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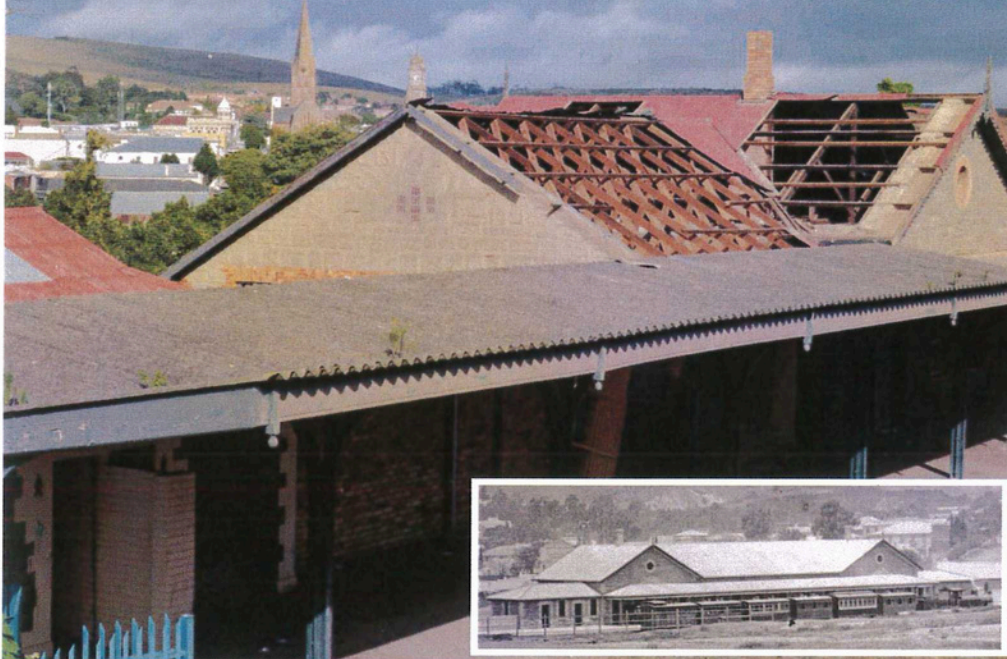
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TICKET TO DESTRUCTION...
Roof struts over the former ticket office and waiting room of the Grahamstown Railway Station lie bare as storm clouds threaten in the background. Several people were arrested this week after vandals looted the historic building. Photo: Bridgette Hall

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'We need Naidoo'

AVUYILE MNGXITAMA-DIKO AND
MIGNON VAN ZYL

Pravine Naidoo is good news for Grahamstown, says former Makana councillor and DA caucus member Michael Whisson.

In an interview with *Grocott's Mail* at his home on Wednesday, Whisson said although he had been out of the political loop, he was certain Naidoo was the right person to put Makana Municipality back in order.

Naidoo comes from Drakenstein District Municipality in the Western Cape, where he was the Executive Strategic Manager.

"He has experience, he has knowledge and has a grip on all the requirements for a municipal manager. He is very able," Whisson said. "He is a good disciplinarian."

Whisson recalls Naidoo's previous tenure almost seven years ago. "He left under difficult circumstances. His contract ended here (in Makana) so the post had to be re-advertised," Whisson said.

"At the time [at the end of his contract] he was engaged in a legal dispute primarily with the mayor and he attended the interviews..."

"But he walked out of the selection committee after a brilliant presentation, and went straight across the road to the high court to continue his case against the mayor... he couldn't be re-appointed under those circumstances."

Naidoo was nevertheless, as far as he is concerned "so much better than any of the other municipal managers" in Makana. "Whether he will be able to do it this time, I don't know. The ANC is no longer united as it was 10 years ago,"

said Whisson. He thinks Naidoo should first see the Mayfield Phase 2 housing project completed, and offer Technical and Infrastructure services director Theminkosi Myalato support.

"The municipal manager should be a solid backing for him (Myalato) to get the water issue sorted out. It is essential that the water is sorted. The engineer (Myalato) is very good, he needs real support from the MM," Whisson said.

Whisson retired from Council nearly two years ago.

"I have deliberately kept out of things because I had a very high profile," Whisson said.

He feels the new municipal manager will have to work hard to earn the respect of Council members. "I hope that he's learned from his previous time here that bullying doesn't work well. He can't afford to make enemies."

There were also questions during Naidoo's previous time in Makana Municipality.

"There were some stories that he bought a plot at Craddock Heights when that was being divided into plots and sold off, and both as buyer of the plot and the representative of the council selling the plot, he signed the deed of sale on behalf of both," Whisson said.

"That was probably not illegal, and probably not dishonest, but it sort of made people feel that he was slippery."

But Naidoo's leadership is exactly what is needed in Makana Municipality, Whisson said. "He was quite authoritarian... that is what the municipality needs."

"I personally am quite happy that he's come back."

RUINED RELIC... Gaping holes in the roof of the Grahamstown Station are the shocking foreground for an old locomotive standing in the parking lot. Vandals have looted the national monument, ripping off metal roof-sheeting and tearing up floorboards.

Photo: Bridgette Hall



Vandals attack historic building

With no authority prepared to draw the line, it seems the Grahamstown Railway Station is destined for ruin, write Fabio de Dominicis and Bridgette Hall.

From Page One

POLICE arrested several people this week in connection with vandalism that threatens to finally destroy the Grahamstown Railway Station.

The station, which opened in 1878, is a national monument.

"Incidents of metal theft have been reported. We have arrested people for possession of suspected stolen property," said Grahamstown Police Spokesperson Captain Mali Govender. She declined to say how many people were arrested in Wednesday's operation.

Gaping holes in the roof, torn-out floorboards and

shattered windows greeted *Grocott's Mail* reporters yesterday morning, following a tip-off that vandals were in the act of ripping off roofing sheets. There was no activity at the time, however.

The fact that police are unlikely to be able to hold anyone to account means there appears little hope of stemming the destruction.

"In order to open cases and secure a conviction in court we need a statement from an owner claiming that the property belongs to them," Govender said.

While the railway station is the property of rail company Transnet, as a National Monument it falls under the

stewardship of the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Agency (ECPHRA).

The agency said it was the responsibility of the station's owner to look after it, as they had no legal mandate or funding to do so.

"If damage is done to the property, the owners must be contacted. The police must get involved if there is any criminal activity," Lemox Zote, ECPHRA's King William's Town-based manager said in a telephone interview.

At the time of going to press, Transnet could not be reached for comment.

The Grahamstown Railway Station was part of the expansion of the Cape Colony's

railway system in the 1870s.

The link between Alice-dale and Grahamstown was completed in 1881. The remaining 68km to Port Alfred was completed in 1883. Passenger services were limited to the Alicedale-Grahamstown section in 1988 and the line was closed in 1990. The line between Alicedale and Grahamstown was reopened in 1995 and stopped again in 2008.

Amasango Career School currently rents buildings in the station yard.

Discussion about turning the railway station into a bus terminus for inter-city buses was recently revived among businesspeople and officials.

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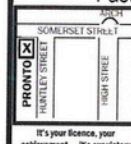
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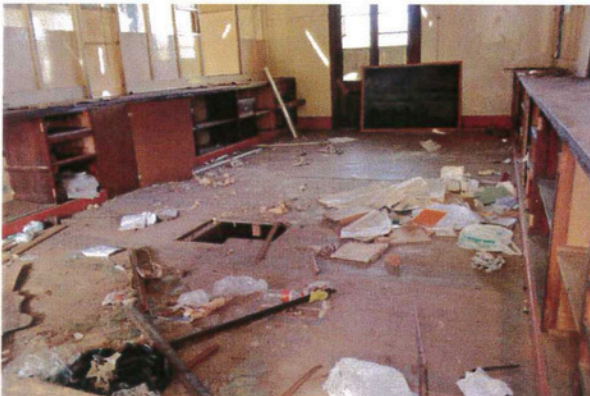
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Deterio-station



NOT SO LONG AGO... When Amie Tarr held her Masters fine art exhibition 'Absence' in three rooms at the station in February the floors, doors and built-in furnishings were still intact. Tarr describes other untouched treasures that were still in the building like old telephones, chairs and even a large safe that was still in place. Photo: 3PPhotography

*In just over two months vandalism and looting have nearly destroyed the Grahamstown Train Station, leaving the provincial heritage site in a shambles. The historic building's rapid deterioration has shocked locals like Rhodes Fine Art student Amie Tarr, who held an exhibition there earlier this year. When reporters **Bridgette Hall** and **Fabio De Dominicis** accompanied her to the station this week, Tarr was horrified to see the state the station was in.*



BEYOND REPAIR?... This was the sight that met Grocott's Mail reporters visiting the station last week, after receiving a tip-off that thieves were busy taking roofing from the station. Upon further investigation they found rubbish strewn everywhere, broken windows, metal and other fittings stolen, floorboards ripped up, doors unhinged and faeces everywhere. Tarr planned to have her exhibition at the same venue during the National Arts Festival in June, but she says there's no way she could hold it there now. Photo: Bridgette Hall



UNDER OBSERVATION... This week Grocott's Mail reporters found a clean-up operation was in progress after the public had been alerted to the station's plight. Local business owner Lungile Mxube has hired a security guard to watch the station, as he hopes to turn the old building into a bus terminus in the near future. The guard, Mthobeli Cecil Giba, has started sweeping the floors, barricading broken windows and removing rubble from inside the building. Photo: Bridgette Hall



BEFORE AND AFTER... The old telephone booth outside the station was also unable to escape vandals. As the above photo on the right illustrates, the door of the booth has been stolen, as well as the steel stairway railing. Photos: Amie Tarr and Bridgette Hall

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TRAIN STATION

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Station still in limbo

BRIDGETTE HALL AND
FABIO DE DOMINICIS

A local businessman has hired 24-hour security for the Grahamstown Station, at his own expense, and officials from the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) have said they will lay charges, following rampant vandalism at the disused facility.

Last week *Grocott's Mail* reported on ongoing assaults on the provincial heritage site, where roof sheeting and floorboards had been stripped.

"We have had ongoing reports of thefts and vandalism. Several arrests were made in the past," police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender told reporters this week.

She said cases of possession of suspected stolen property had been opened for investigation.

However, complications had arisen in charging the perpetrators, as the police require the owners of the station to lay a charge.

"The challenge in this instance is that we need to prove who this property belonged to, so that we can link the case of possession to that

of theft.

"If the case of possession cannot be proven in court, then the case against the suspect is withdrawn," said Govender.

Meanwhile Prasa yesterday sent three technicians from East London to conduct an assessment of the station.

One of their main concerns was securing loose power cables in the building to prevent theft, and closing a leaking water pipe.

After the inspection, Agency officials said they would visit Makana Municipality to request the closure of water supply to the station, and the Grahamstown Police Station to lay a charge.

This has not yet been confirmed.

Richard Walker, regional manager of Prasa EC, said they are engaged in talks with Transnet to clarify who owns the property before any further decisions are made.

Local business owner, Lungile Mxube, however, has on his own initiative hired 24-hour security for the building.

Mxube has a vested interest in turning the current train station into a bus terminal, and has held numerous

meetings with several bus companies. Prasa and the municipality, who are still following up the proposal. He has hired the guards at his own cost to prevent further damage to the building.

A guard who has been monitoring the station since last week Friday, said that there had been several attempts by looters to steal the roofing of the station.

"These guys are destroying the building. If they touch it, I will do my job," said the guard who gave his name as Wanda Ketchem.

Ketchem is in direct contact with the police while on guard, and said the SAPS had conducted daily patrols of the premises.

Scrap metal dealers in Grahamstown, meanwhile, have been warned not to purchase what they believe may be stolen roofing from the station.

As a provincial heritage site, the Grahamstown Train Station falls under the authority of the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Agency, whose mandate is to ensure the protection of the building.

"The complete lack of



LAST STOP... An old locomotive is seen through a window of the disused Grahamstown station where vandals have struck in recent weeks. Photo: Bridgette Hall

resources makes the functioning of [the Agency] impossible.

"The Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture has failed in its responsibility to ensure [the Agency] has the resources to perform its legal mandate," said chairperson Jean Burgess.

Burgess said there was no current agreement between Transnet and the Agency regarding the management and maintenance of the building.

Councillor Brian Jackson, who lodged a complaint about vandalism of the station two weeks ago, expressed his distress at the degradation of historical sites in Grahams-

town.

"This is symptomatic of what's happening to the heritage in this town," said Jackson.

The insert of the photo taken of the Grahamstown Train Station from 1980 published in last week's *Grocott's Mail* was courtesy of Rhodes University Cory Library.

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Abuse stops here...



STARTING RIGHT NOW... Makana councillors Nomhle Gaga and Brian Jackson gesture with strategic manager Mncedisi Boma in front of the city hall during the One Billion Rising campaign on Thursday. Turn to pages 3 and 10 for more photos and details of the day's protest action against violence towards women. Photo: Bridgette Hall

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Lesson in patience

Angry residents corner city boss

ANNE MUKULA

Thembinkosi Myalato says he's treating as an emergency a water outage in the north-western side of town.

Residents of the army base and Cradock Heights have been without water for more than two weeks and, furious at what they say is discrimination, residents in the area confronted the acting municipal manager this week. Saying the water outage was only the latest of many over the years, they handed him a petition representing more than 50 residents.

"This problem has been going on for over five years. We are not happy with service delivery regarding this issue," said Enoch Msindo, one of a group of six appointed to meet Myalato on Tuesday.

