LAND AT LAST!
Community celebrates land claim success

Legal Resources Centre staff flank jubilant members of the Prudhoe Community Land Committee celebrating this week’s judgment awarding restitution of 26 farms to them, including the land on which the Fish River Sun Hotel is located. (Back from left) LRC attorney Cecile van Schalkwyk, Zenzele Ngcolomba (Prudhoe), Gladman Tom (Prudhoe Community Chairperson), Zamile Gadla (Prudhoe) and Cameron McConnachie (LRC attorney). In front are Mieta Dyantjie (left, Prudhoe) and Nomhle Libi (LRC administrator). Story on Page 3. Photo: Sue Maclennan
Beaufort Street upgrade under way

MAKANA MUNICIPALITY COMMUNICATIONS

The Municipality is pleased to announce that efforts by the Executive Mayor, Councillor Nombulela Giga with the support of the Engineering and Infrastructural Services Department to have Beaufort Street revamped have finally produced results.

The Executive Mayor had written to SANRAL in August 2016 requesting assistance to fix the 9km-long road which was to be published on the Makana website.

The project started on Thursday 5 April and it will include fixing other pothole-riddled streets. Low Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) have also been included in the project. Ancillary works such as sidewalk paving, kerbing, guardrails, gabin works will also be carried out. This work is to be done by SMMEL. A selection process for SMMEs has been completed and training will commence with them.

Beaufort Street is an important part of the town and the municipality realises this. Although some roads including Beaufort Street are the responsibility of the Department of Roads and Public Works (DRPW) the municipality has in the past done little to maintain these roads. However, due to the financial challenges faced by the municipality over the main road is of major concern and of critical importance to both the inhabitants of the municipality, its visitors and through passing traffic.

The main road, which is about nine km-long, was transferred to the DRPW after the construction of the Bypass around Grahamstown. However, since has been diverted to the road the DRPW has not undertaken any sustainable action on the road except fixing potholes which does not last for a long period of time.

Makana Municipality would like to appeal to residents and motorists to be patient while the project is being carried out. We will keep residents up to speed with any further developments while work continues on our roads.

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Temperature: Min 15°C Max 26°C

Tides: Low 08:29 20:44
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SATURDAY
Rain. Light south-easterly breeze.

Temperature: Min 14°C Max 20°C

Tides: Low 09:00 21:13
High 02:53 1508

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy. Light easterly breeze. 

Temperature: Min 13°C Max 22°C

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Cloudy. Light ENE breeze.

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By SUE MACLENNAN

“I am more than happy, I am over the moon,” Zenele Ngcolomba, a member of the Phalaborwa Community, told Grocott’s Mail following this week’s court judgment awarding the group restitution of 26 farms to the Prudhoe Community in the Eastern Cape, including the land on which the Fish River Sun Hotel is located. Their land claim adjudicated. Their land on which the Fish River Sun Hotel is located. Their land on which the Fish River Sun Hotel is located.

The Court ordered that the Prudhoe Community would be adjusted to full ownership of the farms. We have 10 months left and we will fulfil that agreement because we are contractually obligated. Thereafter we will enter into a 20 year relationship with the government, and that the community’s rights be adjusted to full ownership of the farms.

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The Land Claims Court found that the Commission had failed to uphold the standard set in section 195 of the Constitution, in which organs of state are expected to act in accordance with democratic values and principles, including a high standard of professional ethics and the effective and efficient use of state resources.

The Court ordered that the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform restore the land to the Prudhoe Community (except for one farm which was purchased by a black African farmer in 1994) within six months of the order, and that the community’s rights be adjusted to full ownership of the farms.

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We don’t want to manage. It will be great if they are going to operate, we are happy with them. We’ll take it from there.”

The Prudhoe Community lodged their claim in December 1998 in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Act, claiming restoration of 26 farms between the Fish and Mpkwenti rivers from which they were forcefully removed by the Ciskei Government during the late 1980s. The forced removals were effected by the former homeland government, ostensibly to make way for large-scale agricultural development.

They were moved to the Prudhoe farm, where they were provided with a vacant piece of land. The community received no compensation from the former Ciskei government for the land they had lost and were not provided with any assistance to rebuild their lives at Prudhoe farm. The land they were removed from remains largely unused, save for grazing.

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By KATHRYN CLEARY

Thirty-four Nombulelo Secondary School students hospitalised for symptoms of food poisoning on Wednesday 11 April were treated and released the same day, according to principal Nicci Hayes.

While a social media post speculated that listeriosis might be the cause of the mass illness, Hayes said there was no indication this was the case. “The 34 Nombulelo choir members who had food poisoning were treated immediately and released from hospital this morning,” Hayes told Grocott’s Mail on Wednesday day.

“The hospital has confirmed that all the children are in a stable condition and that there is no sign of Listeriosis.”

“The school would like to thank the Joza clinic staff and the hospital staff for their quick and efficient response and for taking the case as seriously as they did. Their professionalism is to be commended.”

Grocott’s Mail urges residents to immediately visit a local clinic or hospital should they experience symptoms of illness such as severe vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach cramps.

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Puppies suffer food poisoning

By KATHRYN CLEARY

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Amatola could return to Makana

By SUE MACLENNAN

Whether Makana can afford their services, and whether the municipality continues to service its R40 million debt to Amatola Water are questions that will determine whether the utility will return to Makana, the newly-appointed Amatola Water chief executive officer, Vuyo Zitumane, who took up office last week.

“Engagement between Amatola Water and Makana has continued to strengthen,” Zitumane said during Grocott’s Mail’s response to questions. “The decision for Amatola Water to resume its services will be contractually determined by both parties as part of these engagements.”

Amatola Water withdrew their services from Makana in September last year as a result of a R40 million unsecured debt. Makana was con- victed as unable to manage their bulk water supply, ensuring treated water to the three water treatment works. Amatola is also the implementer of the crucial R98 million upgrade of the 12 water treatment works, for which funding has been received from the Eastern Cape Development Corporation.

Makana entered into a five-year agreement with Amatola Water in October 2013 for the provision of bulk water supply, ensuring treated water to the three water treatment works, for which funding has been received from the Eastern Cape Development Corporation.

Zitumane said this included conducting a diagnostic assessment of the organisation (which was completed in December 2017), and assisting Amatola Water with the development of key strategies (based on the outcome of the diagnostic review) to ensure a stable and sustainable organisation.

