

## Launch of *Ek is Oulik* Meal Voucher

Ingrid Wolfaardt

**D**uring September last year the town supported the 16 Days of Activism campaign for *No Violence against Women and Children*. During that month the PACT POP centre launched a once-off, self-care and self-worth



Voucher includes a pamper session for girls and boys plus a meal. Photo: Knipoog Media

programme, focussed on children and youth. The community of Prince Albert, kindly and enthusiastically donated an assortment of personal-care goods from styling gel and cosmetics to hairbrushes, shampoo, sanitary products and more, at various drop off points throughout town.

On one single day 160 children were given “pamper treatments” from nail clipping to washing, shaving and braiding of hair. So successful was this event that it was decided to build on it by creating another pillar of care called the ‘*Ek is Oulik* meal and care voucher’. Locals and visitors can purchase a R50 booklet of five tear-off vouchers to give to children and youth on the streets of the town, instead of giving them money or goods. These booklets can be bought at the PACT POP Centre office in North End or from the PA Tourism Bureau in the centre of town.

Vouchers can be redeemed during weekdays for a  
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## Zwartberg se 2020-matrieks maak Prins Albert trots

Marlene Malan

**D**ie Hoërskool Zwartberg in Prins Albert het, met 'n matriekslaagsyfer van 90%, sy beste Graad 12-vertoning in jare gelewer.

Dié persentasie – 'n 33%-verbetering op die vorige jaar – is te danke aan “kinders wat in 'n uiters moeilike jaar vasgeby het en onderwysers wat hul puikste professionele vertoning ooit gelewer het” te midde van die Covid-19-pandemie en leeromstandighede wat sedert die begin van die grendeltyd in Maart verlede jaar reuse-uitdagings aan almal gestel het.

So sê Ricky McKnight, Zwartberg se hoof, wat die klas van 2020 loof vir hul samewerking en deursettingsvermoë. Behalwe die uitstekende slaagsyfer, het 75% geslaag met alle vereistes vir tersiêre opleiding.

“Ons slaag- en prestasiesyfer is te danke aan 'n toegewyde span onderwysers en leerders wat die uitdagings van Covid-19 eenvoudig aanvaar het, 'n bondgenootskap met mekaar en met die skool gesluit het, hul kop laat sak en vasgeby het. Dié mense verdien absolute respek vir wat hulle vermag het.”

Anders as die meeste leerders van die land se topskole het Zwartberg se matrieks nie oor al die elektroniese kommunikasiemiddele beskik toe die grendeltyd verlede jaar aangekondig is nie. “Nie eens naastenby nie,” sê McKnight.

“Toe die afsonderingstyd begin het, is ons onverhoeds betrap. Ons was genoodsaak om baie vinnig die elektroniese kommunikasie tussen die skool en die matriekouers te verbeter. Gelukkig het Prins Alberters 'n rekenaar en selfoon aan ons geskenk wat net vir dié doel gebruik is. Ons het klas-, vak- en seksienetwerke geskep,  
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Die trotse Zwartberg-skoolhoof, Ricky McKnight, in sy kantoor. Foto: Marlene Malan

meal at the Centre and a self-care session provided by interns and volunteers. During the week-end voucher bearers can get a meal from the ATM soup kitchen in Sipres Street, North End.

The vouchers cannot be sold, redeemed or exchanged for cash.

The Covid 19 feeding scheme that we ran from March 2020-February 2021 is now renamed and integrated into the *Ek is Oulik (I am Beautiful)* programme. It will run in conjunction with partners, Department of Social Development (DSD) and Badisa, who will assist in the identification of vulnerable older folk, pre-schoolers outside of formal groups, and youngsters who have dropped out of school. They will be registered as part of the daily feeding scheme plus the 160 children who are already registered in after-care, plus the 40 of the centre's Early Childhood Development programme *Pikkies en Kleuters*. Each beneficiary receives a personalised bar code and registers will be kept to track meals, recipients, health and other data plus help with stock management and cost control going forward.

Leeu Gamka and Klaarstroom Early Childhood Development centres are also supported within the *Ek is Oulik* feeding initiative. ■

van bl. 1/... Zwartberg Matrieks

asook 'n globale ouernetwerk. Ons het deurgaans per WhatsApp met die ouers en leerders gekommunikeer. Die leerdersentrum in Noordeinde is soms gebruik as sentrale punt vir studiemateriaal. Daar is koppe bymekaargesit en 'n Covid-19-bestuursplan opgestel."

Die span onderwysers het met die matrieks beraadslaag "en die situasie ontleed – ons het 'n ooreenkoms met hulle aangegaan en 'n bondgenootskap en samewerkingsooreenkoms gesluit. Niemand is ooit gestraf nie, en die kommunikasiekanaale was oop. Dis binne dié konteks dat die kinders van meet af hulle beste gelewer het."

McKnight sê toe die skole later in 2020 heropen het, was die leertyd vir matrieks voor die eindeksamen skraps, "maar ons het hulle dagrooster aangepas – sommige periodes en skooldae verleng; ook ekstra klasse aangebied, soms selfs Saterdae. Ons het 'n baie intensiewe program gevvolg, onder meer vakansieskole in sommige vakgebiede."

Zwartberg het die jaar met sestig leerders begin en met sestig geëindig. "Dit was boonop die jaargroep wat die grootste bywoningsyfer in 'n lang tyd getoon het. Dis waarskynlik die rede waarom 75% geslaag het met vereistes vir tersiêre opleiding – 38,3% vir graadkursusse en 36,7% vir diplomakursusse. Dis die hoogste syfer in jare."

Die leer- en kommunikasiestelsels wat met Covid-19-grendelyk gevvestig is, gaan nie verander indien omstandighede na "normaal" terugkeer nie, sê hy. "Die ou manier van kommunikeer deur 'n handbriefie is iets van die verlede. Die afgelope jaar het ons gedwing tot 'n meer vaartbelynde werkwyse wat só gaan bly. Nie 'n minuut word vermors nie."

Een van die positiewe gevolge van die nuwe onderrigbenadering is dat Zwartberg se matrieks gereeld in kleiner klasgroepes gewerk het, wat tot 'n kwaliteit-leerkultuur gelei het. "Ons kinders en onderwysers het geleer wat is ware aanpasbaarheid."

Zwartberg het die afgelope maand tydens 'n virtuele prysuitdelingsgeleentheid erkenning van die Wes-Kaapse Onderwysdepartement ontvang vir sy reuse-sprong in slaagsyfer, het McKnight gesê. ■

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#us4us joins *Groet is 'n Moet* at the Dam 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Ingrid Wolfaardt

Prince Albert Community trust (PACT) have reinvented their annual muso-festival the #us4us concert. Taking COVID and lockdown into account the event was live streamed on 26<sup>th</sup> September out of the Showrooom Theatre. This year, lockdown permitting, the event moves to the wonderful ambience of the Bush Pub in Pastorie Street during the beautiful month of May.

The gig will showcase local Prince Albert artists in a ‘no covers’ concert, within an intimate space. Artists such as UMV, Burnett Bosman, Gellieblik, Claudia Hendricks, Simon Attwell and combined band *North2South* will be on stage, plus one or two exciting surprises planned.

Chefs Jeremy Freemantle, Rogaya Manewill and Aletta Masango will be cooking up a storm of lip-smacking food for the *Groet is 'n Moet* component of the evening. All with the intention of keeping traditional intent alive: celebrating community by eating together and enjoying social harmony.

The numbers of attendees will be restricted to 50 % of the capacity of the venue-so **only 50 tickets at R150.00 per ticket are available. Scholars' tickets are R75.00 a ticket and pre-schoolers to grade 0 are free.**

Don't miss out... diarise **8<sup>th</sup> May 21** gates open at 4 pm and the concert will begin promptly at 5pm. A cash bar will also be available offering a special drinks menu.

Tickets are available at the PA Tourism Bureau or the PACT POP office in Rondomskrik.

This event will again be live streamed and documented with the newly fledged TV channel *Roots TV*. Their aim is to capture an inspiring story of a community coming together to celebrate life, through food and music, despite the challenges of Covid 19.

Enquiries: Waldon Everts of PACT on 064 893 8723. ■



*Event will be livestreamed and documented by new TV channel Roots TV. Photo: Pact*





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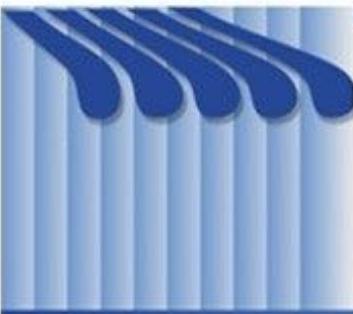
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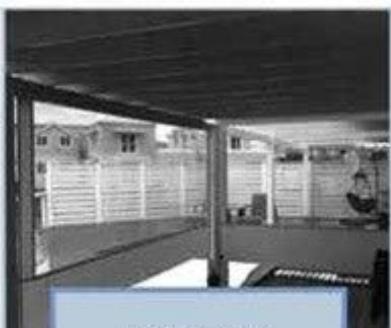
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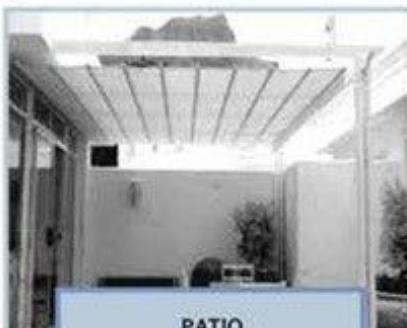
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Denise Ohlson

**M**et die viering van haar sewentigste verjaarsdag in Mei 2020, het Elsophie Pretorius besef dat sy aan aftrede sal moet begin dink.

Maar skaars was die kersies op haar koek doodgeblaas, of daar kom nuwe verwikkelinge by Prins-Kem Aptek toe sy besluit om haar eenmansaak te koppel aan die Spar vaandel – steeds as private eienaar, maar met baie meer voordele vir haar kliënte.

In Januarie 2021 is die nuwe naamborde in plek - Prins-Kem Pharmacy@Spar - en die amptelike kennisgewings word opgestel om in die pers en in posbusse te verskyn.

Maar intussen het daar ook 'n koper op die horison verskyn en nou, ná sewentien jaar as Prins Albert se immer meelewende apteker, het Elsophie besluit die tyd het aangebreek om uit te tree. Sy sal steeds vir die nuwe eienaar instaan as *locum* wanneer daar op haar knoppie gedruk word, maar tussendeur gaan sy haar welverdiende vrye tyd saam met haar man Hennie deurbring en 'n semi-aftrede hier in Prins Albert geniet.

"Ek was nog altyd 'n werkolis," biegt sy ernstig. "Dit was egter vir my heerlik om die korporatiewe werksomgewing in 2003 te verlaat om hier in ons mooie dorp agter my eie toonbank te kom staan en my eie dorp se mense, wat ek so goed leer ken het, te bedien."

