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## Show of hands



**UNANSWERED QUESTIONS...** Ward 4 Councillor Melikhaya Phongolo (left) and Mayor Vumile Lwana present next year's budget to around 70 Manley Flats residents in a small farm school. Residents were given an opportunity to put questions to the municipal officials before the mayor and his entourage left for Fort Brown where a second imbizo was scheduled. See full story on Page Three  
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## News in brief

### Rape in Extension 7

Grahamstown police are investigating a case of rape after a 21-year-old woman was allegedly raped by her sister's boyfriend. Warrant Officer Sherolene Williams said: "The victim was at a shopping mall when the suspect forced her into a vehicle and instructed the driver to go to Extension 7 where both the suspect and the victim were dropped off. The suspect allegedly assaulted and tied the victim to a tree with his shoelaces and raped her." A 40-year old man was arrested and will appear in court soon.

### Man arrested for attempted rape

A 24-year-old man has been arrested and is facing charges of attempted rape after he sexually assaulted a woman in Vukani on Saturday morning. W/O Williams said: "It is alleged that the victim was sleeping at her house with her two sisters when the suspect, who is known to her, entered her room. The suspect forced the victim to undress and told her that he was going to give her money but she refused. The suspect then forcefully assaulted the victim." Williams said the suspect fled the scene after one of the occupants of the house woke up.

### Five arrested for robbery

Five men aged between 18 and 44 have been arrested and are facing charges of robbery after they mugged two people on separate occasions in Hlalani and Tantiyi townships. The suspects stole money and a cellphone. Police managed to arrest them after being assisted by the community.

### CPF meeting

A Community Policing Forum general meeting will be held at the SAPS boardroom in Beaufort Street on Thursday at 5.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Compiled by Abongile Mgaqelwa

Send your comments via SMS to 082 049 2146 and we may publish them.

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 or 046 622 4592  
 Licencing:..... 046 622 6087

**NEW STREET FIRE...** A fire brokeout at Olde 65 on Saturday damaging the roof and the kitchen of the pub as well as a part of Debonairs Pizza. The incident occurred at around midday in the pub's kitchen. Mynhardt Van Dyk of Olde 65 said: "There was no trading at the time. We suspect an electric fault in the extractor fan. The staff members saw that there was smoke coming from the kitchen, they used fire extinguishers to put out the fire until the fire brigade came. There is no structural damage, just the roof and the wall." Van Dyk said Olde 65 will be open as soon as their kitchen is cleaned. "I don't see us closing for more than 10 days," he said. A manager at Debonairs said the cost of the damage at the business has not been determined yet. "The ceiling in the kitchen and toilet fell off after being damaged by the fire. Some parts of the roof in the front shop were also damaged. We do not know how much this will cost us for now," he said. Photo: Stephen Penney



# Three years for three robberies

DANIELLA POTTER

A 19-year-old Grahamstown resident was sentenced to three years imprisonment and declared unfit to possess a firearm under the Firearm Act in the Grahamstown Magistrate's Court last week. The accused, Siyabonga Thembani, did not plead guilty to the three counts of robbery that were laid against him but the court ruled that the witnesses' testimonies were accurate. The court found that the three charges of robbery that were laid against the accused are true and that the accused did not show remorse for his actions or mercy to the complainants.

The first count of robbery took place on 2 May 2009 where he stole R450 from the complainant. No injuries were sustained. On the second count, which took place on 9 August 2009, the complainant sustained injuries after the accused walked past him and hit him on the back of the head and he fell to the ground. The accused then proceeded to remove the complainant's takkies at the value of R399.99 and R35 from his pocket. He was seen by another witness

who testified in court.

On 19 September 2009, the third count, the accused threatened the complainant, who was 16 years old at the time, with a knife and robbed him of R100. The court ruled that it must take the interest of society into consideration and that robbery is prevalent in the area of jurisdiction.

The state prosecutor said that the identity of the accused in all three counts does not appear to be in question. He added that the state cannot criticise the witnesses' testimonies and the accused knows the witnesses well. He further argued that the witnesses had testified honestly and frankly. The defence attorney's arguments that there was insufficient light for the witnesses to accurately identify the accused in the first two counts and that some of the witnesses had been under the influence of alcohol was overruled by the court. The court found all the witnesses' identification of the accused as valid. The court also took into consideration that on all counts the witnesses were in close proximity to the accused. The court also ruled that there appeared to be no bad blood between the witnesses and the ac-

cused for them to unjustly frame him for these crimes.

The state prosecutor argued that the accused should be sentenced for two years per count. The defence attorney argued that in prison, the accused will be exposed to gangs and although he will be taught skills, he will receive little rehabilitation. He also asked the court to take into account that the accused is undergoing circumcision ceremonies.

The court ruled that each of these counts are serious offences and that each count could see a serving time of three years. The court took into account that the accused has been in custody for seven-and-a-half months already. The court also took into

consideration that the accused is "still young" and living with his mother, twin brother and sister. The court also ruled that it was strange that the accused called no witnesses even though the witnesses were available. All three counts were taken for the purpose of sentence and the accused was given three years imprisonment. The court ruled that the accused is given leniency in order for him to rehabilitate himself and warned that if he repeats such crimes he will go to the regional court.

The accused is not a first offender as he was convicted on 29 December 2007 for a crime in which violence was also used. He was given a suspended sentence.

## Uncollected debt from ratepayers totals R2.1-million

PRUDENCE MINI

THE recent municipal council meeting sought the approval of the Budget, Treasury and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) portfolio committee to write off "uncollectable" debt amounting to R2.1-million. The report from the Chief Financial Officer to the Budget, Treasury and IDP committee stated that they received a detailed report from Whitesides Attorneys who are currently handling the debt collection on behalf of the municipality. The report revealed that some of the debtors are not traceable, insolvent, indigent and some have been incorrectly charged. The report also stated that a process called "data cleansing" will commence close to the end of the current financial year. The process is "aimed at ensuring that the total debt is properly scrutinised and any debt that is viewed to be uncollectable will be dealt with accordingly," the report read. According to the report, "if the portfolio committee approves the writing off of the arrear debts, the amount will be written off against the Provision for bad Debts" and there will be no exchange of cash.




Assistant Director of Revenues Collection, Luvuyo Sizani said, "All of these accounts were handed over to Whitesides so they can be traced." He made an example of Sea Breeze Take Aways which appears on the list of recommended arrear debt to be written off. Whitesides Attorneys replied that there

is nothing they can do as the owner has died. "We are taking what the lawyers say and that they have done all they could legally do" to recoup council's money from these debtors, Sizani said. DA Councillor Les Reynolds said that there is a lesson to be learnt here. "We should not allow ratepayers and business owners to have such high arrears. Sea Breeze should have never have got in that position where they owe R16 000. We should be on top of this," he said.

Concerns were raised about the extra expenses of legal fees and the unfairness of writing off these debts when there are still people who are struggling to pay their debts.

Chief Financial Officer, Jackson Ngcelwane explained that writing off debts is appropriate for people such as pensioners and those who had passed away as in this case the debt cannot be transferred from a son to his father. "On the issue of legal fees, we pay the lawyers on commission of what they collected," he said.

"The committee agreed that it recommends to the council that the arrear debt deemed uncollectable amounting to about R2.1-million be written off," said Ngcelwane. This was concluded after legal processes were followed by the municipal debt collectors. "The writing off of arrear debt also included the arrear debt relating to emerging stock-owners in the area of Riebeeck East of about R53 000," he said.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
Cloudy with 30% thunderstorms. Wind light variable.	Partly cloudy. Wind light north easterly.	Cloudy with 60% showers. Wind light north westerly.
Temperature: Min 8°C, Max 19°C	Temperature: Min 11°C, Max 20°C	Temperature: Min 8°C, Max 18°C
Tides: Low tide 8.37am and 8.44pm High tide 2.15am and 2.49pm	Tides: Low tide 9.15am and 9.24pm High tide 2.57am and 3.29pm	Tides: Low tide 9.51am and 10.02pm High tide 3.36am and 4.07pm

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Rainfall at Grant Street for week 17 May to 23 May = zero  
 There has been no rainfall recorded at 4A Darling Street for week Mon 17 May to Sun 23 May.



# Show of hands and angry questions

From Page One

ANDILE NAYIKA AND STEVEN LANG

**M**akana Mayor Vumile Lwana and Ward 4 Councillor Melikhaya Phongolo faced some tough questions from angry residents when they presented the 2010/11 Budget/IDP roadshow at an imbizo on Manley Flats on Sunday. The meeting is one of a series of community engagement meetings required to take place before the budget can be approved by the council.

Lwana and his entourage, which included Municipal Manager, Ntombi Baart and other officials, arrived at a modest schoolhouse shortly after 10am and set about explaining how they intended to manage the budget for the

upcoming year.

Residents of local farms in the area expressed their unhappiness with a number of service delivery issues that included water and sanitation, transport, housing and electricity. They complained that most of the promises made at an imbizo last year have not been kept.

The community is also concerned about a running dispute between farm owners Leonie and Rodney Yendall and a group of occupants who claim to have lived on the farm for 80 years.

The Yendalls acquired the farm in 2007 in a barter deal with a company that had previously leased the farm to them. In an effort to re-structure operations on the farm, the Yendalls offered the long-time residents a 53-hec-

tare plot of land for their own farming activities including a proposed agri-village. The deal was brokered by Phongolo who was supposed to have worked with provincial officials. However, when the Department of Agriculture and Land Affairs was divided into the department of Agriculture and the department of Rural Development and Land Reform the process was derailed which resulted in a series of confrontations between the farm owners and occupants.

Leonie Yendall has accused the occupants of deliberately sabotaging infrastructure on the farm and they counter that she has been unreasonable in her dealings with them.

Some of the residents now say they don't want



**PAYING ATTENTION...** Manley Flats residents listen carefully as Mayor Vumile Lwana explains how he plans to manage the budget in the next financial year. Photo: Steven Lang

the 53-hectare plot causing Leonie Yendall to put that particular piece of land on

the market.

She has also initiated the process in terms of the Ex-

tension of Security Tenure Act (ESTA) to evict the residents from her farm.

## PVA problems still not resolved

ANDILE NAYIKA

MAKANA Municipality held a follow up meeting last week on the preparations of the public viewing area (PVA), leading to the World Cup kick off next month. Chaired by Traffic Department Superintendent Pierre Kapp, the meeting raised the reported insufficiency of taps around the PVA site at Miki Yili Stadium. Electricity supply, traffic control, tenders for performers and caterers, general safety and security and the allocation of the different stakeholders and their duties was discussed.

One point that was agreed on was that all liquor traders would have to pay a R5 000 fee and would have to have gone through the Liquor Board for accreditation before erecting a stall.

Representatives from Cacadu District Municipality were expected at the meeting but there were none present. Being responsible for the funding, the district department could have revealed a clear allocation of funds as finances seem to be one of the main problems. Due to the lack of funding, the municipality has failed to preside over all the tasks regarding the organisation of the PVA.

Among temporary changes that will happen in the duration of the SWC, the traffic department announced that learner's licence classes will be paused at the department while the Justice department will delay new cases until the end of the tournament.

The previous day, volunteers appointed by the provin-

cial Department of Safety and Security went to Miki Yili Stadium, where they familiarised themselves with the site. The volunteers will assist in monitoring the safety and security of the PVA while the SAPS will only be called to intervene in emergencies. The municipality, SAPF, traffic, safety and security and fire departments each presented its state of readiness.

But it was difficult for the parties to find clarity in many of the issues such as electricity and water supply as the health, electricity and water departments were absent from the meeting. The Indoor Sports Centre and the open area opposite were declared as parking areas as no parking will be allowed inside the PVA.

According to Jeff Budaza, Makana Municipality 2010 Project co-ordinator the municipality will organise transportation to fetch fans from other towns in the district from its own budget. Budaza also said that the provincial government is responsible for tenders, not the local municipality.

The next PVA meeting will be held on 28 May at the Council Chamber at 11am, where more will be discussed.

## Municipality addresses cashier shortages

PRUDENCE MINI

THE recent financial report from the Chief Financial officer to the Budget, Treasury, and IDP (BTI) portfolio committee presented a summary of the banking of consolidated takings which included cashier shortages and surpluses. Chief Financial Officer, Jackson Ngcelwane said, "This must be viewed as being transparent on how we do our business and as an effort to address an issue appearing in the municipal audit report of 2008/09 where the Auditor-General indicated that the municipality was not making any means of collecting shortages caused by cashiers," he said.