“The turnaround plan has been aligned with Amatola Water’s strategic plan for the next five years and is aimed at stabilising the organisation and preparing it towards becoming a Regional Water Utility in line with the Department of Water & Sanitation’s Institutional Reform & Re-alignment (IRR) process,” Zitumane said.

“It entails six phases (with identified deliverables) i.e. diagnostic, prepare for change, stabilise the organisation, business restructuring, return to normality through operational effectiveness, and sustaining growth. The specific focus is on ensuring effective leadership and governance, enhancing organisational culture and capability, strengthening stakeholder relations, and improving the organisation’s financial position.”

Among her key priorities, Zitumane will champion research on innovative mechanisms to mitigate the acute drought and water shortage in parts of the province, enhance the utility’s internal project management capacity and capability, as well as ensure the transformation in the water sector.

“Whilst we will not compromise on quality, we will be very robust when it comes to developing cost-effective solutions for the long-term,” Zitumane said. “The newly-established BBBEE regulations have to find expression in our supply chain in order to ensure that there is equitable distribution of opportunities across the board,” she added.

Zitumane has hit the ground running. Already she has met with the board and staff at Amatola Water’s East London head office. These meetings are to be followed by visits to the remaining 400 employees at eight other sites across the province later this week.

“These engagements are the first step in creating a committed workforce and the conducive working environment necessary for rebuilding the required internal competency and stakeholder trust,” she explains.

She also plans to visit other stakeholders in the next month.

Zitumane is also to visit the Amatola Water-implemented projects of Nooligadacht in the Nelson Mandela Bay region, the 540-million rand King Sabata Dalindo Dube Presidential Inter-vention in Mthatha and some of the Department of Educa-tion 132 school infrastructure upgrades.

The Amatola Water team is aware that water as a resource, its security as well as access to water is important not only to the business but also to nation-building. Our team understands their role and is committed to delivering on our mandate,” said Zitumane. In response to Grocott’s Mail’s request for comment on their engagement with Ama-tola Water, she has been received from Makana Municipality by the time of publishing.

Health Department visits Vukani residents

By LINDANI DONEYI

The Department of Health recently conducted door to door visits and held a pop-up clinic in Vukani to mark TB Month.

Residents were screened for blood pressure, HIV and TB, and those who wanted received condoms.

Monica Mcbua is the Ma-kana Subdistrict’s TB and HIV Coordinator and worked alongside enrolled nurse Ger-shawn Max, Nomakhaya Mamba (Health Promotion), Yongama Titus (Health Pro-motion), Celewe Cevu (Sarah Baartman District HIV and TB Co-ordinator) and Nomakhaya Mamba (health promotion practitioner) in Vukani. Photo: Lindani Doneyi.

Using the Community Health and Nutrition Programme, the Department of Health is visiting residents,” Mr. Mmcua explained.

A good hygiene and proper, safe food preparation and storage lessened the risk of contracting the illness.

Water conservation education

Are you doing anything to save water in the current drought? What can we do to prevent day zero in Grahamstown?

Are you interested in learning about where Grahamstown wastewater comes from, and how much water we are currently using? Would you like to learn about rain water harvesting and the role it can play in saving water?

If your answers are yes to the above, please join us in a workshop that addresses the above. Refreshments will be served. PLEASE RSVP by 12pm on 13 April.
LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS

No service delivery for poor in Grahamstown

Vandalism to recreational facilities is the order of the day in Makana but there are guards employed and alarms installed in all public halls.

Elections were close by and for each party to win in any election, they must work closer with their constituencies and community at large to address their daily needs.

I am there every day to ensure that the people have their daily needs met.

Concerned Makana rate payer

Rosemary Smith

Elephant on the road to our future

There has been much debate in recent times in our town about the changing of names, from that of the town itself to Rhodes University. I do not hold a particular candle for either Colenel John Graham or Cecil Rhodes. They now hold little significance for the meaning of either town or University.

But I would suggest that instead of wasting further debate and much expense on fixing with the city’s or the University’s names, there is a much more glaring example of an unacceptable name in our midst that should be expunged as soon as possible.

I am referring to the preposterously named “Doctor Jacob Zuma Drive” for what was named Raglan Road for more than a century. This is surely the moment to put some distance between our town and the man whose ill government helped to bankrupt it.

Although he has yet to stand trial and must thus be presumed innocent until proven guilty, Dr Zuma was removed from power for Piped-Gas Regulation, as acting full-time regulator.

What happened to the mayoral imbizos? Have we ran out of new ideas? What happened to the fundamental democratic right because we voted for it. When lives as voters of this country. This is not a privilege but our elected into council?

Address the needs of the people and you will win any election.

Community at large to address their daily needs.

Ian at the Feral Cat Project

Thank you from the cat people

The Feral Cat Project recently held a collection outside the Pick n Pay store. We would like to thank management including Jon Campbell, for allowing us to hold our collection in front of their store at Pepper Grove Mall. We would also like to thank the following for giving of their time to collect for the Feral Cat Project: Lynn Grant, Lolly Richardson, Val Theron, Donovan van Lil, Connie Niekerk, June Venn, Joy Watson, Willem Retief, Eileen Shepherd, Lyn Henson and Vivian Botha. Many thanks to Ian Fletcher for all the admin done before and after collection.

We would also like to thank the Grahamstown community for their generous donations of cat food and money. Thank you Colleen Duffly for your special donation. Our thanks too, to Lynn Grant for her dedication in looking after Grahamstown's feral cats.

Nersa re-appoints regulator members

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa) on Thursday announced the reappointment of three part-time regulator members. In its statement, the regulator confirmed the reappointment for four more years of three Part-Time Regulator Members (PTMRs), namely Jacob Modise (chairperson), Maleko Nikomo (deputy chairperson) and Fungai Sibanda.

The Minister of Energy has also appointed Nomfundiso Maseti, the full-time regulator member primarily responsible for Piped-Gas Regulation, as acting full-time regulator member primarily responsible for Electricity Regulation for a period of 12 months, or until a permanent appointment is made.

OPINION & ADVICE

Fight plastic war for real

What a time for someone to do something practical about the scourge of plastic. According to a story in these pages (SPAR’s war on plastic), the group’s Eastern Cape operation invested in 300 000 wax lined, waterproof and reusable paper bags with a 12kg capacity.

Over two days early this month, they exchanged 10 plastic bags for a free one of those environmentally friendly alternatives.

