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Experience a Village in Bloom - Stanford

At the heart of the village-wide festival in Stanford was the much-anticipated Chelsea Flowers in Stanford - a perfect replica of the gold-award winning exhibition designed and built for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2025. Visitors were invited to immerse themselves in the imaginative creativity of Leon Kluge and Tristan Woudberg - the master brains behind Chelsea. The official opening took place on Wednesday, 10 September 2025.

Remarks were made that this year's Stanford Chelsea was even better than last year due to the large 'mountain' divided into two parts with beautiful waterfalls in the middle - even with leopard tracks into the cave. Grootbos Private Nature Reserve and Grootbos Foundation presented a fynbos floral experience like no other! Leon Kluge's Gold-Award winning 2025 RHS Chelsea Flower Show Display was recreated in Stanford as part of the Stanford in Bloom spring festival. The display is a celebration of the diversity of fynbos in the Cape Floral Kingdom, showcasing the beauty of coastal and mountain fynbos, alongside a unique collection of botanical artworks from the Grootbos Florilegium never before exhibited in Stanford.

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Leon Kluge and Tristan Woudberg - the master brains behind Chelsea.

The display showcased the influences of the two oceans, namely the Indian and the Atlantic, on the flora of South Africa - a canyon of tannin-rich amber water cuts through a mountain of fynbos. A diversity of fynbos cut flowers rise up to the edge of the cliffs before giving way to waterfalls filled with cliff-dwelling plants. A woven sculptural piece which takes inspiration from cultural traditions represented South Africa's floral kingdom as the flower basket of Africa. Alongside the display was a collection of botanical artwork from the Grootbos Florilegium, featuring fynbos plants from the region.

The poet, Siphokazi Jonas and singer, Nolundi Nonono, added their voices and cultural artistry in the form of poetry and songs before the official opening of the exhibition. John Maytham from Cape Talk radio officially cut the ribbon and flung open the doors to reveal the Cape Floral exhibit that took the world's collective

breath away at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

'Stanford in Bloom'

This spring, Stanford burst into colour as it hosts the 2nd Stanford in Bloom. The vibrant two-week celebration invited South Africans, garden enthusiasts, families, and travellers to explore the beauty of gardening and the unique biodiversity of fynbos through an array of floral-themed events.

Some of the highlights were: A central tented gifts & goodies market on the Village Green; Garden exhibition with guest judges; Pop-up plant nursery; Hands-on gardening and creative workshops; Leivoor Lounge Wine, Spirits & Craft Beer bar on the Village Green;



Western Cape Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Anton Bredell.

Music performances & concerts; Book talks; Art exhibitions; Curated festival of talks throughout the village led by horticultural VIPs, conservationists, gardening experts and creative thinkers; a performance by the Cape Winelands Philharmonic Orchestra. The 'Stanford in Bloom' is the village festival which has burst into full bloom around the Chelsea exhibit.

Congratulations to everyone involved - the visit to the Chelsea exhibition, as well as 'Stanford in Bloom' on the 'Village Green', was an amazing experience one could not describe on paper!

Hardus Botha



Rollplayers at the official opening of Stanford Chelsea.



'Stanford in Bloom'

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Amanita muscaria, or Fly agaric, which is completely riveting in red and white! A watery solution of this mushroom can be used as a natural fly repellent. Not to be eaten, this curious fungus is for magic potions only!

(Grootbos Foundation)

Grootbos is home to the most Western distribution of Bushbuck, *Tragelaphus sylvaticus* (tragus = goat, sylvaticus= of the forest). The bushbuck males of our region are almost jet black; elsewhere in Africa they are a lighter brown. This elegant male struts his stuff and proudly shows off his markings on the reserve.

(Grootbos Foundation)



VINEST OF THEM ALL-CERTIFIED SILVER!



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Hippotion celerio, commonly known as a Silver-striped hawkmoth or a Vine hawkmoth, is an ecologically remarkable moth. It is a nocturnal, nectar-feeding species that is important for the pollination of night scented flowers. Known for its rapid flight, *H. celerio* moths can swiftly evade predators. As a member of the Sphingidae family, it is capable of hovering in front of flowers, much like hummingbirds, in order to feed while aiding in pollination.

