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Gansbaai Library - An Indispensable Community Resource



Part of the Gansbaai Library staff, with Georgie Tshayivithi (centre) and Edna van der Linde (librarian) in the inset photo.

The importance of Gansbaai Library cannot be overstated. On 1 April 1962, Gansbaai was granted municipal status, with the library opening its doors seven years later, on 3 September 1969, in a historic limestone house - one of Gansbaai's oldest buildings - almost 57 years ago. For more than half a century, the library has provided the community with a wealth of books, puzzles, study materials for local learners, access to computers and much more. The library has continued to evolve. Today, Edna van der Linde is the energetic librarian at the helm. This year marks the sixth year that the library has been part of the YearBeyond Library Programme - a partnership between the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport and municipalities.

Gans-Berg News was proud to be part of this programme. One of the YeBoneers spending a year learning and working at Gansbaai Library as part of the programme is

Asisindise (Georgie) Tshayivithi. Edna approached Gans-Berg News with a request for Georgie to receive some training as a job-shadowing journalist. He has been accepted as a student at the University of the Free State to study journalism, subject to securing a bursary. Georgie did an excellent job with his first assignment, which was published in Gans-Berg News on Friday, 21 August 2026.

The team at Gans-Berg News wishes Georgie all the very best with his future plans. It was a privilege to mentor and guide him as a job-shadowing journalist. Here is his second and final assignment - an article he wrote entirely on his own.

Hardus Botha

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Gansbaai Library - More Than Just a Place for Books



Asisindise (Georgie) Tshayivithi

When people hear the word 'library', the first thing that often comes to mind is shelves filled with books and people quietly reading. While books remain an important part of Gansbaai Library, the library has grown into much more than a place for borrowing and returning books. The library serves as a community space where people of different ages can learn, access

information, develop skills and take part in various activities.

Children are an important part of the library community. Through reading activities, educational programmes and holiday programmes, the library creates opportunities for young people to learn outside the classroom. Technology has also become part of these activities. Children can participate in basic coding activities and educational games, giving them an opportunity to explore technology in a safe and supportive environment. These programmes encourage children to see the library not only as a place for books, but also as a place where they can discover new interests and develop skills.

As more services move online, access to technology has become increasingly important. The library provides patrons with access to computers and digital resources, while staff and interns assist those who may struggle with technology. Whether someone needs help searching for information, completing an online application, sending an email or using a computer, the library can provide a starting point. For people who do not have reliable access to technology at home, these services can make a significant difference.

The library also plays a role in helping community members look for employment opportunities. Job seekers can use the library's resources to search for vacancies, prepare and update their CVs, scan documents and access online applications. Assistance is available for patrons who may not be familiar with the digital processes involved in applying for jobs. In this way, the library becomes a useful resource for people trying to enter or return to the workforce.

Reading remains at the heart of the library, with books available for children, teenagers and adults across different interests and genres. However, the library also provides opportunities for people to participate in activities, access information and connect with their community. Different patrons use the library for different reasons. A child may arrive for a reading activity, a learner may need information for a school project, a job seeker may need help with an application, while another patron may simply want a quiet place to read or access a computer.

The library's role extends beyond its building. Through outreach activities and partnerships within the community, library services can reach people who may not always be able to visit the library themselves. One example is the library's long-running book-exchange programme with Herberg Aan See Old Age Home. Every second Wednesday, library staff visit the home to exchange books for residents, allowing elderly patrons to continue enjoying their favourite reading material. The programme is just one example of how the library connects its services with the wider community.

Gansbaai Library demonstrates how a modern public library can serve many purposes at once. It is a place to read, but it is also a place to learn, access technology, search for employment, receive assistance, participate in educational activities and connect with other members of the community. For some, it may be the place where a new book is discovered. For others, it may be where a CV is prepared, a digital skill is learned, a child develops a love of reading or an important piece of information is found.

The next time the doors of Gansbaai Library open, remember that the activity inside goes far beyond borrowing books. Behind those doors is a community space working every day to provide knowledge, opportunities and support to the people of Gansbaai.

Asisindise (Georgie) Tshayivithi

(Can one say that the young man, Georgie's, article highlights the indispensable importance of our Gansbaai Library?! - Hardus Botha)



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Bekroonde wynmaker Ivy du Toit verras Gansbaai Wynproegilde



Japie Spies, Ivy du Toit (wynmaker) en Charl Terblanche.