“We believe that safeguarding our environment and the future are often spoken about but not much is done,” said SPAR managing director Conrad Isaac. “As the biggest food retailer in the Eastern Cape, I believe we have to take care of the health and well-being of the communities in which we operate.”

Bravo SPAR. We wish all stores would invest in such an initiative. However, mostly, our wish would be for the government to slap such a high tax on a plastic bag that if you for example bought a loaf of bread for R8, and a pint of milk for R20, the tax on the bag would make it R50! If a plastic bag costs 45 cents, it’s easy to see why we always “forget” to re-use the hundreds we have at home, or to buy the slightly more expensive recycled fabric bags (at around R12 each), but which can last a year-plus with good care. Changing behaviour of this kind will not come out of the good will of customers. They should choose to spend R50 for a bag, with 45 cents going to the store, and the remaining R49.05 going to the Treasury as tax.

Back in our town, the two of the big events of the year – Science Africa and the Rhodes University graduation – have come and gone and there appears to be feverish activity on dilapidated roads across the city.

Here is hoping that by the time the National Arts Festival rolls around at the end of June, regular festivals can see a qualitative difference between 2018 and last year.

As South Africa continues to mourn Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, the country is mourning the death of Riaan Scheepers who was badly beaten and died on 19 December 2017. Last week, a group known as the 911 Bikers commemorated Scheepers’s life and legacy with the SAPS for fighting to stop crime in rural communities.

Congratulations to the Legal Resource Centre and the Prudhoe Community on their victory in the Land Claims Court this week. The judgment sets out why the court determined they were the rightful claimants to a portion of coastal land south of Plettenberg Bay.

In her introduction, Judge AJ Barnes says, “Restitution cases are often painful. They throw into sharp and uncom- mended focus South Africa’s history of racist oppression and dispossession. It is a history that is horrifying in its injustice and shameful in its brutality. This is such a case.”

We are fortunate to have the power of dedicated legal minds, and a strong justice system. This means restitution is a credible and viable route for the dispossessed and injured. It means there is no excuse for the alternative of raw retribution.

Siphelethu Mtyapi (left) and Tristyn Burger were recently named Victoria Primary School Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl respectively.

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**Patient assault case delay**

By KATHRYN CLEARY

A case in which a former psychiatric patient is seeking compensation for an alleged assault in hospital has been postponed to 31 August. Meanwhile, a senior staff member this month resigned from CM’s psychiatric unit in frustration and despair at the Department of Health’s delay in addressing unsatisfactory conditions there. The professional, who has worked in the unit for more than a decade, said ward conditions in the unit – set up as a medical ward – were not suitable for the acute psychiatric patients. The former patient and professional wish to resignation from a specialist psychiatric facility, after Towr Hospital whistleblower Dr Kieran Sarker’s claims origi-

**Fear and violence in EC psychiatric hospitals**

- "Doctors and nurses bear the brunt. We feel as if we are letting down a community.
- "I love the work that I do. Leaving was very hard."

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Notification is given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014; Listing Notice 3, Activity 3 of the intention of the South African Police Services to erect a 50m lattice communications tower. Site Name: Tufy SAPS – on farm 29 of Peddie RD, near Fort Brown, in the Makana Local Municipality.

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The position of Principal (State Post) has been advertised in the Eastern Cape Education Department Open Education Post Bulletin.

**Volume 1/2018 Post Number 96**

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2018.
Dear Mama Winnie
Nomzamo Madikizela
Mandela

Your death has left a big vacuum as the mother of our nation. You left us at the beginning of a freedom month, just nine days before commemorating the 25th anniversary of the death of the great comrade ‘Chicke’ Hani, another people’s commander who worked closely with you until the end.

We thank you for your sacrifice, contribution and for leading the people’s revolutionary cause fearlessly when others left for exile. You became not only a symbol of resistance but also, a force and a pillar of strength to millions of South Africans who confronted the brutal system of apartheid and white supremacy. Through your bravery and selflessness, you carried the banner of freedom high, led many campaigns for freedom. We shall remember you with your slogan – “Death of Freedom”.

Her ideals of a truly free democratic South Africa and revolutionary fighting spirit will continue shaping the consciousness of our nation and the world. In us, we see Mama Winnie Nomzamo Madikizela Mandela. She suffered abuse both inside her movement and by the apartheid regime. It was your militancy which inspired millions of young lions. She survived storms, turbulence, hardship, persecution, vilification, demonisation, sustained attacks, detention, solitary confinement and triple oppression.

She suffered more than any other man and woman in the struggle. She lived a life characterised by hardship without a husband, without her children, never enjoying and at age 23 being confronted by the most brutal system of apartheid and white domination.

Her house in Soweto became a political refuge; and a last stop for thousands of militant youth who went to exile to join the extended mission of the African National Congress. Her house also became the first stop for MK cadres returning from exile. The apartheid system tried all sorts of tricks to brake her spirit, but she remained firm and unshaken until the end with either “freedom or death.”

Mama Winnie was humble, down to death and treated everyone equally. She was a good listener too; especially to the oppressed black major- ity. She was the Marxist-Leninist at all times and never theorised, but practised the profound words of Che Guevara from 1958: “Never leave a wounded guerrilla fighter at the mercy of the enemy troops, to depend on the enemy with food, water and medicine. A wounded guerrilla fighter must be relocated from a combat zone to a secured place at all costs.

Leaving a wounded guerrilla fighter, certain to die of enemy bullet is like signing a death sentence against your own biological daughter, son, mother or father.”

It is easy today for comrades to plot and kill one another for power and access to state resources while they leave their own brothers and sisters certain to die of poverty and hunger. This is the most profound revolutionary and moral quality that made Mama Winnie different from all leaders.

She was the embodiment of our revolutionary culture of genuine comradeship and she carried the banner of freedom as she buried hundreds of black South Africans who were killed by white regime. Winnie carried their coffins on her shoulders. She was the chief volunteer, and visited police stations to demand the release of comrades. She led the Release Mandela Campaign and many others when most ANC leaders were in exile or in prison. She had to choose between being moderate, soft, and liberal to accommodate white supremacist or being tough in line with the black oppression and their suffering. She made a conscious decision to side with the suffering of the blacks majority.

As a disciplined cadre, she declined nomination as Deputy President of the ANC in 1997. And even when her marriage was collapsing, she was never bitter, but left with her dignity intact. She could have formed her own political party, but remained within the movement because she believed that the ANC was the only genuine people’s movement to complete the implementa- tion radical socio-economic transformation.