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Ons verken Botswana en Namibië - Deel 8 -

In Deel 8 gaan ons voort met die egpare Fanie en Judy Bothma (toerleiers) van Franskraal, en Dolf en Elna Nel van Saldanha, se reis deur Botswana en Namibië (8 Mei tot 27 Junie 2025). Elna Nel se kunstige dagboek, *BOT-NAM Avontuur*, bly 'n bron van uitstekende inligting. Hierdie toer is vir die Nel-egpaar 'n ontdekkingsreis van begin tot einde.



Spitzkoppe se bekende 'arch' uit soliede klip.

Op die 36ste dag (12 Junie 2025) draai die voertuie se neuse in die rigting van Spitzkoppe. Hulle bereik die pragtige dorpie Uis (uitgespreek as "oe-ies"), met verskeie besighede en gastehuse - selfs nuwe mynmaatskappye. Ontbyt word by *Brandberg White Lady Café* geniet waar ook 'n mooi standbeeld van die White Lady (shaman) is. Uis, wat ná Namibië se onafhanklikwording 'n spookdorp geword het, is deur 'n belegger vir R800,000 gekoop en baie afgetredenes is daarheen gelok.

Die voertuie draai in die rigting van Omaruru en dan na Usakos. Van ver af sien hulle 'n deel van Spitzkoppe en Judy sê dit is die "Groot Spitzkop" waarvan almal praat. By Spitzkoppe Rest Camp geld die beginsel "first come, first serve". 'n Verrassing vir die groep is 'n klein en skaars voëltjie, die Hererospekvretertjie, wat Fanie en Judy (na twee vorige mislukte pogings) toe wel kon sien. Hier verlustig die groepie hulle aan die besondere klippe en rotsformasies. Hulle is ook gelukkig om later die besondere Swakop A kamplek te kry, wat in die skeur



Duitse eetplek met yslike eisbein's - Swakopmund.



Nou ry hulle daai woestyn plat met 'n kameel.

van die rotse versteek lê. Vanaf Spitzkoppe ry hulle later die B2-teerpad na Swakopmund. Die omgewing is weer tipies woestynagtig, en Fanie vertel van die "maanlandskap" wat hier besigtig kan word.

Met hulle aankoms in Swakopmund ry hulle na die baie netjiese Alte Brücke Resort Campsite. Tradisionele Duitse kos is nou belangrik en hulle kry wel plek by die tjok-en-blok vol Swakopmund Brauhaus-restaurant waar Dolf en Fanie elkeen die beroemde en yslike eisbein's bestel. Cafe Anton is ook altyd op die prioriteitslys. Die volgende dag besoek hulle Walvisbaai en maak ook 'n draai in die

hawe met sy talle visverwerkingsplekke. Daarna ry hulle na die Dorop Nasionale Park waar hulle by die indrukwekkende Duin 7 indraai. "Teen hierdie duin moes ons gereeld uitdraf toe ek hier in die weermag was," vertel Fanie. Die ongerepte, uitgestrekte en dorre woestyn is vir Elna een groot "onwerklike" belewenis.

Die kameel-oomblik breek die volgende oggend aan - en by Desert Adventures se kameelstasie kry elkeen sy eie kameel. Elna se kameel, "Dawid", is 'n ouerige dier, terwyl Dolf die jong bul "Simpson" kry,

wat nog nie so goed luister nie. Die kameelrit duur sowat 'n halfuur, teen 'n rustige kameelpas en met sterk heen-en-weer-bewegings op die rug - 'n uitsonderlike ervaring so op die rand van die Namib. Die kameelritte was 'n belewenis - veral om die woestyn "in lewende lywe" te ervaar.

Daarmee kom ons aan die einde van Deel 8. In Deel 9 mik die voertuie in die rigting van Windhoek.

Hardus Botha



'Inligtingsentrum'.



