opposite lock slides. The emotions for some of the other competitors being overtaken by these exotic cars was equally special as the 24 cars put on a spectacular display.

The South African Historic Grand Prix Festival now starts the tour section this week, ending at Val de Vie this weekend (1 and 2 December) for the Grand Prix Garden Party. If you missed the opportunity to see these cars in action at East London, you can get tickets at www.sahistoricgp.com.



Some of the 24 historic cars that burned up the Grand Prix circuit in East London last weekend. Photo: Supplied

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Big hits at Fun Day

The Makhanda (Grahamstown) Oval welcomed thousands of netball and rugby supporters for the sixth annual Fabian Juries Community Fun Day on Saturday 24 November. There were some epic clashes on both the rugby field and netball court, with all areas bringing their best to the day.

Photos: Stephen Kisbey-Green



There were some massive collisions at the Fabian Juries Community Fun Day, including this one in the match between the Tyantyi Rangers and the Six SAI Leopards.



The Ghost Town Lions running a strong attack against the Vergenoeg Eagles.



One of the powerful forwards from the Vergenoeg Eagles making a run against the Vukani Stallions.



The Joza Queens passing across the court in order to open up Currie Park.



Old Andrean captain Andrew Rushmere (left) and St Andrew's College captain Peter Jarvis. Photos: Supplied

Old Andreans get one over youngsters

STAFF REPORTER

On Saturday 24 November, the St Andrew's College First team cricket side faced the Old Andreans team in their annual reunion fixture. The St Andrew's (SAC) batsmen had an indifferent day versus a fired up Old Andreans (OA) eleven.

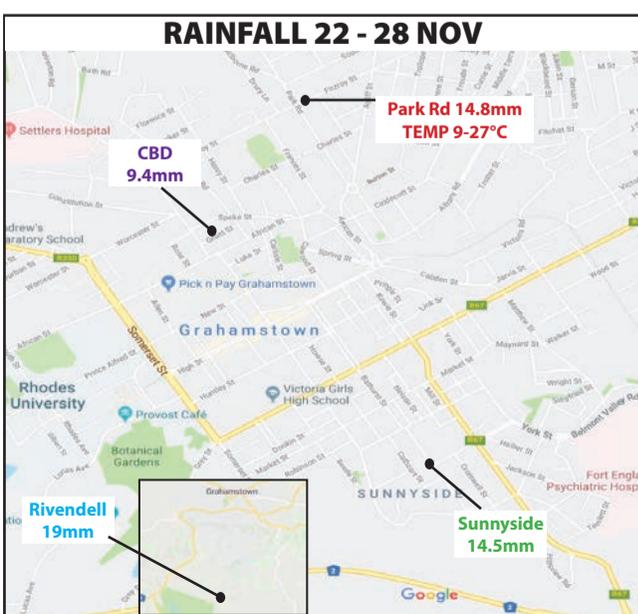
Callum Francis batted well for St Andrew's, but ran out of partners in their innings. Francis was in fine form with his 83 coming off just 79 balls. Murray Leith (OA) halted the College innings with his spell of 3/12.

SAC posted 175 which was not enough on the day versus the determined OA captain, Andrew Rushmere. Rushmere saw his team home with a gutsy 97 not out and secured a much needed 6 wicket win for the OA's who had been aggravated by their losses in recent times.

Francis was awarded the traditional OA bat for the player of the day, by OA President Chris Terry. Later that evening during the annual cricket dinner Rushmere was announced as the OA player of the day.



Old Andrean President Chris Terry awards the Old Andrean bat for the College Player of the Day to Callum Francis.



Locals crowned EA Champion of Champions

STAFF REPORTER

The annual Eastern Areas Champion of Champions bowls tournament was played over the weekend of 24-25 November, at the Albany bowling club between the five local clubs mens and ladies open champions.

After two days of bowls, the ladies winner, June McDougall from the Grahamstown bowls club, was crowned, after she won all of her games to lift the trophy. The ladies runner-up was Patricia Greig from the Kenton bowls club.