Sy weet die nuwe eienaar, wat noue bande met die dorp het, is die regte persoon om by haar oor te neem en sy weet ook die

mense van Prins Albert gaan hul kant bring met hul troue ondersteuning. ■



Elsophie Pretorius. Foto: Denise Ohlson



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**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 41 / 2021****AANSOEK VIR DIE HERSONERING VAN ERF 96, KERKSTRAAT 74, PRINCE ALBERT**

**AANSOEKER/EIENAAR:** JOHN HENRI CLAASSENS

**VERW. NO:** PA96

**EIENDOMSBESKRYWING:** ERF 96, KERKSTRAAT 74, PRINCE ALBERT

**BESKRYWING VAN VOORSTEL:** Aansoek in terme van Artikel 15 (2) (c) van die Munisipale Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning van die Prince Albert Munisipaliteit. Hierdie aansoek is vir die vergunning vir **Hersonering op Erf 96, Kerkstraat 74, Prins Albert na Residensiële Sone V ten einde 'n bestaande Gaste huis te bedryf.**

Kennis geskied hiermee in terme van Artikel 45 van die Verordening op Munisipale Grondgebruikbeplanning vir Prince Albert Munisipaliteit dat die bogenoemde aansoek ontvang is en ter insae lê gedurende weeksdie tussen 07h30 en 16h00 by die Kantoor van die Munisipale Bestuurder, Kerkstraat 33, Prince Albert.

Enige skriftelike kommentaar in terme van Artikel 50 van die genoemde Verordening kan gerig word aan die **Munisipale Bestuurder, Prince Albert Munisipaliteit, Privaatsak X53, Prince Albert, 6930, Faks No: 023 – 5411321, e-pos: [adminklerk@pamun.gov.za](mailto:adminklerk@pamun.gov.za) voor of op VRYDAG 30 APRIL 2021**, met vermelding van u naam, adres kontakbesonderhede, belang in die aansoek en redes vir kommentaar.

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**APPLICANT/OWNER:** JOHN HENRI CLAASSENS

**REFERENCE NR:** PA96

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY** ERF 96, 74 CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT

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## Mystery of the Missing Pods in Prince Albert

Drs Richard Dean and Sue Milton-Dean

**C**oastal Coral Trees *Erythrina caffra* are popular in Prince Albert gardens, where most of the coral trees are mature and similar in size. They flower prolifically in September and October when the trees are leafless, attracting such potential pollinators as Malachite and Southern Double-collared Sunbirds, Cape White-eyes, Cape Weaver and Southern Masked-Weavers as well as honeybees and bumble bees. Birds drinking from or eating the flowers are often showered in pollen. But despite all the activity, and the proximity of the trees to one another (sometimes only 20m apart), none of the 40 or so trees in the town has ever, to our knowledge, produced a seed pod. As we run a nursery we are always on the lookout for seeds so are rather aware of the seeding behaviour of the local plants.

Surprised by the lack of seed, given the abundance of potential pollinators, we contacted knowledgeable colleagues to find out whether they thought the failure to set seed might be climate related, or because the trees were planted out of its geographical range. The natural distribution of this coral tree species is along the east coast from East London to KZN, where conditions are more moist, warmer and less windy than the arid, hot and sometimes frosty plains of the Karoo.

The answer was unequivocal - no - probably neither the climate, nor the distribution but possibly pollination failure caused by self-incompatibility or limited pollinator movement. In our search for

studies on the biology of *Erythrina* (of which there are more than 100 species, mostly Old World), we found that all of them are self-incompatible, so no seed is set when pollen moves between flowers on the same tree. Likewise, pods would not form if pollen was moved between trees that were originally all branches of the same tree. Horticulturalist Geoff Nichols of KZN asked whether perhaps all the trees in the village belonged to a single clone? Could it be possible that 20 or more years ago someone had propagated all these trees from cuttings taken from a single tree?

We don't have the means to go back in time to investigate, and there are no longer any 'wrinklies' in town who would have remembered the origin of the PA coral trees. So, only one way to find out if the trees were indeed clones or limited by pollination was to cross-pollinate by hand. Our neighbour had planted a Coastal Coral Tree he had propagated from the branch of a tree sourced in Cape Town. Although still small, this tree produced a few bunches of flowers in October 2020. We collected a spray of pollen-laden flowers from an old tree planted in a nearby garden and rubbed the pollen onto the flowers on one of the three flowering shoots of the Cape Town tree. One month later six pods had started to form on the hand-pollinated flowers. The pods grew to normal size and by the end of December were black, dry and contained ripe, red seeds! So, nothing wrong with the pollen from the old trees.\*

It seems that all 40 Coast Coral trees in Prince Albert may have originated as branches from a single tree, and are therefore, genetically identical, and self-incompatible. Although the pollinators visited the flowers and flew between the trees, none of the pollen transfer resulted in any seed production. The only seed pods ever known to be produced by a Coral Tree in PA were on a hand pollinated unrelated individual brought from another town. The lesson here is that while vegetative propagation is quick and results in trees that flower when still small, there is a potential risk for the species – isolated clones produce no seed and are totally dependent on people for propagation. They are going nowhere!

\* Be sure not to miss the next nail-biting episode of "The Missing Pods". Because when the Coastal Corals flower again in August-September an attempt to hand-pollinate the older PA trees with pollen from the younger 'Cape Town' tree will take place. ■

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Richard Dean and Sue Milton-Dean own Wolwekraal Nature Reserve (<http://www.wcro.co.za>) and Renu-Karoo veld Restoration cc Nursery (<http://www.renu-karoo.co.za>) in Prince Albert. They are research associates with the South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON) and Percy FitzPatrick Institute at University of Cape Town

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Coastal Coral Trees in gardens in Prince Albert: Photo: Sue Milton-Dean



Coastal Coral Tree flowering in September.  
Photo Sue Milton-Dean



## Karoo Night Sky - April

Case Rijstdijk

**T**he month starts with a waning gibbous Moon that becomes New on the 12<sup>th</sup>, with the full Moon following on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The first crescent becomes visible the following evening after sunset. The April Lyrids meteor shower should be visible low in the north from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>, reaching a peak on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meteor showers occur when the Earth passes through the debris left behind by a comet. These small particles (pea sized or smaller) burn up in the Earth's atmosphere very much like shooting stars (often the name given to meteors). When these small particles are moving in space they are called meteoroids, as they enter the Earth's atmosphere they are called meteors, and the larger ones that survive their brief fiery entry through the atmosphere and strike the ground, are called meteorites.

I am frequently asked why the date of Easter changes every year. The date of Easter is worked out as follows. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full Moon after the Equinox. Now this year the equinox was on 20 March and the first full Moon after the equinox was on Sunday 28 March. So, the first Sunday after that is Sunday 4 April, which will be Easter Sunday.

Of course, as Scorpio rises in the east, Orion can still be seen setting well above the western horizon. Legend has it that they were placed at opposite ends of the sky to stop them fighting. The great southern triangle of Sirius, Betelgeuse and Procyon is now very clear and easily identifiable.

The Milky Way is still dominant overhead, stretching from the north western to the south eastern horizons and still one of the most spectacular naked eye sights away from city lights. To many of the San peoples the Milky Way was a supernatural footpath. One legend says that the Milky Way was formed when a young girl threw ashes from a fire into the sky to make a visible path so that her lover could find his way home. Another is that the girl threw bits of edible root into the sky; the old pieces creating the red stars and the fresh pieces creating the white stars.

The pre-Dawn sky is still an amazing sight as the planets Saturn, Jupiter and a waning crescent Moon do a delightful celestial dance from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>, worth watching with a cup of coffee! ■

Case Rijstdijk is a former president of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA) and current editor of the society's Journal *Monthly Notes of the ASSA* MNASSA.

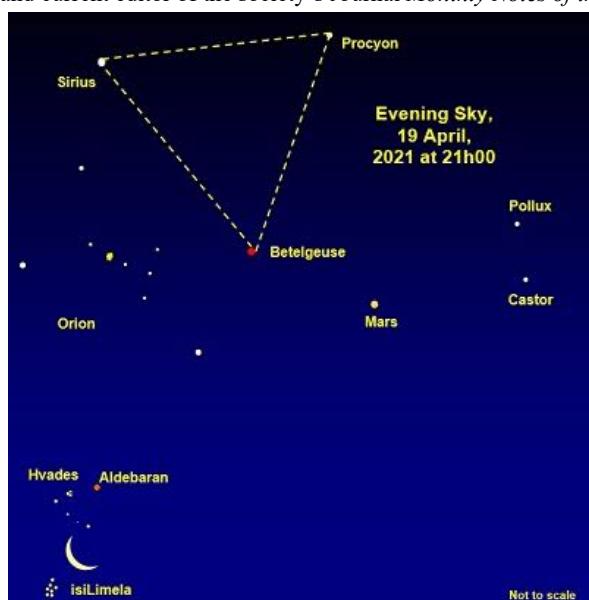


Diagram looking  
North West:  
Case Rijstdijk



*This cloud of gas and dust resembles a flower, hence the name the Rosetta Nebula. It is about 5 000 light years away and is a stellar nursery – a place where stars are born. The clouds of hydrogen and oxygen are glowing as a result of the cluster of young hot stars in the central region, which is about 50 light years across.*

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Andre Smith

**D**aar is 'n gesegde wat lui: "leef jou lewe op so 'n wyse dat jou naam jou vooruit loop." Hier skuins na vier dekades van my lewensreis op aarde maak hierdie gesegde meer sin as ooit tevore. Jy sien, met die aanstap van die jare het wysheid ingeskop. Kan ek begin terugkyk en met 'n dankbare hart die lesse uit my jeug en onskuld jare omarm.

Dis eers nou, skuins na vier dekades, dat ek tot die besef kom dat wie en wat ek vandag is, nie moontlik sou wees sonder die engele wat oor my lewenspad gekom het nie. Noudat daar groter rustigheid in kop, hart en siel is, kan elkeen van my engele 'n naam kry. En wil ek ruimskoots erkenning verleen aan elkeen van hulle wat hierdie Sandveldklong\* se lewe op soveel tasbare wyses geraak het. Voor in die koor van engele moet en wil ek my dapper ouers sit. Die twee van hulle wat koppe bymekaar moes sit om tog net die klong deur die Kollege te kry. Wat nie aldag geweet het waar die geld vandaan sou kom nie, want breed het ons dit nog nooit gehad nie. Dan maar nog 'n keer as ek wat ookal kortgekom het, sou sê, "my kind die Here sal voorsien. Hy sal 'n weg maak."

En klokslag het die Hoërhand voorsien. Deur oom Smith van Rensburg wat maar weer 'n geleenthed met sy bakkie voorsien het nadat my ma hom mooi gevra het. En ek ook my sakgeldjie gekry het, want hy kon sien die klong van Dina en Dirk wil iets in die lewe bereik. Die lening by die bank sou ons nie gekry het sonder die borgskap van 'n David Adey nie. Die bywoon van my eerste gradeplegtigheid deur my ouers sou nie moontlik gewees het sonder die rygeleenheid van my oom Cupido nie. Vir die handgee by 'n sop of kosverkope om ekstra gate toe te skop, was Sarah van Neel maar altyd daar. My lysie kan sommer nog heelwat langer raak.