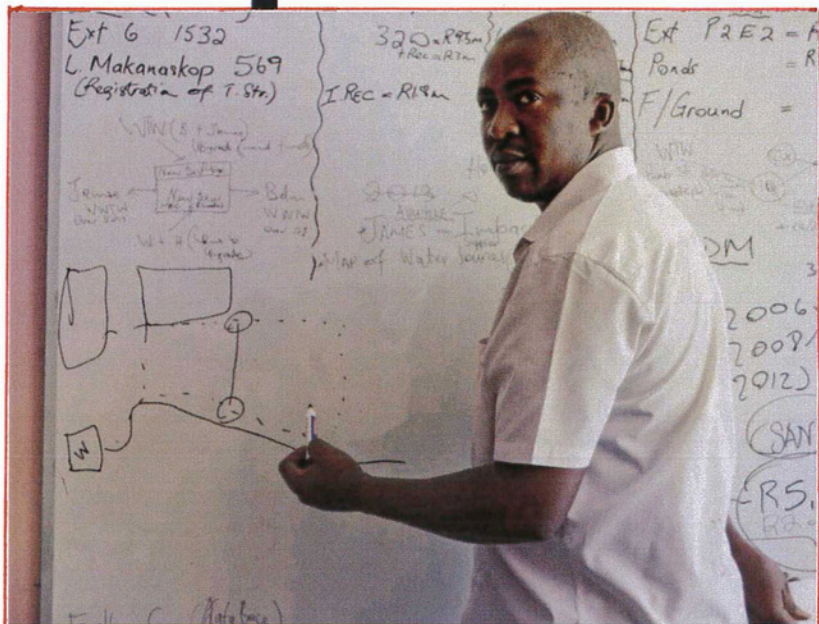
The Cradock Heights residents claim their water gets deliberately cut off and have demanded proper explanations.

Msindo said the problem of low pressure had persisted since the founding of Cradock Heights. He said their frustration was because they have not been given a reasonable explanation, and that no one in the office seemed to know what the real problem was.

The residents who can afford them rely on water tanks, which they say run dry at times while the municipality has been reluctant to offer assistance.

In the petition they demanded that water supply be restored in their residential area immediately; that there be a clear and unambiguous statement from the relevant office clarifying the real problem; assurance that this discriminatory service provision would not be repeated in the future; and to alternatively call for a meeting with the relevant officials to address the issue to the residents' satisfaction.

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STATING HIS CASE... Acting municipal manager Thembinkosi Myalato explains their water problems to six Cradock Heights residents. The residents handed over a petition to Makana municipality signed by more than 50 people. Photo: Bridgette Hall.

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Time to remember

Couple offers a glimpse of a different world

It was 62 years ago that Graeme and Trish Browne said "I do." Now they look back on decades of their life together in a very different Grahamstown. **Bridgette Hall and Sim Kyazze** heard their story.



TIME FOR TEA... In the world of Trish and Graeme Browne, there's time for tea and talking, as they look back on 62 years of marriage. Photos: Bridgette Hall



FOR BETTER AND BETTER... Graeme and Trish Browne on their wedding day, 24 March, 1951.



THAT'S HIM... Trish Browne points to husband Graeme in a photograph of his class at King Edward Preparatory School in Johannesburg. His family moved to Grahamstown, where he attended Kingswood and St Andrew's.

A peek into the world of Graeme and Trish Browne is like listening to a story your mother told your younger self: the kind that allows your imagination to travel to a time you didn't think existed – one filled with such richness it leaves you feeling warm, calm and full at the end.

This is that kind of story. Graeme and Trish are from a time without Pick n Pay, Shoprite or Checkers; instead grocers took phone orders and did home rounds.

Theirs was a time when the milkman made fresh deliveries at every door; a time when most of the city's roads were untarred.

They are from a time when Fitzroy Street was little more than a kraal for a big-time cattle farmer.

They are indeed of a time when all Rhodes University students wore gowns and the women donned stockings before they stepped off campus.

Graeme and Trish met in 1946 at her sister's 21st in Johannesburg.

Unusually for the times, it took them five years to tie the knot. On 24 March 1951, they quietly celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary, which gives them arguably the longest surviving marital union in our little neck of the woods.

The couple are also an embodiment of a smaller, more genteel – if quite segregated – Grahamstown that has long disappeared.

"You just have to learn to be obedient!" Graeme deadpans about the secret to marital success.

And Trish? "I wonder about that myself," she says. "But we had our interests. Graeme worked long hours, while I played my tennis and looked after our children."

Plus Graeme was very patient, she adds; and they both benefited from close family support.

Trish (nee Biggs), is a relative of the famous Guy Butler (after whom the main theatre in the 1820 Settlers' Monument is named), while Graeme's father was already retired when he moved the family here from Johannesburg.

They are both frail now – her once brunette locks white now, as is his once boyish mop. Their once straight frames are a little bent, too. Age has also made Graeme partially blind and hard of hearing, while Trish shuffles and speaks a little hesitantly.

But, boy are they sharp mentally! She still drives, potters around in her garden, knits, and loves hosting guests (these reporters

"the only way I will leave is if they carry me out feet first!"

had three servings of tea with biscuits).

Graeme gave up driving – "which I miss very much" – because of his failing sight, but still practices his golf swing. 'Plays' around in his metal workshop, watches television and listens to audio books, courtesy of the Library for the Blind, in the evenings.

"We're still alive because my wife has fed us so well," Graeme says, to mild protestation from Trish.

They have lived in their family home near Kingswood College since 1952, when Trish's father helped them buy it for 1 000 Pound Sterling (around R14 000). It was just a stable then, which they converted into a little two-bedroom house.

They love the property – with two modern houses, a large garden and the original 'stable' at the back – so much now that Graeme reckons "the only way I will leave is if they carry me out feet first!"

Trish adds, "We want to stay here as long as possible. We have said (however), that we shall not be a burden to our family."

Trish was born in 1926 on a farm near Graaff-Reinet and studied nursing in Cape Town and Johannesburg. He, too, was born in 1926, in Johannesburg and started school there before attending Kingswood and then St Andrew's, via a singing scholarship.

He joined the army and served in the Engineering Corps in Italy during World War 2.

But Graeme had a date with destiny when he met Trish at that party in 1946.

They had three children, Robin, Annette and Michael, who was tragically killed in a car accident just after his matric exams in 1973.

The girls, however, went on to have children, who've also gone on to have children of their own – making the Brownes great-grandparents in a lifetime well-lived. Family is obviously important to them. They even bought a small holiday cottage on an

island in Knysna, which has been a centre of many family gatherings. And although the couple don't use it as much any more, Trish and Graeme's cottage continues to create memories for their family.

The rest of their adult lives have mostly been in Grahamstown, of course, although the city is unrecognisable to the 26-year-old couple from 1951. Graeme started a steel-fabricating business at 16 High Street (next to the Department of Labour) and "worked long hours", according to his wife, making seats for many Rhodes lecture theatres.

He was also an expert in refrigeration, air-conditioning and made the framework for Rhodes' first computer (apparently it was as big as a truck).

Trish decided to give up nursing to raise her young family.

"I am old fashioned," she said. "I think it gives the kids security."

So she raised the family, played tennis and tended her beloved garden.

Graeme joined the Round Table and the Grahamstown Club and together, the couple devoted many years to Hospice (he as a fundraiser and she as an Everywoman).

And after hours? Well, Rhodes students and their Rat and Parrot have not always been the centre of social life in Grahamstown. Back in the day, Trish and Graeme did the Waltz and the Foxtrot at The Revellers and the 49 Club.

And Grahamstonians entertained a lot more at home back then.

"Things are very different now," Trish says. "For one thing, there were not too many people. You could push a [baby] pram in our road. Grahamstown was a much [friendlier] town really, without all these walls and electric fences."

Because there were no computers or Facebook – obviously – their children played outdoors more, and fell sick a lot less.

"Our daughter Annette took antibiotics for the first time when she went to college," Trish says with a small laugh. Neither are they that fond of cellphones. Having acquired one, they forgot to charge it for three months. "The cellphone is still in the bottom of the drawer where I left it a year ago," Trish laughs.

Unlike many of their peers, they have decided not to leave Grahamstown.

"People retire from Grahamstown," Graeme says. "One gets left behind. But we're okay."

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AT EASE

31 MAY 2013 **Grocott's Mail**

I just can't stop!

Free-boarding 101

I'm not quite as Avril Lavigne proclaimed a 'skater girl', opting for heels over sneakers every time, but after my friend Ed recently introduced me to freeboarding, his excitement was so infectious.

When he asked whether I wanted to have a go, I said, "sure". I mean how hard could it really be?

We have seen many skateboards and longboards grace the streets of Grahamstown but freeboarding offers a whole new challenge and adrenaline rush.

A mix between skating and snowboarding, it was created for snowboarders who suffered snow withdrawal.

A freeboard has six wheels; four just as a normal skateboard and two spring-loaded centre wheels which turn freely in all directions, allowing the board to 'slide' laterally.

This mimics the traditional 'side-to-side' motion of snowboarding.

Armed with nothing but enthusiasm for trying something new, a few instruction videos (that I didn't really pay attention to) and Ed - broken wrist (from freeboarding) included, we set off on my first lesson.

Learning curve 1: Learn to balance, because the board is designed with the two extra swivelling wheels. As Ed quickly learned, being short did



ON YOUR DOORSTEP
Bridgette Hall

nothing for my centre of gravity and if I was going to fall, he was coming with me

Learning curve 2: Changing direction - this involves shifting your weight from your heels to your toes in line with the slope in the road.

A few failed attempts and Ed reminding me that if you don't shift your weight correctly the board can slide out from under you, was enough to make me feel satisfied with one direction a few metres at a time. And protecting my face (aka the 'money maker').

Learning curve 3: Stopping! Come to think of it, perhaps this should have been the first lesson in my newbie curriculum. I never quite got the hang of it.

Stopping was dragging Ed with me, jumping off the board, or crashing into the pavement.

We have since reprioritised stopping in the lesson plans.

From San Francisco to Grahamstown, freeboarding has taken the world by storm. While I'm not quite addicted to the sport like Ed, I'm ready to give the craze another skate.



ON TOP OF IT... Ed Reynell tries to teach reporter Bridgette Hall how to get on the latest skating craze, freeboarding. The adrenaline-fuelled sport was developed to emulate snowboarding on tar for those craving the downhill rush during the off-season.
Photo: Fabio De Dominicis

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Grahamstown's spectacular setting is fabulously visible. Not only is it visible, but signage within the circular structure of the toposcope clearly shows directions and distances of other towns and landmarks. Initially used for long-distance signalling before the advent of electronic technology, the location of the toposcope is serenely beautiful. Ideal for sundowners, with a perfect view of how lucky we are to live here!

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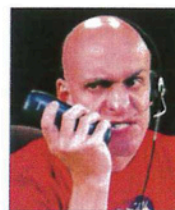
Hats man is back

By STAFF REPORTER

From the creators and producers of National Arts Festival favourites, *Stilted* and *Hats*, comes a brand-new comic dish.

This year born-and-bred Grahamstonian Richard Antrobus will swap his usual role as performer for that of producer as he brings Becky Mode's off-Broadway hit show, *Fully Committed*.

Starring Pieter Bosch Botha, this devastatingly funny one-act comedy follows a day in the life of Sam Cooper, an out-of-work actor who mans the red-hot reservation line at Cape Town's number-one restaurant. Desperate callers will stop at nothing - coercion, threats, bribes, and histrionics - in their zeal to land a prime reservation. Audience members will ex-



Pieter Bosch Botha in *Fully Committed*. Photo: Supplied

perience one restaurant, one actor, 36 characters and over 200 character changes.

This is Antrobus's 10th year at Festival. He received a Standard Bank Ovation Encore Award in 2011 and a GIPCA fellowship in 2012. The show will run from 28 June - 7 July at Glennie Hall.

Top line-up for Think!Fest

By LONWABO NODADA

Everyday people can have their say in debates and discussions with interesting public figures and artists during this year's National Arts Festival.

In a programme previously known as Winter School, Think!Fest is a series of talks, panel discussions and debates featuring on the Festival's Main programme - and it's for everyone.

"I think when people come to a festival they approach it often with a mindset of openness, and that's a great moment to take advantage of," said Think!Fest co-ordinator Anthea Garman.

"It's also a good space alongside productions to talk about the arts, their value and importance and the state they're in."

The organisers have structured the discussions and debates into overarching themes

including education, censorship, euthanasia and 100 years of the Land Act in South Africa.

Garman said a recent partnership with City Press newspaper and support from the Dutch embassy has enabled Think!Fest to add international speakers to its line-up.

Speakers include Ferial Hafajee, editor in chief of City Press, who will delve into the events of the Marikana tragedy and what they mean for both journalists and South Africa; debates on education in South Africa today; and discussions around the poor, poverty survival and unemployment.

The lecture series runs from 27 June to 6 July at the Rhodes University Eden Grove complex. For more information find a copy of the Festival programme or check online at <http://www.nationalartsfestival.co.za>.

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From copshop to clinic



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP... Major Ntsikelelo Fundza of the Grahamstown SAPS (right) officially hands over the old Joza police station to the staff of Joza Clinic. With him at the handover are (front, from left) Mabuthi Matyumza, chairperson of Makana Municipality's Social development portfolio committee, Ali Ebrahim, secretary of the Joza Clinic committee, Thobile Klei, a nurse at the Joza Clinic and (back) Zoleka Menziwa, manager, Settlers' Day Hospital (obscured), Nikiwe Mtoba, from Makana Health Department, Jessica Walton, sister-in-charge at Joza Clinic. Story on Page 2. Photo: Avuyile Mngxitama-Diko

Car wash chaos

Streets trashed

AVUYILE MNGXITAMA-DIKO, EVAAN FERREIRA
AND BRIDGETTE HALL

Around 11 young men brought High Street to a halt on Wednesday morning, as they protested the recent enforcement of a bylaw preventing them from washing cars on the street.

The group strode through the city, carrying hand-written placards and emptying rubbish bins on to the street.

A sign was erected at the Drosty Arch end of High Street last week, warning that anyone washing cars on the street would be fined. The move has angered the former informal car-washers, who say it has deprived them of a chance to earn a living.

The group wreaked a trail of mayhem en route to the city hall, where they demanded to meet with the Mayor and threw rubbish at the building's entrance.

Drama unfolded when nine police officers arrested 11 protesters who had barged into the city hall.

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Businesses join forces

KATE-LYN MOORE

Businesses have little clout when attempting to tackle community issues on their own, yet stand to face great losses when things go wrong. In the hope of tackling a range of local issues like crime in the CBD and irregular water and power supplies from the municipality, two local business forums have emerged in the last six months.

