

TECHNOLOGY: PARTNERSHIP BOOST...

Learners get tablets



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This message was sent out during the donation of 45 tablets by the African Bank in partnership with Strong Schools at the school on Thursday 22 October. Strong Schools is non-profit organisation (NPO) that facilitates sustainable change in government schools. They design and guide school development journeys in order to build schools that are efficient and effective in their mandate.

It is hoped the gadgets will offer the learners the much-needed academic assistance to reach their full potential. Learners were encouraged to invest a lot of time into their education in order to reap the rewards.

Vonnie Mostert, chief executive officer (CEO) of Strong Schools, said he was delighted to be part of the initiative to help the country's future leaders. "We are here to provide support to yourselves and to make it possible for you to reach your full potential. I hope by having these tablets at your disposal will assist you to achieve meaningful results for the school," he said, adding they were planting a seed "and even if one tree grows out of this, we will have accomplished our mission".

Kennedy Dembe Tembe, head of corporate social investments at African Bank, said they were committed to education. He added that all their corporate social investment (CSI) funding is targeted at improving education outcomes for learners across the country.

"With Covid-19 we realise one of the biggest things we can do is save the academic year for the matriculants. When the opportunity came to support students from Nomzamo High school we jumped to try and make sure we have the equipment," he said.

Dembe Tembe said they were committed to supporting the nation and cherished every child.

Nomzamo principal Chris Mgubanto



Learners, staff, African Bank personnel and Strong Schools with the 45 tablets donated to Nomzamo High School on Thursday 22 October. PHOTO: MZWANELE MKALIPI

thanked Strong Schools for their support, going back to 2016.

He said he was ecstatic with the results of the partnership as they reached the "children of our school".

"As the school, parents we need partnerships such as these if we want to succeed and achieve the intended results. In this day and age almost every learner has a mobile phone; so it is very important to have these gadgets so that valuable information can be able to reach them wherever they are," said Mgubanto.

Grade 12 learner Monde Gebevu told City

Vision they were happy with the donation. He said they previously struggled to make contact with their teachers.

"I believe these tablets will help us a great deal and make communication much easier. Even those that come after us will benefit from these tablets," he said.



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Siyakuthi sipapashe zonke izimvo zenu kwiphephandaba le veki elandelayo.

Njengenxalenye yephulo lethu lesiXhosa sicela intsingiselo yezi zaci kunye neli qhalo. Zonke iimpendulo esithe sazifumana siya kuzi papasha kwi City Vision yeveki elandelayo. Sicela zonke impendulo zifike kuthi phambi koLwesibini.

ISACI: Ukufakana imilomo? ISACI: Ukubeka intonga emntwini? IQHALO: Isitya esihle asidleli?

The Khavelitsha Community Trust (KCT) is

reeling following the death of its chief execu-

tive officer (CEO), Mkhululi Gaula. He died

at Groote Schuur Hospital on Friday 16 Octo-

Gaula has been at the helm of the KCT

since its establishment by the City of Cape

Town in 2003. KCT is tasked with developing

commercial, residential and community fa-

cilities around Khayelitsha. The trust has

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ber after a short illness.

KCT boss to be laid to rest

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Ukuluma umlomo:

Zwelinzima Tyhaliti: Harare: Le ntetho itshiwo xa sukuba abantu becaciselana ngenyewe ethile.

Mavis Nkata; Harare: Ukuthetha bucala nomntu.

Ukwenza into yamehlo:

Zwelinzima: Apha kutshiwo xa sukuba umntu esenza ngcono kunangaphambili, enze ezibukwayo, esenza utshintsho.

Mavis: Ukwenza into ejongisayo.

Ikhaba alithengwa:

Khayelitsha business node.

death," said Nocebo.

Zwelinzima: Le ntetho icacise ukuthi into engakabonakali ncam iziphumo zayo ayithengwa kuba inesokuphoxa kamva.

Kaloku ikhaba ngumbona asakhulayo ongekawazi nokuba izawuphelelaphi na kuba usenokutshazwa phambi kokuba lifike ix-

been influential in the development of the

Family spokesperson, Nocebo Gaula, said

the passing left a "huge vacuum" in the family. She described Gaula as a pillar of

strength for the family. "Mkhululi died in

hospital after he suffered meningitis. He was

admitted in hospital a week before his

"He was a friendly person and always surrounded by people," she said.

She described him as a people's person.

esha lokuvuna.

Mavis: Into esagalayo ayithenjwa.

Ngokwenkcazela yombhali ncwadi uMnu E.W.M Mesatywa, nazi impendulo zezaci nala maqhalo eveki endlulileyo.

Ukuluma umlomo: Esi saci sithethe ukunvamezela.

Ngamanye amaxesha le ntetho isetyenziswa xa umntu axakwe yinto ethile, engaboni ndlela vakuvicombulula.

Ukwenza into yamehlo: Esi saci sithetha ukwenza into entle okanve ukwenza into ebonakalavo.

Ikhaba alithengwa: Xa umbona eselikhaba umntu akaqiniseki ukuba uya kufumana sivuno singakanani na. Ngako oko ke umntu makalinde ade abone isiphumo sento.

Amagama eveki edlulileyo: Inkomo:

Wandisile Ntsomi; Harare: Inkomo enetshoba ayinqandwa; oko kukuthi umntu on-

Nocebo thanked all the people for supporting the family during their time of mourning. 'Since we received the news

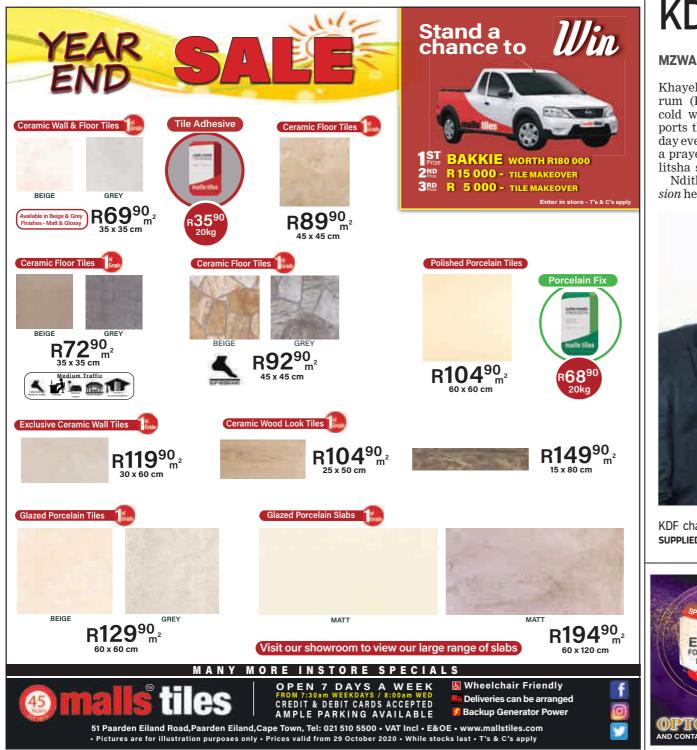
of his death people started coming in to console us. We appreciate their support and words of comfort," she declared.

Khayelitsha Development Forum (KDF) chair, Ndithini Tyhido, described Mkhululi's's death as a loss to Khavelitsha as a whole. He said Gaula dedicated his life on developing Khayelitsha

Former KCT CEO Mkhululi Gaula

Gaula leaves behind his two children, his mother and four siblings. He will be buried on Saturday

"KCT is one of the trusts that its purpose 31 October at Mqanduli in the Eastern Cape.



