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The majority of our readers are surely following the news - there is chaos in other countries due to the crisis in the Middle East, but what does the war mean for South Africa? The conflict in Iran may be far from us geographically, but it is clear that this is not the case when it comes to its consequences. The situation in the Middle East is highly unpredictable, and South Africa's inflation outlook depends on how long the conflict will last and what its scope will be.

"The immediate, near-term risks for African countries are mainly limited to increases in global oil prices and weakening exchange rates amid heightened demand for safe-haven assets. This could raise short-term inflationary risks and lead to a more cautious approach by monetary authorities across the continent," said Brendon Verster, senior economist at Oxford Economics. South Africa is in a delicate situation, with Washington repeatedly warning the South African government regarding its stance on Israel, ties with Iran, and alignment with BRICS. In short: *No direct war in South Africa; *The biggest impact is economic - fuel prices, inflation, costs of goods and services, and the stability of the rand; *Travel and trade could be disrupted, and political positions could influence international relations.

Here at home

Here at home, the hearts of Gansbaai residents go out to the many families who live there and are caught in the war situation - all equally vulnerable in the face of these circumstances. In Gansbaai, we think especially of Jonathan and Melissa Doyle, formerly of Gansbaai.

Jonathan was the former principal of Gansbaai Primary School, and Melissa a teacher - with the couple having relocated to Qatar. "What started as an ordinary Saturday morning quickly turned into a tense and uncertain weekend," Melissa shared their feelings with the Gans-Berg News. "We were on our way to take our children, Michael and Emily, to their



parkour session when messages began coming through that Iran had been attacked." Shortly after they arrived home, the first emergency alarms sounded, instructing residents to take shelter and remain indoors. According to Jonathan, their children were incredibly

frightened by the loud sounds outside. The family spent the rest of the day indoors, with the children playing PlayStation and watching shows to distract themselves and to block out the frightening noises. That evening, they slept in the kitchen, away from the windows.

"It was a rough night with many missile sounds," Jonathan said. "Throughout the night, further warning messages advised us not to leave our shelter." Sunday, normally the start of the school week, schools switch to online learning, and the day was unusually quiet. That evening again brought loud explosions, and the Doyle family could even see a missile passing by from their apartment.



On Monday morning, just before online classes were due to begin, another emergency alert appeared on their cellphones, followed by the sound of explosions. Authorities continue to keep residents informed and are doing everything possible to maintain calm. All emergency services remain operational 24 hours a day, and shops and food outlets are open.

The family had already received warnings last week about possible attacks and had prepared by ensuring they had sufficient supplies at home. Their embassy also reached out to them - they were required to complete forms detailing who was living with them, whether their passports were in order, and who in South Africa should be contacted if anything were to happen. "We packed a small bag with all our important documents in case we need to flee," Melissa wrote. Each morning and evening, they send messages to family and friends to confirm their safety. "Please continue praying for us," is the Doyle family's message to loved ones in South Africa.

"Just a quick update - we are still OK and safe at home. It was a busy night with little sleep," Melissa reported. "We slept in the kitchen, far from the windows. From today we are online, and the children are calmer than yesterday - we hope it stays that way. The alarms went off again at midnight and 7am this morning, but it helps when we know something is about to happen."

To all the families involved - you are in our hearts and in our prayers for your protection. Know that we, as residents of Gansbaai, as well as the people of South Africa, are thinking of you and trust that you will remain safe and return home. The Gans-Berg News will keep readers updated on our platforms as soon as we receive any news from Jonathan and Melissa Doyle.

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Tannie Nellie van Dyk vir 10½ dekades gespaar



Tannie Nellie van Dyk (105).

10½ dekades - 105 jaar - dit is hoe lank Tannie Nellie van Dyk (née Lötter) van Herberg-aan-See (HaS) se lewe gespaar is. "Ek is 'n dankbare mens, nog my hele lewe lank," het sy gesê. Sedert haar 100ste verjaarsdag het die familie elke jaar haar verjaarsdag by HaS gevier, met die *Gans-Berg Nuis* wat telkens teenwoordig was. Vanjaar het haar familie haar plaas toe geneem om die verjaarsdag daar te vier.