The Grahamstown Business Forum (GBF) was established last October and has already begun operating to improve the safety, sustainability and viability of local businesses.

It has initiated the process of installing security cameras throughout the CBD to deter crime, as well as a means to support prosecution when crimes occur.

They have also made attempts to investigate infrastructural shortcomings such as the town's unreliable water supply.

"I have had power and water cuts for the last five Festivals," said GBF committee member and BnB owner Alaric Hein. "There is no way we can have a city like Grahamstown grow if the infrastructure is not updated."

When another forum started to take shape earlier this month, called the Makana Business Forum (MBF), the two decided it would be unwise to tackle the same issues separately and are looking to marry their organisations.

Through their combined attempts they aim to bolster the local business sector and give weight to the concerns of business owners.

The two committees will meet on Monday to discuss their futures working together and creating one combined forum.

This combined forum, proposed at this week's MBF meeting, aims to represent the



JOINING FORCES... Xolani Ngcikhwe, member of the Makana Business Forum's interim committee, chaired the Wednesday 17 April meeting where it was proposed that the Makana Business Forum and the earlier-established Grahamstown Business Forum join forces. Photo: Supplied

entire business community in the greater Makana area. The forum's interim committee is calling on all business sectors from tavern owners, to those in construction, agriculture and hospitality.

Head of the GBF Eugene Repinz expressed excitement at the establishment of the new forum, noting that the merging of the two is an ideal way to strengthen business in Makana as a whole.

"Business owners experience very similar problems, whether you are in the town or the township," he said. "There are millions of rands of business to be had between each other. Instead of always relying on the municipality and Rhodes University we can look for business for each other and bring it back to this forum."

Moving swiftly forward, a representative will be elected for each sector at the forum's next meeting on Wednesday 24 April, starting at 5pm at city hall. It will be the responsibility of these representatives to collect and organise the concerns and suggestions of each sector and then report back to the forum.

The interim committee urges business owners from all sectors to attend and ensure they are well represented.



FRUSTRATED... A small group of angry car washers turned over rubbish bins as they made their way to City Hall on Wednesday. They were protesting because the municipality will not allow them to ply their trade. Photo: Bridgette Hall

Former car-washers trash city streets

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Two walked away, while the remaining nine were crammed into a police van.

The men were subsequently released and the municipality, did not press charges. Social Development portfolio chairperson, Councillor Mabhuti Matyuzza, told *Grocott's Mail* they were not aware of the protest until the group had come into the city hall.

"We were in a meeting when we heard the noise, and when we came outside we saw all this rubbish," he said.

Matyuzza said they had decided not to lay charges because the protesters had done

no damage. He said they had met with the group to listen their grievances.

"We came to understand that they were demonstrating their anger at being kicked out by traffic officers," said Matyuzza.

He said he, along with director of community and social services Mandisi Planga and councillor Vuyani Kolisi had spoken to the group and explained the bylaw to them.

"They told us some of them were previously in jail, but now that they were out they are trying to make an honest living."

"This is a valid reason - but there is a bylaw in the municipality that prohibits car

washing in the streets.

"We have agreed to meet with them and the Executive Mayor tomorrow morning (yesterday) and see how they can be assisted," Matyuzza said.

The men were then ordered to pick up the rubbish they had scattered in front of the city hall.

During the municipality's Aesthetics Committee meeting earlier this week, it was noted that the signs had been erected in the middle of the island in upper High Street unprocedurally and no applications had been received by the committee.

Businessman Eugene Repinz said, "Being in the hospitality business I am al-

ways in contact with tourists and many of them have complained about feeling threatened and annoyed by the car-wash guys."

"For this reason I feel that they are causing great damage to the tourism of Grahamstown."

"While washing cars is their only form of income, it is still illegal and therefore should not be allowed. How can one riot for something when it is illegal? Grahamstown needs to clean up for the tourists because they keep our town going."

Municipal spokesman Mncedisi Boma was not available for comment at the time of going to press.

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BRIDGETTE HALL

Grocott's Mail has been part of the Grahams-town fabric for 142 years, soldiering on through both World Wars, several editors, as well as numerous shifts in design, content and audience.

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In 1872 the paper became the Grocott's Penny Mail, published bi-weekly before going tri-weekly 10 years lat-

er. The demand for the Grocott's Penny Mail was so high around this time that it was sold across South Africa.

In 1899 a supplement called *Weekly War Summary* (of the South African War) was added, and soon after the editor proudly announced that the print run would increase once again to accommodate the overseas demand.

In 1920 Grocott's Penny Mail celebrated its 50th birthday and merged with another title, *The Graham's Town Journal*.

The Grocott's Daily Mail was born and continued to publish daily for the next 45 years. It reverted to a bi-weekly paper in 1965.

Remaining mostly a family affair, Grocott's was taken over by the last of the Grocotts (and great-grandson of the founder) Jeff Grocott. Jeff, as many know him in Grahamstown, ran the paper for 49 years until it was sold to Rhodes University in 2003.

"You need to just read the letters to see how much the paper is appreciated," Grocott

said. "Rhodes gave the newspaper a new lease on life and has produced some amazing stories."

Fast-track into the 21st century when Grocott's Mail celebrates over 100 years of publishing, gets nominated for a media excellence award and has a bigger and more varied audience both in print and online.

In the past 143 years Grocott's Mail has gone from hand-setting to digital publishing; and now, the oldest independent newspaper in South Africa has decided to go weekly.

"I'm looking forward to the once-a-week edition," said former owner Grocott. "Steven Lang has done a wonderful job as editor."

And current editor Steven Lang says "Grocott's is an important source of news dedicated to the Makana area."

"Publishing once a week means we will be able to spend more time on in-depth articles and move with the times, focusing on breaking news for online."



LOCAL LANDMARK... The Grocott's Mail building in High Street in 1898. Next week the newspaper will launch its new weekly edition. Historical photo from Hepburn & Jean



Jonathan Ancer (Editor, 2005-2007)

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GRAHAMSTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH (Bathurst Street)
9.30am morning worship and Sunday School Every 1st Sunday

Communion
6.30pm evening service every 3rd Sunday Communion
11.30am Kariega Church 4th Sunday only

GRAHAMSTOWN CHRISTIAN CENTRE (Lucas Meyer Ave)
9am Sunday worship
Pastor D. Hugemann 046 622 3309

HIS PEOPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 9.30am & 6.30pm V.G. High School Hall, Beaufort Street
046 622 3426

JABEZ HOUSE ASSEMBLY (Sun City community creche)
10am morning service
6pm evening service

Pastor T. Smit 079 622 9812
MARIYA UMAMA WETHEMBA MONASTERY (Highlands Road)
Holy Cross Benedictine Monks

9am Holy Eucharist 046 622 8111
METHODIST CHURCH OF SA Commem 9am Students & Sunday School

Wesley 9am Combined at Wesley
Preacher: Rev Glen Craig
Sole Memorial 10am Youth & Sunday School

St. Mark's 11am 10am Youth & Sunday School
St. Mark's 6pm 10am Youth & Sunday School

NEDERDUITSE GEREFORMEERDE KERK (38 Market St)
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Port Alfred 2nd and 4th Sundays

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Prof. John Gerick 046 624 9025
PEACE OF CHRIST MINISTRIES AND PRAISE (Samuel Ntsebi Hall)

9am: Kidz Church
9.30am Intercession
10am: Sunday Service

Pastor PP Pango 082 662 9422
PINKSTER PROTESTANTE KERK (Bushwood Farm, industrial area, behind Grahamstown Prison)

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Shawn Warren 082 808 6136
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) 622 3382 or 622 3076

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10.30am (Worship service & Kidz Church) 6.30pm (Dynamic evening service)
Pastor John & Debbie Sloane 046 622 3626

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10am Sunday Service

Past FMJ Swends 072 118 9049
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (next to Pick n Pay)
9.30am Sabbath School (Saturday)

11am worship service
ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH 9.30 am Sunday service
ST BARNABAS (Alcedale)

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J. Ockers 042 231 1159 or Rev Cynthia Webbstock 046 636 2090
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH (Market Street)
9am Eucharist with hymns (APB1989)

Fr Eric Kelly 046 622 4552
ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH (top end of High Street, next to Railway Station)
9am - Holy Eucharist

ST CYPRIAN'S (Highlands) 10am every second Sunday; Contact R. Williams 046 622 8841 or Rev Cynthia Webbstock, 046 636 2090

ST GAD'S CHURCH IN ZION OF RSA (Nathaniel Nyaluza High School)
Sunday 1am - 1pm
Wednesday 6pm - 8pm

Reverend S. Mnyakama 073 961 7839
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Joza)
8am Mass

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Albany Road)
10am Sunday Mass
6pm Tuesday service

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (47 Hill Street)
8am Sunday Mass
046 622 2809

ST PETER CLAVER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Raglan Road)
11am Mass
ST PETER'S (Sedbury)

10am Every 1st Sunday
R. Hart 042 235 1250 or Rev Cynthia Webbstock on 046 636 2090

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF AFRICA (2 Street, Joza)
10am Sunday School 11am Service
Rev KA Ndabeni

THE ROCK FAMILY CHURCH 9am - Sunday Services
Roxbury Cinema
Shawn Brandon 073 227 9143

THE OLD APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ZION OF SA (behind Benjamin Malakela High)
11am Sunday Service
6pm Wednesday service

Archbishop NT Chrisjan 083 363 1073
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (6 Bennett Street)

9am Sunday 046 622 5705
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Hill Street)
9.30am Morning Worship and Sunday School

Rev Geoff Probert 046 622 3812
UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Albany Road)
9am Sunday School

10am morning service
6pm evening service
WAY OF GOD MINISTRIES (Ext 6, next to Joza Indoor Sports Centre) 10am Sunday service

6pm: Apostolic PS Niggezana 084 824 2363

Thought for the week
Eternal spring

IN Jeremiah 2:13 God warns the kingdom of Judah: "My people have committed two sins. They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own reservoirs, broken cisterns that cannot hold water".

In referring to Himself as the spring of living water, God was reminding Judah - and yes you and I - that He alone is the source and preserver of life both physical and spiritual.

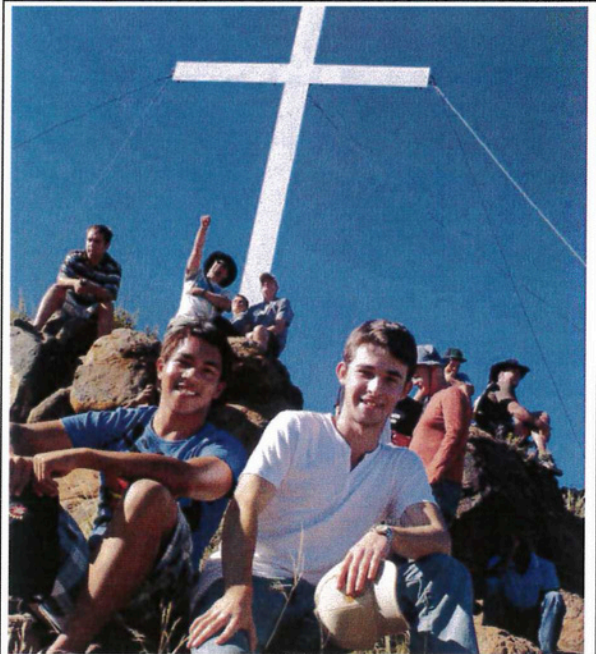
Through Jesus Christ He delivers us from the bondage of sin separating us from Him and by His Holy Spirit He leads us through the wilderness of life, providing for our every need, leading us to a promised eternity with Him.

John 7:38 says, "Whoever believes in me... streams of living water will flow from within Him".

Judah sadly built worthless idols and a false sense of security. They were comfortable with their material wealth to the point where they did not ask, "Where is the Lord?"

These were stagnant pools, poor substitutes for God the stream of living water. Materialism, immorality, greed, false teaching, work, sport and play promise much but cannot hold water. Jesus says, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink".

Dirk Coetzee (Pastor of the Grahamstown Baptist Church)



BECOMING MIGHTY MEN... Chavandre Jacobs and Benjamin Coetzee (foreground) were among about 40 locals attending the Karoo Mighty Men Conference near Middelburg recently. Well-known evangelists including Angus Buchan, Johnny Louw, Africa Mhlophe and Dawie Spies were also there and about 12 000 people took part in the weekend's activities. Photo: Supplied

Find the answers about Jesus

STAFF REPORTER

JESUS has been a controversial figure since he started his ministry in Israel over 2 000 years ago.

Not untouched by the controversies around him, he addressed his position openly in Matthew by asking, "Who do you say I am?" (Matt 16:15).

This question was answered in four different ways: Only one answer was right and the wrong answers had far-reaching effects in people's lives.

Dr Mike Müller will focus on the 'Jesus question' during the forthcoming Pentecost Services at the NG Kerk Albanie.

at the corner of Hill and Market streets, this weekend.

The first service will be held on Sunday (9am) and the rest from Monday to Thursday next week, every evening at 6.30pm.

There will be books for sale, and soup and sandwiches after services to warm the body and soul.

College to raise R100m

BRIDGETTE HALL

The Anglican Church has deemed 2013 the year of theological education and every parish has been challenged to contribute to an endowment fund for the College of Transfiguration here in Grahamstown.

The only residential centre for training Anglican clergy; the institution aims to raise R100 million from the 3.6 million active Anglican communicants across the country.

"Come 2014 the College of the Transfiguration intends to take its place with pride among the higher education institutions of this country," said College rector Prof Barney Pityana, "offering the best possible qualifications and training and the best men and women for service in church and society".

Pityana explained that when he assumed his position in 2011 he was tasked with three main objectives:

To move the College towards registration as a provider of higher education and accredited qualifications, improve the academic stand-



Prof Barney Pityana

ards and establish the Anglican ethos in spirituality, worship and theology.

The first step was to revision the College and design a compelling vision strategy.

Next was to move towards attaining the legally-required registration and accreditation, which "gives clergy a credible higher education... comparable to any discipline in the higher education system".

This means the College will now award its own degrees and diplomas and that the programmes and qualifications of the College will meet both Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) and South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) requirements.

