

# Beverly Hills Manor in Beryl Street, Bruma, where the bodies of a murdered mother and daughter were discovered on July 30.

An 84-year-old mother and her 64-year-old daughter were murdered at a residential complex on Beryl Street in Bruma.

The women's bodies were discovered on July 30.

"The complainant, who is a trustee at Beverly Hills Manor, alleges that he went to unit number 8 to check up on the residents. He knocked on the door and although no-one answered, the door was slightly open," said Constable Mpho Mashakane, of the Cleveland SAPS. He entered the unit and discovered the bodies of the residents on the bathroom floor.

"The two women were handcuffed and cotton wool was inserted in their mouths. The trustee then phoned the police," said Constable Mashakane.

There were no signs of forced entry and nothing was taken from the house. The pair of handcuffs used had been reported missing from the security guard room.

The gardener, who worked for the

women, left his tools in the garden and is currently missing. His cellphone is also switched off.

"We are disturbed by what has happened, but we are grateful to the police for their quick response when they were called. We hope to overcome this tragedy and hope for more vigilance and assistance from the police," said the caretaker of the complex, who wished to remain anonymous.

The EXPRESS spoke to some other residents in the neighbourhood, who

expressed their shock at hearing about the murders. "I have worked in this area for the last 11 years and have never heard of anything this terrible happening here. The last time I heard of a crime around here it was a hijacking some years back," said Ms Thuli Ndaweni, who works as a domestic worker on Beryl Street.

Ms Doreen Fosse, who lives several houses away from Beryl Street, also expressed her shock.

"It is frightening that such a crime

happened just down the road from us. I've lived here for ten years and have never had to lock my door," she said. "It is a secure complex and one wonders how the people who committed these crimes went through the security check."

She said she hopes the police catch whoever committed the crime and passed her condolences on to the family. "Investigations are continuing and at this point no arrests have been made," said Constable Mashakane.

# Bribery, harassment cases decrease

Cases of harassment, intimidation and Chinese people being forced to pay a bribe to police officers and members of the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) have shown a decrease.

Last month the EXPRESS reported that Mr Marco Buffa, an Observatory resident and his employees were allegedly harassed and their lives threatened by police officers.

Mr Buffa said the police officers, driving a Ford ST, assumed he was Chinese. They drove to his house with his employees in the hopes of getting a bribe.

The two police vehicles involved were identified as those belonging to the SAPS Tactical Response Team.

In recent years several Chinese residents complained about the actions of the police and JMPD. There were several reports of members from these authorities, based outside the Cleveland SAPS precinct, swooping through Cyrildene and Bruma with the intention of squeezing money out of Chinese people.

In March last year the EX-

PRESS published an article in which Chinese residents, community leaders and the ward councillor accused JMPD officers of being corrupt. They were accused of harassment and bribery, especially in Cyrildene.

Chinese people were forced to pay bribes or face arrest, in some cases for doing nothing wrong, according to Mr Maure Chen, from the Chinatown Community Forum.

He said Chinese people were targeted because JMPD officers were aware that several of them carry large sums of cash. They were targeted during constant roadblocks that residents believe were held with the intention of making money on the side.

A few months ago, Clr Alison van der Molen, ward 118, alerted Cleveland SAPS and JMPD about officers from outside the precinct targeting Chinese residents. She sent a stern warning and said that officers should come in if they have to, do their work and leave. At that meeting, Sergeant Marius Boolsen, JMPD officer allocated to ward 118, said bribery, corruption and harassment will not be tolerated. He urged residents to take down the officers' names and to take photographs of them if possible. He also advised victims to take down details of the vehicles these people were using and to report these incidents. Last week, Cleveland SAPS station commander, Colonel Bongani Dlamini, said, "Such cases have decreased. It is not every day that we get such cases, like we did before."

Chief executive officer of the Chinese Community Police Forum, Mr Anderson Lee, said according to their records, there has been a decrease in cases reported to them.

He believes the main reason for this is the close working relationship between the forum and Cleveland SAPS.

"It was not local officers targeting the Chinese. I believe station management helped with the situation. We work well with them. Cleveland SAPS is managing the area well," he said.

Mr Lee said that unlawful behaviour by authorities has a huge impact on residents.

Speaking about corrupt officers' modus operandi in the past, Mr Lee said, "Officers would stop Chinese motorists and ask for their driver's licence and identity document. They would also ask for their passengers' documents which includes work permits. If a Chinese person bought goods and had written receipts, the officers would 'not trust it'. Instead of taking these people to the police station they try to get a bribe.