Laerskool Gansbaai se leerders kon haar gelukkig nog by HaS met 'n

pragtige 105-jaar-koek, gebak deur 'n Graad 1-ouer, Mel Booysen, en 'n plantjie verras. Juffrou Alana Louw het die besoek gereël. "Ek was baie verras en het nie die besoek deur die kleingood verag nie, maar het dit opreg waardeur en lekker met hulle gesels," het Tannie Nellie gesê.

Tannie Nellie is op 28 Februarie 1921 op die plaas Vredenburg gebore, waar sy ook grootgeword het. Ná haar troue met wyle Oom Danie het hulle na die plaas Hartebeeskloof (die Van Dyks se familieplaas) verhuis, sowat "12 myl" buite Stanford

op die Papiesvlei-pad, waar hulle geboer het. Drie kinders - Jannie, Petronella (oorlede) en Glandina - is uit die huwelik gebore. Sy spog met 7 kleinkinders en 13 agterkleinkinders. In haar jonger jare was sy knap met die ontwerp en maak van trourokke, asook ander naaldwerk. Tannie Nellie se hande het ook nie verkeerd gestaan vir skilderkuns, blommerangskikkings en vele ander kunswerke nie. Op 105 beskik sy steeds oor 'n flink brein, gelaai met humor, terwyl sy graag boeke lees en hekel - "maar net wanneer ek daarna voel!"

Tannie Nellie is sedert 24 Oktober 2014 'n inwoner van HaS - met die personeellede wat haar ook op die hande gedra het. Nou ja, wat sê 'n mens van 'n leeftyd van 105 lewensjare? Die redaksie van die *Gans-Berg Nuis* wens Tannie Nellie 'n gesonde en gelukkige nuwe lewensjaar toe!
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Leerders van Laerskool Gansbaai wat Tannie Nellie van Dyk besoek het.



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Die nuwe bestuur van die Gansbaai Polisiëringforum (GPF) is tydens 'n Spesiale Algemene Vergadering op Donderdag, 26 Februarie 2026, verkies. Aanvanklik is daar bespreek of slegs die vakante poste gevul moet word en of die bestaande bestuur ontbind moet word om plek te maak vir 'n nuwe bestuur. Ná 'n stemming ingevolge die Grondwet is daar deur die verteenwoordigers op laasgenoemde besluit.

Die nuwe bestuur is soos volg saamgestel: Riaan Booysen (voorsitter); Deon Naude (visevoorsitter); Anne-Marie Lucas (sekretaris); adj. off. Woensdrecht Basson (vise-sekretaris, aangewys deur Gansbaai se stasiekommissaris); Jaap Koen (tesourier); Glenda Kitley (skakelbeampte); Marieta Rademeyer (projek-koördineerder); en Robbie Nelson (addisionele lid). Die dienstydsperk van bestuurslede is vyf jaar, maar mnr. Davids, voorsitter van die Overberg-distrik-GPF, wat die verkiesing hanteer het, het gesê die nuwe bestuur word slegs vir die oorblywende tydperk van drie jaar verkies.

Verloop van die vergadering
Die waarnemende voorsitter,



GPF se nuwe Bestuur.

Cassie Carstens, wat sy bedankingsbrief ingedien het, het almal teenwoordig verwelkom, en ds. Floors Avenant het die vergadering met gebed geopen. Mnr. Davids is spesiaal deur Cassie verwelkom en aan die woord gestel. "n Stewige GPF-struktuur is van groot belang om die SAPD in die stryd teen misdaad in gemeenskappe te ondersteun en om saam met buurtwagte te werk," het hy gesê. Hy het bevestig dat 14 van die 25 organisasies teenwoordig is en dat daar dus 'n kworum gevorm is. Die stemproses van bestuurslede het stemmig en tot almal se tevredenheid verloop.