The College has received

provisional accreditation, meaning its proposals for the diploma in theology were found to be broadly compliant with the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) when reviewed by the HEQC.

The programmes may not be offered, however, without two further steps: registration with the Department of Higher Education and Training and entry by the national qualifications authority in the NQF.

An unsuccessful application was also made to introduce a Bachelor of Theology degree, Pityana said.

"All outstanding matters have now been addressed and we remain hopeful that all requirements will be met to allow the College to introduce the new qualifications in 2014," Pityana said.

The College's constitution - a necessary instrument for compliance with the Higher Education Act - has also been revised and approved by the College council.

Its purpose is to ensure good governance, clarify objectives, define the College's relationship to the church, and provide for financial ac-

countability, academic administration and management.

The final step in the College's transformation is to create a secure, self-contained campus with facilities for learning, residences and recreational amenities "to provide students with a quality of life for their spiritual growth and academic achievement," Pityana said.

The blueprints for these improvements have been approved and endorsed by the Anglican Church and will include a new administration building, a multi-purpose assembly hall and upgrades to infrastructure.

The College's library, for instance, is among the best theological libraries in the country and its modernisation will also create a digital learning commons.

Founded in its present form in 1993, the institution was named "The College of the Transfiguration" to mark the new life of the church in a democratic South Africa.

Now a host of improvements and plans for growth will drive its own transfiguration.

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ARTS TUESDAY

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KEEPING THE BEAT... Co-founder of the access music programme Gareth Walwyn, guides a pupil at the drum kit during band practice. The pupils have lessons three times a week at the Joza Youth Hub. Photo: Bridgette Hall

long-term goal is to establish a permanent arts centre in Joza that will serve learners from many schools.

When AMP! started their first home was an office space and a container at Child Welfare's Nompumelelo Preschool in Joza. Discussions with Rhodes University Community Engagement and local non-profit organisations about forming a youth hub in Joza started late 2011.

The dream was realised

this year and AMP! now has a classroom and a container donated by the Eastern Cape Provincial Arts and Culture Council. The programme receives support from the National Lotteries Distribution Trust Fund and Rotary, and African Musical Instruments.

There are 15 pupils in the core programme, from various high schools. Each learner has three lessons a week: one theory and music knowledge class, one individual les-

son on their instrument and one band rehearsal.

From trumpets to marimbas, the band plays pop, SA pop and traditional songs, promoting the value of the learners' own musical capital. Practical and academic classes offer lessons in all genres and learners choose a genre to specialise in with their individual instruments.

Pupils are admitted in Grade 8 to complete the five-year curriculum. The plan

is to take in a new group of Grade 8s at the beginning of each year.

"We intend to open the programme to more schools as we grow, and we also intend to start a programme for primary school learners," said co-founder Marsh.

AMP! has started marimba bands at Ntsika Secondary School and DD Siwisa Primary. They recently started a popular 'bucket band' at CM Vellem School.

Culture-free and proud of it

I WAS troubled by an article published in the Tuesday 7 May edition of Grocott's Mail. Written by Kayla Roux, the article is a scathing critique of English people's 'problems' with culture: namely, that they pretend to not have one.

Drawing on some misinformed ideas of culture, the Anglophobic article says: "[English people] have enjoyed a quiet, privileged existence here... While they reaped apartheid benefits, they had nothing to repent for when the time came to build a new SA."

After establishing this dangerous 'Us-Them' mentality, Roux claims that "In South Africa, 'cultures' are for anyone but English-speakers".

Unfortunately, although references to a melting pot (or here, 'potjie') of cultures may make you cringe, it's a reality. All cultures are hybridised, fragmented, constructed and reconstructed - products of what came before. Pure, untouched culture just does not exist - and ideas of 'pure' culture have been used throughout history to justify systems of oppression based on cultural difference. Just look at the National Party, or the Nazis.

In a modern South Africa, being stereotypically 'English' and reclaiming those associated values would at best be empty, and at worst retrogressive.

If 'English people just don't seem to think they have a culture', I must reply that perhaps we don't. England itself has many towns, each with different local practices and regional accents. There is no one 'English' culture.

Today, very few of us have a closed, culturally hegemonic family unit where everyone - mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, grandparents, community - subscribes to the same set of cultural values.

My mother and father were born in Rhodesia, with ancestry stemming from Scottish, English, French, Dutch and Afrikaans roots. My family peppers the globe, from Mozambique and Tanzania, to England and Canada. How can any of us readily identify to one under-



Matthew de Klerk

"In a modern South Africa, being stereotypically 'English' and reclaiming those associated values would at best be empty, and at worst retrogressive"

able, fixed 'culture' when it just doesn't fit into the jigsaw that is modern, globalised society?

It shouldn't be a bad thing that one 'adopt[s] some bits and bables from other cultures'. Why should anyone not Indian feel bad about eating curry? Should it be a bad thing that I enjoy Spanish flamenco? By decrying a 'global culture... of sushi eaters and film snobs', Roux creates a hierarchy of cultures, saying that this one is somehow less legitimate than Afrikaans culture.

This is ethnocentric - something that Roux tries hard to criticise. In her view, anything other than stereotypical culture is not a 'real' culture - thus, her culture has divided her from other cultures, making her article self-defeating.

We should celebrate our differences and not point fingers. I am proud of my lack of a concrete culture, simply because I don't know any other way of living. Spanish music, Japanese cuisine, foreign languages: if we enjoy these things, we should feel free to incorporate them into our identity and no one should hold that against us.

I shouldn't have to feel pressured or expected to do something just because my parents, background, language or upbringing are centred (very loosely) on it. That goes against the very nature of humans as learning and evolving beings and brings the risk that we'd only repeat history and spread the same flawed systems of belief that have caused the prejudice Roux so strongly decries.

uality in the City of Saints

then, he only dated whites). McKaiser said he'd put off coming home, as it's an emotionally-charged space for him. Many of his anecdotes are of growing up in the City of Saints.

McKaiser uses his stories to explore liberalism, authenticity and freedom, sparing no detail for the faint of heart. But he isn't sure if he'll share as much of him-

self in a book again, he said. "I wanted to try and get people who haven't attended university to understand university ideas; to make academic debate connect with social life," he said.

Taking a no-holds-barred and fresh approach to affirmative action, the Rainbow Nation, polygamy and even South African comedians, this book is engaging, acces-

sible and a tad cheeky.

Challenging readers' world-views while guiding them, reading philosophy never made so much sense.

After being published in the *New York Times*, *The Star* and the *Mail & Guardian*, writing a book was just the next challenge for this World Masters Debate Champion and former Radio 702 talk show host.



LOCAL AUTHOR... Born-and-bred Grahamstonian Eusebius McKaiser launched his best-selling debut book at Rhodes University last week. Photo: Bridgette Hall

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Silent Frees

LAUREN FLYNN AND TEGAN SCALES

Toy-toying, banners with anti-apartheid slogans, student protest marches and a radical student press making constant calls for radical political change. These actions paint a picture of what anti-apartheid student activism was like just a few decades ago.

Fast-forward to the 21st century in a society supposedly based on freedom and equality, and the fame-obsessed Twitter generation presents a far less heroic image of political participation.

The disparity between these student sensibilities was addressed recently when the Women's Academic Solidarity Association (Wasa) met for a panel discussion at Rhodes entitled 'Teaching the Born Frees: The Death of Youth Intellectualism in the Post-Apartheid University'.

Rhodes politics lecturer Siphokazi Magadla chaired the session and discussants from various humanities departments included Prof Jeanne Baxen, Dr Nomalanga Mkhize, Dr Carla Tsampiras, Dr Sally Matthews and Babalwa Magoqwana.

Matthews posed that the political landscape today is not polarised anymore as it was during apartheid. "We don't know who the enemies are anymore, the political

lines are less clear," said Matthews.

Mkhize, a history lecturer, added that the youth of today are dealing with a far wider spectrum of issues that affect their approach to political activism. "There has been a culture shift in South Africa. You were either born under white supremacy, or democracy and freedom," she said.

She added that the Born Frees have no memory or experience of apartheid and therefore it has not shaped them.

To address this, the youth need to create a "new language" away from old traditions of thought such as Marxism, Black Consciousness and Pan Africanism, to face current-day politics.

"Young people need to find a political space in which the real problems they are facing can be discussed without the interference of party politics," Mkhize added.

"Politics of the youth needs to deal with issues that are relevant to us as youth," said political and international studies Honours student Amanda Xulu. Labelled a Born Free, Xulu believes HIV/Aids, the continued class and economic disparity between young people, the lack of access to higher education and race relations are good examples of modern issues facing the youth.

"It is our responsibility to deal with matters head-on, because to not do so is like sitting on a ticking time bomb," Xulu said.

"The youth itself also needs to stop being afraid of being heard - we need to take a genuine stand about the problems that we face and not just stand in the shadows of older politicians," she said.

Media law and ethics lecturer, Strato Copteris, participated in student activism throughout the years of the polarised political landscape in South Africa of the 1980s. He believes the issues may not be as clearly black and white anymore, but that contemporary South Africa faces an abundance of complex and grim issues to confront.

"An obvious discrepancy is clearly in the education system. Sure it's not easy to hone in on a single issue anymore, but education has to be high on the agenda.

"University students need to start expressing their concern for their counterparts caught in the trap of a failing education system that inhibits their ability to rise out of poverty," he said.

Copteris added, "If you are lucky enough to have an education today then you should be screaming. Why aren't people getting education? Education is a right, not a privilege."



EXTRA LESSONS... Pupils from several schools in Joza receive daily tutoring in economics and other school subjects at the newly-opened Joza Youth Hub. Among many skills taught there are music, computer literacy and entrepreneurship skills. Photo: Bridgette Hall

Hub opens doors for youth

BRIDGETTE HALL

A HOST of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working to educate the youth have found a new lease on life under the same roof in Joza township.

Community projects including the Absa Achiever Programme, Ikamva Youth Programme, Upstart, the Village Scribe Association and the Access Music Project have all now got a space in one building to collectively improve their development initiatives.

Spurred on by a partnership between the Rhodes University Community Engagement Office and the NGOs, the centre's vision is

to be "a buzz of educational activities", said Joza Youth Hub coordinator Nontuthuzelo Blow.

Open daily, the centre provides educational services to seven high schools, various youth projects and local teenagers in the area.

After two years of negotiations, renovations of the empty building owned by the municipality started in January and operations began in February.

Makana municipality has agreed to let the NGOs stay there rent-free, so long as they pay for rates, taxes and utilities.

The hub is in the process of setting up a computer room with internet access for

the youth projects, that will also offer computer literacy workshops to the community during the day.

The Hub is also planning to host a Winter School during the June vacation, which will provide extra lessons, study skills workshops, basic computer literacy programmes as well as CV- and interview-writing training.

The Grahamstown Business Society will also help the hub host a series of financial life skills, business idea development and entrepreneurial skills workshops for Grade 11 pupils.

The ultimate goal is to have market day when the pupils will be able to test out their ideas, Blow said.

Chip in to help Child Welfare

FABIO DE DOMINICIS

CHILD Welfare Grahams-town is going to be rooting for Rhodes University hockey strikers this season, since the sports club and the organisation have been linked in an exciting all-new charity drive.

The Rhodes Hockey Club launched the initiative called Goals (Giving Others A Lil' Something) this year to raise funds and awareness for child welfare.

As one of the biggest sports clubs at the university, Rhodes Hockey has been frequently involved in community engagement work.

As an ongoing project members coach underprivileged children hockey, but are hoping to make a greater impact on the community with the Goals drive.

The club is looking for



sponsors to affiliate themselves with Rhodes Hockey or a particular team and to donate an amount per goal scored throughout the season.

Club secretary Michelle du Toit said the main aim of the drive is to raise as much money as possible and there's ample goal-scoring and fund-raising opportunity with four women's, three men's and one social hockey team in the club.

"Even sponsoring one rand a goal will make a difference," she said.

The club hopes to attract individual sponsors and local

businesses for once-off or per goal donations.

The hockey season is already under way with matches taking place every week.

The club is planning a large ceremony in August to officially hand over all the funds raised to Child Welfare.

To sponsor, make a donation or ask any questions about Goals contact: hockey club chairperson Dean Johnston on 074 180 9060 or dajohnston231@gmail.com or Michelle du Toit on 072 778 9820 or dutoitmish@gmail.com.

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Some like it hot



MIND OVER MATTER... Fire-walking expert Gordon Cooper leads a volunteer over hot coals during an awareness-raising fundraising event on Friday evening. Sponsored volunteers braved the burning coals to raise funds for fellow students. *Photo: Bridgette Hall*

Some Rhodes University students and staff would do anything for charity - including walking over hot coals!

Rhodes fundraising initiative Give5 and the Phoenix Foundation organised for sponsored volunteers to walk across a 5m bed of burning coals to the delight of the large crowd huddled around them on the Drostdy lawns on Friday evening.

Give5 is a campaign run by students to raise pocket money for fellow students who are on financial aid or bursaries which do not leave much for living expenses.

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Sports Tuesday

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Lily White bloom late

BRIDGETTE HALL

The South Eastern District Rugby Union (Sedru) Makana Mayoral cup rugby tournament saw Winter Rose and Lily White rugby clubs square off in a closely contested final at Miki Yili Stadium on Thursday. The game turned in the last few minutes, with Lily White coming out victors, 11-9 at full time.

Crowds came to support their teams on Human Rights day for the long anticipated final.

Winter Rose looked set to dominate after being awarded a penalty in the first minute.

They narrowly missed the posts and it would be six minutes before they could make up for it, booting the ball through the posts in to put them in the lead 3-0.

Lily White countered with strong running rugby, but numerous handling errors cost them possession and put them on the back foot. Gutsy defending from Lily White kept Winter Rose from scor-

ing, putting the ball on back on the halfway line. A courageous run from the halfway line by a Winter Rose flanker saw him narrowly miss the try line in the 24th minute of the game.

Just four minutes later Winter Rose were awarded another penalty, increasing their lead to 6-0.

Another penalty in the 31st minute meant Winter Rose headed into the half-time break with a comfortable 9-0 lead.

When the teams returned, Lily White regrouped and looked a force to be reckoned with. They were awarded a penalty in the 43rd minute which saw them get on to the scoreboard for the first time in the match.