"If everything was in order they would still hold them back and try to get a bribe. There are some instances where Chinese people are wrong. Some of them do not have proper documentation or drive while they are drunk, for instance. This creates a problem for all Chinese people because of generalisation," said Mr Lee.

He said there could also be a reduction in incidents because Chinese residents in Cyrildene are more aware of how to deal with the situation now and are supported by a group of people who are part of the district management. "There is also a 24-hour hotline for people



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who experience problems," he said. Colonel Bongani Dlamini, Cleveland SAPS station commander, urged people who are victimised

by officers to come forward and open a case as Mr Buffa did. Mr Buffa's case is under investigation by Cleveland SAPS.

# Criminals get hot wings and fly



If you know a man who fits this descrip-

tion, contact detective Constable Vincent

Mothiba, on 082 316 5523 or 011 624-6084.

Jeppe SAPS is still looking for four men who bought hot wings, robbed a business and fled from a business in Jeppestown.

Warrant Officer Richard Munyai, Jeppe SAPS communications officer, said four men approached a chef at Sharp Braai, a business at the corner of Kruger and Main streets, on May 12 at about 6.30pm.

They bought hot wings and when the chef went to the cash register to get their change, one of the men drew his firearm.

He pointed the firearm at the chef and demanded money.

A colleague who was washing dishes was approached by two of the men who told him to give them the money that was in the safe.

The men took cash and a cellular phone and fled the scene.

Anyone with the information can contact Jeppe SAPS on 011 624-6084.



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# Robbers sought

Jeppe SAPS is looking for two men in connection with an armed robbery that happened at a place of accommodation in Kensington.

Warrant Officer Richard Munyai, Jeppe SAPS communications officer, said a woman went to the OR Tambo Airport to pick up her boyfriend on March 24.

They went to a place of accommodation in Kensington. When they were at reception a man walked in and asked the hotel employee how much it costs to stay in one of the rooms.

"After the employee told him the price he said he was going to tell his friend how much the room was. The man left and came back a few minutes later with another man," said W/O Munyai.

One of the men took the woman's handbag that was on the counter.

"When she asked the men what was going on, the other man took out a firearm and told her not to make noise. The men took her handbag and fled," said W/O Munyai.



Cleveland SAPS is urging anyone with information on the whereabouts of two men involved in an armed robbery that took place in Rhodes Park on June 13, to come forward.

Constable Mpho Mashakane, Cleveland SAPS communications officer, said a man and his son were approached by two men, one of whom was in possession of a firearm. "The suspects threatened the man and demanded money and cellular phones. When the man refused to give them his cellular phone one of the suspects hit him on the head with the butt of the gun," said Const Mashakane.

Anyone with information can contact Warrant Officer Kotze on 011 677-5718 or 082 832 6441.



Anyone who recognises these men can contact Cleveland SAPS.





If you know this man, contact investigating officers, Warrant Officer Malawane Mash on 011 624-6021 or Constable Paulina Ndlovu



# Keep sector numbers handy

Residents are urged to keep sector police contact numbers handy.

Crime can be reported to the sector police officers or to 10111.

Sector details for the Jeppe SAPS precinct are as follows:

□ Constable Maluse Patrick Tefu is the manager for Sector 1. This sector covers Bez Valley, Lorentzville, Judith's Paarl, part of Kensington and Bertrams. His contact number is 079 886 3543. Sector vehicle contact numbers are 071 675 6020 or 071 675 6021.

Constable Rofhiwa Mugagadeli is the manager for Sector 2. This sector covers Troyeville, Fairview,

Belgravia, part of Kensington and Jeppestown. His contact number is 079 899 3943. Sector vehicle contact numbers are 071 675 6022 and 071 675 6023.

□ Warrant Officer Patrick Masango is the manager for Sector 3. This sector covers Doornfontein, New Doornfontein and part of Bertrams. He can be contacted on 079 885 4955. Sector vehicle contact numbers are 071 675 6025 and 071 675 6024

□ Constable Mashoene Quenten Maribe is the manager for Sector 4. This sector covers Benrose, City Deep, City and Suburban, Droste Park and part of Jeppestown. He can be contacted on 082 300 0611. Sector vehicle contact numbers are 071 675 6026 and 071 675 6027.



# SAPS needs help

Jeppe SAPS is looking for three men in connection with a robbery that took place on June 14 at a shop in End Street, Doornfontein.

Warrant Officer Richard Munyai, Jeppe SAPS communications officer, said the suspects pointed a firearm at an employee

and took airtime vouch-

Anyone with information can contact Warrant Officer Malawane Mash on 011 624-6021 and Constable Paulina Ndlovu on 073 573 5062 or 011 624-6013.

> Contact Jeppe SAPS if you know this man.