Die nuutverkose voorsitter, Riaan Booysen, het die lede bedank vir hul bywoning van die vergadering en ander organisasies uitgenooi om by die onderskeie buurtwagte aan te sluit. Die redaksiespan van die Gans-Berg Nuis dra graag hul gelukwense aan die nuwe GPF-bestuur oor en wens hulle sterkte toe met die verantwoordelike taak wat aan hulle opgedra is.

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A New Chapter for Shofar Gansbaai - Wian Theron officially ordained

A year ago, on 2 March 2025, *Gans-Berg Nuus* reported on the planting (establishment) of a Shofar Christian Church congregation in Gansbaai. At the time, Wian and Kayleigh Theron were commissioned by Shofar Hermanus to serve the new congregation in Gansbaai as Elders, with the Gansbaai Golf Club serving as the church venue.

During the past year, Wian has functioned as acting pastor. On Sunday, 2 March 2026, a significant milestone was reached for both Wian and Shofar Gansbaai when he was officially ordained as a full pastor. Pastor Heinrich Titus of Shofar Somerset West, who also serves as Leader of the Shofar Family, together with pastor Andries van der Merwe, Senior Pastor of Shofar Hermanus, officiated the ordination.

The service began with heartfelt congregational worship, after which Wian invited the special guests to address the congregation. The couples Titus and Van der Merwe joined Wian and Kayleigh in forming an intimate circle at the front of the hall, where each prayed a blessing over the Theron's.

Andries quoted Acts 20:28 - an appropriate Scripture for the occasion - highlighting Christ's emphasis on the necessity of a shepherd as leader of a congregation, a calling now formally entrusted to Wian. Heinrich, who led the service, preached from Matthew 9:35-36, noting that Jesus focused not only on cities but especially on towns and villages, emphasising their need for a shepherd to minister the Word and bring encouragement. After the service, guests enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

The Theron Family

At the beginning of 2023, Wian and Kayleigh completed a three-month Church Planting Course under the leadership of Andries van der Merwe and Pastor Werner Joubert. "Both our hearts are in ministry, but we waited on the Lord for the right time," Wian previously told *Gans-Berg Nuus*. "From the end of 2024 we were involved in serving the Gansbaai congregation on a monthly basis, but we felt the Lord calling us to relocate here permanently." Both grew up in Kleinmond and attended Hermanus High School. Wian is a Marine Engineer and worked at sea for approximately ten years. "After five years at sea, I

encountered the Lord, and my entire direction in life changed," he shares. Kayleigh qualified as a Foundation Phase teacher. In 2021, they became part of Shofar Hermanus. The couple have a beautiful daughter, Nina (20 months).

Background

Fred May and Lucille May founded Shofar Christian Church in Stellenbosch in 1992. Since then, it has grown from a student fellowship into an international, multi-generational and multi-cultural church family with

congregations in South Africa, Namibia, the United Kingdom, Burundi and the Netherlands. "Shofar" (pronounced "show-far") is the Hebrew word for the ceremonial ram's horn, which had various uses in

Biblical times. Shofar Gansbaai holds its worship services every Sunday at 09:00 in the hall of the Gansbaai Golf Club - everyone is welcome. For enquiries, Wian Theron can be contacted at 072 773 3553 or via email at wian.theron@shofaronline.org.

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Heinrich en Nikki Titus, Lize en Andries van der Merwe saam met Nina, Kayleigh en Wian Theron.



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Bek- en Klouseerkrisis - Geen gevalle in Overberg aangemeld

Die Provinsiale Bek- en Klouseer JOC funksioneer as 'n gestruktureerde, gesamentlike operasionele platform onder leiding van die Wes-Kaapse Departement van Landbou: Veeartsenydienste. Agri Wes-Kaap, in samewerking met die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Rampbestuursentrum, is verantwoordelik vir die administrasie van die Bek- en Klouseer JOC ten einde te verseker dat alle rolspelers in die provinsie ingelig bly en gestruktureerd saamwerk.

Inentingsvordering en beskikbaarheid

*Meer as 12 000 inentings is reeds toegedien; *Die Wes-Kaap gaan 30 000 dosisse ontvang van die 1 miljoen wat die afgelope naweek in Suid-Afrika aangekom het: *Entstof word uitsluitlik vir noodinentings binne die biosekuriteitsones gebruik.