Two early substitutions saw what Lily White interim head coach, Sonwabo 'Sox' Libi said made the difference: "First half I was panicking, but the subs changed the game."

It was the 65th minute that saw the game turn when lock forward Thembelani

Prince scored a try for Lily White after a costly mistake by their opponents. A missed conversion meant the teams were now just one point apart.

"We gave away a lot of opportunities. We also created some - but they managed to convert theirs," said Winter Rose captain Masonwabie Nduna.

With the teams as closely matched as they were, the players put their bodies on the line.

It was a penalty in the final minutes of the game that put Lily White in the lead for the first time and sealed the victory for the delighted team.

"I'm feeling happy. It was a tough game but I am proud of my boys. No one can stop us - we are shaping well," said Libi.

Head coach of the losing Winter Rose side, Mfundo Manyati, said, "I am disappointed. We held the lead at half-time and the try came from a mistake - but we are looking forward to the season ahead."



GUTS AND GLORY... Winter Rose, green, were tough opponents in the toughly contested Makana Mayoral Cup final on Thursday. Winners Lily White fought hard to come back after trailing 9-0 at half time to win the pre-season Mayoral Cup 11-9 on Thursday.

Photo: Bridgette Hall

Top-notch win for St Andrew's

STAFF REPORTER

St Andrew's College first rugby side faced their toughest assignment yet when they met the Bishops Diocesan College first team from Cape Town on Saturday.

St Andrew's hosted the match on Lower Field - their first home match, but their third this season. They beat Daniel Pienaar in Uitenhage the week before and beat Pearson High School at the Graeme Rugby Day on Thursday.

St Andrew's kept their winning streak, beating the top Western Province side 28-21. St Andrew's lead 21-0 at half-time.

The match is one of the oldest schoolboy derbies in South Africa.

The St Andrew's side were well and truly up for the match and hit the ground running, putting the visitors under immediate pressure. After a couple of goes at the line, captain Sinto Manjezi crashed over for the first score and St Andrew's hit the lead 7-0.

Soon after, the home side forced Bishops to carry the ball over their goal line after a well-placed box kick from Jason Baggott. The resulting scrum allowed the team to apply more pressure before some good passing allowed Robert Ball to crash over for St Andrew's second try. Ryan Horne again ensured the conversion, as the score stretched to 14-0. In a matter of minutes, St Andrew's were at it again after a stolen ball at the lineout on the Bishops line, as the forwards drove the ball up allowing Tyler Paul to extend the St Andrew's lead to 21-0 after 20 minutes.

Bishops came back fighting for the rest of the half. At times they had the St Andrew's defence stretched - but it held firm, as they were kept scoreless going into half time.

The second half started much the same as the first, but St Andrew's could not finish their opportunities as well and this allowed Bishops to fight their way back into the match.

Bishops, playing their familiar brand of fast-paced rugby, threw the ball around and it was only due to some magnificent defence by the St Andrew's team that Bishops failed to score.

Bishops' first try came in somewhat fortuitous circumstances, as the ball bounced in Bishops' favour, allowing the wing in under the poles.

Soon after Bishops created another opportunity and were in for another converted try, the game suddenly in the balance after the great start by the St Andrew's team as the score moved to 21-14 with 10 minutes to play. This try seemed to spur the St Andrew's team back into life and after some more ferocious defence, Tyler Paul received the ball in midfield and powered his way over for a brilliant try, 28-14 to St Andrew's, with mere minutes to play.

Bishops would add another try to create a thrilling finish to an outstanding match of schoolboy rugby.

St Andrew's eventually ran out deserving winners,

Nyaluza, St Andrew's win in Graeme rugby day

STEPHEN PENNEY

RUGBY-PLAYING schools came from as far as Durban to participate in the 15th annual Graeme College rugby day held at the school last Thursday.

While Nathaniel Nyaluza Senior Secondary thumped Hoerskool PJ Olivier 24-3 in one of the morning matches, the only other local side to win their match was St Andrew's College, beating Pearson High School 21-12 after leading 14-0 at the break.

Roy Bowles scored two tries for St Andrew's and Matt Andrews scored one. Ryan Horne put over the three conversions.

Kingswood College lost to Hoër Landboukskool Marlow 8-20 in the afternoon.

In the final game of the day, hosts Graeme kicked off their 2013 rugby season against Selborne College.

Playing in the wind in the first half, Graeme strug-

gled to gain a territorial advantage and the sustained pressure forced a penalty which gave Selborne a 0-3 lead.

Graeme began to grow in confidence and used their aggressive defence as a form of attack and forced turn-overs. Impressive at the breakdown area, the Graeme team managed to put phases together on attack, however, handling errors and basic execution proved the stumbling blocks preventing these being converted into points.

Just before half-time Selborne caught the Graeme defence napping at a line out and scored a try to give them a 0-8 lead at the break.

In the second half Graeme enjoyed a major possession and territorial advantage, resulting in an early penalty by centre Abongile Hashe to bring the score to 3-8.

Graeme kept nipping at Selborne's heels and a large part of the second half was

played in Selborne's half. As the match progressed the local side showed a great competitive spirit in the scrums, although they again failed to convert all this pressure into points.

The final whistle was blown with Graeme on attack, ending the match on 3-8 in Selborne's favour.

Graeme rugby coach Pierre Jacobs said this was "A very gutsy performance by the Graeme College team in their first outing."

The school's marketing officer Chante Norton thanked all sponsors for their support. She was also grateful to school ground staff who "must be applauded in getting the grounds into the state that they were for today (Thursday) - this with Grahamstown having had little to no water for the past four days".

• See all results and selected photos from the Graeme Rugby Day on page 10.

Kingswood College travelled to Cradock on Saturday to play various rugby matches against Hoër Landboukskool Marlow. In the first-team match, Kingswood lost 8-20. The Kingswood U14As lost 10-17 and the U15As won 29-7.

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CIVIC NEWS

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Hospitals have water

BRIDGETTE HALL

WARD 8 Councillor Brian Jackson personally visited Temba TB hospital, in Fingo Village, to reassure staff and patients that officials were working to bring back water to the hospital.

His visit on Thursday followed the hospital management's urgent call for action to stall the spread of infection.

"We are dealing with lives. The staff need water to provide their services," chairperson of Temba hospital board, Xolani Simakuhle, told *Grocott's Mail* last week as water outages threw the city into crisis. "We need water for laundry, cooking, drinking and cleaning - and to water our vegetable garden at the hospital."

The hospital was one of the stakeholders represented at a crisis meeting at the City Hall on Wednesday. Others involved in formulating a plan to address the outages, which by then had entered their fourth day, were Rhodes University, the Army Base, Correctional Services and the SAPS.

Both Temba and the Day Hospital had experienced intermittent water outages. The supply to Settlers' Hospital had also been intermittent, but a staff member told the paper that the hospital had been able to implement a contingency plan and continue running.

At Wednesday's stakeholders' meeting, Temba CEO Nelisa Dyanthi warned of a growing health risk. "The impact will be the spread of infections," she said.

The municipality promised to deliver water to the hospitals by Thursday. By Thursday afternoon the supply had been restored to Temba.

A doctor from Nelspruit, who declined to be named because of contractual obligations, explained that water is essential for any hospital.

"You need it to wash hands in-between patients, to scrub for theatre. It is especially important in the paediatrics and post-natal care units," he said in a telephone interview.



YOUTH LEADERS INDABA... Among 42 President's Award for Youth Empowerment Leaders from across the country, Leaders from Grahamstown and other Eastern Cape centres attended the organisation's first national Award Leader Indaba recently. Held in Franschhoek, in the Western Cape, this was the first of the organisation's 30th anniversary events. At the Indaba Mpumi Makinana (Upstart), Tim Barnard (St Andrew's College) and Sinawo Jantjie (Department of Social Development, Port Alfred) engaged with their fellow Leaders on aspects of organisational branding, sustainability and licensing. Barnard says The mixing of Award Leaders from community youth groups, correctional centres and schools was hugely helpful, and there are definitely positive synergies that were developed. The President's Award's national office has been situated in Grahamstown for all except two out of its 30-year history. Photo: Supplied

Mayor's new land promise

AVUYILE MNGXITAMA-DIKO

Within a year, Makana will hand over municipal land to residents who don't qualify for RDP houses but can afford to build their own.

Mayor Zamuxolo Peter announced this as construction company Upahla vowed they would meet their deadline to finish 1 000 houses for the Mayfield Phase 2 housing project by December.

At a stakeholders' meeting last week, Upahla director Luan Schutte said the company was already ahead of their target of 125 houses a month.

Meanwhile, working class residents who don't meet the criteria for RDP houses will benefit from a move to allocate land for them to build

their own houses.

"Within this year we need to set aside land for people who can afford to build houses for themselves. We need to redress the challenge of land ownership," Peter said, though he was not specific about which land, or when or on what basis it would be handed over.

He was addressing Makana councillors and officials and representatives from Cadadu District Municipality's Human Settlements department and Upahla.

Citing the Transit Camp housing project as an example of how the current project should not proceed, he spoke of his recent visit there.

"We were there in Transit Camp last week and the residents are very angry. Houses are not complete and 400



Ward 4 Councillor Lena May



Mayor, Zamuxolo Peter

houses are not connected to sanitation. We cannot allow this to happen again and I hope the [new] developer has learnt from this," the Mayor said.

In December Makana finally dumped contractors Toro Ya Afrika, who were appointed by Human Settlements in 2010 to build 176 low-cost houses in Eluxolweni.

The municipality was

forced to set aside R2 million from its capital budget to appoint new contractors to complete outstanding work on the Transit Camp and Eluxolweni housing projects.

At last week's meeting the Mayor said the problems at Transit Camp must be attended to quickly.

Upahla was appointed in November by the provincial department of Human Settle-

ments to complete Mayfield phase 2 housing project in Makana Municipality, with the target of 1 000 houses by the end of the year.

Schutte said the company had employed Makana residents.

"Currently we are installing sewerage and water and our target is to be finished with this by the end of June 2013," Schutte said.

"One of the objectives is to build quality homes for the beneficiaries - no shortcuts."

The construction company aims to build 125 houses a month and Schutte said they were already ahead of their target.

"Our target is to finish in December," he said.

Ward 4 councillor Lena May told the meeting that she hoped the municipality would

implement the plan to set aside land for middle-class income earners.

"This has been mentioned for several years and has not been implemented," May said.

"We hope that people will get quality houses because Extension 9 was a disaster. It is important that the foundation of the houses is correct," May said.

Peter said he hoped councillors would not interfere with the work of the construction company.

Peter explained that the municipality had terminated its contract with Toro Ya Afrika.

"When a contractor or developer is not performing, we (as the municipality) get a bad name," the Mayor said.

Long wait for Mayfield houses – how Grocott's Mail reported it

August 2008

After a three-year wait, the municipality's housing application is accepted by the National Department of Housing for Mayfield, Fort Brown (200 houses), Transit Camp (440 houses), Seven Fountains and Fingo Village (500 houses).

October 2009

Ward councillors are given a month to update their waiting lists for houses, so Makana's Land and Housing portfolio committee can allocate them among the different wards.

January 2010

Contractors say they are running behind schedule because of bad weather and unexpectedly rocky soil, but they expect to finish digging trenches and

installing bulk sewerage lines in and around Mayfield by the end of February 2010.

October 2010

The draft plan for the Mayfield housing development is presented by the Department of Human Settlements and Makana Municipality at an Infrastructure and Development forum. The groundbreaking plan promises 1 684 mixed residential units, with RDP houses, flats, semi-detached units and single-storey houses all part of the complex.

The layout provides for four primary and two secondary schools, as well as a community health centre, churches, businesses, a community hall and crèches.

Construction is scheduled

to start in January 2011 and finish by December 2012.

Makana says it has around 14 150 residents waiting for RDP houses and that the list will be screened by the provincial department of Human Settlements.

December 2010

Makana's Land and Housing portfolio committee proposes allocating R4 million to help address the housing backlog. Deputy director of Planning and Land Usage Renier van der Merwe says the area north of Hoogencog and west of Mayfield Phase 2 has been earmarked.

"It is estimated that maybe 9 000-11 000 erven can be fitted [in that area]," Van der Merwe says.

March 2011

Then municipal manager Ntombi Baart promises that by the end of June 2011 all Makana's stalled developments will be up and running, thanks to a new way to fast-track procurement and so speed up service-delivery. Previously only goods and services valued at R20 000 or less could be bought on quotations rather than by tender. This threshold was increased to R200 000.

December 2011

Ward councillors are instructed to identify people to benefit from the Mayfield development. Mayor Zamuxolo Peter says he's thrilled the development is finally happening as they'd been awaiting approval to increase the number of residential units.

"The surveyor will come in to allocate the sites and start dealing with the infrastructure and roads," he tells *Grocott's Mail*.

November 2012

A contractor is finally appointed for the Mayfield Phase 2 project, but the municipality warns that it will be at least three more years before the homes are ready to move into.

Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services Theminkosi Myalato says expenditure that financial year would be around R30 million.

"For the 2012/13 financial year we are hoping to do 1 000 installations of bulk water, sewerage and roads. Then we are going to do 100 top structures [houses]. Another 900 top structures will be done in the

2013/14 financial year," Myalato said.

He estimated the cost of the entire project at R221 578 000. Makana aimed to have addressed the housing backlog by 2016.

February 2013

Municipal officials step in when workers at the Mayfield project down tools, complaining of low or late pay, no drinking water, and no toilets. Makana negotiates an increased rate for the workers, and a representative from the construction company, Upahla, warns that their costs will increase as a result.

"We take this project very seriously," Makana spokesperson Mncedisi Boma says. "We want to facilitate a workable solution so that the project is not delayed."

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WATER WATCH

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Officials face residents' wrath

AVUYILE MINGXITAMA-DIKO

Embattled municipal officials reacted calmly as around 200 residents stormed the City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, demanding answers about the city-wide water cuts.

Today marks a week since the outages began – but after four days, residents of Grahamstown West had already had enough and through social networks and email lists organised to meet at the municipality at midday.