"Dit is vanaand ons sesde wynproe-geleentheid vir 2026, met Gansbaai Wynproegilde wat in 2008 gestig is," het voorsitter Japie Spies in sy verwelkomingsboodskap gesê. Die Great White House se restaurant was op Dinsdag, 18 Augustus 2026, weer stampvol lede en gaste vir die maandelikse 'familie-wynproe-geleentheid'. "Vanaand verwelkom ons die bekwame wynmaker van Jason's Hill, Ivy du Toit - terloops, sy het nie 'n CV nie; sy maak nog haar hele lewe lank wyn op hulle familieplaas!" Die wynlandgoed is in die hartjie van die Breedevallei, aan die voet van die Slanghoekberge, geleë. Dit is na 'n ou skaapwagter, Jason, vernoem wat eens op die plaas

rondgeswerf het - die plaas is beslis 'n besoek werd.

'Bekwame wynmaker' is lig gestel - Ivy maak al die afgelope 25 jaar self die kelder se wyne - sedert 2001. Hierdie nederige en vriendelike 'klein dametjie' moet nie op haar spreekwoordelike baadjie getakseer word nie: somer aan die begin van haar wynmakersloopbaan palm sy in 2003 die gesogte *Diners Club Young Winemaker of the Year*-toekenning in. Die jaar daarna, in 2004, palm sy, as die heel eerste vrou, die *Woman Winemaker of the Year*-toekenning in. Daarna het sy toekennings die een na die ander 'ingeryg' - te veel om alles hier te meld. Nadat sy tydens parasseisoene in Amerika, Frankryk en Italië gewerk het, het sy besluit om self wyn te maak en is sy tans die sesde geslag wynmaker op die plaas. "Ek onthou dat my eerste Shiraz in 2001 in 'n ou motorhuis op die plaas gemaak is," het sy vertel.

Die uitstekende wyne wat deur Ivy te proe aangebied is, was *Arrois Cap Classique* 2019 (verwelkomingswyn), *Chenin Blanc* 2026, *Beatrix Reserve* 2024, *Cinsault Unwooded* 2024, *Merlot* 2021, *Shiraz* 2024 en *Izak Reserve* 2021. Die witwyn van die aand was die *Beatrix Reserve* 2024, en die rooiwyn van die aand - wat ook as die wyn van die aand aangewys is - was die *Izak Reserve* 2021.

Maretha Cooper van die Great White House het die spyskaart aan die gaste verduidelik en ook gesê dat 'n egte Suid-Afrikaanse winterete bedien gaan word. Die spyskaart was, soos gewoonlik, 'n wenner: Voorgereg - *Grilled Trout*; Hoofereg - *Slow-Braised Springbok Pie*; Nagereg - *Warm Toffee Chocolate Pudding with Lemon Curd Ice Cream*.

Ivy was nie suinig met haar wyne vir die geluktrekkings nie - ses gaste het elk 'n bottel wyn ontvang. Die gebruiklike voorskoot van die Gansbaai Wynproegilde, wat maandeliks deur Deon en Erica Oosthuizen geborg word, is deur Charl Terblanche aan Ivy oorhandig - wat dit moes aantrek. Charl het ook die bedankings aan Ivy hanteer - met nog 'n gesellige 'familie-wynproe' wat terdeë geniet is.

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Die 6 geluktrekkings-wenners, met Ivy du Toit 3de van links.



Maretha Cooper en die Great White House se span.

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A beautiful collage of camera-trap photographs captures pollinator data in a unique way. Over just two days, this camera-trap photographed a vlei rat, striped grass mouse, and Brant's climbing mouse visiting *Protea subulifolia*.

A female Malachite Sunbird and a cisticola were also photographed in action, but they are suspected to be non-pollinating visitors.

Phillipa Murray, Grootbos Foundation



Working together to make Gansbaai great

The Committee of the De Kelders Perlemoenbaai Ratepayers Association has been filled as follows: De Wet Conradie - Chairman; Deon Oosthuizen - Vice-Chairman; Morkel van Niekerk - Treasurer; Coetzee van Heerden - Committee Member; Zenobia Moolman - Secretary. "Our approach is to work with the community to find solutions to make Gansbaai great," said Zenobia. "It is not about the membership fees as much as having as many voices as possible to assist us in truly representing the ratepayers of De Kelders and Perlemoenbaai."