Distriksmunisipaliteite se terugvoer

In die Kaapse Metropool is inentings in Nyanga, Kalkfontein en Mfuleni gedoen. Makhaza bly onder kwarantyn. In Phesantekraal is 372 diere ingeënt. Informele veeboere werk goed saam met die owerhede. Staatsveeartse word deur amptenare vergesel, terwyl wetstoepassing aktief betrokke is by bewusmaking en opvoeding van vee-eienaars. Inentings is reeds in Klapmuts, in die Kaapse Wynlande, gedoen.

Omliggende plase word ingeënt volgens 'n risiko-analise en die beskikbaarheid van entstof deur die Wes-Kaapse Departement van Landbou: Veeartsenydienste. In die Tuinroete het staatsveeartse die afgelope naweek ongeveer 7 500 diere in informele nedersettings ingeënt. Alle beheer- en kontrolepunte bly in plek, maar word strategies verskuif aangesien die 10 km-radius rondom die indeksplaas uitgebrei het. Samewerking vanuit informele boeregemeenskappe is positief en verhoogde bewusmaking toon duidelike resultate.

In Mosselbaai het wetstoepassing en produsente van omliggende plase ontsmettingspunte geïmplementeer om biosekuriteit verder te versterk. Daar is geen vermoedelike gevalle in die Sentraal-Karoo en Overberg aangemeld nie. Agri Wes-Kaap doen 'n beroep op produsente om streng biosekuriteitsmaatreëls toe te pas, geen diere sonder die korrekte dokumentasie te verskuif nie en enige verdagte simptome onmiddellik by hul naaste staatsveearts aan te meld. Verdere opdaterings sal gekommunikeer word soos nuwe inligting beskikbaar raak.

Rojeanne de Wet
Skakelbeampte - Agri Wes-Kaap

CapeNature Cubs Club Connect 2026 makes a Splash with Water-Themed Family Fun

Scores of children and their families flocked to Jonkershoek Nature Reserve over the weekend to take part in a day of learning, laughter and connection in nature as part of CapeNature's Cubs Club programme.

Around 70 children and their families participated in the Cubs Club Connect 2026 event to celebrate this year's theme, *Water*. The event highlighted the importance of freshwater ecosystems, conservation and responsible water use, and featured a wide range of interactive, water-inspired activities designed to engage children between the ages of 4 and 13. Teachers, group leaders and three Cubs Club groups also attended the event on Saturday. From hands-on educational games to outdoor challenges, participants were encouraged to explore the value of water in



sustaining life while having fun in a safe, family-friendly environment.

Cubs Club Connect also serves as a melting pot that brings families together, as demonstrated by the lively potjiekos competition. Families prepared hearty meals while embracing the spirit of teamwork and friendly competition. The activity not only added a cultural and social element to the programme, but also created an opportunity for families to connect, share stories and enjoy time together outdoors.

"Cubs Club Connect continues to play an important role in strengthening relationships between families and conservation initiatives by providing impactful outdoor learning experiences that inspire young environmental enthusiasts and help broaden the appeal of CapeNature's environmental education programme," said Shaunal Mack, CapeNature Cubs Club Co-ordinator. "The 2026 event successfully reinforced the Cubs Club's commitment to environmental education through play, creativity and shared experiences."



With strong attendance and enthusiastic participation, Cubs Club Connect 2026 once again proved to be a highlight on the social calendar, leaving families with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for water as one of our most precious natural resources. To be part of the adventure and experience future Cubs Club events, sign up today and join CapeNature's mission to nurture the next generation of nature custodians. Visit www.capenature.co.za to enrol in the free Cubs Club for more information and gain access to exciting opportunities and events throughout the year. For further enquiries, email learning@capenature.co.za.