Shepherded into the city hall to wait for an official to

address them, the group soon tired of waiting and barged into a meeting of councillors and officials, chanting "Water! We want water!"

"We call the municipality to find out about the water and we are not getting answers. We are coming here to get answers," said one resident.

Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services Theminkosi Myalato and chairperson Nombhile Gaga remained calm as the group vented their frustration.

"We had done a switch over from Botha's Hill to pro-

vide water for the people in the western side of the town," Myalato explained to them. "Some high areas don't have water because of what happened at the Howieson's Poort Dam, where a welded pipe burst. But the problem has been solved now. At 5am we started the pump. People should have water by tomorrow (Thursday)," Myalato said.

The mood among the residents remained angry, however, with several saying officials weren't doing enough quickly enough to solve the problem.



ENOUGH!... 'I was frustrated, but now I'm furious' B&B owner Cheryth Robertson said on Wednesday as she returned from the Port Alfred road spring, where she joined dozens of others in collecting water after four days of outages. Photo: Steven Lang

'We want to be part of solution'

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saying the water situation was affecting the students badly.

"We want to be alerted when there are problems," Mabizela said. The university has 3 500 students in residences and around 7 000 people on campus during the day. In two weeks it will host its biggest event of the year – three days of graduation ceremonies for around 1 700 students.

Other major events hosted in the city are the National Arts Festival, as well as major national and international conferences.

"We want to be part of the solution to resolve this," Mabizela said.

Temba TB hospital warned of health risks. "There is no water at the hospital," said acting CEO Nelisa Dyantyi. "The impact will be the spread of infections."

A Correctional Services representative said Makana municipality had not provided Waainek prison with water since January. The facility has around 600 inmates.

The Grahamstown military base, also in a high-lying area, houses 700 soldiers.

Police warned of potential civil unrest. "Residents are angry now, and this could lead to disorder if there is no plan," the SAPS representative said.

Jane Dalton, from the SPCA, raised the plight of the 100 animals at the facility. The municipality had been unreliable in delivering water during outages, she said.

Technical and Infrastructure Services director Theminkosi Myalato said water would be delivered to the hospital and prison. He said high-lying areas in the city would continue to be affected, because the storage dams were below the required level.

A memorandum of understanding is to be drawn up and a plan for fundraising submitted to Council for approval. A joint task team will focus on technical matters and communications. A disaster plan will be drafted and a comprehensive audit of the infrastructure undertaken. Training will be provided to staff and the plan for provision of elevated tanks for the high-lying areas will be tabled.

The meeting followed earlier action at the city hall, with around 200 residents storming the Council Chambers.

Business owners warn of ruin

FABIO DE DOMINICIS

"THIS town will die!"

There was palpable frustration by community members who stormed the municipal offices on Wednesday afternoon. Business owners at the protest were particularly vocal, emphasising their financial losses.

"You are not doing your jobs!" said Eugene Repinz,

head of the Grahamstown Business Forum, to the Acting Municipal Manager Theminkosi Myalato and other councillors.

Owners of hospitality establishments said many guests had either cancelled their reservations, or departed early because of lack of water. The latest water outage coincided with this year's Scifest Africa festival (13-19

March) and similar problems have occurred in the past during graduation and the National Arts Festival – peak periods for the hospitality industry in Grahamstown.

Jabu van Niekerk, director of the Raphael Centre, said that she has had to close down the HIV/Aids counselling and testing centre for several days. Usually, they feed those who visit the cen-

tre. "For some, this is their only meal of the day," she said. Protesters accused the municipality of not maintaining the city's water systems.

Myalato, under attack for most of the meeting, explained how rusty valves and old pipes along the water systems were the major contributors to the problem. He said the municipality will invest heavily in repairing the pipes.

Health fears grow

BRIDGETTE HALL

Experts have warned that continued water outages could have serious consequences for public health in the Makana area.

Grocott's Mail has confirmed that Temba TB Hospital and the Day Hospital have experienced water outages over the past week.

Local healthcare worker

Kurai Chikumba said in the past two weeks, he had seen an increase in cases of diarrhoea.

"There has also been increase in [demand for] deworming tablets. If there is no water for children to wash their hands at school, they can get worms," Chikumba said.

The municipality promised to deliver water to the hospitals by yesterday.

Crisis costs Rhodes

STAFF REPORTER

Recent water outages in Grahamstown are threatening to disrupt Rhodes University's academic life, having a negative impact on research capacity, particularly in the Sciences and the Health Sciences Faculties.

In a statement this week, the university said apart from being a health and hygiene

hazard, the outages were a threat to teaching and research activity.

Rhodes is providing water in tanks to residences, academic and administrative areas for 3 500 students in residence and around 7 000 people on campus during the day. Bottled drinking water is also being distributed to students in residences, costing an estimated R115 000 per day.

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PILLAY. The memorial service of Mana Maud Pillay will be held at Sole Memorial Church, 23 March at 2pm.

Thank You

A BIG thank you to the Ward M3 nurses from Settlers Hospital. They have done more than their jobs for my grandson Malcolm. Kholeka (woolworths).

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices

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9. LEGAL

NOTICE : DISSOLUTION AND DE-REGISTRATION OF MIND

1. Makana Independent New Deal (MIND) has dissolved and de-registered with the IEC.
2. The Acting Municipal Manager of Makana was formally advised by the IEC on 15.2.13.
3. MIND has therefore forfeited its seat on the Makana Council.
4. No-one has the right to represent MIND in the capacity of its PR Councillor.

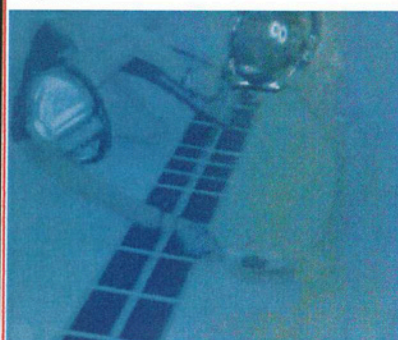
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Opinion



DUELING DIVERS... It's really important to breathe properly while playing underwater hockey. Photo by: Shelby Williams

Thrown into the deep-end

Bridgette Hall

This week the assignment to take some photos of underwater hockey came up in our diary meeting. As a budding photographer I 'dived' at the chance to get my feet wet and put my skills to the test.

For all those Durbanites who get annoyed by the 'Vaalies' in December, taking up the space on the beach, and 'swimming' when they are knee-deep or running away from the waves, I must profess that is Me!

Capetonians, you don't need to worry; that side of the ocean is far too cold to even think about dipping my ankles in. I do have a splash pool in Joburg, where (1.5m) of me can (almost) stand in the deep end. My swimming experience amounts to sipping cocktails on the steps in summer.

Let's just say If I met Chad le Clos out one night, all prospects of impressing the gold medal winner would go out the door with any kind of suggestion of "Let's take a dip in the pool."

To be fair, I can swim, just not very well, so basically I know how to 'not drown'.

Anyway, trusting the waterproof plastic casing would protect my camera soon be-

came the least of my worries. I climbed into the DSG pool with the underwater hockey team who are practising for the National Championships this week and tried to follow them around taking photographs.

The first 20 or so snaps were of the bottom of the swimming pool. Admittedly my mind was on 'not drowning' more than what I was doing with my camera.

After the first half hour of trying to stay afloat and getting twice the work-out any gym session could have offered me, I sought dry land, towelled off and handed my camera to my digsmate. She originally came to keep me company, and may not be a photographer but at least she can swim (properly).

Not only that but she managed to get some fantastic photographs and now wants to try the sport out.

As for me; send me back to the City of Gold where the swimming pools are shallow, the photography is dry and if I need to impress a sports star, it's a tennis player.

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SCIENCE & BUSINESS

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Serious about safaris in SA

BRIDGETTE HALL
AND MIGNON VAN ZYL

NOT many South Africans can claim to have worked with late Australian wildlife expert Steve Irwin of *The Crocodile Hunter* TV fame, but Grahamstonian Dr Peter Brothers can. Besides this, Brothers is also a pioneer in merging wildlife veterinary practices with tourism in southern Africa.

Combining the leisure of wildlife safaris with veterinary practice and education, his international company Brothers Safaris offers a variety of tailor-made packages including one that allows visitors to take part in veterinary procedures.

As a vet Brothers goes out on calls to game farms around the country to treat animals, help capture those that have escaped, or help with relocation.

"We offer the opportunity for anyone, vets or non-vets, to get involved with wildlife work where we select very specific procedures that need to be done," Brothers said.

"And we do them obvious-



IN THE WILD... Dr Peter Brothers (wearing cap), founder of Brothers Safaris, tends to an injured elephant. Brothers Safaris offer people the unique experience of assisting a wildlife vet while he conducts medical procedures. Photo: Supplied

ly in a very professional and ethical manner as we usually would, but we allow tourists to be part of that in exchange for them funding those procedures." The company also runs technical courses for veterinary professionals and students. Brothers explained that "much like a golfer who goes on holiday and always wants to play a bit golf, the vets get to experience wildlife and also practise some veterinary work, so for them it's like

the cherry on top".

Brothers obtained his veterinary science degree from Onderstepoort at the University of Pretoria and started his company in 2001.

Founded in Pretoria, Brothers Safaris gave their first tour in 2002 and moved to Grahamstown four years ago.

Most of his clients are foreigners. Brothers said he'd love more South Africans to get involved, although he understands that it is pricey.

Through educating people about wildlife conservation and simultaneously generating funds to treat the animals, Brothers feels this is an excellent way to include people in the merge of tourism and conservation.

"My passion for wildlife drives me forward on a daily basis to share with and educate people and, hopefully, make a significant contribution to wildlife conservation in the process."

Grahamstown is good to row

MATTHEW DE KLERK

THANKS to various members of the local rowing community Grahamstown is soon set to get its own rowing club.

The Makana Rowing Club, which is still in the preliminary stages of creation, already has a host of temporary committee members including 2004 Olympic bronze medalist Donovan Cech.

The club's proposed colours - maroon, beige, black and white - will be in

line with those of the Makana municipality and membership (at least in the initial stages) will be free to anyone interested.

There will also be no screening of new members - all would-be rowers need to do is sign the relevant indemnity forms and the club's code of conduct.

In its current form the club is still only temporary and although some of the current committee positions have been filled, there is still much that needs to be finalised before it becomes a

recognised organisation.

Current committee members will serve as temporary office bearers until the club's first annual general meeting later in the year when fully fledged members will be inducted.

However, the club's formation still hinges on their successful application to the Eastern Cape Rowing Association (ECRA). To speed up this process, the club is in the process of applying for temporary ECRA membership.



No more long showers

SARAH COHEN

WE are entering a new era when instead of SMSing a person to say "don't call me, I'll call you," you SMS your fridge to say, "just chill, don't call me, I'll call you".

Imagine your fridge not only waking you up in the mornings but also synchronising with your coffee machine, toasting your bread and then turning the shower taps on to your preferred temperature.

All before you get out of bed.

Imagine being able to phone your fridge from work and listen to it calculate a dinner recipe based on the ingredients you have available? Or perhaps a fridge that tells the repair man when it's broken.

Welcome to the new age of smart appliances.

Cool, right?

Fridges and general appliances have more to offer us in 2013 than ever before, but no matter how smart the technology becomes there are always some stupid functions that make you wonder...

At the annual consumer electronics show in Vegas "smart appliances" prove that not only are they infused with supreme intelligence but also here some silly features that are probably just thrown in to bump up their price.

I mean, why do you need a touch screen and Wi-Fi on your fridge? Is it better for your lettuce?

Why would you want a washing machine connected to the internet? To check up on those whites while you're at the cinema?

Last year Samsung flaunted their T9000 smart fridge. It can give you the time and the latest news headlines. It allows you to add an item to your grocery list which is then sent automatically to your phone.

If it were me, I'd just type the shopping list into my phone in the first place, or scribble it down on a scrap of paper.

But then there's a fridge that even helps you lose weight!



The new fridge from LG comes equipped with a health manager to help you maintain a healthy diet, notify you when you run out of groceries and communicate with your smart oven about recipes appropriate for your health goals.

On the other hand, there are some appliances that just encourage laziness in a whole new way.

There's now a vacuum cleaner that can be remote controlled so that you can simply kick back and relax while it works.

LG's latest technology allows you to control your vacuum from the comfort of your bed with your smartphone.

The vacuum even comes with a built-in camera so you can see what it's up to.

Then there's the new Lok low-flow showerhead with an analogue clock that counts down your five minutes of shower time - this is my favourite example of a smart appliance that does something exceptionally stupid.

The showerhead badgers you into doing something for the environment by cutting off your water when the five minutes are up.

What happens if you need more than a quick spritz?

Gobbledygeek is a local look at global technology trends. This week's column was written by Sarah Cohen, Grocott's Mail's Cross Media and Marketing Co-Ordinator

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Local cyclists star in CT

BRIDGETTE HALL

More than 40 Grahams-town cyclists took part in the 36th Cape Argus Pick n Pay Cycle Tour on Sunday, with Rhodes University student Simon Adler the best local finisher.

Adler finished well within the aspired-to sub-three-hour mark, recording a time of 2:54:29, finishing 220th overall. Adler competed in his first race when he was 14 and describes the race as the most beautiful race on earth.

"I would like to be that guy who has done the race 50 times on every kind of bicycle," he said. Adler trains between 10 and 15 hours a week.

"My main goal is the Absa Cape Epic, so Argus is just some fun training."

Thousands geared up to take part in the largest individually timed cycling event in the world – and arguably the most beautiful. The 109km race was won in a photo finish by Herman Fouche, who pipped Tyler Day and Christoff van Heerden in a time of 2:39:53.

The women's race was won by Anriette Schoeman – a record 7th Argus win for the Port Elizabeth cyclist, who last won it in 2010. Her time was 2:52:53.

Local rider Alexander Haupt, competed in his first Argus this year and finished in 3:49:36 and says, "It definitely won't be my last. The atmosphere will be as close as I ever get to ride a Grand Tour."

Rhodes University academics Chris Upfold, Ian Siebörger and George Wells had their own 'race' within the Argus, finishing within seconds of one another.