In the men's section, the finish was extremely close with four of the five players still in contention for the title playing the last game. In the end, Brian Aldag won the trophy with six points and a shot profit of 14. Eddie Senar from the Port Alfred bowling



June McDougall (left) and Brian Aldag with their respective Champion of Champion trophies. Photo: Supplied

club was the runner-up on six points and a shot profit of 13. With only one point separating

the two in terms of shot profit, the encounter was incredibly close.



Photo: Sue Maclennan

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Difficult times for XI Attackers

By CHRIS TOTABELA

As the local football clubs gear up for the third edition of the New Year's Cup, a major club has a notable omission from this year's preparations. Makhanda will be represented in the 2018 New Year's Cup by Santos, Newseekers, City Pirates, Grahamstown United, Jacaranda Aces, Sakhulutsha, Mighty Chiefs and Maru. The notable absentee is Eleven Attackers, who command a huge following, especially in Joza where they really made their mark in Makhanda's football history.

Attackers is one of the most successful sides in Makhanda, making it even more surprising to see them not be a part of the annual festive season tournament for the second year running.

Former team manager, Afika Adam, expressed his disappointment with the current situation. "It is really sad to see a big team like this with such a great history not being able to compete in this tournament," said Adam. "This is happening for the second year in a row now. To be honest... there are a lot of factors that can be attributed to this. For example the are internal politics that causes us to pull into different directions."

"I had a very good plan for this club that could have even helped it participate in this tournament but [some of] the

elders of the club... did not really approve my plan," said Adam. "When I requested to see the club's constitution I was told that it was kept by the board of trustees. I also asked them about who these board of trustees were, but did not get any response."

Adam expressed how he intended to bring in a new approach to the club, but the elders in the club still maintained an "old-school" approach. "Some of the players are confused by what is happening at the club and some have left already to join other teams."

Vicky Platyi, who was in charge of the team for the past few seasons, also commented on this matter. "This situation is not good for the club but there is nothing I can do now as I have really had enough after trying for so long to steer this club into the right direction," said Platyi. "I have been using my own money and vehicle to help this club but it seems as if there are people who did not like what I was doing. I recruited Afika [Adam] to come and help with the administration side of things as I could not do everything on my own and he came and made a big difference."

"When we requested the club's constitution we wanted to look at it and try to discuss some of the important issues

on it. For example a constitution made in 1975 cannot be really relevant to this day and age.

"[The] Attackers [club] was formed at the time of the struggle against apartheid, and the logo reflects that, but it does not really make any sense now. Most of the big teams here and abroad have upgraded their logos and that is what we also wanted to do," said Platyi.

"We had a strategic planning programme recently at Rhodes and invited everyone associated with the club, including founder members, but it was only Mr [Tando] Mtshalala who honoured our invitation," said Platyi.

"It is very painful for me to leave this great club in such a sad way but I am healing now," said Adam. "I do not think the club will exist for long. I am busy starting my own new modernised club now and will focus on it."

"I feel for the players... I love Attackers so much but cannot continue in this situation and have now decided to quit and focus on my family and also spend time on more constructive things. I wish who ever is going to take over all the best," said Platyi.

The Eleven Attackers were approached for comment by *Grocott's Mail*, and have chosen not to comment on the matter at this time.

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- Vergenoeg Eagles 6-3 Scott's Farm Cellotape
- Ghost Town Lions 15-4 Currie Park Rebels
- Currie Park Rebels 11-3 Scott's

Farm Cellotape

- Ghost Town Lions 21-9 Vergenoeg Eagles

3/4 Playoff

- Vergenoeg Eagles 6-3 Scott's Farm Cellotape

Final

- Ghost Town Lions 19-10 Currie Park Rebels



The Hooggenoeg White Bulls looking to string a number of passes together against Currie Park. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

Springbok Women

Springbok Women's coach Stanley Raubenheimer said he and his team learned several lessons from their four-match European Tour as they embarked on the journey back to South Africa on Monday. The team won their opening match against the UK Armed Forces 31-12 in Richmond, but suffered defeats in all three Test matches, going down 19-5 against Wales in Cardiff, 17-5 against Spain in Villajoyosa and 35-10 against Italy in Prato.