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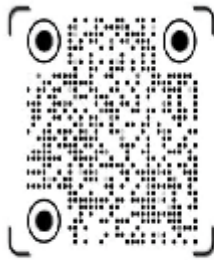
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Verbygangers se koppe draai by Astron

Verbygangers en motorbestuurders se koppe draai deesdae wanneer hulle verby die bekende Caltex-vulstasie op die hoek van Hoof- en Frankenstrate loop of ry - Caltex-embleme het plek gemaak vir Astron Energy se embleme.

“Nee, hier is nie sprake van 'n verwisseling van eienaarskap nie,” het Kobus Groenewald die Gans-Berg Nuus meegedeel. “Die vulstasie verander net van Caltex-brandstof na Astron Energy-brandstof.” Ook hierdie besluit het nie by die eienaars gelê nie - Astron Energy is tans besig om alle Caltex-vulstasies landswyd na Astron-vulstasies om te skakel.

Die oorskakeling in Gansbaai sal nog sowat 1½ maand duur voordat dit voltooi is. Hou die Gans-Berg Nuus dop vir volledige inligting. Kobus sê dat sodra die oorskakeling afgehandel is, 'n amptelike openingsdatum bekend gemaak sal word. Gansbaaiers kan 'n gesellige openingsdag met musiek en talle pryse om te wen verwag.



“Intussen vra ons net dat almal geduldig sal wees terwyl die proses aan die gang is,” sluit Kobus sy beroep aan die gemeenskap en besoekers af.

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Welkome ruskans - Brandbestryders geniet nuwe lugversorger

Gansbaai se brandweermanne en -vroue kan voortaan "salig afkoel" wanneer hulle van brandbestrydings-aksies af terugkeer vir 'n ruskansie - in die koeligheid van 'n lugversorger in die slaapkwartiere. "Tydens die onlangse verwoestende brande wat die Groter Gansbaai-gebied en omliggende dorpe getref het, het sommige gemeenskapslede gevoel dat hulle 'n klein teken van waardering aan ons dapper brandbestryders wil betoon," het Raadsdame Riana de Coning gesê.

Onder Riana se leiding is skenkings ingesamel vir die installering van lugversorgers in die

slaapkwartiere van die brandbestryders. Die doel is dat hulle tydens hul rusperiodes kan afkoel voordat die volgende skof begin - 'n beslis welkome geskenk. Louise Higham het 'n lugversorger geskenk, terwyl verskeie ander skenkers tot die installasiekoste bygedra het. Groot waardering word teenoor al die skenkers uitgespreek.

Op die foto is Raadsdame Riana de Coning (Wyk 14), Raadslid Steven Fourie (Wyk 11), Louise Higham (skenker), Gallie Badenhorst (Stasiebevelvoerder) en enkele van die brandbestryders.

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Friday 6/3/2026	Saturday 7/3/2026	Sunday 8/3/2026	Monday 9/3/2026	Tuesday 10/3/2026	Wednesday 11/3/2026
21°	19°	23°	26°	26°	26°
Fresh Breeze 10 m/s from west 0.6 mm precipitation.	Gentle Breeze 5 m/s from south 0 mm precipitation.	Fresh Breeze 8 m/s from east 0 mm precipitation.	Moderate Breeze 7 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation.	Moderate Breeze 7 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation.	Fresh Breeze 8 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation.

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Gansbaai Gholfklub

2026-Klubkampioene

Gansbaai Gholfklub se 2026-Klubkampioen is Francois van der Merwe met 164 bruto in die A-Afdeling, met die ander twee klubkampioene: Cobus Dippenaar (B-Afdeling) en Johan Coetzee (C-Afdeling) - baie geluk aan hierdie drie kampioene!

Woensdag, 25 Februarie:

Cecil Galloway wen die Enkel Stableford Sloegterskompetisie met 38 punte, gevolg deur Cobus Dippenaar 35, Marietjie de Villiers 34, Leon Lombaard 31, John Wellman 29, Clive Bailey 28, Johan Coetzee 27, Marie Fourie 27 en Bev Swart 27. Naaste aan die pen no 2: Clive Bailey (rooi bof).