Meanwhile, Christopher Johnson raced his sixth Argus.

A photograph of three cyclists riding on a paved path. The cyclist in the foreground is wearing a blue and white jersey with 'GIANT' written on the back, black shorts, and a blue helmet. He is riding a white Giant bicycle. Behind him are two other cyclists, one in a green and white jersey and another in a white and black jersey, both wearing helmets. They are all in a racing posture, leaning forward. The background shows green foliage and a fence.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN... Simon Adler races in The Pick n Pay Cape Argus Cycle Tour. He finished the gruelling 109km race in under three hours. Photo: Neville Adler

completing it in 3:47:26 and shares some advice for anyone thinking of competing in and determination can finish, whether competitively or socially.

one thinking of competing in their first race next year. "Go at your own pace, don't push yourself too hard because you are worried of being left behind," Johnson said. "There are more than 30 000 people - you will find someone to ride socially."

Even knight of the realm and billionaire Richard Branson, who said he had not been on a bike since he was 10, made the cut-off time, clocking in at just over five and a half hours.

The Grahamstown cyclists who rode the Argus in aid of Grahamstown and Sun-

Riders have seven hours to complete the race, so anyone with reasonable fitness

Hodge and Duncan Lloyd - were among the Grahams-town finishers.

Meanwhile Saints and Sinners cycling club and Run/Walk for Life Athletics Club are joining forces to bring Grahamstown athletes the first Woest Hill Handicap Series. The running and cycling event sees participants start at the bottom of Woest Hill and run or cycle to the top in a timed event.

The first event is this Tuesday (19 March) at 5.30pm

and then every third Tuesday during April, May and June. A handicap system ensures anyone can win and the series winner will be the most improved over the four races. Prizes and fun - a great way to test yourself each month. Register on www.saintsandsinners.co.za. Queries: Run Walk For Life (grahamstown@runwalkforlife.co.za) or adam@motionshop.co.za.

- See Argus results for the Grahamstown riders on page 30.

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TODAY TO SATURDAY 16 MARCH

RUGBY / NETBALL - The Frans Erasmus rugby and netball tournament takes

HOCKEY - Kingswood College Junior School hockey festival takes place at Kingswood. Matches take place in the High Performance Centre as well as the Kingswood Astro. Friday's matches start from 4pm, with the last match of the day at 7pm. Saturday's games start at 8am and the final game is scheduled for 3.35pm.

TODAY

RUGBY - South Eastern District Rugby Union / Makana Mayoral Cup fixture.
 Universal vs Lib White at the Oval at 7pm.

SATURDAY, 16 MARCH

RUGBY - Eastern Province Rugby Union Wellman Harmse (Sedru section) fixtures - Winter Rose vs Universal and Lily White vs Wanderers (both at Miki Yili Stadium). Swallows vs St Mark's (the Oval). All matches start at 2.10pm with the first reserve matches, followed at 3.30pm with the first-team matches.

SWIMMING – Junior swimmers triangular gala at DSC indoor swimming pool.

SWIMMING - Junior swimming triangular gala at DSG indoor swimming pool.
CYCLING - Get Riding! A gentle, slow-paced, one-hour ride for anyone keen to get fit, or just try cycling. Led by an experienced cyclist. Helmets essential. Any type of bike is fine. Meet Drosty Arch (top of High Street) or 2.20pm at Golf Club car park (as ride goes past). Cancelled if wet or over 30 degrees. For more information contact Adam at 073 342 2522 or visit www.saintsandsinners.co.za

CRICKET - The Pineapple Cricket Week finals take place in Port Alfred, with the main match taking place at the Port Alfred Country Club.

BASKETBALL - St Andrew's College vs Grey at St Andrew's courts from 9am.

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

CYCLING - "Journey to the Sun" with Saints & Sinners Cycling Club. A 3-5 hour dirt road ride from Grahamstown finishing with the famous buffet breakfast at the Fish River Sun. Great facilities for families - meet them there. Different route options from 50km to 100km - aim is to leave Grahamstown 6am and arrive around 11am. Some en route support and return transport planned at cost. Pre-booking essential. Contact Adam 073 342 2522 or adam@motionshop.co.za if interested. More details: www.saintsandsinners.co.za

FUN RUN - Green Fun Run starts at 4.30pm from the Makana Botanical Gardens main entrance, Lucas Avenue, Rhodes University. Registration from 3.30pm. Individual or Team, Walk 3.5km or Run 5km. For more information contact Nikki Köhly at environment@ru.ac.za or entry forms available at www.ru.ac.za/environment/committee/greenfun/funrun

TUESDAY 19 MARCH
CYCLING AND RUNNING - Woest Hill Handicap Series. Start at 5.30pm (and then every third Tuesday April, May and June). A race series for runners and riders up Grahamstown's favourite climb Woest Hill. Handicap system ensures anyone can win and series winner will be the most improved over the four races. Prizes and fun - a great way to test yourself each month. Register on www.saintsandsinners.co.za. Queries: Run Walk For Life (grahamstown@runwalkforlife.co.za) or adam@motionsh.co.za

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Rhodes profs to probe smoke

STAFF REPORTER

The Grahamstown branch of the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa has asked two of its members to investigate the smoke that often billows from the municipal dump into nearby residential areas.

This emerged at a meeting of the Grahamstown branch of the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (Wessa) last weekend, where the smoke problem, as well as other aspects of managing the facility, were discussed.

Addressing the branch's AGM on Saturday, chairperson Margaret Crampton said a 40-metre section of the fence surrounding the dump had been stolen, allowing vehicles to freely enter through the gap.

She said an investigation by the organisation earlier this month had revealed that while there were guards assigned to monitor the dump, it was difficult to deal with the many vagrants who were desperate and sometimes aggressive.

A former guard had been attacked and badly beaten up there. An investigation by the organisation earlier this month revealed some of the causes of the continual burning. In the piece, 'What's behind the dump site fires' (Grocott's Mail 15 February 2013), these were identified as the breakdown of the site's bulldozer, scrap-metal collectors burning plastic and rubber to expose wire on cables and tyres; an arson incident inside a shed of the Masihlule Recycling Project and the inadequate security described above.

Now Wessa members, professors Pat Irwin and Ted Botha, have been asked to find out how toxic the smoke in fact is.

A former dean of the Rhodes education faculty, Irwin founded its Environmental Education Unit. Botha is a botanist based at the university.

The end of the line

BRIDGETTE HALL AND HANGU LOUW

MASTER and his younger brother Siya have been living at the Grahamstown dump since 2001. Before that, the teenagers lived at the dump in Port Elizabeth, where Master says his father abandoned them. In 2001, they managed to walk and hitch-hike, sleeping on the side of the road all the way to Grahamstown. Master, who like his brother does not know his surname, says.

The two boys stay alive by foraging for food and recyclable material, for which they get a small amount of money. As soon as a new truck comes in they are quick to check for anything that can be traded for cash. There are several other people rummaging at the dump.

"I make about R25 a day if I work all day, but most days we usually make between R8 and R15," says Master.

Payment is based on weight: plastic and metal are worth the most: "R1 a kilogram for 'heavy' materials and 50c a kilogram for 'light' materials," explains George - another person making a living by collecting recyclables.

They take their day's pickings to Metal Masters or Grahamstown Recycling for cash. According to Stan Kriel, site manager of Metal Masters, there is a group of regulars who live at the dump and bring daily loads of recyclable material.

Master and Siya stay in an abandoned metal shipping container, which was burned in a fire at the previous dump site. Although the container is owned by the municipality they no longer lock it and this protects the youngsters from the elements. There are no toilet facilities at the dump.

"There is only one pipe with running water for all of us here at the dump," says George.

Fires often spontaneously start from the various chemical compounds being compressed at the site. Kriel estimates that the fire department is called at least once a week to put out the fires.

"There is fire underneath us. The rubbish keeps on burning; there is always smoke in the air," says George.

Dead animals are also often disposed of at the dump by the SPCA. Chairman of the SPCA Professor Martin Villet explains that this is in line with public health specifications.

"The animal must be buried, like all of the other organic material that arrives at the dump, by the municipal staff and not simply left exposed," Villet said.

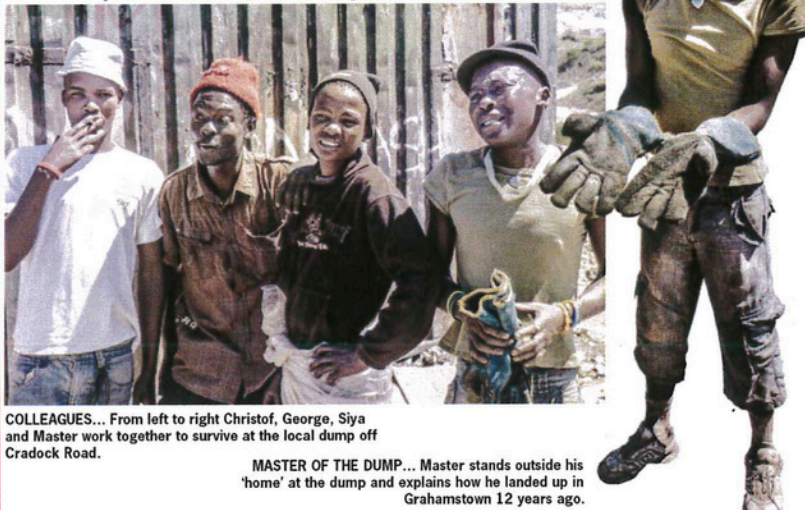
But this protocol is not always observed, according to those living at the dump. There is no incinerator in Grahamstown.

Villet says risks associated with the SPCA's activities are minimal, because "very few animals are involved. The animals do not carry pathogens that would pose serious health risks to humans and the protocols are identical with those used to contain the significantly greater volume of much higher-risk material that arrives in truckloads at the dump every day. These protocols conform to the principles underlying the requirements of South African public health legislation."

George says, "It is unhealthy for us to live here, when it gets hot the smell becomes terrible." With no home, family and only the belongings they find in the dump, Master and Siya make do as well as they can.



RUMMAGING... People scour the municipal dump for items of value that can be recycled and traded for cash. Photos: Bridgette Hall



COLLEAGUES... From left to right Christof, George, Siya and Master work together to survive at the local dump off Cradock Road.

MASTER OF THE DUMP... Master stands outside his 'home' at the dump and explains how he landed up in Grahamstown 12 years ago.



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Troops set for Congo

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BRIDGETTE HALL

The troops of 6 South African Infantry Battalion (6 SAI) marched through the streets of Grahamstown yesterday morning in their Freedom of the City parade – a military tradition that allows the army to present themselves to the citizens of the city.

The parade also allowed the men and women of the battalion to bid farewell to Grahamstown, ahead of their deployment to the Democratic Republic of Congo on a peace-keeping mission at the end of the month.

Some 650 men and women will be deployed to Bloemfontein on 1 April. From there, they will go to the DRC for the next seven months, along with troops from Mozambique and Zambia.

"It is dangerous, but we are soldiers and it is part of our duty to go to other countries and uphold its peace," said Lt. Col. Altin Gysman. This is Gysman's fourth deployment, after serving twice in Burundi and once in Sudan. He now makes the trip as the Officer Commanding (OC).

Gysman said the parade had gone off very well, with the help of Master Warrant Officer Coetzee, who had arranged the logistics with the Makana Council.

"Freedom of the City is important to the battalion because it confirms that the community is behind us," said Gysman.

At the parade, Mayor Zamuxolo Peter recognised the men and women of the SANDF for their hard work and loyalty in the service they have provided over the years.

"South Africa's defence force is the pride of our country and the pride of Africa," Peter said.

He reconfirmed their Freedom of the City, and after bidding the troops farewell, said he looked forward to welcoming them back at the end of the year.

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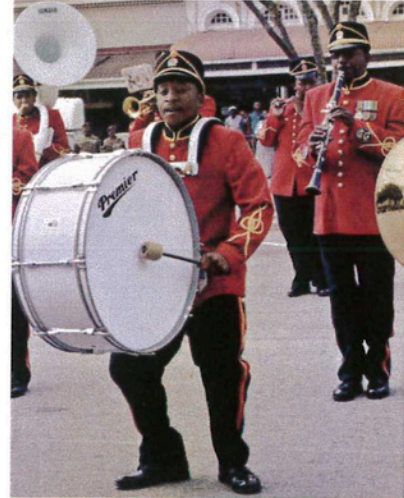
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FREEDOM EXERCISE... Major Werner Klokow stands at ease in front of his unit during the Freedom of the City parade yesterday morning. Photo: Bridgette Hall

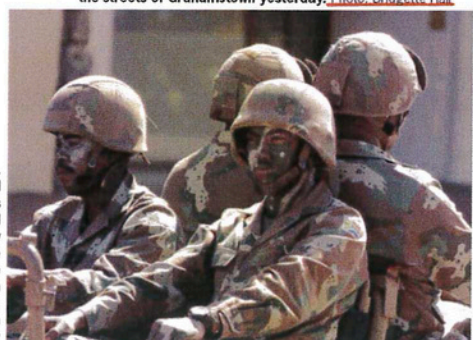


KEEPING THE BEAT... The bass drummer made sure everyone stayed in step throughout the 6 SAI parade through the streets of Grahamstown yesterday. Photo: Bridgette Hall



AT EASE... Soldiers relax in front of the Drill Hall before the parade yesterday. They had some tough marching ahead of them carrying those light machine guns. Photo: Bridgette Hall

BATTLE READY... Camouflaged soldiers demonstrated a small utility vehicle at the military parade in Grahamstown yesterday. Photo: Stephen Penney



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Dams are fun, dangerous for kids

BRIDGETTE HALL AND HANCU LOW

Summers in Grahams-town often reach over 30 degrees and swimming is a popular way of taking a break from the heat. Pleasant as it may be, swimming remains an activity which must be approached with caution.

There has been more than one death by drowning reported this summer in and around Grahamstown, the latest being Anele Dayile who drowned in the Grey Dam in December.

The lack of a safe public swimming facility or proper safety measures like life-guards at the nearby dams could be partly responsible for these deaths.

Mncedisi Boma, strategic manager and spokesperson for Makana municipality, agrees that there is a need for life-guards in Grahamstown.