Met 'n pandemie wat al vir langer as 'n jaar woed, het ons nou meer as ooit tevore engele nodig. Engele wat nie noodwendig die groot en noemenswaardige wonders hoef te verrig nie, maar bloot net daarwees vir iemand wat 'n oor nodig het. Wat bereid is om daardie behoefte na nabijheid en aanraking te stil deur 'n video oproep, 'n boodskappie of sommer net 'n epossie wat sê – "ek dink aan jou." Engele wat bereid is om 'n paar stukkies kruideniersware met hulle in nood te deel. Wat

saamstaan en saamspan om te help dat mini groente tuintjies gedy in die gemeenskap. En wat sommer met 'n vrolike grappie die gemoed in die vertrek kan ophelder en sodoende lig, hoop en lewe in enige situasie kan bring.

Meer as ooit vra die tye waarin ons leef na engele, mense soos ek en jy, om tog nie so op die self te bly fokus nie, maar uit te reik na ander. Wat gee sonder om iets terug te verwag.

Is jy bereid om 'n engel te wees? ■

\*Die Sandveld is my komvandaan en ek is 'n seun (of klong soos ons mense sal sê) van die Sandveld.

Andre Smith se lewensdoel is om 'n brugbouer te wees tussen mense van verskillende rasse, klasse, geloofsoortuigings, oriëntasies en kulture.



Wees 'n engel in jou gemeenskap.

Foto: Verskaf

## Die 2021 Plaaslike Regeringsverkiesings Gebruik jou stem as entstof teen die pandemie van korruptie

Melvin Dirkse

**D**ie COVID-19 pandemie het ons almal ontkant betrap met sy skielike aankoms wêreldwyd en die feit dat daar aanvanklik so min kennis oor die virus bestaan het. Na die onlangse presidensiële aankondiging blyk dit dat daar tog 'n paar ligpunte na vore getree het. Statistiek toon aan dat daar 'n daadwerklike afwaartse tendens is in infeksiesyfers en 'n afname in sterftes.

Net soos ons die COVID pandemie kan hokslaan, moet ons as burgers van Suid Afrika ons uiterste bes probeer om die pandemie van korruptie onder sekere munisipale amptenare hok te slaan. Vele plaaslike regerings het grootliks bekend geword vir wanbestuur, nepotisme en die aanstelling van onbevoegde amptenare. President Ramaphosa het onlangs in 'n onderhoud gesê in baie gevalle is daar bevind dat senior munisipale amptenare nie die nodige kwalifikasies besit nie en dat hulle voordurent nie die mas opkom nie.

Soos ons wel besef, 'n pandemie kan slegs doeltreffend oorkom word deur die toediening van 'n geskikte en effektiewe entstof. Gedurende die plaaslike regeringsverkiesing wat later hierdie jaar plaasvind, moet ons ons stembydrae gebruik volg op bl. 10/...

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as "entstof" om die pandemie van korruksie en wanbestuur, wat ons land in 'n wurggreep vasgevang het, los te wikkel.

Alhoewel baie kiesers vertroue in die stemproses verloor het, moet ons wel hierdie jaar die stembus gebruik om te verseker verantwoordbare, etiese en bevoegde munisipale amptenare word aangestel. Weens die huidige negatiewe landsklimaat en die voortdurende gebrek aan effektiewe dienslewering is die versoeking baie groot om die komende plaaslike regeringsverkiesing met apatie, eensydigheid en negatiwiteit te beheen.

Korruksie is die dodelike vyand van enige demokrasie en as kiesers het ons 'n morele en grondwetlike verpligting om te verseker dat alle regeringsinstellings in alle provinsies van ons land gesuiwer word van daardie amptenare wat gewetenlose selfverryking beoefen.

Die plaaslike regeringsverkiesing herdenk 27 jaar van demokrasie in Suid-Afrika hierdie jaar, en as 'n samelewing moet ons almal ons daaraan verbind tot 'n gemeenskaplike doel: 'n nasie waar ons almal toegang het tot kos, opvoeding en basiese dienste in ons dorpe. Wanneer die hele gemeenskap by die stemproses betrokke is, neem hulle eienaarskap daarvan en die besluitnemingsproses, wat die sleutel tot 'n suksesvolle uitkoms is, selfs al stem almal nie noodwendig saam met die uitslag nie.

Mag ons almal geïnspireer word om die uitdagings in ons plaaslike gemeenskappe op te los via die verkiesingsproses en nie deur die opsweep van teenproduktiewe en vernietigende optrede nie. Daar is 'n nuttige Chinese spreekwoord wat sê, "Die persoon wat sê dat dit nie gedoen kan word nie, moet die persoon wat dit doen nie onderbreek nie." Laat ons almal slaggereed staan om te stem sodat ons plaaslike gemeenskappe weer vernuwing en herlewing kan geniet! ■

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*"Organisasies van die burgerlike samelewing en die Ahmed Kathrada-stigting demonstreer by Constitution Hill. Foto: Canny Maphanga*



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## Is the F-Word Making a Comeback?

Jan Arkert, Geologist – The Green Connection

Part 1 of 2

**I**t is almost a decade since hydraulic fracturing (fracking) made a dramatic entrance onto the RSA stage. *Bundu Oil & Gas*, a small company, applied for a permit in 2008, which was not granted. But in 2011 when *Royal Dutch Shell* applied for exploration rights to an area covering 95 000km<sup>2</sup> in the Karoo, communities and civic organisations were outraged. Organisations like Treasure Karoo Action Group fought back, resulting in a moratorium being declared by the government in April 2011. The intention was to enable a task team to investigate the impacts and benefits of fracking in the Karoo. The task team was chaired by the CEO of Petroleum Agency of SA (PASA) and was made up of government appointed members from various state departments and agencies. The perceptions of bias held by civic societies was not unjustified when the task teams report recommended the lifting of the moratorium in September 2012.

With an atmosphere of mass hysteria, fracking took hold in the USA and was mooted as the solution to world energy problems. Not only were we told that gas is cleaner than oil and coal, but there is an almost limitless abundance of the resource. Numerous peer reviewed papers showed that fugitive methane gases escaping during the fracking process (and in downstream usage) are more harmful to the atmosphere than CO<sub>2</sub> over periods of 80 years. Yet despite this, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) announced that the Karoo basin in South Africa hosted some 390 to 485 trillion cubic feet of gas, making it the eighth largest in the world. Latching onto these ‘thumb suck’ numbers the Zuma government wasted little time in announcing that this was a ‘game changer’ and would create 700 000 jobs and generate an annual income of R200 billion.

Within the realms of this somewhat giddy environment the government realised that regulations needed to be drafted so that all participants played to the same rules. In October 2013 the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs trotted out the draft regulations and gave the public a meagre 30 days in which to study and comment on the document. It was immediately apparent that the regulations were poorly considered, and in some cases were a mere ‘cut and paste’ exercise. Despite strong opposition to the regulations, they were gazetted by the government in June 2015, just a month after a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) into the impacts of fracking of the Karoo was commissioned.

An intensive multi-disciplinary study by many scientists and specialists culminated with the publication of the SEA report in November 2016, which downplayed the potential volume of gas available to between 5 and 20 trillion cubic feet and also emphasised the lack of available water required to quench the thirst of the fracking monster. The report also

drew attention to the impacts on biodiversity and ecological systems in the Karoo as well as the inability of local municipalities to dispose of the hazardous wastes generated during the fracking process. Whilst the SEA team was hard at work, so too were teams of lawyers. With the regulations finally found to be illegal by the Supreme Court of Appeal in July 2019, the government was sent back to the drawing board. All fracking activities in South Africa are illegal until new and legally promulgated regulations are published.

During the time that the dreaded F-word was being tossed around in South Africa, oil and gas companies in the USA continued fracking to their hearts’ content, albeit with consequences. Large areas throughout the USA had been fracked, making that country the world’s number one producer of oil and gas. Oil and gas companies and the US government flaunted the fact that they had achieved the goal of making the nation ‘energy independent’; an irony that can’t be missed when one considers that every nation on the planet has the potential to be ‘energy independent’ if they resorted to renewables.

Part 2 in next month’s issue.

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Anti-fracking bin no. 25 in the Dustbin-Art Installation. Photo: John McKenna

## KAROO NOTES AND RECORDS

### The Saga of the Ostrich Part 4 of 4

#### Ostriches in the South African past

Dr J M Maguire - Palaeontologist

**F**or thousands of years, kings and queens, lords and ladies, regiments, debutantes, fops and followers of fashion had prized ostrich feathers as items of adornment denoting rank and status, wealth or simply being ‘with it’. In early times, feathers were plucked from wild birds which had been hunted and killed, a practice which did not guarantee the continued existence of the species. The best and most prized plumes were the so called ‘Barbary Plumes’ which came from an unknown source far south in the Sahara, reaching Europe via ports on the Mediterranean or Red Sea such as Tripoli and Aden, having crossed the desert on camel caravans on trading routes that were thousands of years old.

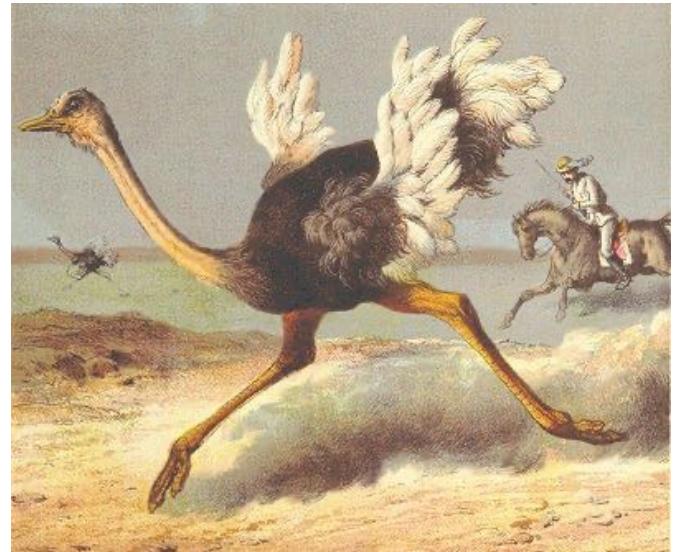
The vast expanses of the desert habitat of the ostrich and the lack of suitable fencing material to contain them or fodder to feed them was an unsurmountable obstacle for domestication, and the ostrich populations bearing Barbary Plumes continued to be hunted and killed causing increasing scarcity.



Feather dealers in Oudtshoorn.

Photo: <https://www.oudtshoorninfo.com>

Meanwhile, enterprising farmer workers in what was then the Cape Colony had managed to domesticate the local wild ostrich, which once roamed in the Little Karoo and elsewhere in substantial flocks, along with herds of zebras, elephants, and other species of game. Precisely where, and by whom, the first ‘domesticated’ ostrich farm was brought into being is difficult to establish because a number of local families insist that it was their *oupa-grootjie* who was the first, and ‘have evidence to prove it’. It was probably an incremental event, developing from a few farmers who had tame ostriches – chicks captured in the wild and brought up in ‘*hanslammertjie*’ fashion, from around 1850. Ostrich farming really took off after the invention of the first incubator, in 1864\*, the ‘Eclipse’, (which could also incubate eggs taken from the wild), the introduction of wire fencing - a slow process starting at around 1868 - and the introduction of ‘alfalfa’ (lucerne) - an Arabic crop and word meaning ‘fresh fodder’ - during the early 1860s.