* Mxube is a former Sarah Baartman ANC Regional Deputy Chairperson.

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**Minimum wage bill before Parliament Committee**

**STAFF REPORTER**

The Department of Labour says the National Minimum Wage (NMW) Bill and supporting Basic Conditions of Employment and Labour Relations Bills are currently before the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Labour, for consideration.

The department is dedicating the month of May (Workers Month) to the National Minimum Wage (NMW) Bill, which is meant to improve the lives of the workers in South Africa. According to the Department, more than six million workers are expected to benefit from the National Minimum Wage when it is introduced. It proposes, among other things, that the National Minimum Wage level be set at R20 per hour and be reviewed annually.

The NMW is aimed at addressing wage inequality, and is responsible for setting up the National Minimum Wage Commission, which will review the NMW on an annual basis, the Department of Labour said in a statement.

The Basic Conditions of Employment Bill will also be beefed up monitoring and enforcement of the National Minimum Wage.

The Department of Labour will announce the programme of action for Workers Month, with a specific theme that will focus on monitoring, enforcement and readiness of the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA).

The programme, which will be circulated to the media, will be characterised by izimbiwo that will take place in various provinces.

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**98 High Street, Grahamstown Tel 046 622 9989**

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**Fashion World**

The Smart Way to Dress for Less
Mission plans week-long city gospel blitz

By SUE MACLENNAN

African Enterprise is partnering with Grahamstown churches in a week-long blitz of evangelism on the city's streets. The opening rally in the City Hall on 28 April will launch some 40 events in the city, focusing on reconciliation and practical action, with the closing rally in the Indoor Sports Centre on 6 May the grand finale.

Mission setup co-ordinator for African Enterprise (AE) Siphwe Sigauke, along with Grahamstown co-ordinators Ronel Mostert and Lester Sigauke, spoke to church, school and civil society partners at NELM this week about the interdenominational venture.

"It's going to be like we're crazy," Sibiya, an ordained Anglican priest, told the leadership gathering. "We're going to reach every strand of society. We're going to be on every street corner, in every part of the town. We're going to reach every part of the city.

This is not our city; it's your city," he said, explaining that practical action was an important part of their ministry. Sibiya and his team had earlier visited the KwaXhula Youth Shelter and a delighted Jane Bradshaw, the centre's manager, heard that through their contacts they had already managed to source a desperately needed washing machine and dryer, as well as soccer boots for the children.

"We walk the talk," Sibiya said. A reconciliation march on 1 May will start in Fingo Village and end in the City Hall, and Sibiya encouraged residents from every part of the Grahamstown to join in. "Reconciliation is a two-sided process," he shared. "Some don't want to forgive; others don't want to ask for forgiveness."

For more information call Grahamstown Mission Chairperson Buyisile Geelbooi (079 323 0512), Siphwe Sigauke (072 755 0288) or Lester Sigauke (079 805 7913).

Mission setup co-ordinator for African Enterprise Siphwe Sibiya (left) with Grahamstown co-ordinators Ronel Mostert and Lester Sigauke at NELM this week, where they addressed partners on an interdenominational mission in Grahamstown that starts at the end of this month. The opening rally in the City Hall on 28 April will launch some 40 events in the city, focusing on reconciliation, with the closing rally in the Indoor Sports Centre on 6 May.

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**Project Name:** Annual Supplies Roads and Stormwater Supply and Delivery

**Tender No:** MLM/013/BTO/2017-18

**Date Advertised:** 13 April 2018

**Closing Date & Time:** 30 April 2018

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- Completed and signed declaration of interest MB04, MB01, MB02, MB08 & MB09, failure to submit will result in disqualification.
- Billing clearance certificate/ lease agreement signed by both parties the lessor and the lessee, if expired, extension of the lease must be attached or statement of municipal accounts not more than 3 months old and must not be in arrears for more than 3 months, without agreement with the municipality, must be attached to and be returned with the TENDER document, failure to submit will result in disqualification.
- Tenderers must be registered as a supplier/service provider on Makana Local Municipality supplier/service provider database and Central Supplier Database (CSD) proof of registration (Makana Database Confirmation Letter; CSD Registration report) on both databases must be submitted.
- Tender which are late, incomplete, unsigned or submitted by facsimile or electronically, will not be accepted.
- Documents to be filled with black ink.
- Tender submitted are to be held good for a period of 90 days.
- CK / Company Registration Certificate or certified copy must be submitted, if a Sole Proprietor provide affidavit confirming ownership.
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- MFMA circular 90 will be applied

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANGER

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**Project Name:** Material of Mechanical Workshops

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**Closing Date & Time:** 30 April 2018

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**NEWS** Grocott’s Mail 13 APRIL 2018
Sometimes when it rains
I smile to myself
And think of times when a child
I’d sit by myself
And wonder why people need clothes
Some times when it rains
I think of times when I watched goats
running so fast from the rain
while sheep seemed to enjoy it
Sometimes when it rains
I think of times
when we had to undress
carry the small bundles of uniforms and books
on our heads
and cross the river after school.
Sometimes when it rains
I think of times
when I would rain hard for hours
and fill our drum
so we didn’t have to fetch water
from the river for a day or two
Sometimes when it rains
rains for many hours without break
I think of people
who have nowhere to go
no home of their own
no food to eat
only rain water to drink
Sometimes when it rains
rains so hard hail joins in
I think of mothers
who give birth in squatter camps
under plastic shelters
at the mercy of cold angry winds
Sometimes when it rains
I think of ‘illegal’ job seekers
in big cities
dodging police vans in the rain
hoping for darkness to come
so they can find some wet corner to hide in
Sometimes when it rains
rains so hard hail joins in
I think of life prisoners
in all the jails of the world
and wonder if they still love
to see the rainbow at the end of the rain
Sometimes when it rains
with hail stones biting the grass
I can’t help thinking they look like teeth
many teeth of smiling friends
then I wish that everyone else
had something to smile about

– By Gcina Mhlophe
Yoga while standing in a queue

Take out your phone. That is the first thing I do when waiting in a queue. And why not? I have had no chance to check my messages all day. But then that little voice – the one I try to suppress when I don’t have much of a day – reminds me that this is a perfect opportunity to do some yoga.

Yoga encompasses more than just physical postures, incorporating elements such as breathing techniques and meditation. This Sanskrit word means ‘union’, and is often interpreted as the development of a stronger connection between body and mind. Standing in a queue is the ideal time to engage in several yoga practices. This Friday, I’ll share some of my tips to help you engage in a queue with your breath, body and mind, connecting with your fellow queue-waiters.