KDF leader stoned

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Khayelitsha Development Forum (KDF) chair has poured cold water to wide spread reports that he was shot on Sunday evening, hours after leading a prayer meeting at the Khayelitsha stadium.

Ndithini Tyhido told City Vision he was driving on the N2 to-



wards Nyanga when "a stone" hit his windscreen around 20:00 on Sunday 25 October. He was driving with his wife and were not injured.

Earlier in the day, Tyhido led a prayer meeting against extortion of local businesses by criminals.

Asked whether he thought the incident was linked to his utterances during the meeting, he said: "I cannot say if it is linked or not. But if it is linked, then it will mean the intended recipients have heard our message," he said, adding "we are not shaken"

Tyhido believes if the community is not safe then it meant evervone is not immune to such attacks.

"This has not detracted us in doing the work we are doing for Khayelitsha. All we can now do is to keep safe and keep going,' said Tyhido.

When asked about opening a criminal case, Tyhido said he had not done so. "We are just happy no one including my wife was injured during this incident. "I will sit down and think of the way forward from now on,' said Thyido adding he was not really perturbed by the turnout

gazimiselanga kumamela xa exelewa okanye

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engandwa avekwe azibonele. Inkomo ive ithi xa ivukwe sisifo ekuthiwa litshoba esilapha phakathi kweempondo zayo iye ke idlokove, ipetsule ingafuni nokuba kusondelwe kuyo.

Zwelinzima: Inkomo enetshoba ayinqandwa; eliqhalo lithetha ukuthi umntu onenkani akangandwa.

Kaloku inkomo enetshoba kunzima nokuyivela ngaphambili kuba indlongo-ndlongo, ayinqandeki.

Mavis: Inkomo yenqoma yintsengw' ibheka; into engeyoyakho sukuthembela kuyo.

Zwelinzima: Umsi uphum' entungo; le ntetho ithetha ucacile into ayiyo nokuba ebesezifihla kangakanani na.

Mavis: Kungaqhuma kubasiwe; kungakho umsi ukhona unobangela.

Elokuqwela:

Sicela usinike isaci okanye iqhalo kunye nenkcazelo ngala magama alandelayo: Inkungu?

Ingwe?



Umsi:

KDF chair Ndithini Tyhido, PHOTO: SUPPLIED



of residents to the meeting as they were "scared".

"It is our responsibility as community leaders to give our communities hope at times like these. Community leadership is not about showing off old pictures of good times and cutting of ribbons," he wrote on his Facebook page.

Gatvol residents seek justice



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nough, is enough! This was the overwhelming message from scores of Khayelitsha people during a meeting held at the Khayelitsha stadium on Sunday 25 October

The meeting was organised by the Khayelitsha Development Forum (KDF) in partnership with different church leaders in Khayelitsha to root out crime and intimidation aimed at local businesses and landlords.

The area has been polarised reports of thugs demanding "protection fee" from local business owners. It is alleged a group of thugs go around businesses asking for money to guard their business interests.

Zizi Kodwa, deputy minister of state security, attended the meeting to hear first hand some of the challenges faced by the businesses. Kodwa described the gathering as a warning sign to the criminals. He said residents are fed up with crime.

"I know Khayelitsha. I grew up in this area as a student. Once the residents gathered like this it demonstrates that they are tired. We (government) don't want the community to take the law into their hands. We will work with the police to ensure that there's peace,' he said, adding that their message to the criminals was simple "we are tired"

KDF chair Ndithini Tyhido said the thugs targeted "the poorest of the poor. And now we are saying enough is enough".

Tyhido said the practice began with Somali shopkeepers a while ago, but people kept quiet. "It has been going on and on till it gets to affect everyone," said Tyhido. He said the meeting was about mobilising society to reclaim their streets from the criminals.

Tyhido said there were rumours that some

local police officers worked with the criminals. "As the KDF we avoid to entertain the speculations. If people know any member of police who is involved they must bring the information forward," he pleaded.

Commenting on the alleged collusion between the police and criminals, Kodwa said: "It is only community mobilisation like this that can identify those individuals that are working with criminals. And if there are any individuals in the police services we are saying we are coming for them, because they are making it difficult to fight crime," said Kodwa.

A meat vendor stationed along Mew Way Road, near Endlovini informal settlement, said vendors are living in fear. "Our lives are in danger because of young people who are robbing us of our hard-earned cash," said the woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of further intimidation. She said a group of "young men" visit them monthly to demand protection money against criminals.

"They charge us R500 a month," she said, adding that she paid from July to September. The 64-year-old woman stated that not ev-

eryone paid and urged law enforcement to intervene. "I have been selling meat for six years and I have never been robbed," she said, questioning the thugs' rationale. She added that vendors knew each other well as well as the community making it difficult for criminals to target them.

Pastor Zikhona Mgayi from Christ Embassy Cape Town said as church leaders their aim was to revive community spirit. "We are here to bring hope. People are living in fear and their spirit is paralysed. So, we are trying to motivate and inspire them to stay strong, said Mgavi.

She said prayer is the only weapon that can fix and heal the society. Mgayi vowed to continue having similar services until the community was free.

Parking illegally in CBD can cost you

The City of Cape Town says motorists ignoring parking bay time restrictions and illegal parking are becoming a headache.

Felicity Purchase, Mayco member for transport, says at the beginning of the lockdown fewer commuters visited the Cape Town central business district (CBD) allowing people to park close to their workplaces.

However, with the move to alert level one, traffic in the CBD has increased. "We are appealing to all residents and visitors to abide by the parking rules and to not use the parking bays for longer than the allocated time, be it a 30 minute or 60 minute onstreet parking bay," says Purchase, adding that this includes the illegal use of exclusive-use bays for loading and for those that require a special needs permit.

She warns that the City's transport enforcement unit will be monitoring the situation closely.

According to Purchase the illegal use of parking bays impacts negatively on local businesses whose customers cannot find parking. She adds that local business owners are recovering from the impact of Covid-19 and are key job creators. "The private sector is pivotal to the recovery of our local economy and employment. Thus, I appeal to those who need all-day parking to make use of the parking spaces at the edge of the CBD or to rent parking in privately operated parking garages," she says.

Purchase encourages people to make use of the MyCiTi bus service to get around the CBD. She says the City has assigned parking wardens to keep an eye on transgressors. Road users exceeding the time limit will be issued a fine of R300." The main transgressions will be the overstaying of allowable time permitted by bays and the illegal use of exclusive-use bays - for example, parking in drop-and-go bays; in bays for those with special needs without a permit, or in loading bays.

The City is aiming to implement the new parking management contract in February 2021.



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Deputy minister of State Security Zizi Kodwa addressing the community during a prayer service against people demanding protection fee from local businesses at Khayelitsha stadium. PHOTOS: UNATHI OBOSE



Pastor Zikhona Mgayi from Christ Embassy Cape Town talking to the community members during the prayer service.



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ntlungu nosizi bezibhalwe ebusweni ngexesha kubanjwe inkonzo yesikhumbuzo samakhwenkwana amabini ako BM, eSite B, nathe afunyanwa eswelekile emva kokulahleka kwiveki ezidlulileyo ("Search continues for missing boys" City Vision. 22 October).