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CIr Carlos da Rocha at Rhodes Park swimming pool.

# CoJ dives into pool upgrade

City of Johannesburg (CoJ) will soon be repairing the Rhodes Park swimming pool and upgrading the buildings in the facility.

The pool was closed several years ago due to structural damage to the shell. According to council, the damage was a result of soil movement.

Councillor Carlos da Rocha, ward 66, was elated last week. He, former councillors and residents begged council for years to fix and open the pool, to no avail.

"I never knew there was a pool in Rhodes Park until I served on the ward committee just a few years back. It was then that I realised how important the swimming pool was to the residents of Kensington and surrounds.

"The first time I visited the swimming pool I was quite taken aback at what I saw. The main swimming pool area is quite big.

There is a splash pool area for children and a grand stand. The buildings are old and historical. Although there seemed to be no maintenance, thankfully there was no vandalism," said Clr Da Rocha.

According to council, the swimming pool and buildings were not fixed in the past due to funding shortages.

Earlier this year, Mr Nthatisi Modingoane, from CoJ, said the repairs were estimated at R7-million

At the time he said that if a budget is approved, it will be used for the restoration of the entire centre with particular focus on the filtration and water reticulation systems, pool shell and the buildings.

He also said that had a budget not been approved, alternative funding sources would be pursued.

"A few months ago I requested

officials help me deal with certain sports facilities in Rhodes Park. Clr Christine Walters, currently the member of the mayoral committee (MMC) for transport who was then the chairperson of the Section 79 committee for community development, arranged for an oversight visit to the park. I was surprised when I was called by officials to meet on site to discuss repairs to the swimming pool a few weeks ago," said Clr Da Rocha.

He said he was informed by officials that money had been allocated to repair the pool.

He could not confirm exactly when the repairs would start but said officials surveyed the pool and facilities and measures were taken.

"I hope the work will start soon. This is a great victory for residents. The pool is needed in the community," he said.

# Sister Natalie Kuhn remembered

If you have a dream, work for it. If it is worthwhile, it will be realised. These are just some of the

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inspiring words for which Sister Natalie Kuhn, founder of the Kgosi Neighbourhood Foundation in Belgravia, will be remembered.

Sister Natalie died at St Mary's on June 27.

She was head of Dominican Convent School in Belgravia for 18 years. Prior to that she taught and was then head of Springs Convent.

She founded and ran Kgosi Neighbourhood Foundation for the last eight years.

Sister Natalie was the third child and only daughter of Joseph and Mathilda Kuhn. She was born in King William's Town on June 14, 1931 and was baptised Mary. She made her first vows in the congregation on Nelson Mandela's birthday in 1950. Like him, she was willing to give her all for her dream of a just South Africa

Sister Natalie was described as a person who gave people a wonderful, if at times unconventional, example as to what it is to be a Dominican Sister, a Gospel woman of prayer, of faith and action. She was also described as a visionary, a prophet, friend,

teacher, mother, companion, preacher, netball coach, dreamer, challenger and encourager.

She lived her life to the fullest. When Sister Natalie retired from being principal at Dominican Convent she founded and ran the Wings of Hope School for children in the early learning phase.

Sister Natalie reached out to other teachers who had not had the opportunities of training that she had. In the middle 1960s she accepted the challenge of learning French so she could attend a catechetical course in Brussels. This broadened her theological understanding and praxis which she generously shared with many others beyond her own parish, profoundly affecting the quality of catechesis in the Diocese. The ripple effects of her sabbatical at Notre Dame in 1992 were equally astounding.

Since her time there, there has been a steady stream of Notre Dame volunteers coming to Wings of Hope adding to the quality of life there and to their own quality of life.

Throughout her life Sister Natalie cherished her friends and family and found time for them no matter how busy she was. When her mother was frail and needed care, Sister Natalie cared for her at Springs Convent until she died.

She did this alongside her teaching and community responsibilities.

Sometimes Sister Natalie's dreams were vast and moved ahead of where others were. A new science block, a new house to provide classroom space, or additional teachers needed in the school were suddenly on the horizon and the school board who were struggling to make ends meet, or the congregation, had to find ways to sustain the unexpected. Her efforts were always for the good of the people where she was living and working and not for personal gain. Her enterprising spirit and her courage in pursuing what she believed to be for the best for the learners in her care, gave all who knew her the inspiration to do the same in their own spheres of interest and concern.

She loved her cat, Muschka, who died unexpectedly one Saturday afternoon in 2012. She phoned her friend, Peter, at Kgosi and he buried Muschka in the little rose garden next to her office.