STAFF REPORTER

Big screen movies are back after a two-week hiatus for Easter and Gradus and Movies at the Monument has a couple of goodies in store. Join them this Friday at 6pm or 8pm at the Olive Schreiner Hall in the Monument where the popcorn and soft-drinks cold. After casually shooting a scene, Despicable Me 3 (PG) – Friday 13 April – 6pm.

Hiccup (Jay Baruchel) is a Norse teenager from the island of Berk, where fighting dragons is a way of life. His progressive views and weird sense of humor make him a misfit, despite the fact that his father (Gerard Butler) is chief of the clan. Tossed into dragon-fighting school, he endeavors to prove himself as a true Viking, but when he befriends an injured dragon he names Toothless, he has the chance to plot a new course for his people’s future. Totsi (15IV) – Friday 13 April – 8.30pm.

A South African hoodlum named Totsi (Presley Chweneyagae) lives by a code of violence, and he and his gang of thugs prowl the streets of Johannesburg day and night, attacking those who fail to give them what they want.

After casually shooting a scene, Despicable Me 3 (PG) – Friday 13 April – 6pm

GOOD IDEA

Be righteous

We read in Psalm 112:6,7 that; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of evil tidings, his heart is steadfast, trusting God. What this passage says the righteous will not be moved in bad news. No matter what the bad news is, it won’t make you afraid. The reason for this being that you are your heart (i.e., your thoughts, desires and emotions) will be steadfast, trusting God. This passage does not mean us to become more focused on working towards righteousness, but by making righteousness our goal, we not only get to know God but also allow us to reap the benefits thereof.

In His Service
Pastor J.J. Beita

Head of School Prof. Larry Sterleitz (left) and other staff members join some of the 2018 graduates of the School of Journalism & Media Studies last week. JMS had graduates for the BA (with a Journalism Major), the Blouinn, PMDM: Pg Dip and MA. Photo: Steven Lang
to save water in the current drought? What can we do to prevent day zero in Grahamstown? Learning? Would you like to share ideas and tips about water saving? Are you interested in learning about what others are doing to save water? Science? Are you interested in learning about where Grahamstown water comes from, the levels of the dams and how much water we are currently using? Would you like to learn about rain water harvesting and the role it can play in saving water? If your answers are yes to the above, please join us in a workshop that addresses the above. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by 12pm on 13 April. Please contact Ancha Bulunga, Centre for Epistemic Justice and Engaged Research, to RSVP at 063 046 0732 or anchabulunga@gmail.com

THURSDAY 19 APRIL

UJ A LECTURE

ALZHEIMER SA EASTERN CAPE REGION SUPPORT GROUP
3pm at Brookshaw Home, 9 Donkin Street. This is a support group for family, friends and caregivers of those with Alzheimer’s Disease or any form of Dementia. Rev Vic Graham will speak on “Navigating Adult Transitions” Contact Dr Heather Rauch: 081 350 8079. All welcome.

WESSA GRAHAMSTOWN AGM
7.30pm at Eden Grove Blue, Rhodes University. Plus illustrated lecture on: “The snakes of Grahamstown and how we can use genetics to uncover cryptic diversity in reptiles” by Chad Keates. All welcome. Wine and cooldrinks served afterwards.

TANJA STORM IN GRAHAMSTOWN
9pm at SSS Sports Bar. Singer-songwriter, musician & performer, Tanja Storm, performs original songs as well as a selection of covers. Cost: R30 gets you in.

SATURDAY 21 APRIL

ELITE LIVE IN CONCERT
7pm at the Belmont Golf Club. Tribute Show! For one night only. Includes dinner after party. Cost: R140 and pensioners at R100. Bookings are essential. Contact: Mark at 076 976 4030 or djdusk740@gmail.com.

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2018 ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE BIRTHDAY LECTURE
7.30pm at Eden Grove Blue Lecture Theatre. Professor Paul Walters will present “Ripeness is all”: Guy Butler as Shakespearean Scholar and Teacher - A Centennial Celebration. Cost is by donation. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

THURSDAY 26 APRIL

WORLD INTELECTUAL PROPERTY DAY
1pm at Barrat Lecture Theatre. The Technology Transfer Office is hosting a presentation which will challenge staff and students alike to define the roles of Intellectual Property within the University. There will be some refreshments and a few surprises. RSVP to S.Wolhuter@nu.ac.za.
Working out the water crisis a day – a podcast – at a time

With Day Zero on the horizon, two researchers at Rhodes University reckon it’s time we started talking about Day One.

Carey Finn reports

What happens after Day Zero, when we wake up without water in the taps? It’s the question many ask – but few in the Mother City, but Maka- na too, and the central theme of a new podcast in the South African audio sphere.

Created by two Cape Town-based PhD candidates at the Environmental Learning Research Centre at Rhodes University, DayOne is an attempt to open up conversations about the water situation in South Africa and what we can do about it.

“The name was kind of a slip of the tongue, but it helped us ask the question of what happens after Day Zero,” explains Sarah Van Borek, one of the producers of the pod- cast. “DayOne is about ac- knowledging how the concept of Day Zero highlights the cur- rent crisis, but also seeing that there is a long-term situation we all need to be problem-solving around.”

It’s about creating a dia- logue,” adds co-producer Anna James. “We’re trying to find a way that we can com- municate about water, and get conversation happening around a number of spaces, in- cluding everyone from water scientists to urban planners, city officials, artists and com- munity-based organisations.”

Hosted by environmental MC Fran Rici Lucas, the pilot episode gives space to voices from the Cape Town Water Crisis Coalition and Western Cape Water Caucus, as well as musicians, and food designers exploring the possible role of sea water in the growing of certain types of crops.

Listeners are introduced to progressive concepts like “civ- ic hydrology” and “waterless dinners”, and are offered an explanation of citizens’ water rights and the responsibilities of different levels of government.

“The episode aims to sur- face some of the complexities around the idea of Day Zero in a city that is vastly unequal,” says James.

“For example, one community member suggests that people living in informal set- tlements experience Day Zero already.”

The podcast is newsy and thought-provoking, but also easily accessible – and not just in English.

DayOne has been trans- lated into isiXhosa by Busisiwe Mba- bane, national communicator for the Right2Know Cam- paign, and an Afrikaans ver- sion is in the pipeline.