La makhwenkwe ebezitshomi, uMiyolo Gwinta noLinathi Ntshonga, afunyenwe imizimba yawo idada kwichityana elingakuhola wendlela uN2 ngoLwesine odlulileyo.

Kubikwa ukuba le mizimba yathi yabonwa liqela lamakhwenkwe ayezidlalela ibhola kufuphi nendawo yexhwayela.

Abaleka aya kuchaza eluntwini, lwaze uluntu lwahlaba umkhosi kwabasemagunyeni.

Ngethuba lenkonzo yesikhumbuzo kwisikolo samabanga aphantsi iSosebenza eSite B, ngoLwesibini umhla wama 27 kweyeDwarha,izithethi zivakalise udano yile ntlekele.

Kudliwano-ndlebe ne City Vision uThembakazi Gwinta, nongu mama kaMiyolo, uthe babuhlungu kakhulu sesi sehlo. Uhambise wathi ukuba esi sisenzo sangabomu bangathanda ukufumana umenzi.

"Nangona besingazomenzanto okokuba simbone simbulele engabafihlanga phantsi komhlaba ebabeke edameni noba wenze njani. Umbuzo endinawo ngoku uthi ngoku ndizomngcwaba njani ngantoni ngoba andisebenzi," utshilo uGwinta.

U-Gwinta uhambise wathi imali vokwenza ulibo-fuzo kwimizimba yala makhwenkwe bayifumana kubahlali.

Usole amapolisa ngokurhuqa iinyawo ngethuba kubikwa ukuduka kwala makh- nje ngumenzi ukulahla umkhondo. Bafuny-



Izizalwane zalamakhwenkwe amabini ako BM acholwe kwichityana elikufutshane kuN2 ngoLwesine 22 kweyeDwarha eswelekile. UMFANEKISO: MZWANELE MKALIPI

wenkwe.

"Kodwa ke sibulela uThixo ebabuyisile, kwaye akumnandanga, kodwa sizakomelezwa ngabantu. Ngoku sijonge kurhulumente asincede sikwazi ukungcwaba abantwana bethu," utyatyadule watsho uGwinta.

Lo mama uthe uyakuxola kuphela xa ngaba umntwana wakhe unokungcwatyelwa kokwaba eCala, eMpuma Koloni.

U-Gwinta uthe ngokwengxelo yamapolisa linzulu kakhulu idama athe afunyanwa kulo la makhwenkwe.

"Kubantu abayileyo pha bathi impahla bezingaphandle into esikholelwa yenziwe

enwe benomgama phakathi kwabo kwaye kuthiwa inzulu kakhulu la ndawo," utshilo uGwinta.

Uhlabe ikhwelo eluntwini ukuba luncede usapho ukuze lungcwabe le ntwana ngesidima

Ethetha nabazili uLinda Diniso, nobefudula ehlohla uMiyolo ku Grade 1 eSosebenza, uyichaze le nkwenkwana njengomntu obenobubele nothando.

"Ebengayiyeki into igqithe ukuba akayiqondi. Ebesithi selephumile aphinde abuye abuze kutheni ndisithi. Ithi lonto xa uthetha naye bekufuneka umise ingqondo ngoku emncinci engaka," utshilo uDiniso.

Lo tishalakazi uthe ngale mini uMiyolo alahleka ngayo ebeqala ukuya esikolweni emva kwexeshana engabonakali.

"Ndithe xa ndingamboni esikolweni ndakhwaza kwigroup kaWhatsApp ndicela kuxelelwe umzali kaMiyolo azise umntwana esikolweni. Kuthe kanti lonke elixesha umakhulu wakhe ebengaphilanga vilonto ebenqabile esikolweni nje," utshilo uDiniso.

Uhamibse wathi oko bebesemithandazweni emva kokuba beve ukuba le nkwenkwana idukile.

Uthe besisikolo beve kabuhlungu kakhulu, kwaye xa bebecela abantwana bathandaze bebelila bonke.

"Bekuba buhlungu kakhulu. Kule minyaka ingaka, ingamashumi amathathu ananye zange ndidibane nento enje," utshilo uDiniso enyembezana.

Obemele izizalwane zikaLinathi uMavi Manqola ubulele kwisikolo ngalo msitho nokubonisa indlela ebebebaxabise ngayo aba bantwana.

"UThixo uzakuninika abanye abantwana abafana naba. NguThixo okwamkeleyo oku ke kufuneka siqine sonke nangona intliziyo zonakele nje," ucaphule watsho uManqola.

Isithethi samapolisa ephondweni uBrig Novela Potelwa uthe iindadi zamapolisa ziyifumene le mizimba kwidama eliphakathi kwendlela Old Faure noN2 ngobusuku bangoLwesine umhla wama 22 kweyeDwarha. Uthe amapolisa aseMfuleni aziswe ngempahla ezibonwe zidada emanzini. "Athe amapolisa akufika kwaze kwabhanqwa lemizimba ngobobusuku njalo. Izalamane ziye zakwazi ukuyikhomba lemizimba yalamakhwenkwana ebeneminyaka esixhenxe bebechazwe njengabalahlekilevo kwiveki ephelileyo," utshilo uPotelwa.

lingcibi zithi zimi ngomumo

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Amalungu egqiza elijongene nolwaluko eNtshona Koloni, iSomagwaza Institute, amaxhaphetshu aququzelela ukuvula kokwaluswa kwamakhwenkwe kwinyanga yoMnga.

Ngomgqibelo umhla wama 24 kweyeDabazali baseGugulethu kunye warha neengingqi ezingqongileyo bahlanganele kwiholo yoluntu i-Ikhwezi ukuza kuzivela ngemigaqo ezakuthi ilandelwe ngexesha lokungena kwamakhwenkwe.

Ongusihlalo walo mbutho uSikelela Zokufa uchaze le ndibano nje ngenzame zokukhuthaza abazali abazakolusa amakhwenkwe ekupheleni konyanka ukuba bahlale bezilungiselele kwave belindele notshintsho.

Kulandela isibhengezo esenziwe ngumbutho ojongene neeNkosi zomthonyama ku zwelonke, iCongresss of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (CONTRALESA) ngabula makhumsha, sokuba isiko lolwaluko liza kuqhubela phambili ekupheleni konvaka. uZokufa uthe beziingcibi basalinde umkhomba ndlela ku rhulumente. "Ngoku silungiselela ukuba xa ethe urhulumnte wasivumele sibe sele sikulungele ukusebenza," ucacise watsho Zokufa.

Ukwakhankanye ukuba lunzinzi utshintsho oluzakubakhona xa kusoluswa amakhwenkwe kulo nyaka ngenxa yentsholongwana ye Khorona egqugqisa ihlabathi liphela.

"Siye savumelana nabazali ukuba xa kuzakungena inkwenkwe mawungabikho umtshotsho. Kwaye xa inkwenkwe ikhatshwa isisiwa ehlathini abantu abahamba nenkwenkwe mabangagqithi kwi 15 naxa kusojiswa sikwalindele kwa elo nani. Ukanti xa sele ingenile abantu abazovumeleka ukuba baye ehlathini bandwendwele umkhwetha babini. Unobangela wayo yonke lento sizama ukunciphisa ukunwen-wa kwale ntsholongwane," uthethe watsho uZokufa.