He added that it was also a way to illustrate to the portfolio committee the actions taken in cases of shortages. Ngcelwane said that the report on shortages was compiled after procedure guidelines on cashiering were developed and tabled to the portfolio committee in March. The report illustrated cashier shortages in the July 2009 to March 2010 period amounting to R1 800 from a total amount of about R169 million in receipts; and a total surplus of about R900.

During the BTI portfolio committee meeting, ANC Councillor, Thandeka Veliti questioned whether the causes of the shortages were identified. "It must frustrate the cashiers that there are deductions taken from them for the short-

ages," Veliti said. Assistant Director of Revenues Collection, Luvuyo Sizani responded that it was difficult to identify the causes. He said that there was a plan in place to have one-on-one sessions with the cashiers to find out the possible reasons. "There are certain times when they are busy, such as pension times," Sizani said, indicating a possible cause for the shortages and surpluses. Ngcelwane also responded to Veliti that salary deductions are made only after investigations are dealt with.

Ngcelwane said shortages occur when one handles hard cash on a daily basis. "As you can see with receipts of about R169-million for nine months period reported in the agenda, there is an amount of R1 800 error. While it is not acceptable, it is a fraction of the total receipts. The important thing is that shortages are paid back after investigations," he said.

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## Time to re-think farming

The farming community in the Albany area is not happy. The severe, prolonged drought is doubtlessly exacerbating the situation but there are other more deep-seated problems that need to be dealt with urgently.

On Sunday, Mayor Vumile Lwana, Municipal Manager, Ntombi Baart and Ward 4 Councillor Melikhaya Phongolo addressed the farming community at Manley Flats as part of the process to discuss the municipal budget with residents. The Mayor presented his plans and then took questions from the 70 odd people at the small school classroom. He faced an array of questions concerning the lack of water, service delivery problems and the conflict between farm occupants and farm owners.

After the question-and-answer session, workers and representatives of the farm owners association agreed on one issue: the problems are exactly the same as those presented at a similar imbizo last year. There was broad consensus that very little progress, if any, has been achieved in the intervening 12 months.

We should all be concerned about the unhappiness reigning in our farming community because ultimately what happens on farms affects us all. If workers and owners are perpetually unhappy they cannot be productive and since they produce the food we eat, we should be worried.

The acrimonious relationship between workers and owners also brings to mind the disastrous situation in Zimbabwe, where farm workers have taken over a large number of commercial farms and food production has plummeted. We are still along way from a Zimbabwe-style situation in this country, but the potential for a meltdown should not be disregarded.

Perhaps we need to completely re-think the way farming is done in this country. Maybe we have been doing it wrong for such a long time that we cannot imagine another way of performing this critical activity, or maybe what worked in the 50s is not suited to conditions in the 21st century.

An imbizo to find solutions would probably underline the polarised nature of the sector in this country, so we would need some creative, lateral thinking to jerk us out of antiquated mind-sets to find a completely new way of farming.

Are we planting the right crops for our land and our climate? Are we using too much land for too little food? Surely our farming sector could benefit from a complete re-examination of the way we do things.

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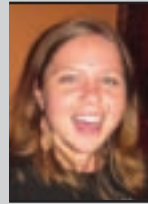
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# It's not a crush, it's just my blush



Annetjie van Wynegaard

I have a problem. I've always had this problem, but only realised it was a problem when my primary school peers started to tease me about it. I go red. Chronically. There's almost nothing in the world that doesn't make me blush. I have a very guilty face. Whenever someone got into trouble at school I'd blush on their behalf.

This has not changed, in fact I think the situation might have been aggravated in recent years, what with hormones and looming adulthood all over the place. It's especially annoying when I must interview someone and I turn red.

But it's also not always one type of emotion that accompanies the red stain on my face. The first and

most obvious one is embarrassment, but then there are also various other temperaments that follow: rage, sadness, happiness, glee, joy, excitement, every possible feeling I can feel comes with a free, fresh batch of rosy cheeks!

I often find my self changing colour first, and the respective mood follows, which is then intensified by my awareness of the redness, which perpetuates the cycle.

This sordid hand I've been dealt evokes different responses from different people. They either think I'm shy, weird, drunk or in love with them. My scarlet exterior is often met with puzzled glances, suggestive smiles or outright cries of "what's wrong with you?"

Another crazy element is that I don't just turn on the heat in my face. When I blush, my entire body follows suit. The stain spreads from the top of my forehead to my burning ears, down my throat and chest, my arms and legs.

It makes for amusing dinner conversation, as eating also makes me go red. So does walking, working,

typing, writing, the list goes on and on.

Involuntary blushing can happen occasionally in moments of embarrassment or stress. Chronic blushing is caused by an over active sympathetic nervous system, which is part of the involuntary central nervous system. Severe blushing occurs due to persistent or extreme anxiety in social or performance situations, for fear of being criticised or humiliated.

There is a drug available in America called Eredicane which is supposed to cure my condition, but somehow the idea of being a slave to the daily tablet doesn't appeal to me on any level.

My solution then is isolation. I should go live somewhere in a secluded cottage where I can blush to my heart's content without the grief of having to explain myself. Yes I have a condition. No it's not curable. No I don't want breakfast and taxi fare home. When I was seven all I wanted for Christmas was my two front teeth. Now I'd like some concealer or a new skin please!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Write to: The Editor, PO Box 103 Grahamstown 6140

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### Money is not everything

To the owners of the pool club and tavern in Blackbeard Street: Laurence and Malinda.

I am a concerned church leader, parent and friend and it hurts me to see what you doing to our community, our children and your own children. Think about the future of our youngsters and our own children, the future of our Grahamstown. The pool club its a good thing for the community but don't encourage the children to drink and allow unmarried couples to stay overnight at your place. Please, money is not everything. Think about the future of our children, they're becoming alcoholics. There are lots of other ways to make money. People can have fun without alcohol. You are tearing happy families apart. Also think about the health of the children when you're smoking okapipe in the caravan with closed windows, especially under 5 years. What kind of Christian parents are you and what example do you set for the community? I'm quite sure I'm not the only parent that feels like this. Please remember the happiness of families are more important than making money.

Joseph Snyders

### Thank you

As the presenter of the programme *Down the Lane*, a word of thanks and appreciation for sponsoring Mother's Day gift vouchers, to Mr Wimpie Bosch of Grahamstown Pharmacy, Mr Van Riet of Albany Jewellers, Mrs L Kennedy of Leonie's Hairdressing Salon and Mr D Narsai of City Fashions.

To the ladies Mrs H Strauss, Mrs M Williams and Ms G Jewell thanks for your contribution of some sweetness to the mothers and others at McKaizer Old Age Home.

Appollis Slingers,  
Radio Grahamstown

### Is this their best?

It would appear that the ANC, in its guise as the provincial government, has begun its electoral campaign early (or maybe very late for last year's provincial election) by putting up posters advertising its achievements.

Curiously, it does not mention its failure to fund housing adequately - not even to fix those houses ruined in the 2008 tornado; the disastrous academic records of most of the schools under its direct control; the hazardous state of the roads that it is supposed to maintain; its failure to pay the millions that it owes the municipality in rates and service charges; the demoralisation of the nursing profession through inequitable salaries for municipal and provincial nurses. In fact, it tells very little

about its achievements in its core "competencies", much more about its promises.

As they steel themselves to venture homewards on the crumbling roads, our rural residents will doubtless take heart from the cheering message that the Eastern Cape government is actually doing its best.

Michael Whisson

### Thank you everyone!

On behalf of Child Welfare SA, Grahamstown, I would like to thank VG interact club for the R1 000 raised towards the mattresses for Nompumelelo pre-school.

The Kingswood Matric pupils also raised R5 000. Together we were able to buy the mattresses and cover them beautifully. Betty Hartzberg went out of her way to buy the material for this. We sincerely thank her and her helpers for their support. The leftover money will be used to put up coat hangers for the children's bags and coats.

I would also like to thank David Stoloff, VG and Tracy Van Molendroff of Kingswood for their support to their pupils to raise the funds needed for Nompumelelo pre-school.

Your support is highly appreciated.

W Bischoff and B Gqeke,  
Child Welfare SA, Grahamstown  
and Nompumelelo Pre-School

### Thank you for your kindness

I would like to thank Annerie Wolmarans for her kindness towards my animals, myself and Albert and towards animals in general. May God bless her all the days of her life.

Ester and Albert Kumm

### MTN in the clear

I am writing in response to the letter published written by Jo Fitzhenry ("No service, no smile", 21 May).

I am the new owner of the store and am very disappointed that you chose to publish a letter of this nature without checking whether the facts are true. Mrs Fitzhenry called at our store regarding a network problem. This is something which no store consultant has control of. Her handset, which I wish to add was not purchased from the store, had a network barring.

May I also add that once she left the store her phone was working. I fail to understand why the "friendly lady" in High Street could solve her problem as I believe that we had already done so.

I don't know on what basis *Grocott's Mail*

publishes letters as it is quite clear to all readers that this is the MTN store as we are the only cellphone shop at the Pepper Grove Mall. While journalism is freedom of speech it should be based on facts and not be of a defaming nature otherwise you open yourselves to litigation.

Jasmin Mamoojee  
New and proud owner of MTN,  
Pepper Grove Mall

### Shine a light

Please could the Makana Municipality electricity department do whatever is required to repair all the street lights in High Street before the Festival starts next month?

The streets have been pitch dark after sundown for months now because so few of the street lights are in working order, posing a danger to the many pedestrians who are still abroad on winter nights when it gets dark so early.

Cecilia Blight



SMS  
082 049 2146

I thought we have a problem with crime, but when I see SAPF members doing the World Cup dance at Grey Field instead of trying to prevent crime, I thought I must be mistaken. We don't have a crime problem.

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We are so suprised by the way Phakama answered about the manhole. Why did the guy come 2 us? They were sent by Phakama Veliti last Friday. I was not the only person who reported the problem. They asked us if we coming 4 the same problem. 4rm Mrs Mpofu-owner of the house

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Yo! Talk about bad service, it's everywhere in Grahamstown. Have u been 2 the secondhand shop in Bathurst Street? That couple is rude.

Pseudonyms may be used, but all letters must be supported by a name, signature and street address. Preference will be given to letters which are not longer than 400 words and are clearly legible. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters/photographs.



# EC government owes Makana R15-million

PRUDENCE MINI

The Eastern Cape government reportedly owes at least R136-million for rates and services to 37 municipalities. This was discussed at a recent parliamentary session sparked by a question asked by the Democratic Alliance to the MEC for Local Government.

The recent report from the Chief Financial Officer to the Budget, Treasury and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Committee revealed that Makana Municipality is owed a total sum of R15-million. Departments such as Provincial Public Works, Education and Health seem to have the largest amounts outstanding to the municipality. Public Works has a debt of

R11-million and Education and Health are looking at just over R1-million. The report indicates that the debt is for municipal services such as water, electricity, sewerage and refuse.

"You can't talk about service delivery if there is no money in the bank account," said Chief Financial Officer, Jackson Ngcelwane. He said that this negatively impacts the municipality's cash flow. "If I would say that we can't pay the staff salaries or settle other obligations, some of the reasons would be mainly because of this situation." He says this would also have an impact on the budgeting process and will slow down the collection rate, cutting down on numerous municipal projects that are essential to the rate payer such as the paving of roads.

Ngcelwane says that there has been some interventions and meetings since 2008 with the provincial government to address this matter. "The Provincial Department of Public Works is the main problem. Some 85% of this debt belongs to Provincial Public Works," he said. However, he says that he understands where the problem originated.

"The National Department of Public Works transferred the function of paying for property rates to the Provincial Public Works with effect from April 2008 and implemented stringent measures, whereby in terms of the Division of Revenue Act, Provincial Public Works is required to firstly ensure that all properties around a municipal area are registered in the name of Provincial Government prior making

payments for services. They also had to appoint audit firms to conduct these examinations," Ngcelwane said. He said he understood the pressure the Provincial Department are under up to a point, "but at the end of the day, I have to deliver a service," he said.

According to Ngcelwane, there has been a debate within the council that the services of these affected departments have to be disconnected. Ngcelwane felt that this cannot be appropriate for certain buildings such as hospitals.

However, he said that there were certain offices that had their services disconnected and they responded by paying their outstanding amounts, but according to Ngcelwane, this did not even make a dent in the debt.