In the last few weeks of her life she tried to keep up with her friends and relatives. Staff, friends and others who knew Sister Natalie, extended their gratitude, prayer and sympathy to her family members.



Sister Natalie Kuhn with some of the children with whom she spent time.

# City Power replaces faulty electricity meters

City Power is replacing faulty meters as part of its campaign to read electricity meters.

This is to ensure consumers are billed for the correct amount of electricity. Consumers who suspect that their meter is faulty should report the problem to City Power on 011 490-7484 from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Alternatively, SMS the word, faulty, followed by the account number and address to 44074.

The replacement is carried out at no charge to the consumer. "By replacing faulty meters, we are able to improve the service our customers experience and we ensure that our billing system continues to display a high degree of integrity," said City Power spokesman, Mr Sol Masolo.

"We thank all our customers who have cooperated with our campaign thus far and we encourage anyone who suspects there may

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be a meter fault, to report it to us," he said.

He said that customer safety is a priority for City Power. Consumers are urged to verify the identity of City Power officials, including technicians, by contacting the 24-hour safety and security control office on 011 490-7900/7911/7553.

Meter readers and technicians should not be allowed to access the property without verification from City Power.

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# **Murder suspect** appears in court

The man arrested in Edenvale connection with the murder of Malvern resident, Ms Natalie Dube, last month, will appear in the Johannesburg High Court on August 19.

Ms Dube was found dead in a storeroom at the Rusty Lady Deli Bistro in Queen Street, Kensington, on July 9.

Her feet and hands were bound with electrical cords, her throat was slit and she had stab wounds.

According to information gathered by Cleveland SAPS, Ms Dube (25), went to work on July 8 and one of the managers asked her to remain behind after work to do stock taking because she was late. She did so. Her body was found in a storeroom the next day by a waitress.

Cleveland SAPS police officers followed up information that led to the arrest of the 39-year-old man at a hotel in Edenvale the same day.

The man appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on July 19 where a decision was taken to transfer the case to the Johannesburg High Court.

At the time of the man's arrest he was out on parole for rape.

Constable Mpho Mashakane, Cleveland SAPS communications officer, said he was arrested for rape by Benoni SAPS in 2002. He was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. He was also found guilty in a theft case and given a suspended sentence prior to the rape case.



# Saheti girl helps girls' home

An initiative by a Saheti School grade 5 pupil, Sofia Ferretti, resulted in the residents of Strathyre Girls' Home in Kensington each being treated with a gift pack. The packs included toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash. Motivated by a CNN report of an attack on an eight-year old girl in KwaZulu-Natal, Sofia, with the help of her classmates, raised in excess of R1 000 to donate to the victim. After several unsuccessful attempts to locate the girl, Sofia decided to use the funds for others in need. The decision was made to buy dental hygiene products, which she and other girls from her grade prepared as personalised gift packs accompanied by special messages. The girls visited the home on Mandela Day to meet the residents and distribute the items.

# Rusty Lady fights against violence

This Women's Day, The Rusty Lady Deli Bistro will join forces with Home of Hope in Kensington in its fight against the scourge of violence against women and children.

Owners of The Rusty Lady, Mr Peter Hand and his wife, Charmaine, decided to do something for Women's Day in memory of Ms Natalie Dube, an employee who was murdered last month.

Ms Dube was found dead by a waitress in a storeroom at the Rusty Lady Deli Bistro in Queen Street, Kensington, on July 9.

A manager at the business was arrested in connection with the incident.

"We want to turn the memory of Ms Dube into something positive. We decided to join forces with Mam' Khanyi's Home of Hope because it is a fantastic local charity that helps exploited and abused women and girls. On August 9 we want to add ours and Kensington's voice to condemning the scourge of violence against women. We encourage people to donate or to bring non-perishable foodstuff, blankets, clothes, toiletries or petrol. Anything that can help the home. We will provide boxes and containers for the donations at The Rusty Lady and will deliver it all to the Home of Hope," said Mr Hand.

The past month has not been easy for the owners and staff of The Rusty Lady.

"The Rusty Lady is conscious of its place in Kensington that we have established in our first year of being open. We have many regulars and have had a lot of support since the horrific events of July 9.

"The Rusty Lady opened again on July 11 after the police completed their on-site investigations and after the site had been cleaned in detail. I commend the police, who seem to only get criticism, and Crime Scene Clearance for their diligence.

"As expected, we have also had criticism, mostly based on no information whatsoever.

"As for opening too soon, when is the right time and who determines it? We felt that 19 people working for their families, as opposed to sitting at home was the preferable option. Were we right - who knows? What we did was based on our conscience and in discussion with Ms Dube's family," said Mr Hand.