Waleke ngelithi bengumbutho bazakuqeqesha iingcibi kunye namakhankatha ukuze bakwazi ukusebenza kakuhle phantsi kwezimeko bajongene nazo. "Ukuqala Ngomvulo umhla wama 26 onke amakhankatha asuka kwingingqi iGugulethu kunye Philippi ebedibene kwiholo loluntu iIkhwe-



Usihlalo wegqiza lombutho ojongene nolwaluko eNtshona Koloni iSomagwaza Institute uSikelela Zokufa.

zi eGugulethu eqeqeshwa. Ukanti ngoLwesibini umhla wama 27 onke amakhankatha ase Nyanga, nezinye iingingqi eziyingqongileyo, adibene kwiholo iNdlovini eNew Crossroads, nalapho athe afumana ugegesho.

U-Zokufa uqhube wathi bazakuba noluhlu lwamakhankatha kunve neengcibi, nalapho kuza kuthi konyulwe khona xa ngaba kukho inkwenkwe engenayo.

Uthe nkqu kwa ibhuma izakwakhiwa ngamakhankatha ngoba azakuba eqeqeshiwe, kwaye enolwazi ukuba kufuneka ibengakanani. "Into engamandla ukuba abakhwetha babini ebhumeni funeka siqinisekise ngomgama phakathi kwabo. Kwaye kuzakunyanzeliswa umntu ukuba ahlambe izandla xa ezakungena ebhumeni kwaye unxibe imasiki ngoba asifuni ukubeka ubomi babantwana emngcuphekisweni," utshilo uZokufa.

Uye wakhankanya ukuba ubhaliso lwamakhwenkwe azakoluka sele luqhuba ukuze babe nomyinge wamakhwenkwe azakoluka ekupheleni konyaka.

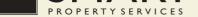
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"Kulo nyaka kuzokolukwa ngokwezigaba. Xa kuphuma amanye amakhwenkwe kuzongena amanye njalo njalo," utshilo Zokufa watsho esithi ngokomnqweno wabo banqwenela amakhwenkwe ahlale ehlathini ubuncinane iiveki ezine.

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Books tackle literacy crisis

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looding the country with high-quality African books is the key to tackling South Africa's literacy crisis.

This is the objective of non-profit organisation Book Dash, who is reaching out to assist children, one story at a time.

With their overarching strategic objective to send an abundance of beautiful, culturally appropriate books to children who may not have been book owners before – the organisation has also published all its books online where they are free to read via their website or mobile app.

"The 2016 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study results indicated that 78% of the South African Grade 4 children could not read for meaning in any language (Howie, 2017).

"Although this is a complex issue, with many contributing factors, research clearly indicates that children who grow up in households where there are many books, and where they are often read to from a young age, have higher literacy levels than their peers," says Book Dash director Dorette Louw.

Louw says exposing children to books at home is beneficial to their education.

"Unfortunately, we know that many South African children grow up without books in the home: a reputable study by the South African Book Development Council found that 58% of households in South Africa don't own any leisure books, and this lack of reading resources at home exacerbates the existing inequalities and the literacy crisis," says Louw.

The extended lockdown and school closures have only worsened the crisis.

"During the Covid-19 lockdown period it was starkly highlighted how important it is that children have books at home that they own, and that are shared with them by the adults in their lives," says Louw.

The organisation was founded in 2014 as a vision project among friends.

Their aim was to pool their collective skills in the publishing industry and flood the country with new, high-quality, affordable African storybooks, says Louw.

"They realised that a very small minority of children in South Africa would ever be in the position to own books, because books are so expensive. In an unequal society like ours this means that books are an unaffordable luxury for families living in poverty," says Louw.

She adds that the first Book Dash events were held in May and June 2014 in Cape Town. Heartened by the quality of the books and the enthusiasm of the creative volunteers, co-founders Arthur Attwell, Michelle Matthews and Tarryn-Anne Anderson established Book Dash as a registered not-forprofit, voluntary association with the aim of continuing to create, print and distribute more books to children – and to prove that high-quality books in many languages can be affordably produced and distributed.

The Book Dash model cuts down about 80% of the normal publishing costs by har-



Distributing books to children is key in tackling literacy issues.

nessing the power of creative volunteers and condenses the traditional publishing model – which stretches over many months – into a 12-hour day based entirely on volunteer time, skill and passion, says Louw.

Volunteers are not paid, nor do they get writer's fees, illustration fees or design and editing fees.

"No-one is paid for their time at a Book Dash event – everyone regards their contribution as a gift to the world, and this enables Book Dash to break down the barriers to literacy by publishing incredibly affordable books where the only cost is printing. Because of this extreme reduction in production costs, we can offer our books at only R10 a copy to our partners who fund large print runs," says Louw.

Since then, there have been 16 Book Dash events where 146 original African children's books have been created.

"We know how important it is to be able to read books in the language that you are most familiar with, so the 146 stories have been translated into the official South African languages to build up a library of almost 500 titles," says Louw.

During lockdown, the organisation has continued printing and distributing books. For 2020 alone, 400 000 have been distributed, with the organisation printing its one millionth book this year.

"Distribution had to be different, with our distribution partners finding innovative ways to continue supporting the families they work with," Louw explains, adding: "This is an amazing milestone, but because we know how big the need is we are not slowing down – instead we are picking up the pace to print and distribute many millions more in the years to come." Additionally, their books are often part of support packs that are given to families and

Reading with your children

Below are some tips for parents and caregivers on the importance of reading.

• Reading is a wonderful tool to help young children's brains develop and get ready for school. Children who often read books with their parents perform well at school.

• Reading helps your child build strong relationships with you and their friends.

• A regular bedtime routine, including reading a book, helps children to sleep better.

• You don't have to be a good reader to read with your child: just do it.

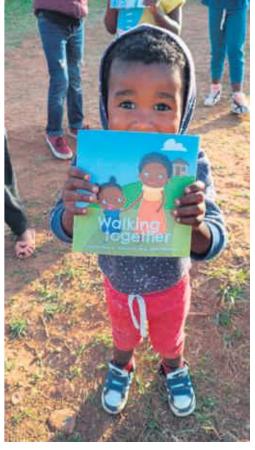
• Choose the same time each day to read with your child (e.g. bedtime). Snuggle up close and enjoy the experience.

• Make it fun. Use different voices and get your child to participate.

• Let your child be the leader, and you follow. Talk about the pictures that interest your child and ask questions.

• It's never too early to start reading with a child, so you can read with your baby too. include food and educational materials. Visit bookdash.org or follow them on all social media platforms.

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Book Dash will distribute its 1 millionth book this year.



6 NEWS Thursday, 29 October 2020 Proposed licence changes upset



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A pay your TV licence, it's the right thing to do" could soon apply to your cellphone, tablet, laptop or

any other device used to consume media – should the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) have its way.

In a presentation to the parliamentary portfolio committee, deputy communications minister Pinky Kekana said the definition of the TV licence to only include TVs is outdated as modern society consumes media via live streaming sites like Amazon Prime Video, Showmax, DStv Now and Netflix on other devices such as cellphones tablets and laptops.

This means, although many have moved away from owning and consuming media through a television set – hence avoiding paying a TV licence – the government could soon claim these levies from all content consumers, regardless of the device used.

The government states: "If you own a TV set, you must have a valid, paid-up television licence at all times."

According to the TV licence regulations obtained from the SABC website, the TV licence fees payable are for a device that receives a broadcast transmission signal and any number of devices can be licenced under one TV licence. It is unclear how this will change regarding the proposed new licencing fees.

The proposal is part of the SABC's financial recovery plan as the indebted broadcaster continues to struggle.