DayOne has been devel- oped as a response to the challenge of communicating more widely about the water situation in Cape Town, but its content is applicable to Grahamstown and beyond.

In Cape Town, Day Zero may have been pushed back to 2019, but for parts of the Eastern Cape, Grahamstown included, it continues to loom in the nearer future.

Van Borek and James hope to foster hope, further discus- sions and brainstorm creative action around water nation- wide.

Listen to the podcast at bit.ly/GrocW.

Some EC dams improve

STAFF REPORTER

Starting 6 April, SPAR Eastern Cape declared war on plastic bags and supermarket shoppers are taking a significant step in the battle to protect the environment.

In a move which has been hailed as a major development by environmental groups, the SPAR EC team are launching an initiative to urge their cus- tomers to consider alternative packaging options.

With hundreds of millions of shopping bags in circula- tion, SPAR EC managing di- rector Conrad Isaac said they could no longer ignore their accountability in what was be- coming an increasingly harm- ful situation.

“We believe that safeguard- ing our environment and the future are often spoken about but not much is done,” he said.

“Many bigger fish recently in the Eastern Cape, I believe we have to take care of the health and well-being of the commu- nities in which we operate.”

Isaac said it had reached a situation where something tangible had to be done. “If we carry on in this way and don’t do something about the mess we are creating, it can only lead to the eventual destruc- tion of our environment.”

“So the dream is to clean up the place and to work towards creating a healthy and fresh environment in which we can live.”

Facing a massive chal- lenge to change the consum- ers’ mind-set, SPAR EC have launched their campaign with a two-day drive (6 and 7 April) to encourage shoppers to swap plastic for paper bags.

Over the two days, shoppers were a free paper for every 10 plastic shopping bags (from any retailer, not only SPAR) they brought to any one of SPAR’s Eastern Cape outlets.

The initiative was supposed to continue over the two days, or until the initial order of 300 000 paper shopping bags had run out. The bags are wax-lined, waterproof and re- usable; and capable of carry- ing up to 12kg.

Having long been involved in the fight against pollution, Zwarwops Conservancy en- vironmental manager Jenny Bump was full of praise for SPAR EC’s decision to take this initiative.

“We are over the moon with their passion for the pro- ject and this is a much-needed wake-up call,” she said.

“The problem with plastic, she added, was that it was not biodegradable and, conse- quently, it never disappeared.

“All that happens is that it breaks up into smaller and smaller bits called micro plas- tic.”

Meanwhile the bigger pieces of plastic are eaten by animals who think it is food and more and more marine animals are being found with plastic in their stomachs.

“This was that tragic ex- ample of a whole found dead on an England shore. When they dissected it they found a huge amount of plastic tied all around its gut, which caused it to die.”

Isaac said they understood old habits would be hard to break.

“But we are inviting our customers to join us in solv- ing what is a very real prob- lem in our society.”

“To those consumers who have a concern and appreci- ate the enormity of the prob- lem, we will be offering al- ternative options of shopping bags in all our stores.”

Isaac added that he fore- saw the campaign evolving into a far bigger project than just plastic bags; one that would eventually incorporate the collection and recycling of all plastic.

“For now we are focusing on plastic shopping bags, but if we can change the habits of the communities over time, we could be contributing to a cause with real benefits for our society.”

STAFF REPORTER

The Eastern Cape average volume of water has improved by 1% this week but water users are encour- aged to use water wisely as the province is still faced with drought.

According to the dam lev- els report issued by the De- partment of Water and Sani- tation (DWS), the dam levels across the province improved from last week’s 67.1% to 68.1% this week.

However, there is a con- cern that these levels will drop drastically as the winter season is fast approaching.

The status of Mzimvumu- Tisitaikamela reservoir has improved to 68.0% this week. The report indicated that there has been an im- provement in most dams in the province for areas such as Buffalo City Metro with dams like Laing Dam stand- ing at 71%, Nahoon Dam 96.3%, Milika Dam 52.9% and Roodkrans Dam 100.5% this week.

Amathole Water Supply System is moderate with re- cent rainfall at 91.7%.

The area of Nelson Mandela Bay is still struggling, with dams there below the 50% average. Knysna 10.2% Impufo 37.5% Groendal 49.7%

Water users in Eastern Cape are encouraged to in- culcate the culture of saving water at all times because the province remains a disaster as declared so by the Depart- ment of Cooperative Gover- nance and Traditional Affairs early this year.

Some other dams have improved include, Tsitsikamma reservoir has improved to 68.0% this week. The report indicated that there has been an im- provement in most dams in the province for areas such as Buffalo City Metro with dams like Laing Dam stand- ing at 71%, Nahoon Dam 96.3%, Milika Dam 52.9% and Roodkrans Dam 100.5% this week.

Amathole Water Supply System is moderate with re- cent rainfall 91.7%.
VW expands Tiguan model range

STAFF REPORTER

Volkswagen is expanding the model range of the best-selling Tiguan SUV including a newly designed seven-seater model, marking the continuation of a decade-long offensive. The Tiguan Allspace’s hood has a different contour and is built higher.

Combining radiator grille’s striking upper chrome strip stretches across the entire front. Tiguan Allspace vehicles are also all equipped with granite grey underbody protection as standard. On the roof, striking structural lines are used in homage to classic Volkswagen SUVs. The Tiguan NWB and the Tiguan Allspace can be ordered with an optional panoramic sunroof along with a special engine underbody protection that extends to the bumper for off-road driving. The off-road front section improves the vehicle’s ramp angle by 7 degrees. The Allspace boasts an exclusive silhouette that differentiates it from the Tiguan NWB and the Tiguan Allspace can be ordered with an optional panoramic sunroof along with special engine underbody protection that extends to the bumper for off-road driving. The off-road front section improves the vehicle’s ramp angle by 7 degrees.

The wheelbase is 110mm longer, and now measures 2791mm. The vehicle’s total length has increased by 215mm to 4701mm. The third row of seats is folded down and integrated in the cargo floor. There’s a 230 litre boot behind the third row. Fold the third row seats flat and the boot space increases to 775 litres of boot space. The cargo length is then 1921mm, enough space even for surfboards.

Innovation

App Connect which uses Android or Apple Auto CarPlay to link all common smartphone types to the vehicle’s infotainment systems is standard on Highline models. The Volkswagen can be ordered with an Active Info Display (fully digital instruments) and a Head-up Display. In addition, three different infotainment systems are available. In addition, Volkswagen is also offering the Discover Pro navigation system. Head-up Display play a combined solution, the data is projected onto an extendable glass panel in front of the windscreen. When not in use, the display retracts into the instrument panel.