The chase is on in an illustration from Stanley and Africa, 1890. British Library/Public Domain

The craze to farm ostriches for their lucrative feathers spread all over the Karoo, from Grahamstown to Williston, Loxton, Carnarvon and the Great Karoo. Farmers who could not afford the new droppers and fencing-wire built many kilometres of dry stone walling to contain the birds, the so-called ‘ostrich walls’ one still sees today.

From 1870 ostrich farming became an extremely profitable industry facilitated in no small measure by an influx of Jews immigrating from Russian-controlled Lithuania into Oudtshoorn - once called “The Jerusalem of Africa” - whose international networking in the supply chain from acquisition, transport, financing, manufacture, distribution and marketing allowed a rapid flourishing of the industry.

The Feather Boom decades (1880-1914) created huge wealth  
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Mimosa House, originally built for the Sladowski family in Baron van Rheeë Street, Oudtshoorn, designed by architect Charles Bullock and using local Oudtshoorn sandstone.

from pg. 12/...Ostriches

and prosperity, and brought sleepy Oudtshoorn into an international commercial network. Feather barons imported architects and fancy new building materials like wrought iron *broekie* lace, weather cocks, turrets, corrugated iron, wallpaper and stained glass and the period of Feather Palace building began.

But ladies of fashion still wanted *those feathers* – the rare, double-fluffed, curly, lush plumes of the Barbary ostrich. The trouble was that the South African ostrich had rather dowdy feathers in comparison, as did the birds along the Moroccan and African north coast. Then, at the peak of the Feather Boom, a consignment of feathers containing a single Barbary plume was sent to the South African authorities from the British Consul in Tripoli, an event setting in motion the most extraordinary animal capture safari ever. The rare feather was said to have come from an unnamed source somewhere near Timbuktu.

Agricultural officials had worked out that the only way to sustain the South African monopoly in prize plumes was to cross-breed local ostriches with the Barbary variety, as some decades earlier, ostriches had foolishly been exported to America, France and Australia increasing the risk of competition.

A government-sponsored expedition thus set out for the Sahara in 1911 with the aim of capturing 150 Barbary birds. The expedition, led by Russel W. Thornton, aided and abetted by F. Smith and J M P Bowker headed for Kano (in Nigeria), a terminus of the trans-Saharan camel route. There a local vendor had a few Barbary feathers which he said had come from the desert north of Timbuktu. The expeditionists report that they were surreptitiously being followed by American and French spies, so they split up into three decoy parties, each going in a separate direction, one reaching Lake Chad. The eventual rendezvous was Timbuktu.

With the help of local Tuareg emirs, and a Maghrebi Jewish feather trader named Isach Hassin, the party was able to capture 156 birds – but how is a puzzle. These now somehow



Ostrich feathers prized by vintage beauties.  
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Cover page from Leybl Feldman's Yiddish language book *Oudtshoorn, Yerushalayim d'Afrike* (1940) inscribed on the tombstone, indicating the lost eminence of the town and the global feather trade of its Jewish merchants. The ostriches are all facing the setting sun in the west.

had to reach the coast. Ingenious portable 2.5 x 2.5m cages made from palm frond midribs and reed, enclosed bevy of ostriches and, out-smarting ostrich espionage agents, they were frog-marched hundreds of miles across the desert to the nearest railhead and surreptitiously shipped to the coast, reaching Cape Town in 1912. 140 ostriches remarkably survived. The expedition was extraordinarily successful.

Unfortunately, before the Barbary gene was ‘fixed’ in the local breeding population, came the “Fall of the Feather” – the feather industry collapsed in its entirety. The new open motorised carriages made feathered hats and boas impractical, the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914 made excessive decoration inappropriate, and in the USA, the creation of the bird protectionist Audubon society by American ladies outraged at the killing of birds for their plumes made wearing ostrich feather fashion accents ‘un-woke’.

Today, the three main ostrich products are feathers - many exported to plume the Rio Carnival, leather - in several different finishes, exported for the American cowboy boot industry, and popular low-cholesterol meat products. But the glorious days of plumes, except on feather dusters, are over. ■

\* Some sources say 1869, by Arthur Douglas of Grahamstown



## 'n Keur uit Rose se versamelbrokkies

'n Privaat nuusbrief oor geskiedenis uit die Karoo

Met die goedgunstige toestemming van Rose Willis

Vertaling Cobus Buys

### Die skip wat vanaf Beaufort-Wes "geseil" het

In 1883 kom 'n stoomboot, wat van Kaapstad af gestuur is, by die Beaufort-Wes-stasie aan. Plaaslike inwoners het ongelowig toegekyk hoe stukke van hierdie 11m lange staalromp-skip, sy 4kW-enjin en twee skroewe, afgelaai, dan verpak en op twee ossewaens gelaai word, onder toesig van die Engelse avonturier, John Thorburn. Toe die waens oor die droë Karoovald uit trek, wonder Beaufort Westers wat hy op aarde met 'n skip in die middel van die Suid-Afrikaanse binneland gaan doen.

Thorburn het Engeland al op 'n vroeë ouderdom verlaat vir Amerika. Daar het hy sy hand aan baie dinge probeer. Hy was 'n planter, 'n slawehandelaar en 'n soldaat tydens die burgeroorlog. Die ontdekking van diamante trek hom na Suid-Afrika, maar hy slaag nie as mynwerker nie, berig Eric Rosenthal in *Shovel and Sieve*. Dus het hy teen £4,000 (R83,968.40) 'n stoom aangedrewe boot gebou wat 300ton kon dra. Sy doel was om goedere met die Vaalrivier af na Kimberley te vervoer, maar sy plan het misluk omdat die *Tembe* met sy 2.5m balk en 55cm diepgang, te veel water getrek het.

Die onverskrokke Thorburn vertrek op 'n ongelooflike reis van 2,000km, belaai met groot uitdagings, rigting na die Mosambiek-kus ingeslaan en paaie gebou waar daar nog geen was nie. Steeds verder trek hy die *Tembe*, die grootste item wat ooit oor die Suid-Afrikaanse veld vervoer is.

Onderweg het hy die vaartuig verskeie kere geverf en weer geverf. Dit was moeilik. Een plek was so rof dat dit vier dae geneem het om twee kilometer af te lê. Op 'n ander tydstip op die epiese reis het 'n wa omgeslaan en die *Tembe*-kajuit verpletter. Tog het Thorburn aangehou.

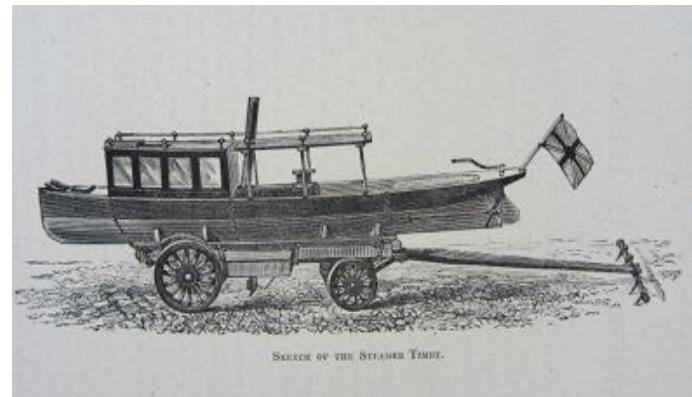
In 1886, met die einde in sig, het Thorburn na die kus geloop, teruggekeer, sy laaste pad gebou en binne enkele dae die *Tembe* vanaf die monding van die Rio Spirito Santo gelanseer. Drie jaar het verloop sedert sy waens van Beaufort-Wes se stasie af vertrek het.

### Die wel en weë van 'n poskoetsreis

Poskoets reis was volgens John Widdicombe, 'n reisiger uit die middel van die negentiende eeu, weinig aanbeveel. Hy het die karretjies beskryf soos 'n vierkantige watertenk met relings op twee wiele.

"Die posbode het possakke in die tenk geberg en, as dit vol was, ekstra sakke bo-op gebind. Die waens wat nie bedek was nie, is ontwerp om drie passasiers te vervoer. Een het langs die koetsier gesit, en twee het agter gesit, met hul voete op die agterskort. Die paaie was swak, perde onopgelei en baie koetsiers was onervare. Behalwe vir 'n kort verposing vir 'n vinnige maaltyd op 'n plaas of 'n herberg, ry die koetse meedoënloos verder. Passasiers het geen rus gekry nie. Hulle moes gedurig op hul hoede wees om nie in te sluimer en uit die wa te val nie. Dit was lewensgevaarlik om jou aan die reling vas te bind, want indien die rytuig sou omslaan, wat gereeld gebeur het, kon jy vasepen word met noodlottige gevolge," het Widdicombe gesê. ■

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*Review by Bokkie Botha*

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*Micro adventures* is also a book of good advice for new or seasoned adventurers. Chapter headings give the clues: for example, There’s No Shame in Pushing, Prince Albert, The Elements, Respect and Responsibilities, Leaving behind More than Footprints, and many more.

Local Prince Albert adventurers have contributed short personal insights on their explorations. These represent all parts of the community including historical, botanical, photographic, and physical experiences.

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The book is filled with maps, and, where helpful, elevations. The fine drawings and many photographs show the jagged, rugged mountains, wind pumps and wide open spaces, as well as many of the young and older people in the community.

There are useful addresses, telephone numbers, and web sites. Every chapter has signposts to further information and where booklets may be bought. Trail runs, cycling tours and

events, hiking, stargazing, ghost walks, support for local institutions, food, restaurants, cooking lessons, and more, are covered, without ever falling into the information overload trap.

Two quotes to give a ‘feel’ for the writing:

“Tortoises normally know exactly where they’re going and don’t like to change direction. Unless they’re crossing a very busy road and are in acute danger of being run over, don’t pick them up. They’ll most likely pee on you, which is not only unpleasant, but puts them in the danger of dehydrating.”

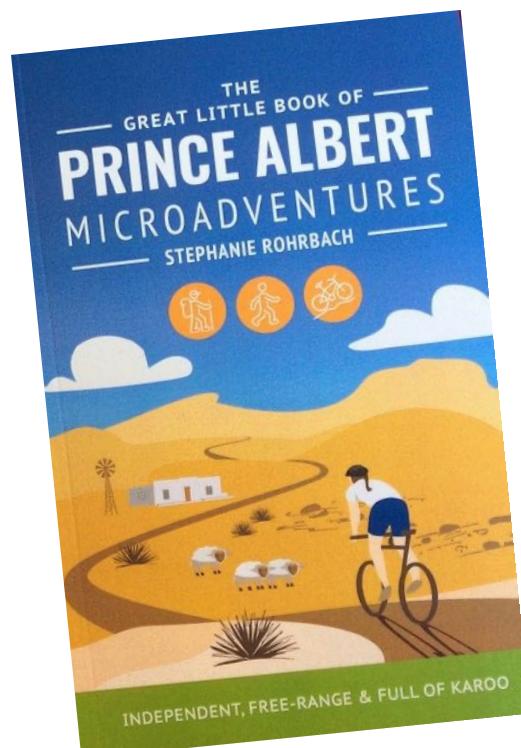
“Kudu: when watching these antelopes move, full of grace and almost silently, you’ll quickly understand why collectively they’re called a ‘ghost of kudu’.” ■

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## GESKENKE

**1Tim 6:17 Vestig julle hoop op God wat alles ryklik aan ons gee om te geniet.**

**Dit wat ons lewe tans weerspieël, het ons deur die jare heen self geskep met ons gedagtes. Met die wete dat ons uit energie bestaan en gedagtes ‘n sterk vorm van energie is. God laat toe wat ons toelaat en dit is hier om ons deur óns ervarings heen geestelik te laat groei tot kinders van God. Daarom besef ek dat die lewe NIE ‘n tragedie is nie, maar propvol geleenthede, en ek gaan die ‘geskenk’ in elke gebeurtenis soek en my eie maak. Ons het die motor – ons brein en die meganisme wat dit bestuur – ons liggaam. Nou is dit ons verantwoordelikheid om te sorg dat hierdie motor altyd op die regte pad bly – die pad na God.**



Front cover of the book

## In the Dark About Food Safety and Power Outages?

Gerrit Van Zyl

**T**hese dark times can be more than just inconvenient ... they can also increase your risk of food borne illnesses. As the perishable foods in your fridge and freezer warm up, bacteria begin to multiply. The good news is that there are ways you can reduce your risk.