ACCESS GRANTED... A wheelchair ramp outside the police station. Photo: Babongile Zulu



NOT SO WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY... The Magistrate's Court does not have a ramp, although it is wheelchair friendly on the inside. Photo: Babongile Zulu

## How are we doing for accessibility?

BABONGILE ZULU

MOST people in Grahamstown walk in and out of buildings on a daily basis. They put one leg in front of the other, and don't give it a second thought. But then there are also people in Grahamstown who cannot do that, people who are disabled and who have to think twice before they are able to gain access into certain buildings around the city.

All major shops in Grahamstown have ramps to allow access for customers in wheelchairs and on crutches. The High Court, which is an important building in any city, has wheelchair access from the side behind the stairs. However, across the road is the Magistrate's Court which only has stairs leading up to it, but extensive wheelchair access indoors.

Other important buildings around the city include City Hall, the municipality and the Department of Home Affairs, all of which are equipped at the entrance. The City Hall is even equipped with a lift inside and the police station is also fully equipped with a ramp inside and outside.

Restaurants are other establishments which are generally well-equipped for wheelchair and other disabilities access. While in others, one is able to go through the door without too much hassle, but interior staircases inside makes accessibility impossible.

Some shop owners concede to the fact that their shops make it difficult for wheelchair access.

"I acknowledge that this shop does not have the best design, and I've never had to deal with a customer in a wheelchair, but if I did, I would do everything in my power to help them," says Brendan Barry, manager of Graham Liquor Store.

Red Café owner, Justus Wagener also realises that his coffee shop is not accessible for wheelchairs. "Not only wheel-

chairs, but older people too. There have been times when I've carried wheelchairs up these stairs, I'm always happy to assist." He adds that these are the drawbacks to having a restaurant on the top floor.

Although a few places around town cater for people with disabilities, there is still so much which can be done to expand that access to allow movement inside and outside of buildings, and expand to more places than the ones which do have access.



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# Fighting for their rights

MARISA LOURENÇO

A small black-and-white photograph, yellowed with age, shows Grahamstown Sheriff Annerie Wolmarans as a young girl on the back of a donkey. Her face smiles towards the camera and her hands rest on the donkey's neck.

"When my parents died, my brother found this," she says. "All my life, donkeys have been very special to me. They are very clever."

All animals are close to Wolmarans' heart. She rescues tortoises from the surrounding township areas, and stray cats and dogs. Yet it is donkeys that have inspired her to continue her efforts for the last 30 years in caring for them in this frontier town.

Her office in High Street is scattered with various ornaments and pictures of donkeys. Her border collie, Lucy, lies quietly in the centre of the room.

Wolmarans started the Makana Donkey Association (MDA) 16 years ago. It holds two clinics a month at Nombulelo High School to treat donkeys, and once a month an assistant from Port Elizabeth travels to Grahamstown to help groom the animals. According to Annerie, there are close to 400 donkeys in Grahamstown.

She also receives support

from members of Rhodes Organisation for Animal Rights (Roar). "They are fantastic," she says. "They collect money, and help at clinics." She points to a poster on the wall behind her desk with various photographs of donkeys, and smiles. "One of the girls from Roar made this for me."

Once a year in October – to coincide with Animal Week – the MDA holds a donkey carnival where donkeys and carts parade through the city. "There are prizes for the nicest cart, best cared for donkey, and the owner who takes the best care of their donkeys."

Before the carnival, the MDA asks business owners in Grahamstown to sponsor a cart for R300. "That money is used to fix carts and treat donkeys. Leftover money is for food for donkeys." The sponsor's name is then proudly displayed on the cart.

The mistreatment of donkeys is a pressing issue in Grahamstown.

"I get very cross when owners whip their donkeys to make them go faster," she says softly. "They have belts made from tyres. I tell them, 'don't do that, because that donkey makes your life.'"

Wolmarans has considered banning donkey carts in Grahamstown. "It was done in Uitenhage," she says. "But a lot of people here depend on



Donkeys mate for life. Photo: Simone Landers

them for work." Donkey carts help with collecting firewood and moving furniture. Wolmarans wants to limit the number of donkeys one person can own to four, and register donkeys in their owner's name.

The SPCA often has callouts to rescue burnt donkeys. "Sometimes a donkey strays into a garden and gets boiling water thrown on it," she explains. "The owner of the garden then says the donkey was eating their vegetables."

When there is a fight between donkey owners, it is these defenceless animals that bear the brunt of the argument because it is the "easiest way to put that person out of action".

Helping these animals is always on her agenda. Annerie has sent several letters to the municipality outlining her proposal to establish a resting ground for donkeys at night. There is space for two grounds near Extensions 7 and 9 and Sun City in Vukani. Donkeys would be brought in at night-time with the cart, and owners would take turns to keep watch. To guard against theft, each owner receives a disc specifying which donkeys belong to him.

But Wolmarans has not received a response from the municipality yet. "Donkeys do not seem to be a high priority for them," she says. But setbacks like this have not discouraged her. "I'm going to write another letter. I spoke to the mayor recently about this issue, and he supports my proposal. All I want is for the municipality to fence it. From there we will be fine."

Annerie says she has a lot of support from the traffic department and SPCA. If she comes across ill-cared for donkeys, she calls the SPCA and "they come in seconds".

A donkey cart owner, Cassie, is making Wolmarans a

cart of her own for special occasions. "Like the carnival, or when I want to show off!" she laughs. "It's light and very lovely. I'm going to tame two of my donkeys." Annerie has seven donkeys that stay on her friend's farm.

Life on a farm suits donkeys well. "They bond with sheep and look after them. One donkey can take care of 400 sheep for life."

Wolmarans' eyes sparkle when she speaks of their intelligence. "A donkey cart would be brought in at night-time with the cart, and owners would take turns to keep watch. To guard against theft, each owner receives a disc specifying which donkeys belong to him." She set the donkeys free and waited. Eventually they made their way home, leading the police to the robbers. "They always know the way home," she says.

Later we meet Cassie. His donkeys stand side by side, reined in, waiting patiently with their heads down and thick lashes shielding their eyes. "They have the cross of God on them," she explains, pointing to the darker line of hair that runs down a donkey's neck and back, and down both sides of its front body to form a cross. "I think that donkeys are the most special animals to God. We can't ignore donkeys. They will be here forever."

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**This week's poll question:**

**What's your favourite dinner venue in Grahamstown?**

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**Most popular stories last week:**

- Locals unite against High Court move
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- New bus fleet to take G'town to the World Cup
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**Hot comment:**

**Ham-handed SAHRA**  
"Why have SAHRA decided on the Old Gaol for their "heritage training centre"? Is it their only property or are there other old buildings in other places which need a function and towns which could benefit from a training centre? If such properties do exist, why not use them? If a business is forced to close and jobs are to be lost when there are other places that could be used for SAHRA's purposes, well again, that hardly seems fair!"  
- Anonymous

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**Photo galleries:**

<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Giving life, giving blood</p>	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Applause for 18 May</p>	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Y4Y (Youth radio show) Episode 9</p>	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Fire at Debonairs and Olde 65</p>
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DEDICATED TO DONKEYS... Sheriff Annerie Wolmarans devotes her time to improving the lives of donkeys in Grahamstown. Photo: Candice Cupido



## Makana Enviro- News 106

Compiled by Jenny Gon



### International training for local Environmental Manager

Ndumiso Nongwe, Makana's Environmental Manager, will be participating in an international training programme on local government environmental management in urban areas in Stockholm, from May 24 to June 10. The programme is sponsored by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) with the long-term goal of contributing to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries. Applicants had to submit proposals on their projects for change to improve local government environmental management in their home country. Training will focus on these projects to assist implementation in the respective municipalities. Twenty-five candidates from municipalities of varying size were selected from eight countries in Africa. Makana's project for change looked at alternative basic environmental services and technologies suitable for other localities of the municipality and the establishment of localised community environmental centres in Makana. A follow-up programme with the same group will run in November in a region still to be determined and announced by Sida.

### Ward waste management initiative

Makana Municipality, in collaboration with the Rhodes University Environmental Education and Sustainability Unit, is implementing a pilot waste management education and awareness project in a number of local wards that have been identified as having particularly serious waste management issues. The main aim of the initiative is to educate, encourage and empower citizens in these wards to take responsibility and control over the management of waste in their areas so as to improve the living environment and reduce risk to human and environmental health. This will be done by helping people to manage the waste in their own houses, yards, schools, and businesses, including cafés, taverns and the street traders.

Community environmental facilitators have been appointed to work with the relevant ward councillors, ward committees, schools, churches, clinics and other key institutions to firstly clean up some of the main problem areas, and then to keep these areas clean through more careful waste manage-

ment. Their role is to provide basic education and support to their fellow citizens in their wards to implement action plans they are developing with the ward committees.

This pilot project is due to run from mid-May to the end of June 2010. The idea is to secure more funding in the future to roll this out to all wards in the municipality later this year or by early 2011.

### Grahamstown landfill site concerns

Concerns have been raised about the state of the Grahamstown landfill site by Cindy Deutschmann, a member of the Grahamstown Riding Club. In particular, she is concerned that incoming waste is not being covered. She also reports that the practice of dumping of amputated ostrich feet continues, and she has seen carcasses of donkeys, dogs and cats being dumped, unburied, at the tip. In addition, there are a number of people living on the site on a semi-permanent basis, posing a health risk to themselves, and a security risk to businesses around the tip. The activities of scrap metal scavengers who have been chased away from the landfill site also create a fire risk in the area. Deutschmann has addressed these concerns to the municipality with a challenge to get their house in order on the site or the complaints will be taken to a higher authority.

### A great freebie

The Department of Environment Affairs (DEA) has recently published a very attractive Marine Recreational Activity Information Brochure with up-to-date information on the regulations that apply to recreational fishing in South Africa's marine and estuarine environments, and scuba-diving and jet-ski use in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The good news is that this brochure is available free of charge at the Grahamstown Post Office or from DEA: Private Bag X2, Roggebaai, 8012 or phone 021 402 3911.

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# 'Bobbejan klim die berg...' or does he?

EMMA SMITH

On 15 May, the Rhodes Department of Zoology and Entomology hosted its annual Duerden lecture, celebrating the first head of Zoology at Rhodes. This year the lecture was given by Dr Justin O'Riain from the University of Cape Town. His lecture was entitled "Turf wars: can humans and baboons co-exist?" and focussed on the growing problem of baboons and humans sharing habitat in the Cape Peninsula.

Through GPS trackers on the 15 major troops on the Cape Peninsula, O'Riain's research team discovered that baboons in the Cape Peninsula do not inhabit the rocky, mountainous high lying areas at all – as in the song: *Bobbejan klim die berg*. In fact, they spend most of their foraging and resting time on the lower lying areas; the same areas which are residential and agricultural. Hence, there is a growing conflict of space between baboons and humans.

O'Riain established a research group at UCT called the Baboon Research Unit which was initially focussed on a few basic questions: How many baboons are there? Where do they live? Are they unique from other baboons? And do they place a threat to humans? By answering these questions O'Riain and his team were attempting to dispel myths about baboons which are rife in the Cape Peninsula and to attempt to create informed management policies. There are only



**SOUNDS CRAZY...** Post-graduate student Damiana Ravas collecting baboon faeces on the Cape Peninsula. She is part of the Cape Peninsula Baboon Research Unit. Photo: Mark Duffel

about 270 baboons on the Cape Peninsula forming 15 troops, and they are not genetically different from other baboons in the Western Cape despite their wide variety of food-acquiring accoutrements. Due to their increased interactions with humans and the urban lifestyle these baboons have picked up a smorgasbord of parasites and bacteria which could threaten human health. O'Riain deftly explained that interaction with these animals is inevitable given the limited space on the peninsula but not ideal given the infection potential between humans and baboons. Howev-

er, there is a possible management solution which involves 'herding' the animals into the Cape Point National Park where they can lead a somewhat more organic lifestyle.

O'Riain and his team channelled their inner primate and attempted to find out the best way of herding these animals. They found that a device known as a bear banger (which is used in the USA to frighten bears) was extremely successful. The baboons associated the people using the device with the loud noise it produced and, as naturally territorial animals, felt threatened and ran away. This method is a

successful, non-lethal form of controlling the baboons on the Cape Peninsula however, the Baboon Research Unit at UCT still face massive hurdles in implementing this device as animal welfare groups have labelled it as cruel.

This year's Duerden lecture gave the audience a fascinating insight into our hairy, close relations and re-enforced the point that if you are going to make informed management decisions, you have to ignore the gossip, myths and old songs and go out and answer some basic questions about the animals involved. You might just get a surprise!