Zenobia said all communication will be followed up with meetings between the Committee, the Ward Councillor and the relevant persons in the Overstrand Municipality (OM). "We are ready to assist everyone!"

The Committee have embarked on the following projects: water pressure, burst pipes, leaks and high water bills. "We have engaged with taxpayers in our community to compile a document that shows the severity of burst pipes, which result in massive water bills," Zenobia continued. "Once all the data has been collated, we have been assured of a meeting with the OM to discuss solutions." She said owners are only allowed one rebate every 18 months, and some cases involving an average of four burst pipes per year have been reported. They have also approached insurance companies to get an indication of how many claims they have covered for this problem.

The Committee brought the following matters to Gans-Berg News' attention:

Financial systems within the OM - they have scheduled a meeting with the new CFO to gain a better understanding of the financial processes, reporting, budget/IDP and accounting of municipalities; **Vodacom** - they are in the process of engaging with Vodacom and the relevant authorities to motivate for improved Vodacom coverage; **Stronger RPA** - they are working on a larger ratepayers' organisation that all RPAs can join, giving them a stronger collective voice and enabling them to share more detailed and relevant information.

Ongoing projects:

The following are projects they have been working on for some time, but they are still not satisfied with the responses received:

Fires - procedures in the event of power failures caused by fire; fire preparedness; and clearing of fire servitudes; **Stanford's Cove** - progress is being made. The RPA has approved funding to plant Buffalo grass in a section of the area and to assist with the repair or replacement of the pump. The retaining wall is also in the process of being repaired.

For any enquiries, the following members can be contacted: Zenobia Moolman - 082 923 3685 or De Wet Conradie - 082 826 4411.

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Style has no age limit

In the middle of Women's Month, Cindy Mead, owner of The Style Consultancy, used a mother, Minnie Langeveld, a teacher, Carli Joubert (De Kelders), and a learner, Eryn Higham from Curro Hermanus High School, as "before" and "after" models. She created incredible transformations of their appearances to demonstrate that personal style has no age limit. Cindy's aim is to empower women to dress with confidence, understand what works for their individual proportions and create a wardrobe that reflects who they are.



"Before & After": Carli Joubert.



"Before & After": Minnie Langeveld.

the transformation can be truly empowering. The Style Consultancy is a Hermanus-based personal styling business founded by Cindy Mead, with a powerful philosophy: style is not about size, age or labels - it is about understanding who you are and using clothing, colour and proportion to bring out your best.

Cindy, a Body Shape Styling Expert, has built her business around helping women of all ages and sizes look beautifully proportioned and, most importantly, feel confident in themselves. Her approach combines colour analysis, body-shape styling, optical illusions, wardrobe planning, shopping and personalised restyling journeys. With years of experience and a natural understanding of people, Cindy believes that the right style can have an impact far beyond what we see in the mirror.

The Style Consultancy is also about collaboration. Cindy has developed a team of talented professionals who share her belief that

transformation is about much more than clothes. For the recent Curro Hermanus High School Women's Month event, Cindy collaborated with Louwina, a professional makeup artist, and Nicola, a talented hairstylist, to create complete transformations. Together, they demonstrated how colour, clothing, hair and makeup can work in harmony to enhance an individual's natural beauty and confidence.

A prestigious occasion such as this would not be complete without beautifully set tables, stunning decorations and delicious refreshments - with thanks to the ladies who were responsible for making it all possible.

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"Before & After": Eryn Higham.



Cindy Mead, owner of The Style Consultancy.

more confident than when they arrived.

The Curro Hermanus High School event was a wonderful reflection of the philosophy behind The Style Consultancy - that when women are supported, celebrated and given the opportunity to discover their own style,

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LaR Hair - nuwe salon met dekades se ervaring

"Om 'n salon oop te maak, al weet ek min van 'n haarstilis se werk, is iets wat ek lankal wou doen, en nou het die geleentheid daarvoor gekom," vertel Leandra Colyn van Colyn Prokureurs. "Ek gaan voort met my prokureurswerk, maar het volle vertroue in die ervare haarstilis, Jacqui Corris, wat LaR Hair namens my gaan bedryf."