Manny Walker gestabiliseer na val van krans af



Manny Walker in Tygerberg Hospitaal

Many Walker van De Kelders se byna noodlottige val van 'n krans af langs Clifstraat-verlenging in De Kelders, het skokgolwe deur die gemeenskap gestuur. Veral sy moeder, Elaine Walker, wat ernstige kanker onder lede het en sporadies chemo ontvang, was erg geskok. "Maar nou is ek rustiger en oneindig dankbaar dat Manny gestabiliseer het," het sy die Gans-Berg Nuus meegedeel. "Manny kan sy oë oopmaak en sien, hy praat al, het

ons herken en loop selfs al, waaroor ons baie dankbaar is."

"Ek wil graag my opregte dank en waardering uitgespreek teenoor almal se oorweldigende belangstelling, ondersteuning, liefde, boodskappe en gebede," het sy gesê. "Glo my gerus, ons het dit bitter nodig gehad." Elaine het ook verwys na die man wat saam met haar seun se neef afgegaan het om te kyk of Manny die val oorleef het. "Ek loop oor van dankbaarheid teenoor die noodhulpers, reddingspan en para-medici wat almal 'n rol gespeel het om Manny by die hospitaal te kon kry. "As dit nie vir hulle was nie, wil ek nie weet wat die gevolge sou gewees het nie, só baie, baie dankie aan elkeen van julle!"

Manny het op 13 September 2025 van die krans afgeval en het dit wonderbaarlik oorleef. Noodhulpers het hom boontoe gedra en hy is per ambulans na Hermanus Provinsiale Hospitaal vervoer, waar hy onder sidasie geplaas is en suurstof toegedien is. Vandaar is hy per ambulans na Tygerberg Hospitaal

vir 'n brein-skandering en x-strale van sy gebreekte ribbebene. Die dokters het vasgestel dat Manny geen breinskade opgedoen het nie. Behalwe vir die gebreekte ribbebene, het hulle 'n pypie in sy longe gesit vir dreinerings. Met die ter perse gaan van hierdie berig was Manny steeds in Tygerberg Hospitaal.



'n Stembodskap wat op Sondag, 14 September 2025 deur 'n familielid gestuur is, het soos volg gelui: "Manny se ribbes is gebreek en 'n pypie is in sy longe gesit om te dreineer. Verder is daar nie groot probleme nie. Hy het my herken, maar kon net met kopknippe kommunikeer. Hy word onder sidasie gehou om hom te laat rus. Daar is net twee stukkende plekkies op sy kop, maar nie ernstig nie. Toe ek hom vra of ek vir sy ma kan sê hy is OK, het hy sy kop 'ja' geknik. Toe ek hom vra of hy

'eina' het, het hy ook bevestigend geknik en oor sy maag en ribbes gevryf."

"Noudat alles onder beheer is, bly daar net diepe dankbaarheid in my oor en bid ons vir die volkome herstel van my seun!" het Elaine gesê.

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Manny Walker en sy moeder, Elaine.

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Maud du Plessis (100) met haar trofee.

Tannie Maud du Plessis (100) is gedurende die afgelope naweek met twee groot verjaarsdagpartytjies bederf - en is sy nie bederf nie! Vrydag, 12 September 2025, 'n dag

voor haar 100ste verjaarsdag, was dit by Klein Overberg Oord (Franskraal Karavaanpark), en Saterdag, 13 September 2025 (op haar 100ste verjaarsdag) by die Great White House in Kleinbaai - albei geleenthede was vanuit die boonste rak.

In Klein Overberg Oord, waar Maud woon, het Nita Muller en vriendinne 'n partytjie vir haar gereël - met tafels wat gekreun het onder die smaaklikste lekkernye. Haar seun, Kobus, het seker gemaak die klap van die sjampanjeprop word duidelik gehoor. Maud moes kersies op die groot verjaarsdagkoek doodblaas (gelukkig nie 100 nie!), waarna daar spontaan vir haar gesing is. Op 'n vraag aan Maud wat haar geheim is om 100 jaar te kon bereik, het sy skerp en vinnig geantwoord: "Moet nooit stil sit en niks doen nie!"