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## Libraries should be at the heart of our communities

The *Weekend Post* recently reported that from now on all branch libraries in Port Elizabeth will close between 1pm and 2pm, and at 5pm instead of 6pm. Even more alarmingly, they will no longer open on Saturdays at all. Meanwhile, library users in Port Alfred are reporting that returned books are piling up in mounds on the check-out counters. And here in Makana, librarians complain that the supply of new books from government for local libraries has dried to a trickle and that it may take up to six years for books ordered to arrive here.

Our public libraries are under extreme stress and have been for some time. Library funding has fallen between the confused stools of provincial and local government, often leading to the decline of services and the loss of many skilled personnel. Sixteen years into democracy, this is simply unacceptable. Libraries ought to be cherished and nurtured as a cornerstone of democracy. Free speech, intellectual freedom, and open access to information are essential to a free nation. Public libraries protect the right of every citizen, regardless of race, age, gender, or economic status, to have access to any information that is vital to his/her life.

Further, public libraries can provide a community gathering place for the free exchange of ideas, culture, and entertainment. Vital and attractive libraries help define a community, encourage civic pride, and invest residents with a sense of ownership. Libraries could be the heart and soul of a community and should reflect the value residents place on literacy, education, culture, and freedom. Libraries help young children develop reading skills. Early childhood literacy and exposure to a book-rich environment are significant predictors of a child's success in school and in life. Grahamstown is lucky to have four libraries – Hill Street, Fingo Village, Duna and the Community Library – but there are big gaps in their holdings. There is a lack of up-to-date reference books and of South African children's literature (especially isiXhosa story books and novels). For these and many other reasons, the efforts of civic organisations like the Makana Friends of the Library, who provide vital support to local libraries, should be wholeheartedly supported. This week *Ukufunda* quizzes Makana Friends chairperson, Rosie Smith, and features the Friends' unique audio book project. Future editions will take a closer look at the situation at school libraries.

**Contribute** to the Ukufunda page, published in *Grocott's Mail* every Tuesday. Letters, notices, appeals, useful news and information, book reviews, questions, opinion pieces, non-profit classified ads and pictures are all most welcome. They can be sent to [r.amner@ru.ac.za](mailto:r.amner@ru.ac.za), [s.murray@ru.ac.za](mailto:s.murray@ru.ac.za) or [gushbros@telkomsa.net](mailto:gushbros@telkomsa.net) for consideration.

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**AUDIOKIDS...** A group of friends test out an audiobook using the mp3 player at the Fingo Village Library, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. A group of local voice actors are using the Rhodes School of Journalism studios to create a range of children's audiobooks in local languages.

Photo: Rod Amner

## There's more than one way to read a book

CATHY GUSH

The second phase of the Friends of the Library's children's audiobook project is taking shape – recording South African children's books and stories using volunteer voice actors.

Hlengi Kweyama, who completed a third year-level course in radio at the Rhodes School of Journalism and Media Studies last year, is in charge of the team of voice actors and all the logistical arrangements at the journalism school's radio division. She is being mentored by radio lecturer Jeanne du Toit and Friends committee member Rod Amner and says this has been a wonderful growth and learning opportunity for her.

For the voice actors, who are all volunteer students, this has also been a challenging but fulfilling time. Initially thinking that they would be in the mode of dramatised storytelling, they have had to adapt to reading stories in an intimate way into a microphone! However, they have embraced the concept and have produced some fresh and exciting readings of African stories in isiXhosa, Afrikaans and South African English that resonate well with local children.

The first phase of this Sabinet-funded project, called Audiokids, involved placing CD players, mp3 players, headphones, speakers and a variety of commercially-produced au-

diobooks in four local children's libraries. The second phase has concentrated on producing brand-new audiobooks using African stories, languages and accents.

Audio books are an important tool in promoting a love of books and reading among children. They often serve as an initial hook for children who most times just visit the library to get their homework or school projects done. There are other advantages too: experiencing a book in both formats (print and audio) increases a child's comprehension, imagination and vocabulary; audio books can also be considered a bridge to reading – a way for young readers to enjoy literature at their listening comprehension level which is significantly above their reading level.

To date, 15 books have been recorded and another five stories from an open source website. The books range from those appropriate for children aged five years to about 16 years. There are currently six volunteer readers involved, but this group will grow next term.

Once copyright has been secured, longer fiction works can be recorded in a serialised form. Kweyama says further plans include book readings on Radio Grahamstown and RMR, and getting Gcina Mhlope to come and do a workshop with the voice actors.

The recorded stories, together with their text equivalents, are being made available to all the Makana libraries.

## POP QUIZ

with Rosemary Van Wyk Smith

Rosemary Van Wyk Smith is the hard-working chairperson of the Grahamstown Friends of the Library, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. We quizzed her about the Friends' on-going support to four local libraries.



**Q: Why is there a need for the Grahamstown Friends of the Library?**

A: We're needed because of the lack of facilities and because the official provision of books to the libraries has been so poor. It was decided that a Friends organisation – a support base – would be a good idea. It started off with fundraising activities and books being bought to supplement the holdings in the libraries. But since then gaps were also found in technical things that the libraries needed. Also, we soon found that while there was a need to get more and better books into the libraries there was also a need to encourage literacy – to encourage children to read.

**Q: Are there many other Friends organisations in other parts of the country?**

A: No. I wish there were. I think we should try to spread the idea. There are Friends of museums and nature reserves, but I'm not aware of other Friends of the Library organisations. Somebody wrote to us from Port Alfred saying that they wanted to start a Friends – we sent lots of suggestions, but never heard of a branch being started.

**Q: What are some of the strengths of the local library services?**

A: We have a municipal library committee headed up by Prof Michael Whisson – we know that that is quite effective and we can take things to them. But, it's not just the local municipality that should be supporting libraries – it's also the job of the province.

The Hill Street library is a pretty library and has some nice Victorian furniture. It does need some renovation, though, which will depend on a municipal budget.

Another strength is that we have three satellite libraries in the town and very co-operative head librarians who we meet with. But, I think it would be wonderful if we had a mobile library that could reach out to country villages that don't have libraries.

**Q: And weaknesses?**

A: One problem is the lack of clarity about how the role of the provincial library service. I don't see books coming into the library. The fact that we are raising money to buy new books – and seem to be one of the few sources – is not good at all. But the main idea is that we're supporters and Friends, not managers.

Another problem is that the Hill Street library gets swamped by children seeking resources for school projects – but they're often not looking things up for themselves. They're just getting things photocopied. Why aren't teachers supporting these

research processes and liaising with the libraries around this project work?

Also, education is much broader than the curriculum. If children were really using libraries properly, for pleasure and for enriching their understanding of the world, this would help them along the road.

**Q: Tell us about some of your projects and plans for this year.**

A: There is a great need for large print books and our former head librarian, Meg Hartzberg, does a wonderful job visiting old people's homes in Grahamstown. Those large print books are very, very well thumbed now! So we're just about to spend R8 000 on large print books, which was made possible by the fact that we were recently given a generous bequest. We would also like to use the bequest to begin to support school libraries.

**Q: We seem to be living in an age when most people – especially young people – do not read books for pleasure. Is this a problem and, if so, what should we be doing about it?**

A: It's a great problem. If you can read, everything is open to you. It's like learning the piano – one should concentrate on the scales first and then one can go on from there.

**Q: How do you raise money?**

A: We started a lecture series about four years ago. These have really filled a niche in Grahamstown. We're very lucky in the Hill Street Library, to have such a nice public hall which hosts the lectures. Many locals have offered to do talks. We also have book sales and once a year, a mini-fête. We have a wonderful Friends committee who do a lot of work. In fact, the Friends of the Library has become like a full-time job! There isn't a day that passes that something doesn't happen!

**Q: Apart from attending Friends lectures and sales, what else could locals do to support libraries?**

A: They could volunteer to help out. A number of Rhodes students volunteer in the libraries, but there could be more community volunteers.

**Q: What are you currently reading?**

I've just finished Colm Toibin's novel *Brooklyn*, which is great. And I'm just about to start Antony Beevor's *Stalingrad*. I also read his *D-Day: The Battle of Normandy* and he's absolutely wonderful. They are both library books – bought with funds from the Friends. I'll return them soon so someone else can enjoy them!

## NOTICES

• The **Grahamstown Literacy Project** will meet on Tuesday 1 June at 3pm at the Professional Development Centre at 19 Somerset Street. Anyone interested in local literacy or education issues is most welcome.

• **Equal Education (EE)** is a new civil society formation that addresses inequality and poor quality in education. Chairperson of the EE Board, Zackie Achmat, is appealing for a once off **financial contribution** to EE. No amount is too small. The immediate needs which future funding will be used for are as follows:

- Five weeks of action in May/June 2010, involving book collections, Read-Ins outside Parliament, and a public fast for libraries;
  - An additional member of staff to drive a fundraising campaign;
  - Seed money to set up a small office in Gauteng.
- Please write an email to [zackie@equaleducation.org.za](mailto:zackie@equaleducation.org.za) (for EE's bank details) or visit [www.equaleducation.org.za](http://www.equaleducation.org.za)

## RESOURCE PACK NO. 3

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## Friends of the Library: Coming soon to Hill Street Library...



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**The secret scripture**  
Sebastian Barry

Makana Friends of the Library started 10 years ago to fundraise for the libraries of Grahamstown. If you would like to join the Friends please contact the subscriptions manager, **Kate Marx** ([k.marx@telkomsa.net](mailto:k.marx@telkomsa.net)) or fill out a membership form at the Public Library in Hill Street.



# What a blast!

A blast to dislodge kaolin took place at the Stirwin Mine in Grahamstown last week. Kaolin is used in the production of certain ceramics, paint, plastics and soap, while the lower grade material is used in bricks. Stirwin mine manager, Bert Burchell said last week's blast exposed the kaolin which he said will supply enough material for the next three to four years. The spoil of the blast is used for rehabilitation in the worked out areas. Blasting and Excavation from Cape Town drilled 305 holes between seven to 14 metres deep, before pumping emulsion explosive into the holes. The set-up process took two weeks across the 1 900 cubic metre area, with the charge off operation done in one day. The blast lasted 600 milliseconds.

**Stephen Penney** went to check it out



Blasting and Excavation and Stirwin Mine staff bring in the truck carrying the explosives.



Workers carefully set up the equipment.



Explosives are detonated and dust flies into the sky.



Iceland has its volcano and we have our Kaolin mine.



A panoramic view of the mine where the blast took place. The brown section (to the right of the centre) is the exposed kaolin and the spoil.



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**MAY 21 TO MAY 27**

## EDGE OF DARKNESS (16VL)

As a homicide detective investigates the death of his activist daughter, he uncovers not only her secret life but a corporate cover-up and government collusion that attracts an agent tasked with cleaning up the evidence. Starring Mel Gibson

Fri. @ 3pm, 5:30pm, 8pm, Sat. @ 5:30pm, 8pm, Sun. @ 5:30pm  
Mon. @ 3pm, 5:30pm, 8pm, Tues./Wed./Thurs. @ 8pm

## LEAP YEAR (10V)

A woman has an elaborate scheme to hook up with her boyfriend in Ireland and propose to him on Leap day, which occurs every time February 29 rolls around. Starring Amy Adams

Fri. @ 3pm, 8pm, Sat. @ 12:30pm, 3pm, 8pm  
Sun. @ 12:30pm, 3pm, 5:30pm, Mon. @ 3pm, 8pm  
Tues./Wed./Thurs. @ 3pm, 5:30pm

## KICK-ASS (16VLD)

Dave Lizewski is an unnoticed high school student and comic book fan who decides to become a super-hero, even though he has no powers or training.