LaR Hair was reeds tydens Gans-Berg Nuus se besoek in bedryf, met spesiale aanbiedinge wat tot 19 Augustus 2026 gegeld het. Kliënte kan uitsien na puik diens, met Jacqui se deeglike ervaring in die bedryf. Behalwe vir jare se ervaring, is Jacqui 'n gekwalifiseerde *Master Colorist* (haarkleurspesialis) en naeltgnikus, en het sy ook 'n haarkapperkursus voltooi.

"Ek was maar 15 jaar oud toe ek al met 'haardinge' begin het, en is nou sowat 40 jaar in die bedryf," vertel sy. Jacqui is 'n gebore



Jacqui Corris van LaR Hair.

Suid-Afrikaner, maar was die afgelope 30 jaar in Engeland, Amerika en Ierland werksaam. In Ierland het sy onder andere drie van haar eie haarsalonne bedryf. Sy het sowat een en 'n half jaar gelede na Suid-Afrika teruggekeer en haar in Gansbaai gevestig. "Ek het verlang na die rustigheid hier en sien baie daarna uit om die salon te bedryf," het sy gesê. "Ek is baie opgewonde daaroor en voel positief oor die opbou van 'n kliëntebasis en om almal te leer ken." Sy is ook van mening dat daar genoeg ruimte vir almal in dié bedryf is, veral met die talle uitbreidings wat reeds plaasgevind het en steeds plaasvind.

LaR Hair is geleë te Hoofstraat 30, langs die parkeerarea van Gansbaai Supermark (die voormalige 7/11). Vir navrae en/of afsprake kan Jacqui Corris by 076 831 1041 geskakel word.

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Birkenhead Boothengelklub - Neil McNicol wys sy staal

Die Birkenhead Boothengelklub se kompetisie op Saterdag, 15 Augustus 2026, het pragtige visse opgelewer, met die nuweling Neil McNicol wat op sy eie uitstekend gevaar het - knap gedaan, Neill!

Neil McNicol het die swaarste bootgemiddeld behaal, met Gl Joe van Joe Smit die tweede swaarste bootgemiddeld. Die swaarste en tweede

swaarste visse is albei deur Neil McNicol gevang, terwyl hy ook die swaarste sak behaal het. Joe Smit het die tweede swaarste sak gehad. Die dames se swaarste sak behoort aan Joey Rademeyer en die tweede swaarste sak aan Iryna Petrovia. Die eerste drie bootkampioene (gemiddeld) is Neil McNicol, Gl Joe en Hijacker.

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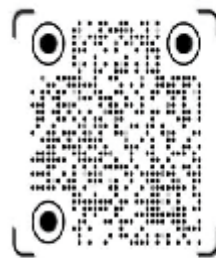
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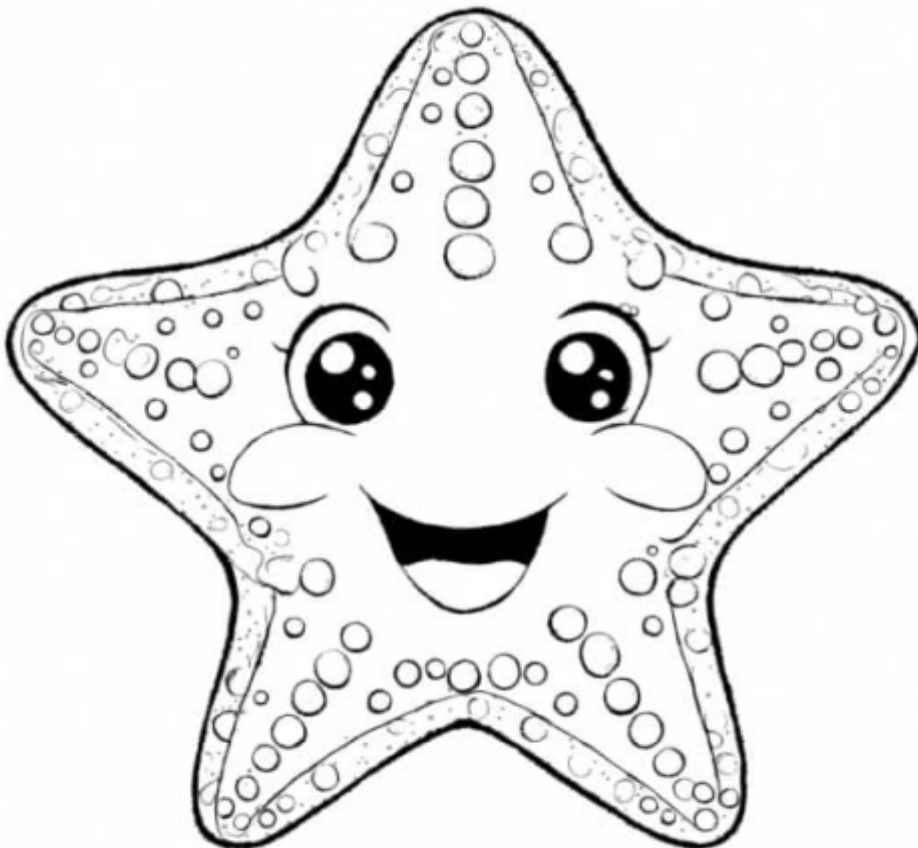
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Sylvia Jacobs van die Seagulls Netbalklub het laat weet dat die klub sowat twee weke gelede in Greyton aan netbalwedstryde deelgeneem het. Seagulls se A-span het Greyton met 15-8 gewen - 'n behoorlike pakslae. Ongelukkig het die Seagulls se B-span met net een doelpunt, 14-15, verloor. Sylvia het ook opgewonde vertel van die Seagulls Netbalklub se sesde toernooi, waaraan hulle in Heidelberg gaan deelneem. "Die mense daar is altyd opgewonde wanneer hulle hoor die Seagulls kom van so ver af, vanaf Gansbaai, om te kom speel,"