### What should I do about the food in my fridge and freezer during a power outage?

- Don't open the refrigerator or freezer door unless you absolutely must. This will help keep the food cold longer.
- Perishable foods are those that will spoil quickly. Examples include vegetables and fruit, milk, cheese, yogurt, fresh meat, poultry, seafood and ready to eat products like polony.

### How long will food kept in the fridge or freezer be safe?

- *If the freezer is full:* food will stay frozen for about 48 hours.
- *If the freezer is half full:* food will stay frozen for about 24 hours.
- *If the door of the fridge is not opened:* food will stay cold in it for about four hours. Don't keep food outdoors to keep it cold or frozen because animals can contaminate your food, or the sun can thaw or raise the temperature of the food even if the outdoor

can contaminate your food, or the sun can thaw or raise the temperature of the food even if the outdoor temperature is cold.

### Can I refreeze foods thawed during a power outage?

If the food is only partially thawed or not above 7°C, it can be refrozen. If the juices have leaked from packages of raw meat, make sure to clean and sanitize the area.

### If frozen food is thawed or refrigerated food isn't cold anymore, but looks and smells ok, is it safe?

Perishable foods that have been at room temperature for two hours or more are no longer safe and need to be thrown out. Food contaminated with bacteria may not give off an odour or look unsafe to eat. Remember ... when in doubt, throw it out.



*Keeping food safe. Photo:  
<https://slideplayer.com/slide/6239029/>*

### Disposal of food

When you dispose of food, make sure to always wrap it in a newspaper before placing it in the rubbish bin. Without correct disposal, fly breeding may result and increase the risk of the spread of infectious diseases.

### What can I do to plan ahead?

- Make sure fridge and freezer temperatures are cold enough (check by using fridge and freezer thermometers).
  - Refrigerator temperature should be at 4°C or lower
  - Freezer temperature should be at -18°C or lower
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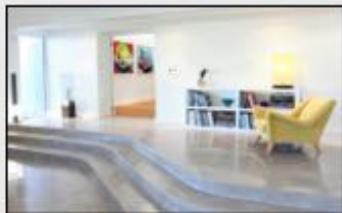


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**R 2,75 mil**

Kom koop 'n interessante drieslaapkamerhuis met twee badkamers, oopplan leefarea met eilandkombuis, 'n oulike aparte eenslaapkamer-kothuis, dubbele motorhuis, waskamer, werkswinkel, Wendy huis en vrolike tuin met sterk boorgat. Songeyser en waterfilter. Kom kyk!



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## Bins' Tribute to Jenny Martin

*John McKenna*

**D**uring the latter part of 2011 Clive Heyne and myself in full swing preparing bins for decorating. We were always on the lookout for people willing to help with the painting even using prisoners from Correctional Services, children from all three of our schools and some local professional artists who were prepared to offer their talents for a good cause.

Jenny Martin, who lived in Meiring Street at that time, was always very generous with her art and her time. She joined us at the start of the project and helped to turn it into a major tourist attraction for the town. Others who inspired the project were Lorna Verran and Christine Thomas. Whose help and advice I greatly valued.

They were soon joined by other artists with the same dedication and enthusiasm. These included Ricky Salt, Ben Gum, David Halstead, Di Steyn, Judith Gibbs, Thijs Brans, Leon de Wit, Hennie Boshoff, Rosetta Wolfe, Isak Williams, Jan van der Merwe and Ilse Schutten. Plus the wonderful

addition of all the children from Christine Thomas's art group.

Jenny Martin did three bins, *Trapsuutjies* at Weltevrede Fig Farm, *Karoo Evening* at the corner of Magrieta Prinsloo and Adderley Streets and *The Aloes* outside the Watershed Gallery in Church Street.

Jenny and long-time partner Tony Gethin left Prince Albert on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to live in Spain, as well as England and Scotland, their countries of origin. Sadly I learnt recently that Jenny had died from cancer on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in England. And I remain indebted to her for all the encouragement and inspiration she gave to 'Bin Project.'

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The Dustbin-Art installation came about in 2012 as part of the town's 250-year celebrations. Featuring 120 bins, it runs down one side of Church Street from Gay's Dairy to the Thusong Centre and up the other side. Great exercise, clean, fresh air and you will certainly know more about the town's history than you did before starting out.



*Karoo Evening,*

*The Aloes*

*Trapsuutjies.*

*Photos: John McKenna*

## Let's Stop Gender-based Violence

Nicole Wicomb-Jantjies

**W**hen hearing the words ‘Gender Based Violence’ we automatically think of woman - perhaps because of the high femicide rate. And our focus should always be to end this pandemic. But I recently thought about an important question we do not ask: Why don’t men report abuse?

I realised that, as a mother raising a boy child, men deal with just as serious issues as women do. Yet research shows they have limited, if any, access to resources to assist them.

Abuse does not discriminate it can happen to anyone of any gender at any time. The media and the world at large hold the misconception that men can only be abusers, not victims. Which, in my opinion, is the reason why men often do not report when they are victims of abuse.

How many times has a man or boy child been told to “man up, stop crying you’re not a girl?” It is this mindset that continues to raise broken men who will then raise broken children. It is a vicious cycle that has to end.

The continual comparisons between men and woman, will never bring about the equality, the importance, of both sexes. Men and woman have to unlearn centuries of toxic masculinity and toxic femininity by first understanding that ‘masculinity’ and ‘femininity’ has nothing to do with gender.

Masculinity is described as behaviours traditionally associated with men that include dominance, strength and assertiveness. Whereas the traits more usually associated with woman include emotional, vulnerable, soft and nurturing.

Men can express feminine traits and woman masculine traits. But but is has been categorised into terms such as ‘tomboy’ for girls or ‘crybaby’ for boy. If a women is assertive or dominant she is seen as bossy. If a man exhibits the same trait he is seen as taking control. If a man cries he is seen as being emotional or weak. If a woman cries it’s accepted as a female trait, and how she is supposed to act.

We need to reach a point where society realises that masculinity and femininity are not traits to associate with depending on gender but instead depending on the character of a human being. A strong man can be an emotional man, just as a caring woman can also be assertive.

The Indian yogi and author Jaggi Vasudev, known publicly as Sadhguru, says that to be a complete human, “there needs to *cont on pg. 24/...*

## shofar Christian Church

We all have a story.

My story starts in a middle-class family with imperfect parents in a broken world that brought their kids up the way they thought best. My parents each also have a story. They also, were trying to survive in a broken, imperfect world.

I gave my life to Jesus when I was in high school. I followed Him for 2 years. After school, I made a choice to ‘try out’ the world. After being ‘off the path’ for many years it was hard to find Jesus again. But God is faithful and if you seek Him, you will find Him.

As an adult I had to shake off many demons...having abused alcohol since I was young, I had to make a choice, change my habits, my lifestyle, to be set free from the power it had over me. (Once I eventually chose, it was easy as He gives us the strength to overcome).

I started seeking Him, following Him. It is a process, but Jesus has set me free from my mindset. I would always fear what others thought, now I am more concerned with what God thinks...with eternal consequences. I don’t feel invisible anymore. My opinion counts. I count. I have peace. I have hope.

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## Klaarstroom eSentrum

Abel Fielander

**D**ie Klaarstroom eSentrum is op 2 November 2015 in gebruik geneem. Die sentrum se doel is om tegnologie en die voordele daarvan na Klaarstroom en ander agtergeblewe areas te bring en om seker te maak die mense in hierdie plaaslike gebiede ontvang die diens wat die persone in die metro gebiede ontvang. Die bestuurders was toe Sam Fister (Sentrum Bestuurder) en Abel Fielander (Ontwikkelings Bestuurder). Die sentrum word befonds deur die Departement van Premier Wes Kaap en die implimenteerder is *Library Business Corners*.

Die sentrum bied 'n verskeidenheid noodsaaklike dienste aan die gemeenskap. Hierby ingesluit is toegang tot gratis internet vir vyf en veertig minute, eposse stuur en ontvang ensovoorts. Inwoners kan geakkrediteerde rekenaar-kursusse soos *International Computer Driving License* (ICDL), 'n sertifiseringsprogram vir rekenaarvaardigheid en eLearner gratis volg sonder enige koste hieraan verbonde. Skoliere kan ook hier met gemak hul navorsing oor enige skoolprojek kom doen. Elke persoon mag 10 kopieë gratis vir een dag maak.

Jongmense kan kom om verskeie webtuistes te besoek en werk te soek. Vanaf die opening van die sentrum tot nou het 'n verskeidenheid van opkomende kontrakteurs suksesvol vanuit die esentrum regstreer. Verskeie staatsdepartemente maak gebruik van die sentrum bv. die Departement van Vervoer wat n satelliet kantoor in Klaarstroom het met geen rekenaar of internet fasiliteite nie. Wanneer die SAPD uit voorraad is met bv. inkjette dan benut hul ook die fasilitet. Die sentrum is 'n middelpunt tussen Prins Albert Munisipaliteit en die gemeenskap. Byvoorbeeld as daar enige poste beskikbaar is in die munisipaliteit sal die sentrum die aansoekvorms uit gee en weer ontvang en dan terug stuur aan die munisipaliteit.

Die premier se PAY Projek, waar matrikulante 'n jaar nadat hulle matrikuleer het 'n geleenthed gebied word om



Die Klaarstroom eSentrum is langsaaig die gemeenskapsaal in Bloekomstraat. Fotos: Abel Fielander

April 2021

werksondervinding op te doen en sodoende makliker in Klaarstroom eSentrum gedoen. Ons het vier interns gehad tot dusver. Een van hierdie interns, Fareldo Maksella is huidiglik die Assistant Sentrum Administreerder met Abel Fielander as Sentrum Administreerder.