Fri. @ 8pm, Sat. @ 12:30pm, 8pm, Sun. @ 12:30pm, 3pm  
Mon./Tues. @ 8pm, Wed./Thurs. @ 5:30pm

## HACHIKO: A DOG'S STORY (PG)

Family drama. Based on the true story of a college professor's bond with an abandoned dog he takes into his home. Starring Richard Gere and Joan Allen

Fri. @ 3pm, 5:30pm, Sat. @ 12:30pm, 3pm, 5:30pm  
Sun. @ 12:30pm, 3pm, Mon./Tues. @ 3pm, 5:30pm  
Wed./Thurs. @ 3pm, 8pm



## BRIGHT STAR (PG)

Directed by Jane Campion (The Piano) Drama based on the three-year romance between 19th century poet John Keats and Fanny Brawne, which was cut short by Keat's untimely death at age 25

Fri. @ 5:30pm, Sat. @ 3pm, 5:30pm, Sun./Mon. @ 5:30pm  
Tues./Wed./Thurs. @ 3pm, 5:30pm, 8pm

# Ikhaya's Incredible production for Fest

ANDILE NAYIKA

Deep in the heart of the township, behind the walls of Egazini Community Outreach Centre is where you will find Ikhaya Theatre Company tirelessly rehearsing its main production to perform at this year's National Arts Festival. Riding the wave of last year's success with *My Xhosa* where the audience was left in tears, director Bongani Diko presents *The Incredibles*: a drama piece with a hint of comedy, romance and betrayal. The play focuses on Mark Peter (Ayabonga Nqanqeli); an ex-prisoner who comes home to a totally different world after seven years of imprisonment from a hijacking gone wrong. After their mission failed, the rest of the gang was shot dead and Mark was the only survivor.

His girlfriend and friends and families of the deceased suspect that he has the blood money hidden somewhere. As a result, the trail leads to



ACTIVE AND INSPIRED... Ikhaya Theatre actors are sure to bring you something incredible at this year's National Arts Festival. Photo: Andile Nayika

his stabbing on the fifth day after his release, where he ends up being left paralyzed in a wheelchair. His buddy Matuli (Misumzi Thomas) who used to visit him in prison seems to know more than

everyone else but no one is listening. To find out what happens next book a ticket to watch *The Incredibles* at Egazini Outreach Centre, where the play will be on every day of the Festival.

"We promise our audience a stormy Festival experience that will make them spin. We have new talent, upcoming directors and great actors who are highly professional," says the enthusiastic Diko.

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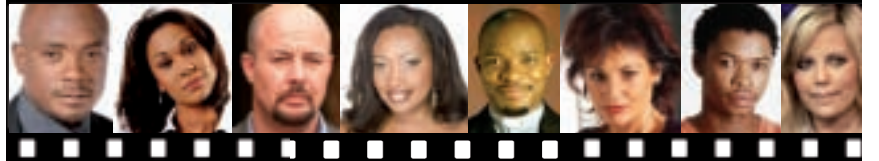
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# tvGUIDE

Times and shows were correct at the time of going to press



SABC 1	SABC 2	SABC 3	e-TV	M-Net
<b>7.30am</b> YOTV Land, <b>12pm</b> Judge Joe Brown, <b>1pm</b> Shift, <b>2pm</b> Matrix Uploaded, <b>3.30</b> Teen Titans, <b>4.30pm</b> Tom & Jerry Tales, <b>5.30pm</b> News, <b>6pm</b> Bold And The Beautiful, <b>6.30pm</b> Final Countdown 2010, <b>7pm</b> Ba Kae, <b>7.30pm</b> News, <b>8pm</b> Generations, <b>8.30pm</b> Shakespeare, <b>9pm</b> Fame from Faith.  <b>6.30am</b> Takalani, <b>12pm</b> Judge Joe Brown, <b>1pm</b> Shift, <b>1.50pm</b> Infomercials, <b>2pm</b> Matrix Uploaded, <b>3pm</b> Jam Alley, <b>3.30pm</b> Samurai Jack, <b>4pm</b> YO.TV, <b>5.30pm</b> News Headlines, <b>6pm</b> Bold And The Beautiful, <b>6.30pm</b> HHP Respect, <b>7pm</b> Jika Majika, <b>8pm</b> Generations, <b>8.30pm</b> Untold Stories, <b>9pm</b> Khumbul'ekhaya.	<b>6am</b> Morning Live, <b>8am</b> Parliament, <b>9.30am</b> Woody the Woodpecker, <b>11.30am</b> Talk SA, <b>12pm</b> Motswako, <b>12.30pm</b> Dr. Phil, <b>1.30pm</b> Days, <b>2.15pm</b> Judge Mathis, <b>4pm</b> Hectic Nine - 9, <b>6.30pm</b> 7de Laan, <b>7.30pm</b> Erfsondes, <b>8.30pm</b> News, <b>9pm</b> Muvhango, <b>10pm</b> Afro Cafe.  <b>5.57am</b> Op Pad, <b>6am</b> Morning Live, <b>9.10am</b> Thabang Thabong, <b>10am</b> Takalani Sesame, <b>12.30pm</b> Dr. Phil, <b>1.30pm</b> Days Of Our Lives, <b>3.30pm</b> Muvhango, <b>4.30pm</b> Iketsitse, <b>6pm</b> Kwela Express, <b>6.30pm</b> 7de Laan, <b>7pm</b> Nuus, <b>7.30pm</b> Pasella, <b>8.30pm</b> News, <b>9pm</b> Muvhango.	<b>7.30am</b> AM Shopping, <b>10.30am</b> Isidingo: The Need, <b>1.30pm</b> Africa News Update, <b>3pm</b> All My Children, <b>3.50pm</b> 3 Talk With Noeleen, <b>4.45pm</b> Days, <b>6.00pm</b> Isidingo, <b>7.00pm</b> News, <b>8pm</b> Interface, <b>10.15pm</b> Law & Order, <b>11.15pm</b> The Philanthropist.  <b>7.30am</b> AM Shopping, <b>10am</b> Generations, <b>11am</b> Tyra Banks, <b>12pm</b> Knight Rider, <b>2pm</b> Knock Knock, <b>2.30pm</b> Power Rangers, <b>3pm</b> All My Children, <b>3.50pm</b> 3 Talk, <b>4.45pm</b> Days, <b>5.35pm</b> The Oprah Winfrey Show, <b>6.30pm</b> Isidingo: The Need, <b>7pm</b> News, <b>7.30pm</b> Rules of Engagement, <b>8pm</b> Life's a Journey.	<b>8am</b> African Language News, <b>9am</b> Rhythm City, <b>12.30pm</b> Backstage, <b>1pm</b> News Day, <b>1.30pm</b> WWE Afterburn, <b>2.30pm</b> Paddington Bear, <b>3.30pm</b> Frenzy, <b>4.40pm</b> The Young and the Restless, <b>5.30pm</b> Medical Detectives, <b>6.30pm</b> Rhythm City, <b>7.30pm</b> Scandal!, <b>8pm</b> WWE Superstars.  <b>9am</b> Rhythm City, <b>10am</b> 3rd Degree, <b>12.10pm</b> Planet Parent, <b>12.30pm</b> Backstage, <b>1.30pm</b> WWE Superstars, <b>3pm</b> Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?, <b>5.30pm</b> Medical Detectives, <b>6pm</b> e News, <b>6.30pm</b> Rhythm City, <b>7pm</b> e News, <b>7.30pm</b> Scandal!, <b>8pm</b> AXN-TV, <b>8.30pm</b> WWE Smackdown, <b>9.30pm</b> Playa.	<b>5.30am</b> Super Why!, <b>7am</b> Roland Garros Highlights, <b>10am</b> Binnelanders, <b>11am</b> 12 Rounds, <b>2.30pm</b> Spliced, <b>5pm</b> Grey's Anatomy, <b>6pm</b> Binnelanders, <b>7pm</b> Prankz, <b>7.30pm</b> Ugly Betty, <b>8.30pm</b> Flash Forward, <b>9.30pm</b> Damages, <b>10.30pm</b> Californication, <b>11pm</b> Sex Drive.  <b>7am</b> Roalnd Garros Highlights, <b>10am</b> Binnelanders, <b>11am</b> Superhero, <b>1pm</b> Infomercials, <b>2.30pm</b> Naturally Sadie, <b>3.00pm</b> Pearlie, <b>4pm</b> Wipeout, <b>5pm</b> Ugly Betty, <b>6pm</b> Binnelanders, <b>7pm</b> The Middle, <b>8.30pm</b> The Mentalist, <b>9.30pm</b> The Pacific, <b>10.30pm</b> The Strangers, <b>23.55pm</b> Californication.
<b>7.30am</b> YOTV Land, <b>10am</b> HHP Respect, <b>12pm</b> Judge Joe Brown, <b>1pm</b> Tshwaraganang, <b>1.30pm</b> Live It, <b>2pm</b> Matrix Uploaded, <b>3pm</b> Jika Majika, <b>4.30pm</b> Casper's Scare School, <b>5.30pm</b> News, <b>6pm</b> Bold, <b>8pm</b> Generations, <b>8.30pm</b> Society, <b>9.30pm</b> Cutting Edge.	<b>6am</b> Morning Live, <b>9.30am</b> Ovide and the Gang, <b>10am</b> Takalani, <b>12.30pm</b> Dr. Phil, <b>1.30pm</b> Days Of Our Lives, <b>3.30pm</b> Muvhango, <b>4pm</b> Hectic Nine -9, <b>5pm</b> Dragonball, <b>6pm</b> Leihlo La Sechaba, <b>6.30pm</b> 7de Laan, <b>8.30pm</b> News, <b>9pm</b> Muvhango, <b>9.30pm</b> The Mating Game.	<b>8am</b> AM Shopping, <b>10am</b> Generations, <b>9.30am</b> 7de Laan, <b>11am</b> The Tyra Banks Show, <b>1.30pm</b> Africa News, <b>2pm</b> Which way!, <b>2.30pm</b> Get Ed, <b>3.50pm</b> 3 Talk with Noeleen, <b>5.35pm</b> Oprah Winfrey Show, <b>6.30pm</b> Isidingo, <b>7pm</b> News, <b>7.30pm</b> Top Billing, <b>10.15pm</b> Law & Order, <b>11.15pm</b> Northern Cape Race.	<b>6am</b> Sunrise, <b>10am</b> Playa-2010 Soccer, <b>12pm</b> Showbiz Report, <b>1pm</b> News Day, <b>1.30pm</b> WWE Raw, <b>4pm</b> Chucklewood Critters, <b>4.30pm</b> Infomercials, <b>4.40pm</b> The Young And The Restless, <b>6pm</b> e News, <b>6.30pm</b> Rhythm City, <b>7pm</b> News, <b>8pm</b> Step Up, <b>11.30pm</b> The Steve Wilkos Show.	<b>5am</b> Super Why!, <b>6am</b> Barney & Friends, <b>10am</b> Binnelanders, <b>11am</b> Rachel getting Married, <b>2.30pm</b> Horseland, <b>3.30pm</b> Hotwheels, <b>4pm</b> Prankz, <b>4.30pm</b> The Middle, <b>5pm</b> League of Glory, <b>7pm</b> Carte Blanche, <b>8.30pm</b> American Idol, <b>9.30pm</b> Fringe, <b>10.30pm</b> FlashForward, <b>11.30pm</b> The Mentalist.
<b>7.30am</b> YO.TV Land, <b>12pm</b> Judge Joe Brown, <b>2pm</b> Matrix Uploaded, <b>3.30pm</b> The Tick, <b>5.30pm</b> News, <b>6pm</b> Bold, <b>6.30pm</b> Jam Alley, <b>7pm</b> My Wife and Kids, <b>7.30pm</b> News, <b>8pm</b> Generations, <b>8.30pm</b> Thye Game, <b>10pm</b> Deep Blue Sea.	<b>6am</b> Morning Live, <b>8am</b> Parliament, <b>9.05am</b> Thabang Thabong, <b>10am</b> Takalani Sesame, <b>11am</b> Mind the Gap, <b>12.30pm</b> Dr. Phil, <b>2.15pm</b> Judge Mathis, <b>4pm</b> Hectic Nine-9, <b>5pm</b> ACSA, <b>6.30pm</b> 7de Laan, <b>7.30pm</b> Supersterre, <b>10.00pm</b> Blow by Blow.	<b>5am</b> World Today, <b>7.30am</b> AM Shopping, <b>10am</b> Generations, <b>10.30am</b> Isidingo, <b>11am</b> The Tyra Banks Show, <b>1.30pm</b> News Update, <b>2pm</b> Trompie, <b>6.30pm</b> Isidingo: The Need, <b>7pm</b> News, <b>7.30pm</b> Finding Neverland, <b>9.45pm</b> Bonneville.	<b>6am</b> Sunrise, <b>10am</b> Showbiz Report, <b>10.30am</b> Playa, <b>11.00am</b> WWE, <b>12.30pm</b> Backstage, <b>1pm</b> News Day, <b>1.30pm</b> WWE, <b>6.30pm</b> Rhythm City, <b>7.30pm</b> Style by Jury, <b>8pm</b> Cliffhanger, <b>10.35pm</b> Sharkskin 6.	<b>9am</b> Rapid Motion Classic, <b>12pm</b> Infomercials, <b>2.30pm</b> The Latest Buzz, <b>3pm</b> Dinosaur King, <b>3.30pm</b> Dream Kix, <b>4pm</b> Carte Blanche, <b>5pm</b> Alex Stobbs, <b>6pm</b> Binnelanders, <b>7pm</b> Garry Unmarried, <b>7.30pm</b> All Access, <b>8.30pm</b> Wipeout, <b>9.30pm</b> Defiance.