He said there have been some rumours spread about the incident and questioned why people are exaggerating if the truth was horrific enough.

He said they always strive to do the right thing and they have done things that he would not wish to advertise but saw no alternative. "We paid for the funeral in Zimbabwe that the family attended. We had various services to cleanse spirits and prayers have been said at The Rusty Lady. We saw no reason to invite anybody apart from those directly concerned," he said.

"We experienced a drop in business in the first couple of weeks and can say that we, too, were victims. But I am pleased to say that we seem to be bouncing back and The Rusty Lady vibe and ambiance has returned. We thank all our regulars for their support. It has been a difficult time. The staff was obviously disturbed but we have had a trauma counsellor working with us to ensure their welfare and business picking up will help them and their families as well,' said Mr Hand.

He hopes the community supports their efforts. "Let us try to do some good to counteract evil," he said.

The Home of Hope, founded by Ms Khanyisile Motsa, caters for children and young women who were abandoned, abused, neglected and are living with HIV.



# Cansa supported

Attending the Cuppa for Cansa fundraiser for the Keurboom Care Centre held at the Belgravia Bowling Club in Bedfordview on July 27, are Mrs Monica De Ornelas, Mrs Sandi van Tonder, Mrs Daniela Fagnani and Mrs Gabrielle Voster. In front are Mrs Tula Yapce, Mrs Korina Karagiannakis, Mrs Luiza Moreira, Mrs Valeria Marion and Mrs Valeria Mchele.

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Group editor-in-chief at Primedia Broadcasting and author, Mrs Katy Katopodis, addressed the women at the Cuppa for Cansa fundraiser for the Keurboom Care Centre held at the Belgravia Bowling Club in Bedfordview on July 27.

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# Major breakthrough for Cyrildene residents

forum submitting its own plan

to council, Mr Chen said, "We

submitted the Central Business

District plan in the hopes of it

being approved so we can im-

prove the area. The plan we have

speaks about improvement for

the whole suburb, not just Der-

rick Avenue. We submitted this

plan in 2003, 2007 and 2011, to

council. Nothing was done about

it. We submitted it again and hope

it will be implemented. We want

to improve the suburb. We are

aware there are illegal activities

and this is what we are fighting

against. We also do not agree with

the six-storey buildings proposed

by council in the precinct plan.

in this area because it will impact

on everyone. There is no space

for more parking. We also have a

problem with illegal dumping, il-

"We do not want high density

A meeting, held last week between Chinese people and other residents, was described as a major breakthrough for Cyrildene.

After years of tension and frustration between Chinese and other residents, a group of people from both sides finally met to discuss the suburb's future and each party's goals.

Long standing Cyrildene residents are at their wits' end because of illegal activities taking place, such as illegal building, overcrowding, dumping and illegal parking in Derrick Avenue and surrounding streets.

They thought the implementation of a precinct plan would alleviate problems. Residents believe the plan proposed by council, however, supports a high density area which is what they are fighting against. Several residents submitted objections to the plan which they believe council wants to implement to legalise illegal activities.

They were made aware that the Chinatown Community Forum submitted a Central Business District plan to council. This led to the belief that council is supporting the minority by including what "the Chinese people want" and, as a result, Cyrildene will become a slum.

The Cyrildene Community Forum communicated with the Chinatown Community Forum on Monday last week to discuss each other's plans.

Mr Sagren Pillay, from the Cyrildene Community Forum, said the meeting had a positive outcome and hopes everyone can work together.

Mr Maure Chen, the deputy chairperson of the Chinatown Community Forum, said the association has the same aim as the broader community.

Clarifying reasons for the

tions legal parking and overcrowding. We also want illegal buildings demolished," said Mr Chen. He said the forum does not have the power to enforce the bylaws. "People who are involved in illegal activities do not listen to us. That is why the authorities need to be held responsible. If we

work together as a community, we can get action against people who contravene bylaws," said Mr Chen.

He urged the community not to let those involved in illegal activities affect relationships between those who want action to be taken.

He has been to public meetings held to discuss problems in Cyrildene by non-Chinese residents and said it is surprising how many people believe Chinese residents are not interested in cleaning up the area.

"Not all of us support and are involved in illegal activities. Some of us have invested a lot in the community and we want to see our investments grow. The Chinatown Community Forum does not want to do anything against the broader community. We want everyone to work together. We are fighting the same battle. We see the benefit of a cleaner, safer and better environment," said Mr Chen.

He said the forum invested in the China Gates on either side of Derrick Avenue in the hopes of creating a great attraction. "We need to raise more funds to complete it. Other ideas were also to create a place for everyone to put their bins, so illegal dumping and garbage lining the streets can stop. We also want a property for mass parking so the illegal parking can stop. These are things that are included in our plan," he said.