Kekana further stated that subscription streaming sites and pay-tv companies such as DStv should be liable to collect licensing fees.



Users of live streaming services, regardless of whether they consume media on a computer, cellphone, tablet or TV, may be required to pay a TV license. PHOTO: SAMANTHA LEE-JACOBS

But consumers are not happy.

Following the presentation last week, social media users were up in arms about the proposal.

People's Post, sister publication of *City Vision*, polled readers on social media to get their take on their willingness to pay and the overall consensus was that they would not be happy to comply with these regulations.

"I am not supporting any SOE's (stateowned enterprise) looking to make up for looted funds. Life is already so expensive, they keep pushing it," says Brandon Lavelot.

Warrick Jantjes agrees, saying: "No

thanks. I am not supporting any crooks anymore. Making the rich richer and poor poorer."

For Jian Groenewalt, this is unreasonable.

"Always looking at new ways to tax the people instead of improving service delivery or dealing with the actual issues they are facing," she says.

Like many others, Hilge Rhodes questions the need for a "TV licence" for something that was not "even close to a TV". Many others are calling it unfair for additional fees on top of existing subscriptions, especially in light of many not consuming media produced by the SABC.

"The SABC wants to punish the public for their failure to effectively manage a broadcasting business.

"This is an easy scapegoat. Once again. Why not move with the times and start running your business like a business instead of asking the government and now the consumer to bail you out? Again the representation of poor, ineffective leadership which benefits the pockets of an incompetent and a corrupt government," says Bevil Lakay.

Tristan Francis says: "No way. We are already paying tons for various subscriptions, we shouldn't be paying anything more for streaming. Government are (wanting) to suck up every cent they can from us."

But for Shannon Scholtz, trying to make sense of it all, the proposal was "the funniest thing" he has ever heard.

"The purpose of a TV license is in the name and, to be honest, if you have anything else other than the SABC and Etv channels – which most have already – I don't see the point of a TV license at all anymore.

"They are probably in debt and loosing out; now they want to charge on other devices. So one should pay TV license, for example, my own phone which I then have to pay a subscription to Netflix as well as buy my own data/internet," he says.

"But, hey, this is South Africa for you. They will try and take the last cent out of their people not thinking about the cost of living and the already messed-up economy.

"The excuse is it probably would boost the economy. How is an extra TV license going to employ more people? But, as I said, this is South Africa, nothing surprises me anymore."

As this was a proposal made to a parliamentary portfolio committee, the proposed regulations have not been made official or implemented.







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ISICELO SESIBONELELO SONCEDO LWENKXASO-MALI KOWAMA-2020/21: UPHUCULO LWENTLALO NOPHUHLISO LWABANTWANA ABASELULA (ECD)

ISebe loPhuculo lweNtlalo noPhuhliso lwaBantwana abaseLula (ECD) leSixeko saseKapa lihlaba ikhwelo kwimibutho ebhalisiweyo ekwimida kamasipala weSixeko saseKapa, lokuba ingenise izicelo zezibonelelo zoncedo lwenkxaso-mali.

UMMANDLA 1 - EMANTLA ubandakanya imimandla yaseMamre, Atlantis, Cape Farms, Malmesbury Farms, Durbanville, Melkbosstrand, Milnerton, Brooklyn, Maitland, Pinelands, Langa, Kraaifontein, Observatory, eKapa, Sea Point, Camps Bay, Hout Bay, Fisantekraal, Bothasig nase-Edgemead

UMMANDLA 2 - EMPUMA ubandakanya imimandla yaseKuils River, Blackheath, Blue Downs, Khayelitsha, Macassar, Eersterivier, Somerset West, Stellenbosch Farms, Strand, Gordon's Bay, Sir Lowry's Pass, Wesbank naseMfuleni

UMMANDLA 3 - OSEMBINDINI ubandakanya imimandla yaseGoodwood, Epping, Parow, Bellville, Elsies River, Delft, Airport, Bishop Lavis, Manenberg, Gugulethu, Hanover Park nase-Athlone

UMMANDLA 4 - EMAZANTSI ubandakanya imimandla yaseConstantia, Noordhoek, Cape Point, Muizenberg, Retreat, Philippi, Mitchells Plain, Newlands, Rondebosch, Firgrove, Ocean View, Fish Hoek, Lavender Hill, Mowbray, Claremont, Bishopscourt, Tokai naseWestlake

lzicelo kufuneka zigxile ekuboneleleni ngeenkonzo okanye iinkqubo zobugcisa nezenguqu ezinika ingqwalasela kwezi zinto zilandelayo:

1. Ulutsha (amabhinqa kunye namadoda aphakathi kweminyaka eli-18 nama-25)

- Kunikwe ulwazi kunye nemfundiso ngemiba engesini
- Kukhuthazwe ubudlelwane obusempilweni phakathi kolutsha olungamadoda nolungamabhinqa ngeenkqubo ezihlanganisiweyo
- Kunikwe ulwazi kunye nendlela yokuthintela ubundlobongela obujoliswe kwisini
- Kukhuthazwe ukugqitywa kokufunda kunye nokubaluleka kokubuyela esikolweni
- Kubonelelwe ngamathuba aluqilima ezengqesho ajoliswe kubantu abatsha
- Ubunkokheli kulutsha
- Imibandela yezempilo engokuphazamiseka ngokwasengqondweni kubantu abatsha (uXinzelelo lwaseNgqondweni emva kokujongana neNtlungu (PTSD), unxunguphalo, ubundlobongela/ukudandatheka ngokwasengqondweni nasemphefumlweni)
- Ezemfundo noqeqesho lophuhliso lwezakhono olujoliswe kulutsha
- Inkxaso kwezoshishino ejoliswe kulutsha
- Ukubonelela ngoqeqesho olungahlawulelwayo lwenkxaso kwezoshishino (iiwekshophu zeentsuku ezi-3 ukuya kwezi-5) olujoliswe kubantu abatsha noluza kunceda ukuba baqonde iindlela yokuphila ngexesha leengxaki ezize neCOVID 19

2. UPhuhliso lwaBantwana abaseLula (ECD)

- Ukubonelela ngeengcali eziza kujongana nophuculo lwesimo sokufunda nokufundisa kumaziko ee-ECD ngokuthi kunikwe ingqwalasela imiba yezempilo engokuphazamiseka ngokwasengqondweni ejoliswe kubantwana nakwiingcali, kunye nokusetyenziswa kwezixhobo zala maxesha zokufundisa
- Ukubonelela ngeewekshophu zoqeqesho ezijoliswe kwiingcali zee-ECD olungemiba yasengqondweni kujoliswe kubantwana kunye nabo basebenza ngabantwana (ii-ECD ezingama-35 ezilawulwa siSixeko azibakanywa apha)
- Ukubonelela ngeewekshophu zoqeqesho ezimalunga nokufunda kwi-ECD nezifundisa ngeCOVID 19 kunye nokusetyenziswa kwezibonelelo zala maxesha ezifikeleleka lula

3. Ubundlobongela obujoliswe kwisini (GBV)

- Ukubonelela ngenkxaso kumaxhoba eGBV ekufumaneni ezinye iindlela (ezemali okanye ezingezinye) ezinokukhusela okanye zinciphise amathuba okuba amaxhoba abuyele kubaxhaphazi
- Ukubonelela ngoqeqesho loshishino kwezentlalo kubantu abakhubazekileyo abakwaziyo ukusebenza kwaye abangenakuphila ngemali yesibonelelo sikarhulumente