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The solution will be published on Friday, 28 May

**HOW TO PLAY:** Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. No number can be repeated in any row, column or box.

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Solution for Friday 21, May



# Last minute travel arrangements

The Soccer World Cup is just under a month away and time is running out to sort out your travel options. In this case time really is money so the longer you leave it, the longer the digits extend on the various travel websites' price lists.

So if you still haven't decided on whether you are driving, catching a bus or flying, maybe this guideline compiled by Sandhira Chetty will help

## Flying?\*

**Kulula**  
Johannesburg to Cape Town: prices range from R869 to R2519  
Johannesburg to Durban: R569 to R1419  
Johannesburg to George: R989 to R1019  
Cape Town to Durban: R1519 to R 1619  
Cape Town to Port Elizabeth: R1069  
Durban to Port Elizabeth: R 1069

**Time**  
Johannesburg to Cape Town: prices range from R819 to R899  
Johannesburg to Durban: R429 to R609  
Cape Town to Durban: R822 to R1 108

**Mango**  
Johannesburg to Cape Town: prices range from R827 to R908  
Johannesburg to Durban:

R425 to R521  
Cape Town to Bloemfontein: R941  
Cape Town to Durban: R814 to R1097  
**South African Airways**  
Johannesburg to Cape Town: prices range from R910 to R1 270  
Johannesburg to Durban: R670 to R1 070  
Johannesburg to George: R830  
Cape Town to Durban: R1990  
Cape Town to Port Elizabeth: R860 to R1 010  
Durban to Port Elizabeth: R720

## Bus?\*

**Johannesburg to Cape Town**  
Greyhound: R610  
Translux: R530  
**Johannesburg to Durban**  
Greyhound: R260  
Citiliner: R160

Translux: R210  
**Cape Town to Port Elizabeth**  
Greyhound: R300  
Citiliner: R240  
Translux: R320  
**Cape Town to Durban**  
Greyhound: R610  
Citiliner: R420  
Translux: R540  
**Durban to Port Elizabeth**  
Greyhound: R395  
Citiliner: R280  
Translux: R400

\*These are all one way ticket prices which were checked for around 11 June. They are subject to change.



**UNDERSTANDING LEADERSHIP...** St Andrew's College boys are facing challenges that are more dynamic and complex than in the past. Therefore it is essential to help them individually as well as collectively to understand and manage these challenges. St Andrew's aims to assist not only the seniors but all boys in the development of a concrete skills base that will enable them to be effective leaders in their schools and communities. Throughout the year the college offers a range of structured experiences designed to build trust, facilitate honest communication, promote wellness, self-respect, tolerance, and personal insight, develop leadership skills, explore drug free lifestyles, and provide an intensive opportunity to interact with healthy adult mentors. Here, St Andrew's College Grade 11s work on a complicated group dynamics task. Photo: Supplied

## Making Festival count for small business

ASHLEY STANDER

A RHODES University SMME (Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise) initiative, in partnership with Makana Municipality and the National Arts Festival, will help boost local entrepreneurs and small businesses by giving historically disadvantaged communities the opportunity to financially benefit from the Festival. Rhodes is represented on the project by the Rhodes Investec Business School (RIBS), and the university based Centre for Entrepreneurship and its Community Engagement Office. Riana Meiring, responsible for Local Economic Development in Makana, is representing the municipality, with Tony Lankester involved in his capacity as CEO of the Festival and Ismail Mahomed as Festival Director. The aim of the initiative, called Innovation Hub, is to provide a range of goods and services to Festival visitors, but RIBS will also be helping entrepreneurs manage their small businesses sustainably.

Interested local entrepreneurs were recently briefed on the initiative at a workshop held at the City Hall on 22 April. Participants were requested to submit their business ideas to the municipality, outlining how they would execute these, what support they would need and what the impact would be in terms of job creation and such. It was stressed that this was not intended to be an onerous process - it could be handwritten and grammar and punctuation were not taken into account - the main thing to convey was the "big idea". These submissions were sifted through by a panel consisting of RIBS, Makana Municipality, the Centre for Entrepreneurship and the Festival office, and six entrepreneurs were selected for training.

There will be five training sessions and these will take place at the Business School from 5 to 7pm on Thursday evenings, commencing on 20 May. The focus will not only be on how to start a small business, but also how to manage it sustainably.

The material for the training has been developed by Macdonald Kanyangale, a PhD student at RIBS, who has previous experience of this nature in Malawi. Prof Owen Skae will join Kanyangale as a facilitator and there will also be input from the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Standard Bank. A number of other support mechanisms are being put into place for these entrepreneurs. They will have back-office support at RIBS during the Festival, with student volunteers from the Community Engagement office providing services such as a booking facility, while seed funding is being provided by the municipality and the Festival to kick-start small businesses.

The entrepreneurs are also being given the opportunity to network: when they attend the RIBS Business Forum being addressed by Michelle Constant of BASA.

Issued on behalf of: Rhodes University, Communications & Marketing Division

RESERVE / SPECIES	NUMBER
<b>GREAT FISH</b>	
Eland	39
White Rhino	5
Giraffe	14
Kudu	80
Red Hartbeest	54
Zebra (Plains)	13
Buffalo	9
<b>THOMAS BAINES</b>	
White Rhino	2
<b>COMMANDO DRIFT</b>	
Red Hartbeest	75
Zebra (Cape Mountain)	14
<b>LUCHABA</b>	
Zebra (Plains)	21
<b>MKHAMBATHI</b>	
Zebra (Plains)	100
<b>OVISTON B&amp;C</b>	
Black Wildebeest	145
<b>OVISTON F</b>	
Black Wildebeest	60
<b>TSOLWANA</b>	
Gemsbok	50
Red Hartbeest	100
White Rhino	16
Zebra (Cape Mountain)	11
<b>MPOFU</b>	
Blesbok	20
Eland	10
White Rhino	8
Buffalo	2

Over 800 animals are on offer by way of a catalogue sale. The sale forms part of a well-planned programme to manage large mammals (including the removal of exotic species) to conserve the eco-systems of our amazing protected areas.

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**WHEN** 29 May, 2010  
**TIME** 11h00  
**WHERE** Thomas Baines Nature Reserve, Grahamstown  
**ENQUIRIES** Wandile Mzazi  
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*celebrating the greatness of Grahamstonians*



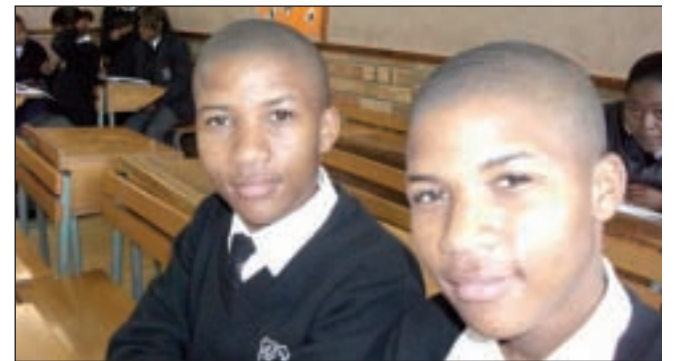
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**HAPPY HAPPY!...** Oatlands Preparatory School recently celebrated their 61st birthday. Samantha Packer (centre, back) an exchange student teacher from America posed with Mrs Du Plooy's Grade 1 class which were all dressed in fancy dress. Photo: Supplied



**SHINE A LIGHT...** Phelela Seyisi (Deputy head girl) and Jemma Fourie (headgirl) of Victoria Primary School prepare to light the leadership lamp. Photo: Supplied



**ARTFUL...** Identical twins McVay and McLean Boko of Mary Waters High School entered the Eisteddfod in the Visual Art Category and received bronze and merit certificates. Photo: Supplied



**CLASS OF THEIR OWN...** East Cape Midlands College N5 Communications students celebrate the end of their successful semester with class teacher Alexar Kirsten. Photo: Andile Nayika



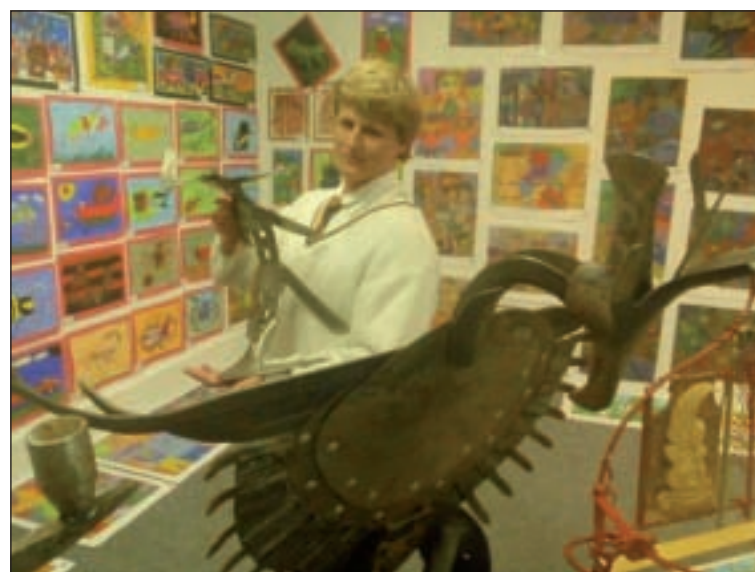
**SQUASH BUDDIES...** Congratulations to the following pupils from Kingswood Junior who made the EP Squash side in the U13 and U11 age groups: Back Speshi Mbande (U13B), Hannah Knott-Craig (U13A), Joshua Thorburn (U13A), Hayden Kruger (U13C). Middle row: Vaughn Meyer (U13A), Murray Keeton (U11A), Ben Keeton (U13C), Daine Kruger (U13A). Kneeling: Kiara Toich (U13B) and Joshua Christie (U13B). Photo: Supplied



**BIG SMILE...** Poertia Moemedi of Hoërskool PJ Olivier was a runner-up in the Anglo-American Youth Communicator Awards, recently held in Grahamstown. Photo: Supplied



**PODIUM POUNDERS...** Victoria Girls' High School recently held its annual English Best Speakers competition. Blessings Chinganga (left) took second place with her profound speech which focussed on inner beauty and self-confidence. Siyavuya Titi (right) was the winner of the junior section with her thought provoking speech on "Is history repeating itself?" Susan White (centre) was the adjudicator of the competition. Photo: Supplied



**EAGLE EYE...** Warren Mills, a Grade 12 learner from Graeme College was recently awarded four double golds for his artwork at the Bathurst Show. He is pictured here with one of his winning works – an eagle themed lecturn. Photo: Supplied



# Blowing the smoke on a silent killer

World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is celebrated every year on 31 May to highlight the need for effective policies to reduce smoking rates throughout the world. The theme for WNTD this year is gender and tobacco, with an emphasis on the harmful effects of marketing tobacco to women and girls. As women have increased their spending power, tobacco companies are becoming more aggressive in targeting women in their marketing efforts. Smoking is the second greatest cause of death globally (after hypertension) and is currently responsible for killing one in 10 adults worldwide.

## Statistics in South Africa

Tobacco related diseases kill over 44 000 South Africans and over seven million South Africans smoke. Smoking rates at the national level are lower, where 35.1% of men smoke compared to 10.2% of women. Tobacco use among adolescents is the highest in the Western Cape, where 32.5% of adolescent men and 18.9% of adolescent women smoke.

### Especially harmful to women's health

Smoking causes various cancers (lung, mouth, oesophagus, larynx, pharynx, stomach and pancreas), heart disease, stroke, emphysema, chronic bronchitis and other fatal diseases in both men and women.

However, women are at a greater risk of developing cervical cancer and osteoporosis than non-smoking women.

Pregnant women who smoke are more likely to have birth complications and women who smoke may experience infertility, painful menstruation and premature menopause.

Women who use oral contraceptives have a significantly higher risk of heart disease and strokes if they smoke than those who do not smoke.