vertel Sylvia. "Nou vra ons weer die gemeenskap om ons te ondersteun." Sy het haar opregte waardering uitgespreek teenoor die borge wat die klub reeds ondersteun het. Die klub sal egter ook enige nuwe borge waardeer wat bereid is om hulle te ondersteun.

Vir navrae en/of borgskappe kan Sylvia Jacobs by 072 413 6861 geskakel word.
*Argieffoto: Gans-Berg Nuus)

Hardus Botha

Gansbaai Gholfklub - Jacques Louw wenner van Enkel Stableford

Jacques Louw palm die Enkel Stableford kompetisie van Saterdag, 22 Augustus 2026 in, met Philip Taylor Naaste aan die Pen in dieselfde kompetisie.

Enkel Stableford kompetisie met 21 punte, gevolg deur Corrie Avenant 18, Lionel Kemm 18, Andre Hage 17, Mike Germishuys 17, Pieter Uys 17, JP Laubscher 16, Pero Heyns 16, Jacobus Bothma 15 en Callie Lourens 15.

kompetisie met 41 punte, gevolg deur G Wilson 37, Johan Coetzee 34, Peet Pretorius 34, Theunis van Schoor 34, Bev Swart 33, Rene Myburgh 33, Hugo Groenewald 32, Dirk van Dyk 31 en Stephan Jackson 31.
Naaste aan die pen Nr 17 (rooi) - Philip Taylor.

Woensdag, 19 Augustus:

Joe Cesare wen die Sloegters Enkel Stableford kompetisie met 38 punte, gevolg deur Bev Swart 37, Peet Pretorius 36, Barry Fourie 33, Theunis van Schoor 33, Cobus Dippenaar 32, Marietjie de Villiers 32, Rene Myburgh 32, Clive Bailey 32 en Johan Coetzee 31.

Saterdag, 22 Augustus:

Jacques Louw wen die Enkel Stableford



Jacques Louw.



Joe Cesare.



Koos Myburgh.

Vrydag, 21 Augustus:

Koos Myburgh wen die 9-putjie

Saterdag, 29 Augustus:

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De Wet sê hulle was gelukkig om intussen 'n paar dameslede by te kry en het ook besoek ontvang van nog dames wat in houtwerk belangstel. Een van Overberg Houtwerkergilde se lede vir die afgelope 20 jaar, Ben de Lange, wat

ook vir baie jare die sekretaris was, het op 15 Augustus 2026 sy 80ste verjaardag gevier. "Baie geluk, Ben!"