"In order for the municipality to implement life-guards, or a public swimming pool, a request must go through the process of an integrated development plan (IDP)," Boma said.

The IDP is a five-year strategic plan that outlines both municipal strategies and budget. If the community needs something - like a

public swimming pool - they need to indicate that need to their ward councillor and the municipality can then explore the idea and make plans accordingly.

This process is reviewed annually.

While the IDP offers a long-term solution, there remains a need for more immediate action.

According to Dave Bamber of the Bluewater Bay life-saving club in Port Elizabeth, municipalities are responsible for lifesaving in all areas.

However, voluntary clubs have sprung up around the country as community members decided to take matters into their own hands and start clubs. These clubs are set up entirely at the discretion of volunteers, resulting in some towns having lifesaving clubs and others not.

Currently there are no lifesaving clubs in Grahams-town.

"When stillwater lifesaving and surf lifesaving merge in August, the Bluewater Bay club plans to target a few cities and towns such as Grahamstown, Queenstown and Alval North in an attempt to start up clubs," Bamber said.

Currently Rhodes University education department staff, with the help of Carmen David, offer free swimming lessons to students and Rhodes staff at the Winchester House swimming pool.



SWIMMING BUT NOT SAFE... Lewellen Groats, Rowan Roman, Ethan Davies and Ralph Israel cool down in Grey Dam one afternoon after school. Like many youngsters who go there, they can't swim properly and could end up drowning like a number of other children who went unsupervised. Photo: Bridgette Hall

"Swimming is not just a sport, it's a life skill, and it is essential that as many people are safe and confident in the water as possible," said Marian Walwyn, part-time lecturer at the education department.

These lessons are not available to members of the public however.

With local children swimming unsupervised in the Grey Dam in the afternoons and without their parents' knowledge, serious threats to their lives remain.

According to one such child, Ralph Israel, he and

his friends try to swim in the shallows to avoid losing their footing.

"If there was a pool we would swim in it," said Josh Davies, another one of the young boys who swims at the dam in the afternoons.

Losing track, community loses out

FABIO DE DOMINICIS

A RHODES University sport facility that serves the wider community is being worn down due to a leaking reservoir, and the municipality is yet to get stuck into the problem.

The leaking reservoir above Rhodes' Prospect Field athletics track is also wearing down the athletes who use it as the uneven surface has caused a good few injuries since last year.

Rhodes grounds and gardens manager Mark Hazell explained that wet conditions on the track deoxygenate the soil, preventing new

grass from growing. This has caused patches of dry soil to appear in between the grass, which has some tough consequences for those who need the track to train.

A drain was recently installed to divert the leaking water, Hazell said, while plans for an extended drain are awaiting budget approval.

Rhodes athletics coach and sprinter Antonio Blom said he and other athletes are frustrated that nothing has been done to fix the problem.

The track's uneven surface has resulted in a number of athletes getting injured over the past year, affecting their ability to perform.

"How are we able to perform at our best like this?" Blom said.

Head of sports administration at Rhodes, Mandla Gagayi, said the leakage was first noticed and reported to the municipality in December 2011.

The problem became progressively worse towards the end of last year, with no word back from the municipality or any attempts to fix it.

However, Makana municipality's acting manager of water and sanitation services Bonga Mpelwane denied that he or his technicians were aware of the leaking reservoir. When Grocott's Mail con-

tacted him recently he cited a miscommunication within his department as the reason for this, having only recently joined the staff at this division.

But miscommunications such as these affect more than just the Rhodes athletes. With limited infrastructure and facilities for local schools in the area, Prospect Field is the hub of all track events in Grahamstown.

Gagayi said that for the past month the track has been used on a daily basis. Various schools including PJ Olivier, Victoria Girls' and Amasango Career School have held their athletics championships there, as well as recent the

Grahamstown district high school and primary school athletics championships.

Excessive use does not allow enough time for the grass to recover, also contributing to the track's deterioration.

In 2007 Rhodes made a R12 million application to the National Lottery Board to fund a tartan track. They were only able to fund R4m, which was then re-directed to the fencing and irrigation of fields on campus.

With the National Lottery Board now restricting funding to a maximum of R2.1m per university per year, chances of installing a tartan track are slim.



PATCHY... Grass on the Prospect Field athletics track at Rhodes University is being damaged by a leaking reservoir above the field. Photo: Fabio De Dominicis

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Bosses rush to spend city cash

AVUTILE MNGXITAMA-DIXO

With R19 million to spend in the next four months, panic has set in among municipal officials.

Makana must use up the remaining 73% of its capital budget by the end of the financial year, or face losing it.

Driving the move to spend is chairperson of the Finance, Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME) committee, Piryawaden Ranchhod, who told *Grocott's Mail* yesterday that the municipality was determined to avoid under-expenditure and roll-overs.

According to the mid-term budget report presented before Council last month, the municipality has spent less than a quarter of their capital budget.

In an interview with *Grocott's Mail* on Tuesday, acting municipal manager Theminkosi Myalato confessed Makana had not performed well in capital spending terms.

"We have not done well in Capex, but we have a turnaround strategy in place to address that," Myalato said.

He was confident that all the grant funding for the 2012/13 budget would be spent

before the end of June.

"We will spend all the grants. There will be no roll-overs, no underspending in the grants," he said.

The municipality has thus far spent R9 785 136 of the R29 490 Municipal Infrastructure Grant, leaving R19m still to spend.

During the finance portfolio committee meeting yesterday, Ranchhod expressed strong concern.

"I have raised this several times last year that the National Treasury is not going to allow roll-overs any more," Ranchhod explained.

With 73% of its capital budget required to be spent in the next four months, councillor Les Reynolds said if the municipality were a private company, they would be bankrupt.

"There seems to be a systematic problem at Finance. We are stuck in mud - we are not moving," he said. "People must stop making excuses and do the job. We are victims of our own rules and regulations."

Councillor Mabuthi Matyuzza said the level of spending in the capital budget affected service-delivery.

"If it is not spent, it means Makana is not delivering

services to the community," Matyuzza said.

Councillor Nomhle Gaga said in Infrastructure, the non-spending was caused by the finance department not paying suppliers.

"Officials have complained that suppliers are not being paid. There is a problem and we need to remedy the situation," Gaga said.

She said with regards to tenders, the wrong people were appointed and their contracts got terminated; however, because the suppliers weren't paid, there were litigation costs.

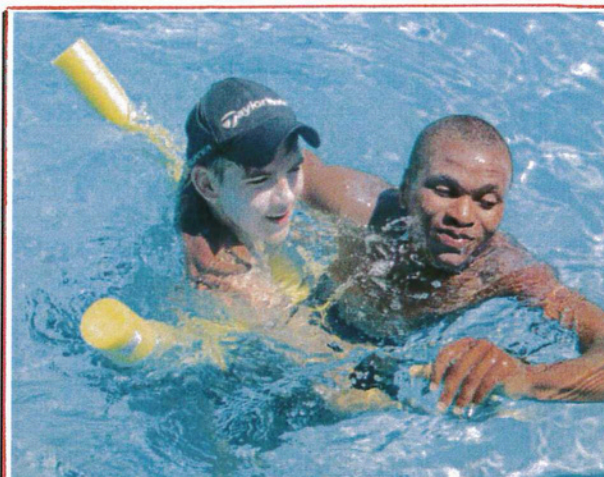
"As councillors we are blamed. We look bad to the locals because services are not delivered," Gaga said.

The meeting resolved that by the end of February all suppliers owed money must be paid.

Ranchhod jokingly promised that if directors spent 80% of their budgets before the end of March, he would buy them lunch.

Chief Financial Officer Danny Sahibdeen told the meeting that as much as the finance department had its flaws, they couldn't be blamed for the underspending.

"Directors need to be accountable also," he said.



TIGERS IN THE POOL... St Andrew's pupil Daniel Tharatte helps Mziyanda Nelo of the Tiger Titans cricket club learn to swim at the school's pool on Sunday. Following the tragic and heroic death of team mate Masixole Mkrakra, the Tiger Titans are taking swimming lessons at the Grahamstown school until they are all safe in the water. Photo: Supplied

Teaching the Tigers to swim

BRIDGETTE HALL

IN the wake of local cricket role model Masixole Mkrakra's death by drowning late last year, St Andrew's College has planned a series of swimming lessons for his former Tiger Titans team-mates. The initiative, a group effort between the team, Grahamstown Kwixspar and The President's Award for Youth Empowerment programme, started last Sunday at the St Andrew's swimming pool.

The first group of Bathurst-based cricketers each paired up with a volunteering St Andrew's pupil and are learning a 10-step water safety programme.

Martin Scholtz from the President's Award youth programme said, "It is wonderful to see Award participants from St Andrew's - who are privileged to know how to swim - share their expertise with the Tiger Titans."

The lessons will continue to take place every Sunday until each member of the various teams belonging to the Bathurst cricket club have received some swimming training and are safe in the water. The lessons also cover what to do if someone else is in distress. St Andrew's College community engagement officer Tim Barnard felt Sunday's pilot session had been very successful. "Seven Tigers are

water safe after one day and the other eight [in the team] will return to continue next week with some new players."

Mkrakra drowned in December after he and some friends swam in a disused quarry filled with water in Bathurst. The young men, who were unable to swim, used two-litre cold drink bottles to try stay afloat.

Mkrakra drowned after he gave his float to his distressed friend.

He was the first Tiger Titans cricketer to be selected for an Eastern Cape provincial team and was also invited to speak at a Lords Cricket Ground gala in London earlier last year.

Poor showing for video

TEGAN SCALLES

GRAHAMSTOWN'S name-change process continued at the city hall on Tuesday, when an "educational video" was screened to a handful of people in the Council Chambers.

The video came days after an advertisement from the municipality invited "individuals or organisations interested in viewing the recorded sessions of previous public consultations" to "indicate their interest to the Director: Community and Social Services".

Director of Community and Social Services Mandisi Planga introduced Tuesday's video.

In it councillor Julia Wells, head of the name-

change task team, begins the presentation by saying that "this is an educational video created for the Grahamstown public to make their own decisions about the name-change in question".

Wells, who is in support of a name change, states that to change the name of the town is "a part of the transformation agenda of the new South Africa".

The video continues, with the opposing name-change options being advocated by their respective campaigners. In support of keeping the name of Grahamstown, Jock McConnachie noted that the name is integral to the history and culture of the town and that "keeping the name would be true reconciliation,

whereas scrapping it would just be a form of revenge".

Local businessman Ramie Xonxa backs the changing of the name to 'Makhanda', the name of a Xhosa warrior who fought in battle against Colonel John Graham.

His defence lies on the foundation that "even the municipality is called 'Makhanda' (Makana) and this shows that the majority of the people recognise Makhanda as the leader".

Planga concludes that after public and private consideration, a recommendation for the name-change will be made to the Geographic Names Committee, which will then be passed on to the Minister of Arts and Culture for a final decision.

Student numbers edge up

CHANTE DARRIES

SUPERMARKET queues run down the aisles and student hangouts are full to the brim - yet figures from Rhodes University indicate that new registrations are up by less than four percent compared to last year.

According to the university's Registrar's Division, there are 1 603 registered first year students in 2013, compared to 1 543 last year - an

increase of 60, or 3.8%.

The increase has boosted figures in certain departments significantly.

For example, from 207 students starting off last year, this year the School of Journalism and Media Studies is catering for 234 first-years.

Because students were still registering, it was difficult to name an exact figure for the total number of students at Rhodes, according to Dr Stephen Fourie, the

registrar.

"However, 6 890 students registered two years ago and going by the Vice Chancellor's commitment to grow student numbers slightly, that number should be higher by now," said Fourie.

With fewer than 10 000 students, Rhodes is the smallest of SA's top five research-intensive universities, as identified in a 2011 ranking by the Centre for Higher Education Transformation.

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Bridgette Hall

Experts have warned that continued water outages could have serious consequences for public health in the Makana area.

Grocott's Mail has confirmed that both Temba TB Hospital and the Day Hospital have experienced intermittent water outages over the past week.

It could not be confirmed whether Settlers Hospital had any outages.

"We are dealing with lives. The staff need water to provide their services," chairperson of the Themba hospital board, Xolani Simakuhle, said.

"We need water for laundry, cooking, drinking and cleaning - and to water our vegetable garden at the hospital."

Local healthcare worker Kurai Chikumba said that in the past two weeks, he had seen an increase in cases of diarrhoea which he attributed to the water shortages.

"There has also been increase in [demand for] de-worming tablets. If there is no water for children to wash their hands at school, they can get worms," Chikumba said.

At a stakeholders' meeting at the City Hall on Wednesday afternoon a representative from Temba emphasised the importance of water at the hospital.

"The impact will be the spread of infections," the representative said.

The municipality promised to deliver water to the hospitals by yesterday.

A doctor from Nelspruit, who declined to be named because of contractual obligations, explained that water is essential for any hospital.

"You need it to wash hands in-between patients, to scrub for theatre. It is especially important in the paediatrics and post-natal care units," he said in a telephone interview.



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A group of about 25 Grahamstown teachers are taking the Department of Basic Education to court for non-payment since February.

An urgent application lodged on their behalf by the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) will be heard in the Grahamstown High Court on Friday 24 May.

According to the Daily Dispatch in East London, the teachers from six different schools in Grahamstown all have letters of appointment from the beginning of 2013.

They are owed between R36 000 and R90 000 each and around R1.7-million collectively, according to court papers. They also want interest on their salary arrears at a rate of 15%.

This is the second time the teachers have had to turn to the courts for help. Earlier this year around 140 teachers sued the Department of Education to get appointment letters.

The Daily Dispatch reported that the LRC wants court to direct the Department to pay within five days or face asset forfeiture under the State Liability Act.

It has also asked that the Education Department pay legal costs on a punitive scale.

It was also reported that Departmental spokesperson Loyiso Pulumani said the failure to pay the teachers last week as promised was being investigated.

"We are assured that the list of outstanding payments is with Treasury. They should get their money by the latest Monday," Pulumani said.

The LRC Director Sarah Sephton said very late yesterday that, "it looks like the teachers will be paid."



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