4. Abantu abakhubazekileyo

- Ukunika ulwazi kunye nokufundisa malunga nokukhubazeka
- Ukunika ulwazi malunga nokuxhatshazwa kunye nokungahoywa kwabantu abakhubazekileyo kananjalo nokuba kungaxelwa phi kwaye njani ukuxhatshazwa kunye nokungahoywa kwabo
- Ukukhuthaza ubudlelwane obusempilweni kunye nokukhathalelana phakathi kwabantu abakhubazekileyo kunye neetsapho zabo kunye noluntu
- Ukubonelela ngoqeqesho lophuhliso lwezakhono noshishino lwezentlalo
- Ukubonelela ngenkxaso kubantu abakhubazekileyo abangenakho ukufikelela kwiinkonzo ezikumaziko ezempilo, iinkonzo zentlalo, ezemfundo kunye nenkxaso ngexesha lengxaki
- LGBTQQIA+(lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersexual, asexual, nezinye))
- Ukunika ulwazi kunye nemfundiso malunga nemiba engeLGBTQQIA+
- Ukunika ulwazi ngobundlobongela obujoliswe kwisini (GBV) kunye neenkonzo zoncedo umntu angadluliselwa kuzo
 Ukukhuthaza ubudlelwane obusempilweni kunye nokukhathalelana kwiindawo zoluntu

Abafaki-zicelo kufuneka baqaphele ukuba isebe lineenjongo zokwandisa inzuzo kutyalomali lwalo (ROI) ngohlobo lwenkxaso-mali ehlanganisiweyo eza kubandakanya icandelo lokutshintshelana ngezakhono kunye nokulungelelaniswa kweziphumo zeprojekthi kwi-IDP nakwiinjongo nezokufezekisa ushishino.

lsiphakamiso sesibonelelo soncedo kufuneka senziwe ngokuthi sibhalwe phantsi kwifomu esemthethweni yesicelo efumaneka kuzo zonke ii-ofisi zamabhungana okanye ku-intanethi ku-www.capetown.gov.za/grants-in-aid.

Iziphakamiso zeeprojekthi kufuneka zigxile kuxanduva lukamasipala kwaye ziphuhlise nangakumbi iinjongo zezicwangciso zeSixeko njengoko zichaziwe kwi-IDP, kwisiCwangciso soHlumo lwezoQoqoqosho nakwisiCwangciso soPhuhliso lweNtlalo yoLuntu, kananjalo zixhase iminqweno yeSixeko yokwakha isixeko esinika amathuba, isixeko esikhuselekileyo, isixeko esikhathalayo, isixeko esibandakanyayo kunye nesixeko esilawulwa ngokufanelekileyo. Xa abafaki-zicelo belungisa uhlahlo-lwabiwo-mali lwabo kufuneka baqwalasele uMgaqo-nkqubo ongeZibonelelo-zoncedo, ofumaneka ngokuthi ufake isicelo sawo okanye ngokungena kwiwebhusayithi yeSixeko.

Isixa-mali esingama-R14 108 865 siyafumaneka ukuba sabiwe. Ubuncinane bemali efumanekayo ngesicelo ngasinye kwiprojekthi nganye ngama- R15 000. Izicelo kufuneka zibenobunyani xa kuqulunqwa iziphakamiso nanjengoko inkxaso-mali ingonelanga. Abafaki-zicelo abazi kuyifumana bonke inkxaso-mali kwaye iSixeko singathatha isigqibo sokuba singasixhasi sonke isiphakamiso koko sixhase inxalenye yaso.

Zonke izicelo kufuneka zikhatshwe koku kulandelayo:

- Ikopi yeengxelo zemali eziphicothiweyo zakutsha nje okanye isatifikethi sophicotho ukuba isibonelelo senkxaso-mali besifunyenwe kwiSixeko kwiminyaka-mali edlulileyo. Isixa-mali sesibonelelo esithe safunyanwa kufuneka sichazwe. Ukuba isixa-mali sesibonelelo-ncedo ebesifunyenwe ngaphambili kwiprojekthi nganye besingama-R50 000 okanye ngaphantsi, kufuneka ufake ikopi kuphela yengxelo yenkcitho-mali yokugqibela yonyaka odlulileyo.
- Ikopi yomgaqo-siseko wombutho
- Ikopi zee-akhawunti zeenkonzo neentlawulo zikamasipala zakutsha nje zombutho (ukuba kufanelekile).
- Ingxelo yeRhafu-ntengo engu-zero ukuba uqinisekiswe njengomhlawuli weRhafu.
- Isatifiketi esibonakalisa ukuba ungumhlawuli weRhafu (azisayi kwamkelwa izicelo ezingakhatshwa sisatifiketi esibonakalisa ukuba ungumhlawuli weRhafu.)
- Umhla wokusekwa kombutho.
- Uhlobo lombutho (NPO, inkampani yecandelo 21)
- Iinkcukacha zesibonelelo-ncedo esifunyenwe kwiSixeko
- linkcukacha zesinye isibonelelo senkxaso-mali efunyenwe kwiSixeko kunyaka-mali omiyo
- Ingcaciso ecacileyo yeprojekthi ezakumiselwa
- Inkcazelo ngendlela isibonelelo senkxaso-mali esiza kukhuthaza ngayo ukuvulwa kwamathuba emisebenzi kunye nenani eliqikelelwayo lamathuba omsebenzi aza kuvulwa
- Ucazululo ngokucacileyo lweendleko zeprojekthi
- Umhla wokuqala nokuqukunjelwa kweprojekthi
- Isicwangciso esicacileyo sendlela yokusebenza esicacisa isiphakamiso senkxaso-mali ekufakwa isicelo sayo

Abafaki-ziicelo kufuneka bazifunde kakuhle iifomu kwaye baqinisekise ukuba baqhoboshela onke amaxwebhu ekufuneka ekhaphe izicelo zabo.

Ukusilela kokufakwa kwawo onke amaxwebhu afanelekekileyo kungakhokhelela ekubeni isicelo singathathelwa ngqalelo.

Nceda ufake ngesandla isicelo esigcwalisiweyo, esihamba namaxwebhu axhasayo, kwiiofisi zeSebe loPhuculo lweNtlalo noPhuhliso lwaBantwana abaseLula ezikufutshane nawe:

Kummandla oseMantla:

- Umgangatho 22, Tower Block, Civic Centre, 12 Hertzog Boulevard, eKapa -Genevieve Adams
- Umgangatho wokuqala, Bloemhof Building, 112 Edward Street, Bellville Andiswa Pilisani

Kummandla oseMpuma:

• 94 Van Riebeeck Street, Omniforum Building, umgangatho wokuqala, Kuilsrivier - Gillian Adriaanse

Kummandla oseMazantsi:

• 200 on Main , kwikona yeMain neBowwood Road, eClaremont - Wayne Van der Poel Ummandla oseMbindini:

 Kwiyunithi 201, Block 2, De Tijger Office Park, Hannes Louw Drive, Parow North - Vusi Magagula

Umhla wokuvalwa kwezicelo ngowama-27 kweyeNkanga 2020. Izicelo zongathunyelwa

- Ukukhuthaza ukubuyiselwa kwesidima kunye nokuzihlonipha
- Ukubonelela ngeenkonzo zokufikelela kwamsinya kwinkxaso engokuziphatha ekuhlaleni nangokwasengqondweni
- Ukubonelela ngenkxaso kuluntu lwe-LGBTQQIA+ abangenakho ukufikelela kwiinkonzo ezikumaziko ezempilo, iinkonzo zempilo ngokwasengqondweni, iinkonzo zentlalo, ezemfundo kunye nenkxaso ngexesha lengxaki

6. lisheltha zabantu abahlala ezitalatweni

- Ukubonelela ngeesheltha zokuhlala kunye neenkonzo kubantu abahlala ezitalatweni
- Ukunika ulwazi ngemiba ejongene nabantu abahlala ezitalatweni
- Ukukhuthaza iinkonzo kunye nenkxaso efumanekayo ejoliswe kubantu abahlala ezitalatweni

nge-imeyile okanye amaxwebhu angangeniswa kwii-ofisi ezikhankanyiweyo. Izicelo ezingeniswe emva kwexesha okanye ezingagcwaliswanga ngokupheleleyo azisayi kuthathelwa ngqalelo. Nceda uqinisekise ukuba onke amaxwebhu axhasa isicelo sakho aqhotyoshelwe kwifomu yesicelo.