Automated Driving

With innovative driver assistance systems such as ACC (Adaptive Cruise Control) with Front Assist (including City Emergency Braking function), the NWB Tiguan and Tiguan Allspace offer semi-autonomous driving features that improve comfort and safety. The Allspace is available in three trim lines - Trendline, Comfortline and Highline. The new Tiguan Allspace includes expanded standard features; highlighting its positioning between the NWB Tiguan and the flagship Touareg.

Three petrol (TSI) engines and one diesel (TDI) engine will be offered. The TSI engines have output ratings of 110kW, 132kW and 162kW, while the TDI engine develops 110kW. All-wheel drive including 4MOTION with driving profile selector is available on the Comfortline and Highline models.

Diesel engine

The 2.0 TDI with 110kW power output is the only engine of the diesel range. The four-cylinder diesel engine has 340Nm of torque that is available between 1750 and 3000rpm. The combined fuel consumption is 7.4 litres per 100 kilometers. The engine is available with a 7-speed DSG transmission.

Petrol engines

TSI engines are fitted with BlueMotion Technology which includes a Stop/Start brake energy recuperation system to enhance fuel economy. The 1.4 TSI with 110kW power output is the base engine of the petrol range. It has 250Nm of torque that is available from 1500 up to 3500rpm. The classic 0-100kmp/h sprint is achieved in 9.5 seconds and has top speed at 208kpm/h. The combined fuel consumption is 6.5 litres per 100km. The 1.4 TSI engine is only available with a 6-speed DSG transmission.

The next engine in the petrol range and new for the Tiguan is the 2.0 TSI with 132kW power output. The four-cylinder petrol engine has 320Nm of torque that is delivered from 1500 to 3940rpm. It sprints from 0-100 km/h in 8.2 seconds and its top speed is at 216kmp/h. The combined fuel consumption is a respectable 8.1 litres per 100 kilometers.

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### Toll adjustments for 2018

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### Automated driving

**Innovation**

App Connect which uses Android or Apple Auto CarPlay to link all common smartphone types to the vehicle’s infotainment systems is standard on Highline models. The Volkswagen can be ordered with an Active Info Display (fully digital instruments) and a Head-up Display. In addition, three different infotainment systems are available. In addition, Volkswagen is also offering the Discover Pro navigation system. Head-up Display play a combined solution, the data is projected onto an extendable glass panel in front of the windscreen. When not in use, the display retracts into the instrument panel.

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### Diesel engine

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Applications are hereby invited for the following post at Grahamstown Primary School

LEARNER SUPPORT AGENT (LSA)

Contract period: 1 May 2018 – 30 March 2019

Stipend range: R1900 p/m

Requirements:
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- Candidate must be unemployed, aged between 18-35 years
- Home Language and English/Afrikaans
- Candidate must live within the province of the school
- Interpersonal and communication skills, (Public speaking)
- Basic knowledge of Sexual Reproductive Health including STIs, HIV/AIDS and TB
- Must be passionate about offering care and support to vulnerable children
- Must observe the rules and directives applicable at the school and subject to the policies,procedures and regulations of the school as well as those of the Eastern Cape Department of Education.

Applicants are required to submit a completed Z83 form obtainable from any government institution. Certified copies of required qualifications, ID and CV to be attached.

Applications must be hand delivered to: The Principal, Mary Waters High School,
P.O. Box 2124,Grahamstown

Applications will be accepted.

Enquiries: The School Principal

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Fresh legs for city clubs

By STEPHEN KISBEY-GREEN

After a difficult couple of years for both clubs, the Albany Roadrunners and the Saints and Sinners Multisport Club, Van Dyk is excited about the amalgamation and what it could mean for both sports. “What happened, is this used to be the Albany Roadrunners club. It was about three years we amalgamated with the Saints and Sinners cyclists, because we two clubs had a hard time managing, with no one to manage them, while the runners had people who could manage, but we didn’t have any finances,” said Van Dyk.

Van Dyk is looking to adapt to the changing landscape of sports in Grahamstown, which he says is “becoming more and more diverse”. “I have been speaking a lot to a lot of stakeholders in town when it comes to running, about stop- ping doing things on their own and start doing things as a conjunctive effort. Right now I am in a very unique position where I’ve got access to all the interested parties and I can get everybody involved, and that’s what I have slowly and surely been doing,” said Van Dyk.

While the club is looking to move forward, they are also not forgetting their roots. Van Dyk mentioned the previous notable members and runners who took part in previous Al- bany events, including Terri-Lyn and Stephen Penney, the recent runner up of the Two Oceans Half Marathon in the 50-59 age group; Basic Bonaparte, and Richard Foss, whom Bonaparte credits with getting him involved with running in the first place. In the spirit of these notable runners, the new mission of the club for 2018, “En- able Running” is focused on rejuvenating the sport, and encouraging people from all over the town, no matter their physical conditioning, to get out and run.

Van Dyk has mentioned the club’s development runners programme. “We nominate ten individuals who form part of the development runners group, and the club normally supports them by paying their club fees, providing running vests, and historically, we supplied them with two pairs of running shoes”. The club is, however, unable to provide the shoes this year, due to their rebuilding phase that they are currently in, but will look to re-establish this in the near future.

Running with the club is free, and everyone is welcome to join the club in their weekly time trials on a Tues- day. However, for those that want to join the club and en- ter events as part of the club, a R340 club fee is required, which partially goes toward the Albany Sports Club, which allows the club to make use of their facilities, and the remaining goes to license fees, which are required for the runners and cyclist to enter EPA League events.

The club is always looking for new members, and Van Dyk encourages people, no matter their ability or pace, to get out and run. “Our mis- sion statement, as I’ve said, is to ‘enable running’, and the same goes for cycling. From my perspective, if you want to run or cycle, definitely get in touch with us, because we will be able to point you in the right direction and assist you in your journey in becoming a better runner. We welcome people from all ages and all different speeds,” said Van Dyk.

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Terri-Lynn Penney - 05:07:42
Richard Foss - 06:35:51
Lubabalo Bokuva - 01:21:03
Basie Bonaparte - 01:25:02 (2nd)
Colin Price-Smith - 08:32:22
Sue Maclennan

Ndwayana on the left with his stable mate Thulani Mbenge.