Vrydag, 27 Februarie:

Owen Huxham wen die 9-putjie Enkel Stableford kompetisie met 23 punte, gevolg deur Koos Myburgh 19, Pero Heyns 19, Leon le Grange 17, Sakkie van der Merwe 17, Jacobus Bothma 16, Deon Momberg 14 en John Smith 14.

Saterdag, 28 Februarie:

Dit was die jaarlikse Klubkampioenskappe en die Klubkampioen vir 2026 is Francois van der Merwe met 164 bruto - veels geluk!

Die uitslag van die Kampioenskappe is soos volg:

A-Afdeling: Francois van der Merwe 164, Peet Pretorius 171 en Melvin Tobias 171.

B-Afdeling: Cobus Dippenaar 171, Hugo Groenewald 177 en Johan du Preez 177.

C-Afdeling: Johan Coetzee 186, Clive Bailey 196 en Faan Havenga 199.

Cobus Dippenaar wen ook die beste net vir die dag met 143 net.



2026-Klubkampioene: Johan Coetzee (C-Afd), Cobus Dippenaar (B-Afd) en Francois van der Merwe (A-Afd, 2026-Klubkampioen).

Saterdag, 7 Maart:

Kompetisie is 'n Houespel.

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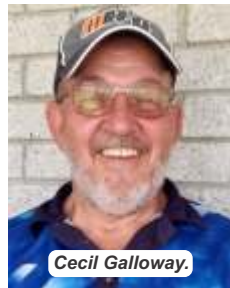
Die Liga 1 span speel Saterdag teen Caledon Gholfklub. Die Bakleiliga speel Saterdag op Bredasdorp teen Swellendam. Ons wen altwee ligaspanne die beste toe.

Vrydag, 6 Maart:

Steakaand.

Groete,

Johan Coetzee 082 878 0534



Cecil Galloway.



Owen Huxham.

HaS se Rolstoelbrigade



Ja-nee, dit was weer tyd vir die jaarlikse Rolstoelbrigade van Herberg-aan-See (HaS) se inwoners op Donderdag 19 Februarie 2026 - 'n item op hul kalender wat vir groot opwinding sorg en waar die "stoters" van die rolstoel moes uithaal en wys!

Die rolstoel het agter HaS in Hoopstraat weggespring (met skreeuende bande?!), oor Frankenstraat 'gery' tot in Strandstraat, waar regs gedraai is tot by die uitkykpunt oor Gansbaai-hawe. Motoriste het die eenaardige "verkeersoepenhoping" maar net gadeslaan, vriendelik gegroet en gewuif. By die uitkykpunt is hulle met koue vrugtesap bederf en van die tannies kon sommer ook met hulle lente-hoede spog.

Terug by HaS is vrugteslaai en roomys deur Gansbaai se Goue Hande aan hulle bedien. Die hoogtepunt daar was die kleuters van De Kleine Gansies wat die inwoners vermaak het. Hulle kostelike demonstrasies terwyl hulle opgewekte en eg-kinderlike liedjies vir die bejaardes gesing het, is terdeë geniet. Hulle het nie net gesing nie - blommetjies en hulle eie getekende prentjies is aan die omies en tannies oorhandig, maar die lekkerste was die drukkies wat mildelik uitgedeel is. (Foto's: Freda Potgieter, Gans-Berg Nuis)

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"Aanstap, aanstap Rooies, die pad is nog lank...!" Skemerstap ten bate van HaS

"Wag net so 'n bietjie, stadig nou - julle kan nou-nou begin stap," het Francia van Dyk, organiseerder van die Skemerstap, probeer wal gooi. Ek wil eers 'n bietjie inligting aan julle oordra!" Die gepraterij het op dowe ore geval - die stappers was soos trippelende perde, en daar gaan hulle! Die staptog, wat lankal reeds 'n gewilde instelling geword het, is ten bate van Herberg-aan-See (HaS) se Sassa-Deernisfonds.