Die Gilde het vanjaar twee projekte voltooi. Die eerste projek was om houtprodukte vir die Gansbaai NG Kerk-basaar in April te maak, wat suksesvol afgehandel is. Onder andere is kaasborde, broodborde en kerstaanders van hout gemaak. Die tweede projek was vir Beverley Hills Kleuterskool, waar hulle vier tafeltjies en agt bankies vir die klaskamer gemaak het. Die Gilde het homself oor die jare heen bewys as 'n groep wat nie net daar is vir sy stokperdjie nie, maar ook gereeld liefdadigheids-houtwerkprojekte aanpak. Ook Herberg-aan-See Tehuis vir Bejaardes het al by hierdie projekte baat gevind. "Gedurende Julie 2026 het ons die Houtwerkmuseum in Genadendal besoek," vertel De Wet. "Dit was vir ons 'n baie leersame en

interessante besoek."

Belangstellendes in houtwerk wat graag meer inligting oor die Gilde wil bekom, kan gerus by die onderstaande lede navraag doen - nuwe lede is altyd welkom. Ledevergaderings vind elke eerste Donderdag van die maand plaas. Die volgende vergadering sal op 17 September 2026 om 17:15 plaasvind. De Wet sê tydens hierdie maandvergaderings kan demonstrasies moontlik van die normale houtwerkdemonstrasies en/of besprekings afwyk. "Ons beplan om nog 'n Einhell-verskaardemonstrasie voor die einde van die jaar te reël," het hy gesê.

Navrae rakende meer inligting oor die aktiewe Overberg Houtwerkergilde kan aan Dirk Staal by 074 695 5261 gerig word, of skakel De Wet Conradie by 082 826 4411.

Hardus Botha

Agri Western Cape honours excellence in the fight against stock theft and rural crime with BKB perpetual trophies



Deputy Officers Nick Cremer and Louis Wessels (Agri Western Cape).

Agri Western Cape recognised outstanding police officers and units for their contribution to combating stock theft and promoting rural safety in the Western Cape at its recent Annual Dinner, held on 12 August during the organisation's Annual Congress.

The judging for the stock theft awards is conducted in close collaboration with the Western Cape Stock Theft Units' Provincial Coordinator, Captain Zaayman, and takes several factors into account, including arrests made, fines issued and convictions secured.

Best Stock Theft Member: Warrant Officer Cremer

The award for best Stock Theft member was presented this year to Warrant Officer Cremer. He joined the SAPS in 1991 and has since given more than 35 years of dedicated service. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector in 1998, which changed to Warrant Officer in 2010 – a rank in which he has already served for 28 years. Since 2012 he has been attached to the Oudtshoorn Stock Theft Unit, following a previous period of service at the Bethal Stock Theft Unit.

The award recognises his exceptional achievements, high conviction rate, selfless willingness to put in extra hours, his leadership as acting commander, and his valuable training and support to farmers and other role players.

Best Stock Theft and Endangered Species Unit: Oudtshoorn Stock Theft Unit

This year the Oudtshoorn Stock Theft Unit once again emerging as the winner – an achievement that reflects sustained excellence, dedication and professional service delivery.

Under the leadership of Captain Molaoa, the unit serves an extensive area covering stations such as Oudtshoorn, George, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, Mossel Bay, Uniondale and Calitzdorp. With only five members and three vehicles, the unit delivers service of the

highest standard, and this year not only reached but exceeded its conviction rate target of 97.09%, achieving an impressive 100% conviction rate. The unit furthermore plays an indispensable role in crime prevention, investigations, the recovery of stolen livestock, community outreach, assistance with branding applications, and regular liaison with farmers' associations.

Best SAPS Rural Safety Coordinator: Sergeant G.A. Johnson, Still Bay SAPS

Sergeant G.A. Johnson of Still Bay SAPS was honoured as the best SAPS Rural Safety Coordinator for 2025/26. Since his appointment as Rural Sector Commander in 2015, Sgt Johnson has distinguished himself through dedication, discipline and service across a policing area of approximately 784 square kilometres, made up largely of farms and smallholdings. In the past year alone he undertook 513 farm visits and led 4,230 patrols, and was one of Still Bay SAPS' top contributors to arrests, with 53 arrests this year, including drug and liquor trafficking.