Hierdie jaar wil die eSentrum fokus op die jeug en die ontwikkeling. Ons werk reeds saam met Klaarstroom *Helping Hand & Youth Development*, 'n nuutgevonde NGO om die kinders 'n beter toekoms te verskaf deur hulle te help met hulle skooltake en hulle self netjies te hou in KHYDE se nasorg program. Ons het ook een van KHYDE se EPWP werkers, Tasneem Katzen aangestel as 'n Covid – 19 veldwerker om te verseker ons sentrum is veilig vir die gemeenskap om te gebruik en ook om haar die nodige rekenaar en kantoor kennis te gee wat haar toekoms sal verbeter. Ons wil ook saam met die plaaslike kleuterskool 'n program begin waar ons die kinders van die kleuterskool kan begin leer van rekenaars en tegnologie. Ons weet dat tegnologie die wereld in die toekoms gaan vergemaklik en anders om, dis hoekom ons wil begin om ons kinders van kleins af tegnologies aangelê te kry om te verseker hulle reeds is gereed vir 'n toekoms in tegnologie.

Die Klaarstroom eSentrum strewe daarna om die gemeenskap van Klaarstroom en selfs mense van ver te ontwikkel tot die beste van elke persoon se vermoë.

Ons glo 'n ingeligte gemeenskap is 'n gesonde en vrugtevolle gemeenskap. ■



Abel Fielander die Sentrum Administreerder.

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be an equal balance of masculine and feminine." In an article published on his website Isha (<https://isha.sadhguru.org/global/en/wisdom/sadhguru-spot/dhyanalinga-an-equal-balance-of-masculine-and-feminine>) he speaks about the importance of finding that balance. He says that if you are male the goal is for the feminine to rise within you and if you are female to have the masculine rise within you. This is not to distort nature but to even out nature. If you have mastered the equal balance you become a complete human being who can look at another as just a human being.

So how do we change and unlearn the stereotyping society has taught us? We start with ourselves by changing our own mind-set and how we choose to see each other... before we start trying to change others. ■

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## Bewaringshoekie

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## Kaktus tuine – 'n bron van kommer

**W**e hou dan nou nie van 'n plant wat al te vraai lyk met sy opgeswelde lyf en eienaardige groeivorm nie? Boonop kan jou kaktus oorleef op slegs 'n druppel water en verder sal so te sê geen dier of gogga hom skade berokken nie. Die *cherry* op dié koek is die feit dat 'n enkele plant sommer lag-lag oorsprong gee tot honderde nuwe kleintjies en dit alles binne die kwessie van 'n jaar of twee!

Daar is egter 'n probleem of twee wat opduik...

Om mee te begin, alle kaktus spesies kom oorspronklik van Noord-Amerika, Sentraal-Amerika en Suid-Amerika. Hulle is dus nie inheems tot Suid-Afrika nie. Met dit gesê is dit belangrik om te verstaan dat uitheems nie noodwendig altyd gekoppel moet word aan nadelig nie. Die probleem ontstaan slegs as die uitheemse plant die potensiaal het om 'n indringer plant te word. Met ander woorde, as 'n uitheemse plantspesie op sy eie in die natuur kan oorleef, kan voortplant en uiteindelik beter vaar as spesies inheems of endemies tot die area. Dit is waar die groot probleme ontstaan!

Kaktusse is hoogs gespesialiseerde plante wat gemaak is om in droë streke te oorleef, soortgelyk aan die vetplante van die Karoo. Klimaat is gewoonlik een van die primêre faktore wat die algehele uiteensetting van plant spesies in 'n area beïnvloed. Die klimaat bepaal dus ook watter uitheemse spesies potensiële indringers kan word of nie.

Om jou 'n beter idee te gee, dink aan 'n Bloekomboom. As jy deur die dorp stap sal jy sien dat daar talle groot

Bloekombome langs die pad gevëstig is. Daar is egter geen wilde populasies in die omliggende vlaktes nie. Die oorlewing en verspreiding van hierdie uitheemse spesie word beperk deur die tekort aan water. Gaan kyk jy nou net na 'n Bloekomboom in die Kaap en jy sal sien dat groot stukke land geheel en al betrek is met wilde populasies wat uit beide ouer en jonger individue bestaan. Weens die relatiewe nat klimaat kan hierdie uitheemse spesie van self in die natuur oorleef en voortplant. Net soos die Kaap ideaal is vir die investering van Bloekombome, net so is die Karoo ideaal vir die investering van Kaktusse.

Jy mag dalk wonder hoekom dit 'n probleem is as kaktusse wel hulself in die veld vestig, is dit regtig so 'n groot probleem? Ongelukkig is dit 'n massiewe probleem wat verskeie aspekte van ons biodiversiteit, ekonomie en voedselsekerheid bedreig.

Soos met meeste indringerplante, groei kaktus populasies geweldig vinnig in 'n relatiewe kort tydperk. Dit is gewoonlik as gevolg van ideale klimatsomstandighede, relatief min kompetisie, noodsaklike hulpbronne wat maklik bekombaar

is en die afwesigheid van natuurlike roofdiere. In tye van droogte soos wat in die hede ervaar word, sterf baie inheemse asook endemiese plant spesies uit. Dit is weens 'n tekort aan water, asook die effek van 'n toename in uitheemse spesies wat beter aangepas is tot die bogenoemde omstandighede (kaktusse in hierdie geval).

Dit is 'n feit dat indringer kaktusse plant spesies endemies tot die Karoo sal uitoorlê as hulle in dieselfde area gevëstig is. Alhoewel die indringers die vermoë het om 'n fisiese plaasvervangers te wees, is hulle doodeenvoudig nie in staat om komplekse en noodsaklike ekologiese rolle te vervul nie. Droë takke en ander plant materiaal afkomstig van houtagtige spesies soos *Pteronia pallens* en *Osteospermum sinuatum* is byvoorbeeld 'n belangrike bron van voedsel vir verskeie rysmier spesies. Kaktusse aan die ander kant het sappige, veselagtige stamme en die hout komponent is totaal en al afwesig. Rysmiere kan dus glad nie gebruik maak hierdie indringers nie. Vygies het weer haarwortels wat nabij aan die grondoppervlakte geleë is met blare wat horisontaal uitbrei. Hierdie struktuur is uiters effektief in die voorkoming van erosie deur die aksies van wind en vloeiente water. Buiten hierdie rol, is vygies ook die hoof voedselbron vir kewers, bye en talle ander insekte.

Die studie van ekologie is ingewikkeld en kompleks, maar een ding is verseker – Inheemse plante vorm die fondasie van enige werkende en gesonde tuin, habitat en bioom. ■



*Investering van Echinopsis spachiana, 'n gewilde kaktus in Karoo-tuine.*

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## Sterilised Pets are Healthier Pets

Barbara Castle

**P**rince Albert Animal Welfare (PADS) annually plans at least three pet sterilization projects to assist the local community who cannot afford the costs for their animals.

Dr Annelize Roos and her team from EnviroVet CVC sterilized a total of 101 animals over two days on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March. The project began early each morning with the pick-up from their homes of animals registered for sterilisation. And ends after the last of the ‘patients’ have sufficiently recovered for the ‘ambulance’ to take the animals back to their owners.

PADS volunteers care for the animals before and after the operation, making sure that each animal has fully recovered before going home. Many thanks to the volunteers Alta da Silva, Jenny Reynolds, Irma Nefdt, Kathryn Liepner, Linda Jaquet, Brenda van der Merwe, Hermanus Schoeman, Ricardo Swarts and Elsabé Koen for their dedication to this task.

At the end of April, PADS will be holding a pet sterilisation project in Klaarstroom. The organisation will be assisted by the recently-graduated Compulsory Community Service (CCS) vets based in Beaufort West.

Last last year, the Bergview Veterinary Hospital in Hermanus and the Onrus Veterinary Clinic offered a free telephonic consultation to Prince Albert’s residents on weekdays between 15h00 and 16h00. They also contribute to PADS fundraising efforts and sell pet food and accessories online to Prince Alberters. For more information:

<http://www.princealbertpets.online>

PADS’ banking details: Prince Albert Animal Welfare, ABSA Bank, Savings Account – 930 700 5754. Ref: your name.



*René de Wet of EnviroVet CVC  
examines a kitten Photo: Linda Jaquet*



*(l-r) Ricardo Swarts and Hermanus Schoeman  
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*Dr Roos discusses symptoms and treatment of  
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## FARR/PATH Projek op 'n drafstap

Christel Botes - FARR Projekkoördineerder



2021 is reeds goed op dreef en FARR (*Foundation for Alcohol Related Research*) se projek in Prince Albert genaamd, PATH (Prince Albert towards health), staan ook glad nie stil nie. Ons personeel is passievol daaroor om die boodskap van “GEEN ALKOHOL IS VEILIG TYDENS SWANGERSKAP NIE”, oral en met almal in ons gemeenskap te deel. Ons is dankbaar vir AWARE.ORG wat onder ander hierdie en ander FARR projekte in Jacobsdal, Graaff-Reinet en Kirkwood, finansier.

Ons werkzaamhede en programme sluit onder meer in:

- Gesonde Moeder, Gesonde Baba<sup>©</sup> program, wat deurlopend aangebied word
- Vetplantjies “little Succulents” leerderondersteunings & -stimuleringsprogram in beide Prince Albert en Leeu-Gamka
- Ondersteuningssessies aan ouers van “die Vetplantjies”
- Ondersteuningsprogramme aan oppassers / ouma’s (Gogo’s)
- Bewusmakings- en gesondheidspraatjies deur die Gemeenskapswerkers, Muschke Hendriks en Moira Prins

Daar is ook “*Think Twice*” werkswinkels wat word op **20 April 2021 in Prince Albert** en op **21 April 2021 in Leeu-Gamka** aangebied. Hierdie interaktiewe werkswinkel duur ongeveer drie tot vier ure en het ten doel om bewusmaking te skep oor alkoholgebruik en -misbruik. Dit fokus ondermeer op die fisiese en psigososiale effek van alkoholmisbruik; die gevare van alkoholgebruik tydens swangerskap en die risiko daarvan verbonde om 'n kind met Fetale Alkohol Spektrum Afwykings (FASA) te hê, asook die belangrike rol van lewensmaats, vriende en familie.

Mans en vroue is baie welkom! Kontak ons gerus vir enige verdere inligting by **074 739 0350** (Leeu-Gamka se kantoor) of **079 310 9960** (Prince Albert se kantoor). Kom ons kies om doelbewus positief en bewustelik verantwoordelik te leef. ■



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### End of our rights to ownership

In an interesting article in the March edition of the *Friend* by our local polymath Dr Judy Maguire ("Karoo Notes and Records"), one observation struck me as having a particular piquancy for our current times: "Decorated [ostrich] eggshells may have served as a means of identifying ownership of a particular flask".

If we may be allowed to set aside for the moment Judy's cautionary "may", her observation will serve to endorse the view long held by all reasonable people, that private ownership of property is an essential condition for stability and what modicum of happiness human beings can hope to find in a fallen world, and it gives the lie to Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, the French proto-communist who infamously opined that all property is theft.

But, alarmingly, Proudhon's claim appears to be shared by a great many descendants of our wise San and Khoekhoen forebears in Africa. The government plans to enact a piece of legislation called *Expropriation Without Compensation*, which - if passed into law - will end our right to the secure and untrammelled ownership of the stuff we currently consider our own.

All our stuff, not just our farms.

Whatever we have acquired will be deemed to have been acquired by theft and may be stolen back from us. One might have thought that historic acts of injustice would be subject to a statute of limitation, but apparently they are not. So there's no point in decorating our ostrich eggs with unique patterns or decorations in order to identify them as our own, it won't help. The government and its bureaucrats will be able to take them away from us at will. Proudhon would be delighted, and the spirits of our San and Khoekhoen forebears will no doubt click melodiously in amazement at the devolution of human sagacity since the time they trod in corporeal form the *vlaktes* of the Karoo. Darwin is another one who would be surprised at this turn of events.