Drie geslagte bymekaar: Maud (100) en haar dogter, Maud Koekemoer (78), haar kleindogter, Zelma de Klerk, en haar agterkleindogter, Karla de Klerk.



Maud du Plessis (2de van links voor) en haar familie in die Great White House.

Maud het drie kinders, sewe kleinkinders en veertien agterkleinkinders. Die volgende gesinslede was teenwoordig: Kinders - Maud Koekemoer (78), en Fanie du Plessis (74) met sy eggenote, Madelein, Cobus du Plessis (65); Kleinkinders - Delanie van Heerden, Carel van Heerden en Zelma de Klerk; Agterkleinkinders - Karla de Klerk, Mia Scholtz, Danielle Scholtz, Malan van Heerden en Wilhelm van Heerden.

Op haar 100ste verjaarsdag in die Great White House het die familie vir 'n prestige-ete bymekaargekom. Daar is onder andere 'n spesiale trofee aan Maud oorhandig, met die bewoording: Maud du Plessis; Gaan Groot; Jy is 100 - Leo & Elna. Daar het Kobus vir sy ma gesê hy het vir haar 'n besem gekry - en weer het sy skerp en vinnig geantwoord: "Dankie, ek het hoeka 'n lisensie vir een!"

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KENNIS GESKIED HIERMEE dat 'n **GEWONE VERGADERING** van die **OVERSTRAND MUNISIPALE RAAD** gehou sal word in die **BANKETSAAL, BURGERSENTRUM, HERMANUS** op **DONDERDAG, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025** om **10:00**.

OKU KUKWAZISA ukuba **INTLANGANISO YESIQHELO yeBHUNGA LIKAMASIPALA WE-OVERSTRAND**, iza kuba se **eBANQUETING HALL, KWIZIKO LOLUNTU, eHERMANUS** uLWESINE, Umhla we **25 SEPTEMBER 2025** ngeye-10:00.

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Maud is in 'n vorige berig in die *Gans-Berg Nuus* as 'n "rabbedoe" in haar jong dae beskryf. Sy was haar pa se "seun" en "handlanger", en daar was niks wat sy nie op die plaas kon doen nie. Sy het ononderbroke met die joernalis gesels - propvol humor en met flymskerp opmerkings wat die lagspiere behoorlik geprikkel het. Maud is 100 jaar gelede, op 13 September 1925, in Calitzdorp in die Klein Karoo gebore. Haar eggenoot, Stefanus (Stevie), is in 2000 oorlede. Nou-ja, 100 jaar 'jonk', gesond, maak nog self huis aan die kant, was en stryk nog self en is steeds vol streke - wat 'n voorreg om op só 'n wyse 'n 100-jarige dame te kan wees!

Hardus Botha



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Hardus Botha

NAMPO Kaap se 6de aanbieding in Bredasdorp Park, Bredasdorp, vanaf 10-13 September 2025, was weer die ene bedrywigheid met letterlik duisende besoekers. Die uitstallings, gesprekke, demonstrasies en konferensies het goed by vanjaar se tema, 'Slim-tegnologie vir Doeltreffende Hulpbronbestuur', ingeskakel. Onder leiding van NAMPO se Besturende Direkteur, dr Dirk Strydom, en sy knap bestuurspan het vanjaar se tentoonstelling vlot en suksesvol verloop.

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Lentedag by Gansbaai Mark

“Kom maak 'n draai by die Gansbaai Mark, ons vier 'n gesellige Lentedag,” het Raadsdame Raina de Coning die Gans-Berg Nuus opgewonde laat weet - en dit was

behoorlik 'n gesellige vrolikheid op Saterdag, 6 September 2025.