Zonke izicelo zesibonelelo senkxaso-mali ziyakuthi ziphononongwe ngokungqinelana noMgaqo-nkqubo ongeZibonelelo-zoncedo kwaye kufuneka zithobele uMthetho ongoLawulo lweziMali zikaMasipala, uMthetho 56 wango-2003.

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Small devices to tell big stories

Applications for South Africa's first online mobile phone moviemaking film festival are now open – and as the name suggests, anyone using a smartphone, tablet, drone or action camera can enter.

The Mobile Moviemakers Film Festival Cape Town by MMOCA was devised as a way to empower any person with a smart recording device to tell the stories that have never been told. MMOCA is an initiative by the Belgian Chamber of Commerce in South Africa and is powered by the Belgian Consulate in Cape Town, Flanders, Wallonia-Bruxelles International,

Flemish Investment and Trade organisation as well as the Wallonia Trade and Investment organisation. The inspiration behind the mobile

festival stems from a need for change. While traditional

filmmaking emphasises the big, latest technology cameras and sound equipment, this festival hopes to reach a much bigger group of aspiring filmmakers. "It's all about storytelling and not the size of your camera," explains festival director Dominique Vandenhoudt.

"With almost a billion mobile phones on the continent, Africa can become a leader in this new form of visual art."

The competition entry fee is R100, but it's free to students. Categories include documentary, fiction or advertisement and entry will close on Friday 13 November.

Winners will receive a production grant of R10 000 and



a jury prize of R5 000. The festival will end off with a Red Carpet-style awards night at the Belgian House. To submit your entry, visit https://belgianchambersa.co.za/ mmoca/.



Aspiring filmmakers and storytellers are encouraged to enter their films.

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10 NEWS Live shows return

fter being closed for six months, The Baxter Theatre aims to recover the loss of income during lockdown with a unique benefit season called Baxter Back on Stage with Gregory Maqoma and Zolani Mahola.

These two internationally revered artists will share the theatre stage in a limited season from Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 November.

Championed by the University of Cape Town's vice-chancellor, Prof Mamokgethi Phakeng, the season celebrates The Baxter's return to opening its doors at level one. This will be the first time that these two esteemed artists collaborate and appear on a stage together, each with their own brand-new work.

"This specially-commissioned performance is a coup for The Baxter,' says Lara Foot, chief executive officer (CEO) and artistic director.

"I can't think of a classier act. We are honoured to have these two creatives and national treasures on our stage, in one production, to celebrate our return to live theatre and welcoming back audiences and artists."

Maqoma, well-known for his award-winning Rhythm and Beauty trilogies, will debut his brand-new work, No Humour, in collaboration with Xolisile Bongwana, which brings together live sound and movement in a visually appealing landscape of ritual and which forms part of his Human trilogies.

In this work, the choreographer, dancer, teacher and director ex-



Zolani Mahola, The One Who Sings. PHO-**TO: ANTONA STEYN**

plores the delicate balance of sensuousness, violence, ethical sensitivity, ugliness, grace and humour, where there is none.

Mahola, founder and former lead singer of Freshlyground, last year officially announced the launch of her solo career as a musician, storyteller 086 111 0005, online at www.webtickand public speaker. Her launch pro-

duction, The One Who Sings, played to sold-out audiences and received critical acclaim at The Baxter.

For The Baxter Back on Stage season, Mahola, who has adopted the name The One Who Sings, will present the inaugural staging of her multimedia show You Need To Say It, featuring songs from her upcoming 2021 solo album by the same name.

The work is an exploration of song and story, including themes of connection and its opposite, nature and the elements as well as the sanctity of the time of childhood.

She has assembled a stellar team of collaborators comprising visual and auditory storytellers Inka Kendzia and Sean Ou Tim (Mr Sakitumi) and guitarist and film producer Frank Freeman.

Ticket prices for the special gala performance on Tuesday 3 November are R1000 and include dinner and drinks. Ticket prices for performances from Wednesday to Saturday range from R350 to R500 and include light snacks and drinks.

All performances will be limited to 50% capacity, with alert level one regulations in place. These include the availability of hand sanitisers, tracking and tracing recorded, wearing of masks and physical distancing. Patrons and audience members are advised to arrive at least an hour before the start of the performance to avoid delays.

Booking is through Webtickets on ets.co.za or at Pick n Pay stores.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

KHAYELITSHA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

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Duties (key result areas/outputs): • Effective and efficient assistance with maintenance and repairs of electrical fixtures and components, including projects, installations and alterations, as well as other areas when needed • Efficiently and effectively stock control • Efficiently and effectively controlled equipment, tools and working area Assist the Chief Artisan with Adhoc duties as requires.

Note: No payment of any kind is required when applying for this post. Shortlisted candidates may be subjected to a practical test.

Enquiries: Mr.L. Petersen, tel. 021,360,4705.

Clock ticking on firework displays

NETTALIE VILJOEN

With Guy Fawkes and Diwali just a few weeks away, the likelihood of any large legal fireworks displays being held in Cape Town is fizzling out.

In September, the City of Cape Town announced that persons wishing to host fireworks displays would be able to apply for a permit to do so in terms of the law. It further stated that any event where 200-plus attendees were expected, or that would require any infrastructure build, would also require an events permit from the municipali-

When People's Post, sister publication of City Vision, contacted the City last week to inquire whether any applications had been received or approved by the events department, Richard Bosman, executive director for safety and security, said none had been received.

That leaves very little time for interested parties considering that Guys Fawkes will be celebrated on Thursday 5 November and Diwali on Saturday 14 November.

Bosman says applications must be made via the police in Pinelands. "Only thereafter can the applicant go to the Fire Safety section to schedule a site meeting (costs involved)," he says.

According to Bosman, the turnaround time for approval depends on a number of factors, including when the application was made. "If the police approves your application, you will need to contact the City's fire and rescue service's fire life safety section in the area you wish to hold the event.

"They will complete a site inspection, ensure there are no fire hazards and obtain permission from residents and businesses in the area," he explains.

In accordance with the City's events by-law, an appli-

cation for an event must be submitted at least 15 working days before the date of the event. "The turnaround time usually depends on a number of factors, including the event organiser supplying all required documents timeously," Bosman adds. Should any legal fireworks displays be approved within the next few weeks, it will have to adhere to all regulations as set out in the Disaster Management Act.