A decision was taken by the two forums to meet again this month with five representatives each to discuss their plans and find a way to work together.

Clr Alison van der Molen, ward 118, described the meeting held as a huge step forward.

"I think that the broader community realised that the two groups are not that far from each other in what they want.

"Up to that meeting there was no conversation between the two affected communities. The sooner an agreement is reached and supported, the sooner council will be able to take the action so sorely needed in the area.

"I do believe that there is a similar vision for Cyrildene. I believe that everyone wants to see the area prosper and grow in a positive direction. In order for this to happen, it is going to take work and commitment from the Chinese community and the surrounding residents. I believe this can be a reality," said Clr Van der Molen.



The EXPRESS visited the house to catch a few of the volunteers in action.

# The Crib gets a Mandela Day facelift

Kensington residents and businesses teamed up to renovate The Crib in Kensington on Saturday, July 20 as part of Mandela Day.

The Crib is a safe house for abused and abandoned children aged up to eight years old.

The day started off when house

mother, Karen Stilwell, was sent away for breakfast at the Saxon Hotel.

While she was out, volunteers arrived by the dozens to paint, trim, fix and polish the house Karen has opened up to children who in need. Restoration, repair work and painting was conducted in two-hour shifts.

Along with restoring the house, a number of people also donated much-needed items to The Crib, including baby items as well as the paints used on the day.



# Trouble spot for Bertrams residents

A vacant piece of land situated in 45 Gordon Road in Betrams, continues to be a trouble spot for residents.

The EXPRESS previously reported about this problem area in September of 2010.

Long weeds are growing on the land and rats have made the land their home. Criminals are also taking ad-

vantage of the situation as people

have been robbed there at night. The neighbouring Gerald Fitzpatrick House has had to find ways to keep the rats out that wander

off into the nursing home. Youngsters burn tyres there daily and the smoke affects the patients at the home.

"The situation is terrible, people burn things there and that makes us unhappy because we have cancer patients at the home," said Mrs Merle Howroyd, who manages the Gerald Fitzpatrick House.

"It gets worse during summer because the weeds grow longer," concluded Mrs Howroyd.

The EXPRESS approached Mr Nthatise Modingoane from the City of Joburg with a request for comment.

At the time of going to print no comment had been received.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 40 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), of intention of City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality – Environment, Infrastructure and Services Department to apply for a Water Use Licence to be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs in order to obtain an authorisation for the above-mentioned project.

### NATURE OF ACTIVITY

This project involves filling the Bruma Lake and reinstates the stream through reshaping of the lake basin. The project involves the following water use in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998):

- 21 (c) Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse.
- 21 (i) Altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse.

### LOCATION

The project is located between Marcia Street (north and east), Queen Street (west) and Broadway Extension (south), in Bruma Johannesburg.

NAME OF APPLICANT

City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality – Environment, Infrastructure and Services Department

### PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held at Queen High School on 06 August 2013 between 18:00 to 19:30

### NAME OF CONTACT PERSON

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Any objections or comments to the proposed project should be forwarded to the contact person in writing before 30 September 2013. In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and affected party, please submit your name, contact, information and interest in the matter in writing to the contact person above.



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To update regular events, e-mail benews@caxton.co.za or send a fax to 011 609-7160.

Schizophrenia and Bipolar Support Group meeting tonight, August 7, Edenvale Community Centre, 6pm. Contact Ann or Peter, 011 849-0297.

 Bedfordview Garden Club meeting, August 10, Methodist Church conference hall. De Wet Street, Bedfordview, 9.30am. Mariana van Wyk to speak on medical herbs. Contact Heather, 011 828-6052 or Marilyn, 011 452-6208

Household Consumers' League meeting, 9.30am, August 14, James Sadie Auditorium in Hawley Road, Bedfordview. Phone Maureen, 011 454-1117 or Gail, 011 896-3908.

Parkinson's support group, Edenhaven Old Age Home. Call Matron Anita, 011 609-2204

■ Faith and Light Edenvale, group for the mentally disabled, family and friends, meets every second Saturday of the month at 2.30pm, Edenvale Methodist Janet Brown Hall. Contact Kathryn, 082 343 5501.

Rhodes Park Bowling Club Quiz Evening every Wednesday, corner of Montague and Orlando roads, Kensington, 6.30pm for 7pm. Contact Sheila, 072 203 1086.

■ The Music Makers, live music for all occasions. Contact Jen, 083 331 9062 or Les, 082 814 5554 or phone 011 453-1594.