Die stappers begin by die Kleinbaai-sleephelling en volg die gruispad kuslangs, verby die Rooikransies en voor Franskraal op die wandelpad tot by die Strandveld Museumgebou. Die Skemerstap is weer goed ondersteun deur sowat 220 stappers. Dit is 'n gemaklike stap waar daar dikwels meer gesels as gestap word. Een van die stappers was die **90-jarige** Lettie Wiese van HaS - en sy het sommer baie goed gedoen!

Die groot lekkerte van die stap is natuurlik die eindpunt by die Strandveld Museumgebou in Franskraal. Behalwe vir lekker sit of lê en rus op die groen gras, wag daar 'n afkoeltingetjie in die vorm van sap, maar ook 'n rooi- of witwyntjie - ons woon mos in wynwêreld, of hoe dan nou?! Saam met die afkoeltingetjies is daar 'n smaaklike worsbroodjie en vir nagereg 'n sagte paashasie. 'n Verdere lekkerte by die Strandveld Museumgebou is die gesellige saamkuier - soos dit die gewoonte van ou vrinne mos maar is.

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Commemoration Service HMS Birkenhead - 26 February 1852

Johan le Roux, Programme Director.



Frieda Lloyd, guest speaker.

Old Bill Ricky de Wet.



The well-known "Birkenhead Drill", with its protocol of "Women and Children First", is recognised worldwide today. Their sacrifice is remembered here in the Overberg, where the legacy of those 450 men remains as enduring as the coastline itself.

The commemoration service started at the Great White House, where guests gathered before boarding boats for a wreath-laying ceremony at sea - near the well-known Birkenhead Rock, where the HMS Birkenhead tragically sank. A short memorial service was held at sea before guests returned to the main service at the Danger Point Lighthouse. The Programme Director, Johan le Roux, welcomed the guests, after which they sang the National Anthem of South Africa.

In her review of the tragic sinking of HMS Birkenhead, guest speaker Frieda Lloyd said the Cape's sea and weather are notoriously unpredictable. "On that



night at Danger Point, the hidden rocks and shifting currents claimed the ship. Without any way to call for help, the men relied solely on their discipline and character," she said. "They stood fast on the deck as the ship broke apart, ensuring that women and children were prioritised for the few lifeboats available. Their bravery in such isolation gave rise to the "Birkenhead Drill" - the "Women and Children First" protocol recognised worldwide today."

Rev Dr James Gray, an expert on the Birkenhead's history, led the service, after which the Last Post was played. This was followed by a one-minute silence and then the Reveille. Guests were invited to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony. The ceremony concluded with the well-known Celtic Blessing, read by Rev Dr James Gray:

Deep peace of the running wave to you;

*Deep peace of the flowing
air to you;*

*Deep peace of the quiet
earth to you;*

*Deep peace of the shining
stars to you;*

Deep peace of Christ to you.

(Pictures: Freda Potgieter,
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Nedbank kleiner, maar digitaal



Die veranderinge aan Nedbank in Hoofstraat vorm deel van die Nedbank Groep se strategie om takke kleiner, maar meer effektief te maak. Dit behels onder andere die oorskakeling van 'n fisiese diens na 'n digitale diens.

Aanvanklik sou die openingsdatum 19 Februarie 2026 gewees het, maar omstandighede buite die bestuur se beheer het dié

datum na 5 Maart 2026 verskuif. Nedbank het reeds op sosiale media om verskoning vir enige ongerief gevra. "Die bank gaan wel kleiner wees, maar daar sal steeds personeel wees, terwyl die meerderheid van dienste na digitaal gaan oorskakel," het Sticks Jonginamba, spanleier, die Gans-Berg Nuus meegedeel. Hy sê nuwe digitale toerusting word geïnstalleer wat dienslewering meer effektief sal maak. 'n Voorbeeld hiervan is die nuwe digitale OTM-masjien, waar onder andere bankkaarte verkry sal kan word.

Die versekering is gegee dat, alhoewel die tak "verklein" word, die nuwe digitale dienste 'n groot verbetering sal meebring en transaksies sal vergemaklik. Die amptelike seremoniële openingsaand vind plaas op Donderdag, 5 Maart 2026, en kliënte kan uitsien na verbeterde digitale dienslewering.

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