*Colin Bower  
Prince Albert*

### Dankie aan my kollegas

Jul het seker al gehoor, maar die verslag het so pas amptelik deurgekom en ons het 'n skoon oudit ontvang. Baie geluk aan elkeen van julle! Hierdie was nie te danke aan een persoon of een afdeling nie, maar aan elkeen van julle wat elke dag getrou werk toe kom en jou deel op 'n eerbare wyse doen.

Abridon Sass, Abraham Kammies, Alfreda Hopbanie, Arrelene Waterboer, Andriette Badenhorst, Alewijn Dippenaar, Ashley America, Christa Baadjies, Bertha Everts, Charlton Jafta, David Leagh Willemse, Danvor Sarelse, Donovan Plaatjies, Estrolene Clarke, George van der Westhuizen, Heinrich Esterhuizen,

Marshall April, Mario Stall, Margaret Januarie, Nicole Wicomb, Neels Van Wyk, Omar Essa, Redwaan Galant, Reinie Smit, Sam Fister, Tanya Calerse, Theresa H Wagenaar, Viola Petoors. Ek is so dankbaar vir elkeen van julle.

Julle verdien hierdie skoon oudit wat jul behaal het in baie moeilike omstandighede en onder geweldige baie druk.

Anneleen Vorster  
Munisipale Bestuurder: PA Municipaliteit

### Formula one in your back yard... or Church Street?

One of the entertainments for both locals and visitors alike is the weekly Grand Prix that takes place on Saturday mornings. There are no rules. Cars, mostly, attempt to get airborne in the relatively short distance of Church Street. All vehicles and drivers (pilots?) appear eligible and there are no handicaps. Those barely able to see over the dashboard compete with the rest. Similarly, no concessions are made for those vehicles carrying large numbers of assorted passengers... four or two-legged. Nor for any obvious mechanical dysfunctions on the car/truck.

Drivers slowing down when travelling past groups of people in the mini-commercial centre at the hotel, or the markie, are not, apparently, penalised. Although they may

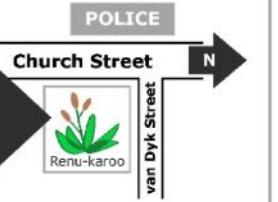
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## FRANSIE PIENAAR MUSEUM

The Fransie Pienaar Museum, which was awarded the best museum in the Western Cape in 2017, is the guardian of the history of Prince Albert. The antiques and artefacts on display were largely collected by Fransie Pienaar (b. 1898). There are also exhibitions on the Swartberg Pass, Gamkaskloof (Die Hel), the Stone Age and fossils. Tel 023 5411172

## Die koringoes en die kanon wat op die NG Kerkgronde staan.

*Lydia Barrella - Kurator*

In die ou dae moes die afgeleë Prince Albert inwoners selfversorgend wees en self in al hulle eie behoeftes voorsien. Behalwe groente, vrugte en tabak is daar ook baie koring gesaai in die distrik.

In Helena Marinkowitz se boekie *Prince Albert Kontreistories* (ook in Engels *Prince Albert Local Stories*), te koop by die Fransie Pienaar Museum, beskryf sy die oestyd soos aan haar vertel deur oorlede Fritz de Wit, 'n boer van Prince Albert.

Wanneer die koring ryp was is dit met sekels afgesny, in gerwe gebind en in hope op die lande se walle gepak. Die boere het geglo dat die warm sonskyn die koringkorrels laat uitspring. Gevolglik het hulle dan teen sesuur die aand die waens ingespan om deur die nag die koninggerwe uit die lande te ry en die miedens te pak. Die koring het dan nie so baie korrels verloor nie, het hulle geglo. Die volgendeoggend is die gerwe losgesny op 'n ronde dorsvloer se klipharde kleiblad. Dan het ses of agt donkies al in die ronte gedraf om die koring uit te trap. Lang houtgaffels is gebruik om die strooi van die koring te skei. Growwe houtharke gemaak van kweperlatte, is dan gebruik om die koringkaf van die korrels te skei. Daarna is dit in die wind uitgewan. Sodra al die plase in **Die Gang** (vandag *Prince Albert Valley*) se koringoeste ingesamel is, is 'n kanon op die plaas Rosendal afgvuur. Die skoot kon gehoor word van Rosendal tot by Baviaanskloof.

In 1948 het PJ Rossouw van die plaas Rosendal die kanon aan die NG Kerk geskenk. Dit is langs die Voortrekker Gedenknaald op die kerkgronde opgerig. Die oorsprong van die kanon is onbekend, maar gedurende die Anglo Boereoorlog het daar wel gevegte met Howitzer kanonne op Kredouwpas plaasgevind. Maar volgens oorlede David Luttig is die kanon nooit vir oorlog gebruik nie. Die skrywer Lawrence Green vertel ook hierdie verhaal oor die kanon in sy boek *Karoo*.



Rosendal plaas se kanon wat gevuur was om Die Gang se koringoeste ingesamel te laat merk. Foto: Lydia Barrella

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earn some demerit points or get "sent to Coventry" until next Saturday by the other "competitors". Reckless driving while speeding, on the other hand, probably earns universal approval and a gold star.

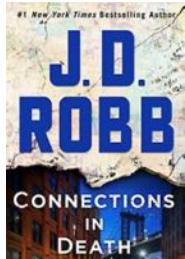
Since there seems to be no official control of the "races", one can only assume that the event takes place with the full approval of the traffic department. If there is indeed some future control over the races – the installation of cameras and speeding fines seem like a good idea, if novel as far as the local traffic police are concerned – I, for one, will be sorry to see the end of this local entertainment with its memorable moments of seeing surprised visitors rapidly back pedalling to avoid being flattened after leaving the markie?

But seriously, where will this end? Will it take a ghastly accident with multiple bodies, a several vehicle pile-up or worse before anything is done? There have been other letters to the Friend over the years about reckless driving and speeding through the town and have not resulted in even a response from the traffic police. Other towns in our general area, Beaufort West, De Rust, Laingsburg, Ladismith, all seem to have permanent lucrative traffic speed monitors. Why not Prince Albert? Apart from the revenue that can be generated by the traffic police following the letter of the law, Kerk straat could become a much more user-friendly environment for the pedestrian.

We can be reassured, however, that the traffic department does have driver safety on its 'plig staat' (list of duties). The traffic department makes sure that all drivers have valid driving licenses, and are wearing their safety belts. What more can we ask?

Dr Richard Dean  
Prince Albert

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**CONNECTIONS IN DEATH****JD Robb**

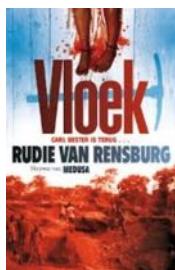
In this gritty and gripping new novel in the #1 *New York Times* bestselling series, Eve Dallas fights to save the innocent -and serve justice to the guilty - on the streets of New York.

Homicide cop Eve Dallas and her billionaire husband, Roarke, are building a brand-new school and youth shelter. They know that the hard life can lead kids toward dangerous crossroads - and with this new project, they hope to nudge a few more of them onto the right path. For expert help, they hire child psychologist Dr Rochelle Pickering - whose own brother pulled himself out of a spiral of addiction and crime with Rochelle's support.

Lyle is living with Rochelle while he gets his life together, and he's thrilled to hear about his sister's new job offer. But within hours, triumph is followed by tragedy. Returning from a celebratory dinner with her boyfriend, she finds Lyle dead with a syringe in his lap, and Eve's investigation confirms that this wasn't just another OD. After all his work to get clean, Lyle's been pumped full of poison - and a neighbor with a peephole reports seeing a scruffy, pink-haired girl fleeing the scene.

Now Eve and Roarke must venture into the gang territory where Lyle used to run, and the ugly underground world of tattoo parlors and strip joints where everyone has taken a wrong turn somewhere. They both believe in giving people a second chance. Maybe even a third or fourth. But as far as they're concerned, whoever gave the order on Lyle Pickering's murder has run out of chances...

*Connections in Death* St. Martin's Press (R210) also available from Boekhuis, 21 Meiring Street. WhatsApp Marlene 083 308 6305.

**VLOEK****Rudie van Rensburg**

In Rudie se eerste Cassie Kasselman-roman, *Slagyster* (gepubliseer in 2013), ontmoet ons vir Carl Bester, gevalleoudspeerder. In *Vloek* is Carl terug. Hy kan na Suid-Afrika kom – sy bannelingstatus uitgewis, teen 'n prys. "Ons vergeet jou sondes in ruil vir 'n teenprestasie," sê sy nuwe werkgever. Hy moet 'n lykbesaaiid saak van internasionale belang help ontrafe l – een wat met lyke besaai lê. Nou sal hy weer soos 'n volbloedspeerder moet redeneer om dié saak saam met 'n spul rookies op te los.

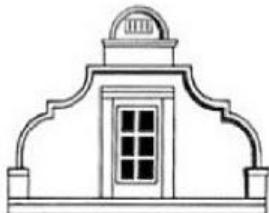
Carl se polisiedae lê ver in die verlede en hy word gedwing om as volbloedspeerder te redeneer om dié saak saam met 'n spul rookies op te los. Dié berugte rokjagter het natuurlik ook versoekings, soos die pragtige Sarah. Sal hy die versoeking kan weerstaan om betrokke te raak by dié beeldskone kollega? Gaan sy paaie kruis met Cassie Kasselman, die speurder wat sy diefstal destyds aan die Skerpioene blootgelê het? Dan is daar die neo-Nazi uit Carl se verre verlede. Gevul met die "heilige krag van die Führer" is hy vasbeslote om wraak te neem op die man wat hom agter tralies laat beland het.

*Vloek* is beslis 'n boek wat jou vasgenael hou, byna soos 'n speurerverhaal wat op die kassie afspeel. Skielik lees jy nie net meer 'n boek nie, jy is deel van die gebeure: Hy skud die gevoel van verlammende paniek af en hardloop, druk mense uit sy pad, struikel toe hy 'n paar kissies groente by 'n straatstalletjie met sy heup omstamp, behou sy balans en beur vorentoe. Elke sening en spier in sy lyf is gespan, maar dit voel of hy lood in sy skoene het. Hy sien die steeg tien meter voor hom. Dit is donker en smal. Daar is skielik voetstappe agter hom. Hulle het hom die steeg sien vat, besef hy. Paniek klop opnuut in sy slape.

Riloomblanke is daar vele van, dalk te veel vir die gemiddelde vrou se smaak. Die meeste vroue is sensitief wanneer dit by kinders en wredeheid/marteling kom, soos wanneer klein Imani lyfstraf kry: Twee gryp hom aan sy arms en 'n derde aan die bene. Hulle dra hom protesterend en spartelend na die boom langs die hooftent. Die luitenant maak die seun se gewrigte bo sy kop aan 'n laaghanginge tak vas. Hy bewe soos 'nriet.