People's Post contacted South African Hindu Maha Sabha (Sahms) last week, asking if they were planning to hold any firework displays in and around Cape Town. Sahms is the national body representing the cultural and religious aspirations of South Africa's Hindu community.

Sahms stated they were currently engaged in discussions and would share their plans when they were ready.

As was the case last year, the City has stated that it will not provide any designated fireworks sites for Guy Fawkes, Diwali and New Year's Eve this year.

Mayco member for safety and security JP Smith says the City's decision not to do so is largely based on public sentiment and the high cost linked to hosting such events.

"There is growing public sentiment opposing the use of fireworks, and we have also seen a decreased appetite from subcouncils to approve designated sites. Add to that the cost of running the sites and making resources available to monitor activities and clean up the aftermath, a picture emerges of why the designated site allocation is not feasible," says Smith, warning transgressors against illegally discharging fireworks.

To apply for a permit to host a firework display, email capetown.explosives.cmrd@saps.gov.za. Copy the head of the City's fire and life safety section in the application -Ignatius.smart@capetown.gov.za.



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CROSSING BRIDGES: The designers of the V&A Waterfront's swing bridge were recently awarded top honours at the prestigious Southern African Institute of Steel Construction's Steel Awards 2020. The structures team for engineering company SMEC South Africa was awarded first place in the bridges category and was selected as the overall winner for the Steel Awards. Over 45 entries were received across nine categories. The virtual event took place on Thursday 15 October.

Travel restrictions get mixed emotions

SAMANTHA LEE-JACOBS

he list of banned traveller countries has raised some eyebrows, with some of the most popular tourist nationalities still unable to explore local shores.

At his announcement of the "optimistic" and "cautious" reopening of the international borders to receive tourists, president Cyril Ramaphosa announced a list of restricted countries would be identified based on scientific data, and would be reviewed every two weeks.

While South Africans are able to leave local shores to travel to any country welcoming visitors, the same is not true for most tourists wanting to visit South Africa.

These countries – including the United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK), Netherlands, Israel, France, India and Switzerland, among others – are considered high risk and travellers from these countries would not be allowed to enter SA for leisure.

But this is killing an "already dying industry", says tourism officials.

Ronvin Fransman, owner of Grandeur

Travel, says pre-Covid-19, they were facilitating more than 50 bookings for international travel per month.

"The primary destination (of choice by travellers) was Europe (western and eastern Mediterranean), second in line was the Bahamas, USA. Since Covid-19 and lockdown, there has been a huge decrease in bookings to Europe and the States. However this has slightly changed since we moved to lockdown level two," says Fransman.

"Most of the popular land-based destinations and cruises have at least one of the banned countries as part of the cruise itinerary. Therefore our pool of options to advertise is much smaller this present moment," he continues.

Fear, lockdown, international travel bans and a variety of other factors have encouraged locals to start exploring domestically, but key to the survival of the industry remains international tourism.

Responding to the list of restricted nations David Maynier, provincial minister for finance and economic opportunities, agreed that a different approach was needed in addressing the travel restrictions. "The risk-based approach regulating international travel released by national government is a major blow for the tourism and hospitality sector in the Western Cape. The (sector's) survival is dependent on international leisure travellers in the summer season and for this reason it is critical that we look at smart ways to open our international borders, especially for our key source markets, so that we can save jobs and save the economy in the Western Cape," he says.

Maynier adds that some of the key countries, which generate a large number of tourists to the Western Cape, are among the banned nations. "We have worked hard to ensure that Cape Town and the Western Cape is safe for travellers and ready to welcome international visitors, because our leisure travellers from key source markets such as the United Kingdom, United States, Netherlands and France make the most of our favourable exchange rate and have a high spending potential which positively impacts our local economy," says Maynier.

The impact of business travellers from high risk countries needing to email and liaise with the department of home affairs, the two-week waiting period for review and the Covid-19 test regulations are all reasons for concern, as this may "create a barrier to bookings from visitors in traditional key source markets", Maynier says.

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"Indeed, it is unfair to restrict leisure travellers from high-risk countries as there is simply no greater risk of transmission based on the purpose of travel," he adds.

Fransman says while bookings and interest have picked up recently, the unknown is still keeping many homebound. "Pre-Covid-19 our focus was mainly to international destinations and since the move to level one of the national lockdown, we have started to reintroduce both international and local travel (packages)," says Fransman.

He says the opening of provincial borders has seen an increase in domestic tourism as locals try to shake off their cabin fever.

Any tourist entering the boarders will only be allowed at OR Tambo, Cape Town or King Shaka international airports, or any port that was operational during lockdown. Travellers will need to present a negative Covid-19 test, download the Covid-19 SA Alert app and be screened on arrival.





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Rugby legend gets the nod

UNATHI OBOSE

xcitement was evident on the faces of Nyanga residents when former South African Rugby coach Norman "Nhonho" Mbiko celebrated his 75th birthday at his house on Monday 26 October.

Young and old sang and ululated as Mbiko was introduced to the crowd outside his house.

The event was organised by Black Rugby Veterans and the local community.

All Mbiko's SA rugby blazers were hanged and displayed on the wall for the community to see.

The SA rugby legend, who is currently suffering from Parkinson's disease, was given a new electronic wheelchair donated by The Petro Jackson Player Fund.

He also received a new SA rugby tracksuit, padded jacket, t-shirt, gloves and a beanie from members of the South African Rugby Union (SARU).

Mbiko won the Women's Rugby World Cup Sevens in 2003 in Fiji. He also won the u.19 rugby World Cup in France in 2007.

His first national involvement in rugby was in 1967 when he captained the South African black team against several international teams including England, France, Italy and the All Blacks locally and abroad.

After the unification in 1992 Mbiko was appointed as a coach by the Western Province and later by SARU for various national rugby teams.

He won two World Cups before retiring from the sport in 2017.

A friend and former teammate Justice Mshudulu said Mbiko deserved more than what he got. He described him as someone

who dedicated his life to the sport, a humble and disciplined individual.

"Norman didn't want to lose on

the field. He would literally cry when we lost the game. He used to shout at the players on the field, especially when someone lost the ball," said Mshudulu, adding that Mbiko was the best scrum-half during their time.

Family spokesperson Mlandeli Mbiko labelled his older brother as a straightforward person. "We were 10 abildren in our

"We were 10 children in our family. Norman is the firstborn and is like a father figure to us. He is disciplined, generous and a friendly person," said Mlandeli.

He said his brother had made history for putting Nyanga on the map for being the captain of the South African Black team and won two world cups during his tenure as a coach.

SARU senior manager at government and stakeholder relations Khaya Mayedwa described the event as a good thing and it inspired a lot of people.

"It is a great thing to honour a

person while he is still alive instead of waiting for him to die then we start honouring him. The yesteryear players played a big role to pave way for current players in South Africa. Mbiko played in the national team during a difficult time. They were playing for the love of the game," said Mayedwa.

He described him as an asset to the sport fraternity. He wished him many more years of life.

Former Lagunya Rugby Football Club player in Nyanga and current citing commissioner in SA Rugby, Louis Mzomba, said Norman was his coach during his playing days.

"I grew up under his leadership. He was like a father figure to us. He taught us discipline and how to conduct ourselves on and off the pitch," said Mzomba. He said Mbiko was a role model in the community.



SARU senior manager at government and stakeholder relations Khaya Mayedwa handing over some of SA rugby attire to Norman "Nhonho" Mbiko. **PHOTO: UNATHI OBOSE**



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