All bridge players, weak or strong welcomed every Monday, 10am at the Kensington Community Centre, Rhodes Park. Contact Coral, 011 487 0163 or 082 722 5990.

■ St Giles Association for the Physically Disabled, corner of 11th Avenue and 10th Street, Dewetshof, Best Shop in Town, bargains at best prices. Open weekdays 8am to 2.30pm. Will collect your best unwanted goods in close proximity. Contact Di, 011 615-7681 or 072 236 2807.

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Edenvale Photographic Club meets

■ Tudor Rose Luncheon Club meets

AA Edenvale group meetings every to 1.30pm, at St Therese Catholic Church, corner of Horwood Street and Van Riebeeck Avenue. Call 011 421-1748.

■ Village Toastmasters, third Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm in the large hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church, corner of St David and Koster roads, Elma Park. Meeting includes dinner. Contact Theo, 011 452-3884.

Edenvale Senior Citizens' Society's shop at the community centre is in need of secondhand clothing, household goods and jewellery donations to sell for funds. Contact Hester, 011 453-7608, weekdays 8am to noon

Edenvale Methodist Church Bridge Club meets at Eden Village in Meadowbrook, Tuesdays, 12 noon to 4pm. Contact Lynda, 011 453-4428.

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Eskom remain determined to avoid load-shedding and is asking all South Africans to pull together over the next several months.

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- Switch off non-essential lights
- Find alternatives to electric heaters

every second and fourth Wednesday at 6.30pm at Edenvale Civic Centre. Beginner and experienced photographers are welcome. Call Des on 083 226 1452 or Dave on 083 247 7646.

every third Wednesday, Jeppe Quondam at 11.45am. Contact Heather, 011 828-6052.

Monday and Wednesday from 12.30pm

# Jeppe Girls' fun run and walk this month

Join Jeppe High School for Girls on August 18 for its five and eight kilometre family fun run and walk.

The race starts at 8.30am. Tickets are R50 and are available from Jeppe High School for Girls during school hours.

Children U/10 are free. Dress in the Jeppe mania theme and stand to win one of the spot prizes. Refreshments will be on sale. Tickets will not be sold on the day of the race. For more information, call Ms Carole Heming on 011 616-5090.

## Just a few weeks until Kensington Spring Fair

Kensington is said to be the oldest suburb in Johannesburg and it is steeped in history and tradition.

One of the suburb's longest traditions which attracts thousands of people, the Kensington Spring Fair, is about to take place.

The fair will take place on September 1 from 9am to 4 pm in Rhodes Park near the lake. The entry fee is R1 per person.

People who bring dogs are requested to keep them on a leash. Volunteers from the I Love Kensington Association (ILKA) and the community organise the fair and all funds raised are donated to charities in Kensington and surrounds.

Entertainment will be provided by a variety of artists. The food stalls will cater for various tastes ranging from boerewors rolls, mini donuts, Chip and Dip, Indian and Chinese cuisine.

This is a day out for the whole family with diverse stalls from arts and crafts, esoteric, bricà-brac, farmers' stalls, and deli stalls to local churches, schools and community organisations being represented at the fair in various ways as well.

Applications for stalls can be obtained from the Kensington Spring Fair Facebook page, the Rhodes Park Library or e-mail springfair@ kensington.org.za

Closing date for application is August 19. More helpers are needed to work as marshalls on the morning of the fair to help vendors find their allocated stalls.

All high school children interested in getting some community service hours are requested to e-mail chair@kensington.org.za to volunteer their services.

Community service certificates will be handed



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## Police forum to meet

The Cleveland Community Police Forum (CCPF) meeting will take place tonight, August 6 at 6.30pm.

The meeting will take place at the Cleveland SAPS

Contact Mr Sipho Mthembu, CCPF secretary, 074 140 8286.

## Cleveland CPF Sector 2 hold monthly meeting

The Cleveland Community Police Forum Sector Two (Kensington) will hold its monthly meeting on August 7.

The meeting will be held at Kensington Secondary School, which is located at the corner of Protea and New York Street (entrance from Protea Street). The meeting starts at 18.30 and for more information call Mr Andrew MacRitchie on 074 182 0180.



Mr Roberto Fernandes at his Everything Curry stand at the Kensington Market that was held at the Kensington Community Centre on July 28.

Mrs Lulu Sutcliffe at her Pickles and Lemonade stand at the Kensington Market that was held at the Kensington Community Centre on July 28.



Ms Shaksha Gowrie and Ms Tanuja Gowrie at their Lil' Donuts stand at the Kensington Market held at the Kensington Community Centre on July 28.

# **Pikitup management gets** thumbs up from da Rocha

the past few weeks, ground level Pikitup management is brilliant."