Tobacco use often begins by age 16 and girls have more difficulty with stopping smoking. They experience stronger dependence on smoking and more negative withdrawal symptoms.

### Action to reduce tobacco use among women

Lets join hands with the Tobacco Control Team of the Western Cape and the Heart and Stroke Foundation SA to help protect the world's women and girls from their growing addiction to lethal tobacco products. "Help raise awareness about the dangers of smoking and prevent your daughters from becoming a statistic in years to come," says a registered dietitian of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Erika Ketterer.

### Tips to quit smoking

- Set a quit date – sooner than later and have a plan (throw away your cigarettes, ashtrays, lighters)
- Make a list of the reasons why you want to quit
- Decide whether you want to stop gradually or suddenly
- Identify triggers that make you want to smoke
- Have a plan for the quit day – change your habits and routine to stay smoke free
- Avoid associations with cigarettes such as avoid smokers or going to places where you used to smoke
- Exercise and get more active
- Eat healthily to prevent weight gain
- Find ways to cope with withdrawal symptoms
- Find ways to manage cravings/strong urge to smoke
- Delay the moment by taking a walk to relax you
- Do something else with your hands eg play with a pen
- Drink lots of water
- Practice deep breathing
- Plan small rewards with the money you save
- Get support from your family, friends and coworkers and tell them you plan to quit
- Get information/counselling from a quit smoking organisation
- Be strongly motivated – you can do it!

After one week, you will feel the worst is over. It usually takes a few months of not smoking to be fully comfortable with your new lifestyle so give your mind and body time to adjust. Also, "if you relapse, keep pressing on – the biggest mistake most smokers make when trying to quit is by giving up after failing", continues Ketterer.



## Tobacco legislation

- Fifa World Cup sporting arenas and stadiums will be smoke free.
- Smoking is not permitted in any public places. Public transport is also considered to be a public place.
- The smoking of hookah pipes are also banned in public places.
- Open advertising and high profile sponsorship of cigarette brands are not permitted.
- Branding of cigarettes as "light" or "ultra light" is not permitted as it misleads the consumer in believing that the nicotine contained in the cigarette is less harmful to their health.
- It is a punishable offence to throw a cigarette out of the window of a vehicle.
- It is illegal to sell tobacco products to any child under the age of 18 years.
- Cigarette vending machines are not to be located in any areas that are accessible to minors.
- Warning signs are to be displayed at all points of sale.
- Designated smoking areas are only allowed if assigned by employers and owners of premises such as restaurants but there are conditions to adhere to.
- Smoking in the presence of children under the age of 12 years of age is punishable by law.
- Employers must have a written policy on smoking in the workplace and the policy must be applied within three months from the date of operation.



Smoking to me is like suicide... It is death in anticipation.



## Who to contact

- National Quit Line 011 720 3145
  - National Council Against Smoking 011 725 1514 Fax 011- 720 6177 [www.againstsmoking.org](http://www.againstsmoking.org)
  - Smokenders 021 788 9120 [www.smokeenders.co.za](http://www.smokeenders.co.za) 086 110 0079
- They provide a seven week quit smoking programme. Meetings are attended once per week.
- Nicorette Kick Butt Programme 0860 410032 [www.nicorette.co.za](http://www.nicorette.co.za)
- They also have a resident medical expert who you can contact on 021 710 4000. They have a support programme which provides people with advice and day by day information on how to quit. They have an email/SMS support programme which provides daily support for the first four weeks of the programme and at key intervals thereafter. They have a day at a time diary that informs you of your key quitting milestones and the benefits you should be experiencing along the way
- Allen Carr Easyway Clinics 0861 100 200 [www.allencarr.co.za](http://www.allencarr.co.za)
- Clinics available in Cape Town, Durban, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth
- The Heart and Stroke Foundation South Africa [www.heartfoundation.co.za](http://www.heartfoundation.co.za)
  - Heart Mark Diet Line: 0860 223 222 – free nutritional advice





## Grocott's Mail.

Tuesday, 25 May 2010

## 1. PERSONAL

## Condolences

**OOSTHUIZEN** Ons Innige meegevoel aan die Oosthuizen familie op die heengaan van Oom Gerhard. Julie is in ons gebede. Schoeman en van Jaarsveld families.

## Funeral

**OOSTHUIZEN** Gerhard. Beloved husband of Marie, Father of Muriel, Paul, Adriaan, Bokkie, Errol, Lindy, Peter, Sheryl, Jackie & Grandchildren. Passed away suddenly on Thursday 2010.05.20. The Funeral service to take place at the Full Gospel Church, Caldecott Street, Grahamstown, on Tuesday 25 May at 11am. Funeral arrangements by Inggs Funeral Home, Grahamstown, 046-636 1528.

## In Memoriam

**ABRAHAM** Hendricks. In treasured memory of my wonderful and beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, who passed away on 25 May 2007. We will always miss you and your memories will always be in our thoughts. From your wife Rose.

**SR** Edwina CR (Lucy) (23 May 2009). In loving memory of a much appreciated friend and spiritual guide to many. Will always be remembered by those whose lives you touched.

**DOYLE** In loving memory of Hilton who passed away on 25.05.07. Always in my memories. Love Mavis.

## Found

**BLACK** Telefunken Hi-Fi System found in Hill Street area in March 2010.

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Notices

**AA PROTEA GROUP.** Antic Hall, 7.30pm Monday nights. 22 Albany Road, next to New Apostolic Church. Cell: John 083 550 4221. Wilfred 073 292 6057 and Antony 082 682 1234. If anyone, anywhere reaches out for help we want the hand of the AA to be there.

## MIKE KNOWLES

My next auction will be Saturday : 29 MAY 2010  
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Venue : Scout Hall, African Street, Grahamstown  
Contact Mike  
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073 264 8845

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Tel: 046 622 3233, 072 191 2173  
Emergency: 079 037 3466

## ANIMALS FOUND

Many donkeys found around Grahamstown & surrounding areas Jack Russel puppy found at Kingswood College, where is my owner.

## ANIMALS FOR ADOPTION

- Young Black Collie typr slim built, trainable.
- 3 Puppies, one tan, one beige and one black and tan puppy.
- Bobby GSD mixture, funloving dog.
- Small brindle female docked tail, very lovable and dear.
- Tri-coloured medium size collie X GSD young and good-natured.
- Fox terrier found and never claimed, quite a personality.
- Labrador X neutered, is well-mannered.
- Black tan Collie X I am desperate for a loving home.

Plenty, plenty kittens allcolours, playful and mischievous. We also have several lovely adult cats black, white, tabby and ginger. Also a few teenagers all awaiting for someone to adopt them. Please dog owners ensure that your pet has a collar and ID tag. So many found/lost dogs are never re-united with their families, very sad. **The SPCA says a very big Thank You to the volunteers and wonderful folk of Grahamstown for their help and the publics generosity for filling our tins at last Saturday's SPCA's collection at Pick 'n Pay. The donations will assist us to help those animals who are in need of shelter, food and medical attention. WE ALSO THANK Mr Schalker for the donation of sheepskins, we will use them to improve the donkey harnesses.**

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Starting date: 12 July 2010.  
Detailed CVs to *The Principal*, PO Box 601, Grahamstown, 6140

## 5. ACCOMMODATION

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- 2 Bdr flat: R5000/month** Incl. Fridge, stove, off-street parking
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- 2 Bdr Townhouse R 4400/month** Incl. water, off-street parking, garage
- 1 Rm in house: R2500/month** Incl. Hi-Tec, garden services, shared W & E
- 1 Rm in house : R 1870/month** Incl. Hi Tec, shared W & E

Contact: **Adrian Frost**  
046 622 2778 or  
083 556 7481

**SEVERAL** comfortable houses. Further inquiries contact **HELEN WALLACE 046 622 4464**

## 8. MOTORING

## Motoring Sales

**1998** Silver Volvo S70 for sale, very good condition R49 500. Contact 082 343 7556.

## Mixtape public arts project to showcase young talent

**MEGAN JACKSON**

**CHILDREN** from Extension 9 will be taking a front row seat this National Arts Festival as part of a collaborative arts movement between Mixtape public art projects and the Sakhaluntu Theatre Group.

The collaboration is the brainchild of Cape Town based artist Linda Stupart, who feels that there is a lack of accessible visual artwork at the Festival. The purpose of the collaboration is to use visual art as a way for these children to engage with the public during the Festival – something which she feels has been noticeably absent.

Craig Groenewald, a Masters student at Rhodes University and the Grahamstown agent for the project, has been working with Stupart and the team from Sakhaluntu on a community outreach project. This performance-based project will teach the children drumming, singing and gumboot dancing which they can then use as street performances during the Festival.

Mixtape will also be running a kite project in collaboration with the National Arts Festival, which will involve making kites out of recycled materials. These kites will then be flown over various locations around Grahamstown and will act as a beacon to mark out performance places.

Mixtape is also intent on showcasing community art, and have partnered with the Egazini Outreach Centre. They will be holding an exhibition at the centre in the second week of Festival, showcasing works of art from both the local community as well as from a variety of Cape Town-based artists.

Mixtape is aiming to introduce art and performance that is public, interactive, multidisciplinary and collaborative. Festinos can look forward to alternative performances and showcases which have not been available in the past. If you would like to get involved in any of these projects please contact Craig Groenewald at [craig.rgr@gmail.com](mailto:craig.rgr@gmail.com)

[www.grocotts.co.za](http://www.grocotts.co.za)



# From Mawas to the Sharks

ANDILE NAYIKA

Former Grahamstown schoolboy, Rasco Speckman is making his mark for the Natal Sharks U21 team. Speckman joined the Sharks rugby academy in 2008 shortly after completing his studies at Mary Waters High School and Kingswood College. After making an impact with his blistering pace and supernatural side-stepping, rugby coaches and administrators noticed Speckman's abundant talent and he was later selected to play for the Sharks U21 team in the Currie Cup. The left wing became an immediate threat to opponents and has now become one of the stars of the Sharks. The 21-year-old is one of the leading try scorers in the Currie Cup and is in the top five try scorers and top performers in the competition. His excellent form was recognised by Springbok Sevens coach Paul Treu and he was later invited to the Springboks Sevens training squad where he is part of a broader squad.

Speckman has been injured since the beginning of the season but scored two amazing tries in a pre-season game against the Griquas. The local hero is currently based in Durban where he trains with the Sharks and also plays for another team, College Rovers, while studying Sports Management.

Speckman started his rugby career as a scrumhalf at Mary Waters High School. He also played for local club Swallows RFC when Mawas coach Chesley Daniels selected the speedster as a winger. He was later also selected to represent the Eastern Province U18 side. Then Kingswood College decided to give the youngster a chance to further his studies and expand his sporting skills.

Apart from rugby, Speckman has proven his talent as both an athlete and a cricket player. Speckman got the talent from his father, Joseph Speckman who represented Border at rugby, cricket and athletics in the 80s. "I am a proud man and I hope that my son will take the opportunities afforded to him with both hands because in our days there were limited opportunities and resources," says Joseph. His dad would like to see his son following in the footsteps of Grahamstown rugby legend Fabian Juries who currently plays for the Western Province Stormers. Rasco thanks his family; Chesley Daniels who coached him at school; Graham Carlson of Kingswood College; his coaches at Swallows RFC and his fellow players in his earlier career, who all helped him get to where he is now.



**SHARK ATTACK...** Former Mary Waters learner Rasco Speckman makes Grahamstown proud for wearing his Sharks colours. Photo: Andile Nayika

## Rhodes Sports Personality nominee

**HAVING A BALL...** This week's PG Glass Rhodes University Sports personality nominee is Jonty Koekemoer. He has been part of the Rhodes tennis club for the past four years. Since his first year, he has represented the first team, and been to three USSA tennis tournaments in Cape Town, Potchefstroom and Grahamstown playing as high as number two in the tennis team. Koekemoer also played first team cricket for three years and is also part of the Rhodes swimming team, and has represented Rhodes for swimming at USSA last year. He has also served three years on the tennis committee. The tennis club say "it is with great pleasure that we nominate Jonty Koekemoer for Rhodes Sports Personality of the Year". Photo: Supplied



## Sport in brief

### Juries reunited with Springbok Sevens

South Africa's most experienced Sevens player, former Grahamstonian, Fabian Juries has rejoined the Springbok Sevens team, playing this past weekend. In terms of the agreement between the Vodacom Western Province and Paul Treu, the national Sevens coach, Juries will also be available to accompany the Springboks Sevens to the Commonwealth Games to be held in October in Delhi, India. Juries played in a warm-up match between the Springbok Sevens training squad and the SA Sevens Emerging team at the Danie Craven Stadium. Treu was pleased to welcome the mercurial Julies back to the Sevens fold. "He's adding a lot of experience and I'm pleased that he's able to help out because there is still some doubt over the match fitness of Renfred Dazel and Paul Delport."