Pro14

Round 10 of the Guinness Pro14 will see the Isuzu Southern Kings and Toyota Cheetahs back in action in their home towns. The Kings will host Benetton Treviso at the Nelson Mandela University Madibaz Stadium on Saturday afternoon, after the Cheetahs host Connacht in Bloemfontein earlier in the afternoon.

Wheelchair basketball

From Wednesday 28 November, the Sasol AmaWheelaBoys headed to Angola to participate in the First edition of the Lwini Cup. South Africa received an invitation alongside European powerhouse, Switzerland, to take part in the prestigious tournament between 29 November until 1 December. All the matches take place at the Cidadela Desportivo stadium in Luanda.

Springbok Sevens

The 2018/2019 HSBC Sevens World Series kicks off this weekend, with teams descending upon Dubai for the opening tournament of the series. The Blitzbokke will look to successfully defend their title in Dubai, with a mixture of experience and young talent in the side.

Club rugby

The revival of club rugby will receive another boost in 2019 when a pioneering amateur provincial competition is trialled in the Western Cape. The pilot project – a joint initiative between SA Rugby and the SWD Rugby Football Union – will see the best club players in SWD being given the opportunity to represent their municipal regions in an eight-team tournament that will take place across the length and breadth of the Garden Route (formerly Eden) and Central Karoo Districts.



One of the veteran members of the Hooggenoeg White Bulls run over a defender from Scott's Farm Cellotape. Photo: Stephen Kisbey-Green

Fun day brings in thousands

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

All roads led to the Oval on Saturday 24 November, when the Brumbies Rugby club hosted the sixth annual Fabian Juries Community Fun Day. The day was packed with activities and matches, with teams from all over Makhanda (Grahamstown) taking part in rugby and netball tournaments for bragging rights and the winners' trophy. Teams from Joza, Fingo, Currie Park, Scott's Farm, Vergenoeg, Hooggenoeg, Ghost Town, Tyantyi, Vukani and even the Six SAI Military Base competed. Additionally, each team partnered with a charity or NGO and all prize money earned by the winning teams would go towards improving the communities involved.

Thousands of people gathered to celebrate the day; which also focused

on promoting safety and well-being across Makhanda (Grahamstown). "The support was excellent from the Grahamstown public," said Deon Hilpert, chairperson of the Brumbies Rugby Club. "We believe it will grow annually if we get more communities involved in the sports day."

Alton Jegels, secretary of the Brumbies Rugby Club, echoed Hilpert's comments. "I was really amazed at the support on the day. It was way better than expected. The community really came out in numbers to support the event," he said. After an exhaustive day of fixtures, the ten-a-side rugby finals saw the defending champions, Scott's Farm Cellotape, take on the Ghost Town Lions for the third year in a row.

Neither team were willing to give

an inch in the encounter, however it was Cellotape who earned their third consecutive win with the only try of the match coming just before half time. However Ghost Town did not go home empty handed, as their netball team earned a solid victory in their respective final to take home the trophy for the Ghost Town Lions. Both the Ghost Town Lions and Currie Park Rebels dominated their encounters before the final, which ultimately went to Ghost Town after another dominant performance.

"This year we witnessed improved quality from all teams and for most of the day this was evident in the small margins that was recorded in the games," said Hilpert. "What was also heartening is the number of youngsters that showed good promise for

the 2019 season."

"I am excited at the talent that was on display. There were a lot of young rugby players that augurs well for the local clubs," said Jegels, impressed with the quality of the sport. "With regards to netball, the young players need to be encouraged to continue playing, with a formal netball club really needed."

"We are looking forward to add more fun activities for the minor kids and hopefully add women's rugby to the programme, said Hilpert. "This would require also making use of the adjacent facility, Lavender Valley or to have the event over multiple days. Our dream is also to develop this event into a Sports festival. Makana is after all known as the 'Festival Capital of South Africa'," said Hilpert.

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