“Dit was 'n heerlike sonnige dag met 'n ontspanne en vrolike gees wat geheers het,” het Riana gesê. “Die dames het pragtig met hulle kleurryke hooftooisels gelyk.” Die goeie opkoms het almal gelukkig gemaak en die publiek is bederf met tuisgemaakte produkte van hoogstaande gehalte. “Luw se loslit-musiek het sommer vir 'n huppel in die stap, asook 'n passie of twee, gesorg,” het sy laggend gesê. “Ek wil graag die publiek nooi om die Gansbaai Markie te kom ondersteun en vriende, bure en besoekers na hierdie eie-Gansbaai se unieke geselligheid te nooi - julle sal nie teleurgesteld of met leë hande huiswaarts keer nie.” Riana sê sy probeer hard om die Markie op te knap om dit nog gewilder te maak. Inwoners en besoekers kan gerus Saterdag 'n draai daar gaan maak.

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Vier maande voor sy 90ste verjaarsdag het Piet Beukes, 'n klublid van Franskraal Rolbalklub, nog kans gesien om saam met manne wat veel jonger as hy is, 'n uitdagende rolbaltoer in die Suid-Kaap saam met hulle te onderneem - dit wil gedoen wees! Tydens die toer het Piet met geesdrif aan alles meegedoen en gewys waarom hy so 'n geliefde en gerespekteerde lid van die klub is.

Piet vier sy 90ste verjaarsdag eers op 27 September 2025 saam met sy familie, maar sy rolbalvriende het op Saterdag, 13 September 2025 'n gesellige funksie in die klubhuis aangebied - om hierdie mylpaal saam met hom te vier, wat terdeë geniet is. Dit stel Piet in staat om die dag van sy verjaarsdag rustig saam met sy familie te vier. Die verjaarsdagfunksie in die klubsaal was egter nie al nie - Piet se toermaats het besluit om hom te vereer deur volgende jaar se toer na die Suid-Kaap die 'Piet Beukes 90-toer' te noem!

Piet is 'n boorling van Albertinia en hy en sy eggenote, wyle Susan, het hulle in 2006 in Franskraal kom vestig. Aanvanklik het hy ernstig gehengel totdat sy neef, Hennie Lourens, die destydse die Rolbalklub-president, die spel aan hom bekendgestel het en hy kennis daarmee gemaak het. In 2007, sowat 18 jaar gelede, het Piet by Franskraal Rolbalklub aangesluit - van toe af was daar geen keer meer aan sy rolbalspel nie. Van die oorblywende lede is dit net Tommie van



Piet Beukes en sy vriendin, Annie Smit by sy 90ste verjaarsdagpartytjie in die Franskraal-rolbalsaal. Agter staan Piet se seun Anton en skoondogter Petro, wat vir die geleentheid van Stellenbosch af gekom het.

Niekerk wat langer as Piet 'n klublid is. Piet is ook 'n gedugte fotograaf.

Sedertdien het Piet 'n uitmuntende rolbalspeler geword en verskeie medaljes ingepalm, met die jongste een 'n goud in verlede jaar se Driespel. Hy beskryf rolbal as is 'n 'lekker, sosiale' spel. "By die klub meng jy met ander mense en jy maak nuwe vriende, terwyl dit ook gesonde liggaamlike oefening vir ouer mense is," het Piet gesê. Een van die mooi stories van Franskraal Rolbalklub, is die spesiale vriendskap tussen Piet

en Annie Smit. Dié twee ken mekaar al sedert 2008, toe Annie by die klub aangesluit het. Ná Susan se afsterwe twee jaar gelede, het Piet en Annie mettertyd al nader aan mekaar beweeg en die twee is tans die klub se gunsteling-paartjie - hulle versorg ook saam die tuin.

Piet se raad aan voornemende rolbalspelers is om so jonk as moontlik te begin. "Die spel is lankal nie meer net vir ouer mense nie en al hoe meer jonger spelers word kampioene," het hy gesê. "So lank as wat ek gesond is en rolbal geniet, sal ek aanhou met speel."