Sgt Johnson further plays a decisive role in action against illegal immigration, in collaboration with the Department of Home Affairs, and during the Foot-and-Mouth Disease crisis was involved in cross-border operations that directly protected the agricultural sector. For farmers and producers in Still Bay and the wider Garden Route district, he is a trusted partner whose local knowledge and accessibility contribute significantly to a sense of safety in the region. Agri Western Cape thanks Warrant Officer Cremer, the members of the Oudtshoorn Stock Theft Unit, and Sergeant Johnson for their tireless dedication and the difference they make every day in protecting the Western Cape agricultural community and its assets.

Rojeanne de Wet: Liaison Officer - Agri Western Cape



Deputy Officer Nick Cremer, Kapt Zaayman, Carl Malherbe BKB and Louis Wessels Agri Western Cape.



Louis Wessels (Agri Western Cape), Sergeant G.A. Johnson, Stilbaai SAPS and Mark Botha AWC Rural Safety chairperson.



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Gielie en Annaleen Genade.

Gielie (73) en Annaleen (69) Genade van Franskraal het van 20 Mei tot 10 Augustus 2026 - 'n heerlike drie maande - in Rockhampton, Australië, vakansie gehou. Dit was die egpaar se sesde kuier by hul seun, Gideon, sy eggenote, Mel, en kleinseun, Greyson (5).

Die egpaar was bevoorreg om tydens die Hervey Bay Half Marathon Festival (21 Junie 2026), die Yeppoon Running Festival (26 Julie 2026), asook verskeie 5 km-parkruns daar te wees. Die fikse Gielie het in 2025 sy 100ste Groeneweide-parkrun gedraf, in 2026 sy 150ste, en tans staan sy totaal op 162 parkruns. Hy kon dus nie wag om aan soveel moontlik items deel te neem nie en het geen rede gehad om vir die Australiërs terug te staan nie - en keer toe sommer terug met drie spoggerige medaljes. Annaleen het ook nie op haar laat wag nie en ontvang ook 'n parkrun-medalje.

"In Yeppoon het Gielie so

ewe trots daar in die verte in sy Springbokhemp deelgeneem," vertel Annaleen. Wat die egpaar, en veral Gielie, se deelnames nog meer spesiaal gemaak het, is dat Gideon, Mel en klein Greyson saam met hom aan van die items deelgeneem het - dus drie geslagte - wat besonder trotse oomblikke vir Gielie was.

Eerste was die Hervey Bay Half Marathon Festival (5 km) in die dorp Hervey Bay. Daarna was dit die Yeppoon Running Festival (5 km) in Yeppoon, waar Annaleen ook

deelgeneem en haar medalje ontvang het. In Bundaberg het Gielie, Gideon en Annaleen saam aan 'n 5 km-parkrun deelgeneem. Die derde item was die volgende Yeppoon Running Festival, waar Gielie eerste in sy ouderdomsgroep (70+) geëindig het, saam met meer as 600 deelnemers - pragtig, Gielie! In totaal het Gielie aan ses parkruns in Rockhampton, by Kershaw Park, deelgeneem en ook aan een in Bundaberg.

Alles in ag genome, was dit beslis nie nêr 'n rustige "niksdoen"-vakansie nie. Hy het Gansbaai se naam in Australië hooggehou en met sy medaljes gewys waartoe hy in staat is! Dit was darem nie al waaruit hulle vakansie bestaan het nie. Hulle is behoorlik deur die kinders bederf, onder andere met 'n bootrit waartydens volop dolfyne rondom die boot geswem het, asook baie ander ervaringe.

Om mee af te sluit: wat Gielie se prestasies in Australië nog meer besonders maak, is dat hy die Vrydag voordat hulle daarheen vertrek het, by die ongevalle-afdeling van Hermanus Medikliniek opgeneem is, waar nierstene verwyder moes word. So byna-byna moes hulle vakansie

uitgestel word. Om hom veilig vir die vakansie te kry, is 'n stent ook ingeplant, en direk ná hul vakansie moes hy weer hospitaal toe. Kan mens dit glo?! En hy kom terug met soveel medaljes - knap gedaan, Gielie, knap gedaan!

Hardus Botha



Drie Genade-geslagte in Yeppoon - Mel, Gideon, Annaleen en Gielie, met Greyson (5) voor.



Gielie Genade in sy Springbokhemp.



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