Daar is geen gebrek aan 'n deurlopende spanningslyn wat jou op die punt van jou stoel hou en beslis sal wakkerhou sou jy slaap tyd dié skrywe aandurf nie. Dit lees gemaklik en alhoewel dit jou hare laat regop staan en beslis nie 'n boek is om op 'n nugter maag te lees nie, getuig dit van 'n goeie woordeskat en storielyn wat perfek ingespan en saamgesmee word. ■

*Vloek* Queillerie (R265) is ook beskikbaar by Boekhuis, Meiringstraat 21. WhatsApp Marlene, 083 308 630



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## FRONTLINE

### Tracing the mission and vision of the Prince Albert Cultural Foundation/Kultuurstigting 2002 - 2015

Derek Thomas

Water Indaba: Excerpt 5 of 9

#### AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome: Facilitator Bokkie Botha
2. Prince Albert Cultural Foundation: Chair Dr Judy Maguire (Importance of the Water Indaba as an information session; equitable use of a sustainable resource affecting aspects of the town's cultural landscape and the local economy).
3. Dept of Water Affairs (The Water Act, water demand and rights; development affecting ecological issues; measures for equitable distribution in PA specifically).
4. Dr Ricky Murray (Technical background: irrigation and domestic sources; distribution and management plan; Gouritz Catchment Management Agency)
5. Municipality (Role, management responsibilities, share of water resource and water surplus, future planning, upgrading of infrastructure, skills availability, food gardens)
6. Kweekvallei Besproeiingsraad: Chair I D Vorster (Terms of reference; responsibilities; distribution and management of water rights; water saving; pipeline project; ultimate say in distribution).
7. Dr Ricky Murray (Closure: A visionary approach for the way forward)

Other invitees: Water Forum (Andre Gouws); IDP Chairpersons (North and South Ends).

#### NOTES

On the fourth day in September 2008, the generally accepted start of Spring, the Prince Albert Cultural Foundation (PACF) hosted the first Water Indaba ever held in the town. The intention was clear – water is the lifeblood of the town and, deriving from a relatively small Dorps



*Town farms like Soet Karoo are very much a part of the town's water responsibilities.*

*Photo: Derek Thomas*

River catchment, it is a precious resource under pressure of a growing demand.

The Indaba was an information sharing session which highlighted the need for dialogue between all the role players about the present and future management of this scarce resource.

To open the Indaba Mary Anne Botha clarified the PACF's role of water in underpinning the cultural life of Prince Albert, and the very existence of the town. The course of the river and the alluvial plain from the time of Zacharias de Beer has created an imprint which still reads on the physical landscape, giving the town its unique character – a pattern of agricultural food production, the water erven, oasis-like in the context of the Great Karoo.

Dr Ricky Murray brought the Water Indaba to a close with the wisdom that goes with good stewardship. He spoke of the need for a 'vision' and urged all role players to develop a strategy, determine a threshold for development, use solid guidance, work towards what the community wants the town to be like in twenty years' time. Serious scenario planning holds the key to the

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way forward.

The disturbing principle that “the Reserve (forming part of the Act) should not be at the expense of all development” should be interpreted as: in a critical water situation human consumption should take priority, which gives a different emphasis to the issue of priority. The question remains, who ensures that the river receives its due in terms of the Water Act? The common belief is that the health of the Dorps River’s ecology is not being monitored or maintained up to an acceptable standard.

The Indaba yielded some useful pointers on current policy and interaction. Mayor Gay van Hasselt was pragmatic about the Municipality’s reliance on outside expertise and guidance in its decision making process. She invited assistance wherever it was relevant, for example, at the request from a participant from the floor, the contract for the proposed pipeline to the Poort would be made available for review.

Without a constitution or formulated policy, the response of the speaker on behalf of the Kweekvallei Irrigation Board to the water issues on the programme highlighted the discretionary manner in which the Board carries out its mandate. Its current function is to maintain the furrow system and manage the existing *leibeurte* water rights.

The PACF thanked the invited speakers, and all those who participated in this Water Indaba. The Foundation regretted that as a voluntary organisation it was not always able to afford to duplicate its functions in both languages.

Water was the drawcard, which knows no language barrier, and the hosting of this Water Indaba should be seen as an important a start to a long term ‘vision’ for Prince Albert. ■



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## Leef en laat leef

Maruschka Erasmus BA Hons Psych

**D**ie lewe het so gejaagd geword, dat ons die gevoel voeling van die wese verloor het. Ons streef om meer te wees, meer te doen en meer te hê en terselfde tyd verloor ons onself in die mengelmoes van opinies, raad, konflik en drama, in die gesukkel en gespartel om kop bo water te hou. Niks is oënsynlik meer goed genoeg of groot genoeg nie. Swaarkry, sukkel en siekte het die norm geword, selfs 'n kompetisie waardeur erkennings gesoek en gegee word.

Die algemene gevoel van ons samelewing voel donker en verbitterd. Niemand gun mekaar enigets nie. Dit is elkeen vir hulself. So 'n wêreld is 'n baie eensame plek, 'n plek vol agterdog en verstekte agendas. Onskuldige besluite word uit verband geneem en opgeblaas en veroorsaak onnodige seer en vertwyfeling.

Ons as mense is nie veronderstel om in isolasie te funksioneer nie. Ja, hierdie twyfelagtige tye wat ongeëwenaard is het ons fisies ingeperk en 'n grendeltydperk is op ons afgedwing. 'n Skok op alle vlakke vir elkeen. Dit was 'n tydperk van verlies, vermindering en verbetering!

"Hoe nou? Sê weer?" vra jy. Ja, dit is die ideale tyd vir verbetering. Soos Wayne Dyer, een van die wêreld se bekendste selfhelp skrywers, gesê het: "As jy die manier waarop jy na dinge kyk verander nie, verander die dinge waarna jy kyk jou!" Word bewus hoe reg rondom jou ou instansies, stelsels en maniere van doen en wees begin verbrokkel, kraak en ineenstort. Dis tyd vir 'n verandering.

Kom ons soek en gebruik elkeen se unieke vaardighede, talente, wyshede en kennis. Inplaas daarvan dat ons teen mekaar werk, laat ons in samewerking tree, sterkte lê immers in getalle. Steek jou trots in jou sak. In jou kwesbaarheid lê jou grootse krag en mag. Dit is tyd om te leer hoe om vir hulp te vra, en hoe om dit genadiglik te ontvang. In die lewe is daar nie dom vrae nie, die enigste dom ding is om nooit te vra nie en te bly wonder.

Ons kan leer om met minder klaar te kom, dat geld die lewe kan makliker maak maar dat dit nie alles in die lewe is nie. Daar is ander maniere van besigheid doen en om 'n bestaan te maak.

Kom ons begin om mekaar op te bou, om op te hou om mekaar neer te druk en af te kraak. Leef en laat leef. Gun mekaar geluk en voorspoed. Onthou, die son skyn gelyk op elkeen van ons, ons moet net begin bereid word om die sonskyn ten alle tye raak te sien en te waardeer!

'n Eenvoudiger lewe is nie noodwendig vir almal aantreklik of maklik nie. Dit skep wel die geleentheid om oor te begin. Om self te bepaal wat is waardevol in JOU lewe. Dit gee vir jou die ruimte om op jou eie tyd te groei en ontwikkel.

Met geduld, introspeksie, nadenke en geloof is JOU droom-lewe binne JOU bereik.

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Dann Lucas, Simon Attwell, North2South Band, UMV and more.

**venue: BUSH PUB PASTORIE AVENUE/LAAN PRINCE ALBERT**  
**date: 8 MAY 2021**  
**time: 17H00-22H00**

**CHEFS:**  
Rogaya Manewill, Aletta Masango,  
Jeremy Freudenthal  
Half chicken with bread and salad/  
Halve Hoender met brood en slaai  
plus something sweet/plus iets soets

Cash bar available/Kontant kroeg  
Special drinks offer/Drankies op spesiale aanbod  
(No alcohol allowed onto premises/  
Geen drank word toegelaat van buiten nie)  
No mask/no entry/Geen masker geen ingang nie

**Tickets /Kaartjies: R150.00**  
Pre schooler/voorskool kinders gratis/Scholar/skoloere R75.00  
Tickets available/Kaartjies beskikbaar  
@PA tourism office and PACT POP center office.

**Bring**  
a blanket for the night air and the hay bale seat.  
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**ENQUIRIES/NAVRAE:**  
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Koop 'n OMGEE boekie met 5 etebewyse vir R50.00 via Snapscan

Prins Albert het sy kinders lief. Van ons kinders is kwesbaar. Onsterf en die gemeenskap om NIE geld vir 'n kind of jeugde te gee nie maar liever 'n OMGEE etebewys.

'N BEWYS GEE 'N KIND EEN VOEDSAME MAALTYD EN 'N BEDERESSIESE VERSKAF DEUR ONS VRYWILLIGERS BY ONS JEUGSENTRUM IN RONDOMSKRICK.

Die sentrum se deure is open vir alle kinders en jeug.

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Seam kweek ons 'n gesonde, omgaan en veilige gemeenskap.  
Ondersteun deur Prince Albert Toerismevereniging, PA Municipality,  
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Buy an I-CARE booklet with 5 meal vouchers for R50.00 via Snapscan

Prince Albert loves its children. Some of our children are vulnerable. Support our community by NOT giving money to children and youth but rather purchase an I-CARE voucher booklet.

ONE VOUCHER PROVIDES A NUTRITIOUS MEAL PLUS A PERSONAL CARE SESSION PROVIDED BY OUR VOLUNTEERS AT OUR YOUTH CENTER IN RONDOMSKRICK.

The center's doors are open for all children and youth.

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## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS / BELANGRIKE TELEFOONNOMMERS

	Prince Albert SAPS/SAPD	023 541 8000		Riool, water en krag Sewage, water, electricity	082 220 0848
	Childline	0800 05 55 55		Prince Albert Hospital	023 541 1300
	Women Abuse Helpline	0800 150 150		Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance)	10 177
	BADISA	023 541 1388		Poisons Information Centre (Red Cross Hospital)	021 689 5227
	SAPS Crime Stop	08600 10111		LifeLine	0800-150-150
	Brandweer/Fire	084 279 6430		Snake Capture (Athol)	082 821 6984
	PADS (Prince Albert Dieresorg/Animal Welfare)	071 571 8600		Alcoholics Anonymous	0861 435 722



## 2021 Local Government Elections

### Register to vote DA in Prince Albert!

The Democratic Alliance believes in the rule of law, and a government that is accountable and responsive to the people, and that delivers services to **ALL**.

Therefore, the **DA in Prince Albert** resists every effort by the KGP/ANC coalition to ram through decisions in Council that is focused only on winning votes in the Municipal Elections later this year.

These decisions potentially open the door to maladministration, fraud and corruption which in turn undermine the financial sustainability of our Municipality.

That of course negatively affects service delivery, which has the greatest impact on the most vulnerable in our community.

**You can ensure that the KGP and ANC do not continue with serving only themselves by REGISTERING TO VOTE and VOTE FOR THE DA in Prince Albert on Election Day.**

As we celebrate **Freedom Day** on 27 April, we are reminded that people fought and died for the values the da holds dear:

**Freedom. Fairness. Opportunity. Diversity.** Let us not disappoint them nor those who are the future of our town.

*Find out if you can vote in this year's Local Government Elections*



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