Hardus Botha

New Nature Reserve secures rare Cape Vernal Pools habitat

The Franco Three Fountains Nature Reserve is declared a protected area, marking a significant conservation turning point as the first and only reserve dedicated to safeguarding the rare and ecologically important *Cape Vernal Pools* (a rare and endangered type of seasonal wetland ecosystem found within the Greater Cape Floristic Region). This unique vegetation type, previously unrepresented across our conservation areas, now finds its largest protected expanse within the boundaries of this reserve.



through responsible stewardship and long-term commitment to conservation." Trustee Jodie Franco said she was proud to see the land formally recognised for its ecological importance. "What began as an effort to clear invasive plants has grown into a long-term commitment to restoring rare and threatened habitats. The declaration is an example of what is possible when private landowners embrace conservation as a shared responsibility."

CapeNature facilitates the legal administrative process to declare these sites as protected areas in terms of the National Environmental Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA). The reserve was declared on 11 April 2025. Situated within the Three Fountains Estate in the Klein Dassenberg smallholdings area, the land is privately owned and spans over 20 hectares. The Franco Property Trust owns and manages the reserve through trustees, Tony and Jodie Franco, whose vision and commitment made this conservation milestone possible. The reserve is home to a mosaic of Endangered and Critically Endangered habitats and species, including Atlantis Sand Fynbos and Swartland Shale Renosterveld. It also protects seasonal wetlands, vernal pools and ephemeral streams that feed into the Donkergat River system and ultimately drain through Blaauwberg Nature Reserve into the Atlantic Ocean at Melkbosstrand.

A botanical survey of the site has recorded 156 plant species, including 22 species of conservation concern. A few of these are recognised as being Critically Endangered, while several more are listed as Endangered. Western Cape Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Mr Anton Bredell, welcomed the proclamation. "The establishment of this Provincial Nature Reserve is yet another positive step in conserving the irreplaceable biodiversity of the Western Cape. This reserve protects unique ecosystems and threatened species, while demonstrating what can be achieved

Successfully declaring the reserve comes after decades of environmental pressure. In 2022, a significant clearing operation began, after more than 60 years of invasive alien plant infestation, mainly from Rooikrans and Port Jackson. Although a major wildfire that same year destroyed infrastructure and impacted recovering plant populations, rehabilitation efforts were quickly restarted. By 2024, the site had entered a maintenance phase, with reinstalled fencing and signage and an ambitious replanting programme. To date, more than 3 000 Cape thatching reed (*Elegia tectorum*) seedlings and nearly 1 000 translocated wetland and fynbos plants, rescued from nearby developments, have been introduced to restore ecological balance and habitat resilience.

The addition of the Franco Three Fountains Nature Reserve to the province's protected area network demonstrates the impact of private land stewardship in addressing conservation gaps. CapeNature encourages other landowners to explore similar pathways to formally protect ecologically significant sites and contribute to broader environmental goals. Landowners who are considering having their land formally protected can contact CapeNature's Antia Wheeler on awheeler@capenature.co.za and Kaylin Reid on kreid@capenature.co.za.

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Erfenisdagvieringe - 24 September 2025

Vanjaar se tema vir Suid-Afrika se Erfenismaand is "Verbeel ons Erfenisinstellings vir 'n Nuwe Era" (Reimagine Our Heritage Institutions for a New Era). Hierdie tema beklemtoon die transformasie van erfenisinstellings soos museums en argiewe om meer inklusief, tegnologiees innoverend en gemeenskapsgerig te wees, en gebruik erfenis as 'n fondament vir 'n dinamiese en ekonomies inklusiewe toekoms. Suid-Afrikaners word aangemoedig om hul kultuur en die diversiteit van hul oortuigings en tradisies te vier, binne die wyer konteks van 'n nasie wat aan al sy mense behoort.



Die Gans-Berg Nuus het 'n vol Erfenisdag-vieringe program van ds Floors Avenant ontvang, waarvan gerus kennis geneem kan word: "Kom vier saam met die SAPD, GPF, SCPS ons kulturele erfenis in styl", lui die uitnodiging. Die verrigtinge sal in die AGS Aanbiddingsentrum, Mullerstraat 22, Gansbaai vanaf 09:00 tot 13:00 aangebied word.