Juries made the last of his 42 tournament appearances at Murrayfield in 2008, where after he joined former Sevens team mates Kabamba Floor and Danwell Demas at the Vodacom Free State Cheetahs. He joined the Newlands-based Vodacom Western Province at the beginning of the 2010 season.

### SAFA Grassroots soccer takes off

SAFA President Kirsten Nematandani officially opened the Grassroots football programme at the CSIR in Pretoria on Tuesday. The programme is bankrolled by world football's governing body Fifa. In his official address at the opening ceremony, Nematandani says the launch of grassroots football will change the face of development in the country. Fifa's development officer Ashford Mamelodi says South Africa has the capacity to revive the football development programmes. "This coaching seminar is a positive start in the process of repositioning the development programmes, Fifa has committed resources to ensure that the programme is a huge success, explained Mamelodi. A total of 30 coach-educators are participating in the Pretoria seminar under the guidance of Fifa instructors Horst Kriete and Yvon Avry. The programme will culminate into a grassroots festival on Saturday. Twenty-six of the participants are from the 26 SAFA regions while the four participants are from the South African Schools Football Association (SASFA). The main purpose of the seminar is to empower coach educators on how to organise the grassroots festivals which are used to introduce children to football from the ages of 6 to 12 years old.

### MTN set to light up the Fifa Fan Fest™

Besides sitting in the stadium, the next way that soccer enthusiasts can experience the authentic 2010 Fifa World Cup atmosphere is to go to Fifa Fan Fests™. Fifa Fan Fests are a recent phenomena – they were first integrated into the official Fifa World Cup programme in 2006 in Germany. They proved so successful then – 18 million fans were present across 12 venues with 89% saying a Fifa Fan Fest was the next best place to be after the stadium – that the concept has been adopted by Fifa and adapted to the South African context. The 10 official venues are in Cape Town; Port Elizabeth; Nelpruit; Bloemfontein; Durban/Polokwane; Soweto and Sandton in Johannesburg; Rustenburg and Pretoria. A big plus is that entrance is free. Supporters can enjoy live entertainment for free and get to watch each of the 64 games of the 2010 Fifa World Cup. The Fifa Fan Fests™ will be made to look and feel like a real stadium with high quality giant screens and sound/light systems to ensure fans can follow every kick, dribble and foul. MTN merchandise giveaways are also on the cards and fans can win various goodies by just being at the Fan Fest or by participating in the interactive games that will be played to fill the time between World Cup games. On the security side, all venues will be fenced and are incorporated into the wider host city security plans. A mixture of private security and SAPF will be used both inside and outside the venues. Fifa Fan Fests™ will be open every day during the tournament from about midday to midnight. The Port Elizabeth Fan Park venue is St Georges Park, which has a capacity of 30 000.

Compiled by Stephen Penney

# Kingswood's fine form beats Pearson

STAFF REPORTER

KINGSWOOD College, St Andrew's College and Graeme College rugby teams were all in action over the past weekend.

The Kingswood 1st team was in rampant form when they beat Pearson 44-7 in Port Elizabeth. Kingswood soaked up the initial physical challenge from their hosts with some hard tackling and effective work at the breakdown before settling into a well structured pattern which saw them dominating both possession and territory.

Kingswood opened the scoring with two penalties by Scott van Breda after some good sustained pressure. They then followed this up with a try by left wing, Lihleli Xoli who scored in the corner after some slick passing and

good interplay between the Kingswood backs and forwards. Xoli bagged his second try a few minutes later when a well worked lineout move created quick second phase ball which the Kingswood backs exploited to the full. Van Breda converted bringing the halftime score to 18-0 in the visitors favour.

Another well worked set piece, this time a scrum, opened the second half scoring for Kingswood when center Chris Keets scored after full back Van Breda broke the Pearson line. Xoli picked up his third try of the match before flyhalf Steven Hansel scored from quick turnover ball. Both tries were converted by Van Breda. With about fifteen minutes to go in the match, Pearson rallied briefly and after stringing some good phases together managed to drive over for a try near the uprights which

they converted. However, Kingswood had the last say of the day when replacement wing, David Kombe rounded off an excellent line break by vice-captain John Hale for Van Breda to convert.

St Andrew's 1st team ran out 17-3 winners in yet another tough and physical encounter against Daniel Pienaar on Saturday.

The work done by the St Andrew's tight forwards, in particular, was once again influential in the success of the day as they were dominant at scrum and lineout time. Despite only scoring one try in each half St Andrew's did look threatening and created other great scoring opportunities throughout the game, but were just not able to capitalise on them.

All credit to the opposition who put their bodies on the line and defended with great

vigour. They often had one or two players down after a period of play and had to make a number of forced substitutions during the game.

In a disappointing match Graeme went down heavily to Selborne in East London, losing 52-0. Graeme were still in the match at halftime having played very well and being unlucky to be 14 points adrift, having missed three penalty attempts and come close to scoring two tries. The Graeme defense had been very committed up to this point.

The second half was a different affair with Selborne using their large runners to good effect and the Graeme players not being able to plug the gaps. Winger Juandre Nel had a very strong game for the losing team and flank Olwethu Hans and centre Aubrey Mpongoma tackled their hearts out.



# Sports Tuesday

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## The 85th running of Comrades

STEPHEN PENNEY

All three running clubs of Grahamstown will be represented at this weekend's Comrades Marathon which takes place from Pietermaritzburg to Durban on Sunday.

The local clubs will be represented by 16 runners, ranging from those who are set on winning a silver medal to those just hoping for a finish.

Sean Eriksen of Albany Road Runners, running in permanent number 9584, will be going for his 22nd Comrades finish. Eriksen has a quickest time of 6 hours 30 minutes 04 seconds set in 1988. He has 13 silvers to his name, three Bill Rowan medals and five bronze medals.

Johan Conradie of Run/Walk For life Athletics Club will be running his third Comrades, and this year he'll be running just the way he trained – barefoot and swopping to his Five Fingers shoes every now and again.

Grahamstown's third club represented at Comrades is Rhodes University Athletics Club who will have three females, Nicola Craig, Jessica Goble and Robyn-Leigh Steyn lining up. **Runners representing the Grahamstown clubs are** Jene Banfield, Johan Conradie, Richard Hall, Mlamli Klaas, Mike Loewe, Kevin Rafferty (Run/Walk For Life); Howard Ball, Martin Bekker, Sean Eriksen, Andrew Slaughter, Clodagh Springer, Aslam Syed Cassim (Albany); Colin Bosch, Nicola Craig, Jessica Goble, Robyn-Leigh Steyn (Rhodes).

### Track your runner

In 2009 running fans were able to watch the race finish live on the internet via the Comrades website which was a resounding success, receiving over 2 200 000 hits on race day alone. This was made possible by Mr Price, the Comrades Marathon IT sponsor.

Running fans in South Africa and across the world will again be able to follow the Comrades Marathon race coverage online at [www.comrades.com](http://www.comrades.com) this year.

Users will be able to see live Twitter feeds at #comradesm2010 and track runners with the "Track Your Runner" application, developed using Silverlight.

Silverlight is a free, cross-browser, cross-platform rich media plug-in and has become the platform of choice for delivering live and on demand streaming video of sporting events.

People wishing to watch the Comrades coverage online or use the "Track Your Runner" application will need to install the free Silverlight plug-in, available on [www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/](http://www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/)

**NERVOUS BUT ABLE...** Liyabona Khatshakhwa, a Grade 1 pupil at DD Siwisa Primary School, makes a save during a World Cup event as part of the 2010 Mass Mobilisation drive held at the school on Friday with the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture. The various classes represented the different teams taking part in this year's World Cup.

Photo: Hilton Adonis



## City Pirates through to district league

LUNTU JELA

THE Makana soccer champions, City Pirates Football Club will be playing in the SAB Cacadu district league in the upcoming season which starts after the Soccer World Cup. This follows after the team won the district league's promotional play-offs in Humansdorp last Saturday.

Six teams which won the league in their respective Local Football Associations (LFAs) battled it out for a place in the district league for the 2010/2011 season. Pirates was in Group B with Leeds (Alexandria), Darkies (Graaf Reinet) and Attackers (Port Alfred) and Group A only had two teams, Swallows (Hankey) and Manchester (Jeffrey's Bay).

The other LFAs did not finish their leagues on time which led to Swallows and Manchester playing against each other twice to qualify for promotion. Swallows won the first match

2-1 and lost the second one 1-0 so Manchester qualified because of the away-goal rule.

Because Pirates drew its first two games (0-0 against Darkies and 1-1 against Attackers) the team needed to win its last game against Leeds. What made the last group match so interesting was the fact that all the teams in the group had drawn their first two matches. This meant that a win, together with a high goal difference, would decide the winner.

Darkies won their last game 1-0 against Attackers which meant that in order for Pirates to be promoted, they needed not only a victory against Leeds, but also had to score two or more goals. Things started very slowly for the local side and they conceded an early goal in the 14th

minute but a goal by Kwanele Mralaza gave Leeds a lead. Two minutes before halftime, Pirates were awarded a penalty after a handball in the box by a Leeds player. Siyabulela Nqono converted the spot-kick and the scores were levelled.

In the second half it was a different ball game because Pirates knew that another goal would put them through to the district league. Seven minutes before the final whistle a good cross by substitute Phumlani Fihlani and a dummy by Malibongwe Mbebe made sure that a free header by man of the match Unathi Mantolo put the ball at the back of the net.

Pirates players played as if their whole lives depended on the game and after the final whistle, the entire team was in tears. Pirates players and supporters reached for their cell-

phones to call their families as head coach Thobela Baba could not travel with the team due to illness. "This victory is dedicated to our coach and people of Grahamstown, because we were not representing only City Pirates Football Club but the entire Makana," said captain Malibongwe Hempe after the match. There were celebrations at the house of the club's president Kholekile Nogxabhela for the whole of Sunday. Nogxabhela congratulated the team on their good performance. "It showed that you've learnt your lesson last year and this time around you did it, so congratulations boys you deserve it," he told his players.

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## Phoenix Roller Mills Settlers Show draws competitors from all over

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Over 80 horses and riders from all over the Eastern Cape will descend on Grahamstown this week for the Grahamstown Riding Club's (GRC) prestigious annual Phoenix Roller Mills Settlers Show.

Some of the province's top children, junior and adult riders from as far away as Plettenberg Bay, George, East London, Queenstown, Port Elizabeth and elsewhere will compete in the graded dressage, show jumping, showing and equitation which run from Thursday through to Sunday.

Local business Phoenix Roller Mills has been a generous sponsor of the event for 30 years or more and has made the show one of the highlights of the Eastern Cape showing calendar. "Phoenix Roller Mills must hold the record for being the longest serving main sponsor of a show in the Eastern Cape," said GRC Chairperson Louise Bowker. "We are most grateful to the owner of Phoenix Roller Mills, Brian Bonsor, for his generosity over the years."

There will be exciting wall-to-wall competitive events throughout the four days in all four disciplines.

"We welcome the support of spectators," said Bowker. "There is no entry fee and there is a tuck shop/tea room open all weekend. We will also be hosting events in the evening. The Grahamstown community is very welcome to join us at the club."

There will be a pizza evening and an auction to raise funds for the club on Saturday evening. There is no cover charge. Popular local performer Dave Knowles will entertain the company. All sorts of weird and wonderful goodies will be auctioned off, including a free botox treatment, fabulous weekend getaways and delicious wines.

The showjumping tracks will be designed and built by the GRC's Cliff Jones while Pippa Swift and Wendy Coleman from Port Elizabeth will judge the showjumping.

Georgia Diedricks from Rustenberg, Moya Truter from Port Elizabeth and the GRC's own Christine Cradock will judge the dressage. Diedricks, assisted by the GRC's Pat Pohl will judge the equitation.

"The Grahamstown Riding Club would like to welcome the Eastern Cape riding community to town and wishes all participants a very successful show," said Bowker.



**SURROUNDED...** Mijéan Annandale of Graeme College avoids a number of tackles from the Grey Junior School team during the U11A clash at Graeme on Saturday. The Graeme U11A team lost 10-22. Photo: Stephen Penney