Oliva Lange doing what he does best in the pool.

Herthon over the easter weekend.

Several of Grahamstown's runners won gold in that way was just an awe-some accomplishment for me. It has also taught me that wherever you come from doesn't matter, what matters is if u are willing to put everything in to it, said Lange.

Lange recently broke all three St Andrew's records that were sworn in 2011 by current Olympian swimmer Ralph Gomez. Lange was also awarded his colours for swimming at a recent school assembly.

Lange is a young swimmer who is relatively small in stature but who lacks in height he makes up in determination, said DSG Swimming Coach Sheren Price.

Oliva has only really swum in a structured program these past few months in his grade 8 year with each gala we had new goals. Oliva has a good all round stroke variety but shows great promise as a breast stroke swimmer particularly in the 200m distance.

Lange's 100m and 200m breaststroke with a Junior Nationals Qualification time.

The Brumbies worked exceptionally hard to make sure they gained the upper hand, however Easterns showed remarkably good counter-attacking skills from the get go.

The home side started to show off more of their impressive ball handling skills and their abilities to focus on playing a more structured game. These efforts resulted in several tries which were well executed by Chadwill Jegels, several tries which were well executed by Chadwill Jegels.
Rhodes Archery Club after their strong performance at the 2018 SA National Archery Championships in Johannesburg. They’re (left to right), James McAlpine, Trevor Rochat, Matthew Barwick, Derryn Nel, Lance Ho, Ettione Ferreira and Yashin Naidoo. Photo: Supplied

Rhodes Archery finish strong

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Rhodes University Archery Club sent a strong team to the 2018 SA National Archery Championships held at Marks Park Sport Complex in Johannesburg from 27 March-1 April. The championships comprised 1,440 round, a 720 ranking round with eliminations, as well as provincial and mixed team events.

The National Championships are the highlight of the archery calendar. At this year’s event, archers from all over the country, as well as Namibia, Zimbabwe and Mauritius come together to compete in the various categories.

The Rhodes Archery Club team included Derryn Nel, Ettione Ferreira, Lance Ho, James McAlpine, Matthew Barwick, Yashin Naidoo, Gareth Ross and Trevor Rochat.

Competition was stiff, especially in the compound men and women divisions. In a tightly contested competition, the Rhodes Archery Club took home a number of medals, and showed their strength as a group.

Lance Ho and Derryn Nel, won silver in the Provincial Compound Mixed Team event, while Ho, James McAlpine and Matthew Barwick won silver in the Provincial Compound Men Team event.

The young star in the Rhodes Archery Club, Yashin Naidoo, won two gold medals in the Recurve Junior Men division, while Trevor Rochat did not leave empty handed either, winning bronze in the Recurve Limited division. Only Rochat and Ferreira of the Rhodes squad were unfortunate enough to return home empty handed after the Championships. Overall, the Rhodes Archery Club performed well in the premier event of the archery calendar and are proud to have performed so admirably.

Derryn Nel, Chairperson of the Rhodes Archery Club, said, “I am very proud of how our team competed against some of the top archers in the country (and world). Brining home so many medals is a wonderful achievement and I hope we continue to grow and improve every year going forward.”

HIGHLIGHTS

Bolt inspiration

Jamaican athlete Usain Bolt was the inspiration for rising Nelson Mandela University sprinter Luxolo Adams to take up the sport. After catching a glimpse of Bolt racing in 2008, the rising star took to the track. Since then, Adams has 200m title at the national senior championships and beat Anaso Jobodwana in the Athletics Grand Prix meeting in Paarl last month.

WSL in Port Alfred

Jordy Maree (Cape Town) and Josefina Ane (Argentina) clinched the men’s and women’s World Surf League (WSL) Qualifying Series (QS) titles at the Royal St Andrews Hotel Port Alfred Classic presented by Quiksilver: Veteran two-time ISA World Longboard Champion Matthew Moor (Cape Town) defeated former WSL No. 2 Steven Sawyer (Jeffreys Bay) in a high performance final that highlighted the talent of local longboard surfers.

Super Rugby

Round 9 of Super Rugby sees only two South African teams in action in a derby match between the Sharks and the Bulls in Durban on Saturday evening. The Sharks return to their home stadium after a mixed tour of Australasia, which saw them only win one match, against the Blues. The Lions and the Stormers will enjoy a bye this week.

Gold for SA

World champion Luvo Manyonga leaped to another major international title on Wednesday, taking gold in the Men’s Long Jump final as the SA athletics team bagged four more medals on the fourth day of Track and Field competition at the Commonwealth Games in Australia. Manyonga also broke the Games record, with his final-round 8.41m jump, cementing a fine win ahead of local favourite Henry Frayne (8.33m).

Commonwealth Games

The Springbok Sevens side will be in action this weekend in the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast of Australia. Neil Powell’s side will be looking to continue their strong form from the HSBC World Series into the games, and will look to defend their title that as Commonwealth Champions.

Sports Diary

FRIDAY 13 APRIL:
RUGBY:
• St Andrew’s College 1st XV vs Christian Brothers’ College (CBC) Monkstown, Leinster, Ireland
HOKECY:
• Graeme College vs Grey High: 1st, 2nd and U14 A teams (Graeme College)
SATURDAY 14 APRIL:
RUGBY:
• Graeme College vs Gill: All senior teams (away)
• WP Cup Premier Teams: Brumbies vs Windvogel United - 13:00 2nds; 14:10 1st Reserves; 15:30 1sts (Grahamstown Oval)
MONDAY 16 APRIL:
SQUASH:
• Graeme College Junior vs Port Alfred Junior (away)
TUESDAY 17 APRIL:
SQUASH:
• Graeme College 3rds vs WYV 3rds (Home)
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL:
HOKECY:
• Kingswood College Festival
THURSDAY 19 APRIL:
HOKECY:
• Kingswood College Festival
FRIDAY 20 APRIL:
HOKECY:
• St Andrew’s College: 12:15 Boys-U14A v St Charles College; 17:15 Boys-U14A v Clifton College
• Kingswood College Festival
SATURDAY 21 APRIL:
HOKECY:
• St Andrew’s College: 07:45 Boys-U14A v Merrifield; 18:30 Boys-U14A v Michaelhouse
SUNDAY 22 APRIL:
HOKECY:
• St Andrew’s College: 08:15 Boys-U14A v St John’s College; 12:15 Boys-U14A v Bishops Diocesan College

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