Organisasies, maatskappye en instansies word vriendelik uitgenooi om aan hierdie feestelike dag van eenheid en kleurrike kultuur te kom deelneem. Twee verteenwoordigers kan per instansie afgevaardig word om die verrigtinge by te woon. Almal is welkom om baniere, bemerkingsmateriaal of kulturele / uitgedoste drag te maak. Op hierdie wyse kan instansies hulself op 'n kreatiewe wyse aan die gemeenskap bekendstel.

Deelname moet voor of op 19 September 2025 bevestig word. Kontakpersoon: Deon Naude by 081 444 0953.

Graag nou die redaksie van die Gans-Berg Nuus almal wat spesifieke geleenthede of familie-braaie vir Erfenisdag beplan om ons te kontak om 'n draai by julle verrigtinge te gaan maak vir plasing in ons volgende uitgawe. Epos die inligting aan info2@gansberg.co.za, of WhatsApp dit aan 082 786 0494 en ons sal daar wees om foto's te neem en inligting te bekom.

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25 September	0445	1653	1038	2300
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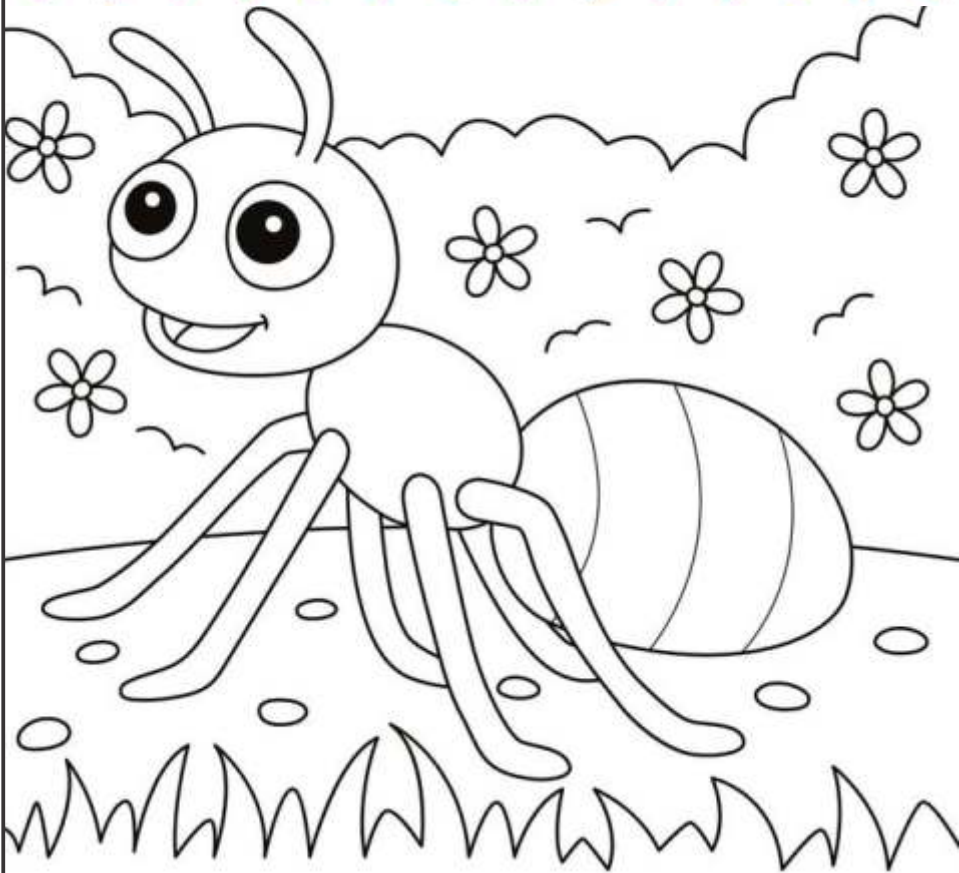
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Vier Spog Twee's is vir die week aangeteken: Drie met Woensdag se Sloegters Enkel Stableford - Solly Wessels, Bev Swart en Hugo Groenewald; Een met Saterdag se Enkel Stableford - Pieter Kruger. Clive Bailey palm Saterdag, 14 September 2025 se Enkel Stableford Kompetisie in.

Woensdag, 10 September:

Leon Lombaard wen die Sloegters Enkel Stableford kompetisie met 39 punte, gevolg deur Rene Myburgh 39, Bev Swart 36, Joe Cesare 36, Marietjie de Villiers 35, Johan Coetzee 34, Solly Wessels 34, Hugo Groenewald 34, Peet Pretorius 33 en Andrew Dalglish 33. Naaste aan die pen op no 11: Christo Spanellis (geel bof) en Marietjie de Villiers (rooi bof). Spog Twee: Solly Wessels (11), Bev Swart (8) en Hugo Groenewald (8 & 15).

Vrydag, 12 September:

Jacques Louw wen die 9-putjie Enkel Stableford met 22 punte, gevolg deur Callie Lourens 20, Marietjie de Villiers 20, Sakkie van der Merwe 18, Deon Momberg 18, Pietie Dry 13, Bev Swart 13, Koos Myburgh 12 en Pero Heyns 12.

Saterdag, 13 September:

Clive Bailey wen die Enkel Stableford kompetisie met 40 punte, gevolg deur Malcolm Bury 37, Hugo Groenewald 35, Peet Pretorius 34, Leon Lombaard 33, Johan Coetzee 32, Rene Myburgh 32, Berty Sassman 31, Jacques Louw



Clive Bailey.



Jacques Louw.

31 en Bertie Laubscher 31. Naaste aan pen no 17: Peet Pretorius (geel bof) en Rene Myburgh (rooi bof). Spog Twee: Pieter Kruger op no 17.

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'Don't Be Trashy' campaign fights waste on land and sea in Western Cape

CapeNature, in partnership with Soapbox and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP), is working on the 'Don't Be Trashy' Drive to address the growing threat of waste to ecosystems across the province.



The campaign aims to tackle pollution in both terrestrial and marine environments, where plastic and non-biodegradable waste is putting increasing pressure on biodiversity. It combines public awareness, education, and community action to reduce waste and drive long-term behavioural change. Western Cape Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Anton Bredell, said government has an important role to play in guiding communities to change and improve their handling of waste. "We need to grow our understanding of the value that can be unlocked from waste. Let's explore simple ways in which we can benefit from the circular economy that lies hidden in many trash items we simply throw away without a second thought."

A key focus of this year's drive is the protection of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), which play an important role in sustaining ocean health. Pollution doesn't respect boundaries and even waste generated far inland can travel via rivers into the ocean, impacting critical marine ecosystems. Collaboration across sectors and communities is essential to protect these environments. "The impact of waste is not just unsightly; it has significant impact on natural ecosystems," says Dr Ashley Naidoo, CEO of CapeNature. "On land, litter disrupts habitats, contaminates soil, and affects wildlife. In our oceans, waste entangles marine animals, degrades coral reefs, and introduces toxins into the food



chain. The 'Don't Be Trashy' Drive is a call to action for all communities, schools, businesses, and individuals to be part of the solution."

The campaign highlights how everyday actions like littering and illegal dumping contribute to environmental degradation. Through clean-up events, educational activities, and social engagements, CapeNature and its partners are promoting sustainable practices like recycling and reducing single-use plastics.

Soapbox, through its Captain Fanplastic Programme, is adding a creative and educational dimension to the campaign, particularly among young people. "If we want to see lasting change in how we treat our environment, it starts with what we teach our children," said Ruben Hazelzet, Head of Programme at Captain Fanplastic. "Through our gamified storytelling adventures and outdoor experiences, we turn environmental education into something memorable, fun, and impactful. We pride ourselves on being able to reach 11 countries with vital education for many young people. Over the past three years, we've reached more than 15 000 learners, inspiring them to become 'Plastic Pirates' and community changemakers. Campaigns like 'Don't Be Trashy' reinforce education reform based on creativity, curiosity, and real-world action, which is key to building a generation that sees waste not as rubbish, but as a resource."

CapeNature is calling on all individuals to join the campaign by taking part in clean-ups, report illegal dumping, and reduce waste at source. The Entity also encourages all to support the work being done in nature reserves and MPA's.

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