This was stated by Councillor Carlos Da Rocha, ward 66.

He said that over the past few weeks, rubbish was piling up on the streets and not being collected, due to the illegal strike by some Pikitup staff.

"I took note of the complaints from residents with regard to rubbish not being collected and streets not being swept. Some Pikitup staff went on an unexpected strike. However, looking at what went on over the past few weeks, I must reflect on the past. Remember a Pikitup strike about three years ago? It was chaotic," he said.

He said this time around, although there was a strike, Pikitup team leaders were working seven days a week with skeleton staff. "They took dangerous risks to try and keep my ward looking a

"Considering the circumstances over bit better than what it would have been if they had not done so.

"The area manager himself was busy sourcing a truck to remove the rubbish. Some street sweepers worked to maintain some level of service. I am grateful to them for the work they put in to keep me happy," said Clr Da Rocha.

Clr Da Rocha believes the new bin law is creating problems in his ward. He said people are choosing to dump illegally because they are not prepared to pay for a bin that has been stolen or damaged.

Pikitup started implementing charges for the replacement of stolen and damaged bins from February

It was stated that the decision came after 8 500 wheelie bins at the cost of about R3-million were replaced during the 2011/12 financial year by Pikitup.

A number of residents complained about this decision because the theft

was no fault of their own and said it was Pikitup workers who were damaging their bins when emptying them. The result of Pikitup's decision was more people putting rubbish bags out instead of bins and more people dumping illegally.

Pikitup later said that there would be some relief in the case of stolen bins and damage rendered to a bin by Pikitup staff.

Pikitup said it would use existing measures to ascertain whether the damage has been caused by its compactor lifters or not. The same principle would apply to stolen bins, to confirm the validity of any claim. If the claim proves true, a replacement bin will be issued to a resident free of charge.

Pikitup also said that the tariffs are lawful, as provided in Section 11(3)(i) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 which ensures that any fees levied to residents are constitutional.





Mr Derek Woods at his Mosaic Magic and Items stand at the Kensington Market that was held at the Kensington Community Centre on July 28.



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Representing the Joburg East Express and Bedfordview and Edenvale News is Ms Nompumelelo Kotane, with Dealer Principal at Hyundai Bruma Mr Anil Haripersad and Visionary for the Nokwe Creative Development Foundation, MsTu Nokwe at the hand over of the car to the participants at Hyundai Bruma on July 30.

Hyundai Bruma sponsors **cousins for Reynolds Race** 

Cousins Nompumelelo Kotane and Ntombifuthi Nhlapo have received a sponsorship from Hyundai Bruma in the form of a car to use in the Caxton Reynolds Race.

When I heard that a charity was involved, I could not refuse to help," said Mr Anil Haripersad, the Dealer Principal of Hyundai Bruma.

In addition to sponsoring the car, the company is also covering the cost of the insurance for the duration of the race. The cousins will have use of the car for seven weeks.

They have chosen the Nokwe Creative Development Foundation (NCDF) as their charity. The NCDF is the parent company of the Amajika Arts empowerment outreach for orphans and vulnerable children, schools and art centres. Currently the Light of Africa, Ms Tu Nokwe serves as the visionary for the foundation. She also serves as a patron for the Elton John Masibambane home for orphans and vulnerable children in Eldorado Park, under the Johannesburg Child Welfare.

The cousins have also spoken to Cell Find to donate an sms line in order for people to vote for them. People can sms the words "Hyundai Bruma" to 48775 in order to vote and possibly win prizes.

The sms will cost ten rand. "We will be running our own competition in order to raise funds for our charity. We will have a fullon media campaign publicising the sms competition," said Ms Kotane. "We would like to thank all the sponsors and prize givers for giving us the edge in fulfilling our tasks."

"As a business in the East Rand region, we believe it is important to get involved with initiatives that involve the community and charities," concluded MrAnil Haripersad. The winning team wins a trip to Mauritius for four, proudly sponsored by SA Reynolds Travel Centre and the winning team's charity will receive R10 000 in vouchers from Hirsch's. The final will be held at the Boksburg Rugby Club on September 21.



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June meeting.

# Motor Show at the Rock



Piping hot ... a car representing the Rock Raceway at the Eastgate Motor Show and Drifting Experience on July 27.



The car representing the Rock Raceway at the Eastgate Motor Show and Drifting Experience on July 27.



to write a book about girl heroes because when she looked for books for her own children, the only ones available for youngsters in the senior primary age group had boys as their main characters. The two books are ecological adventures; Turtle

Walk focuses on the issue of line fishing and Rock Steady is about the destruction of San rock art.

She has also published two books aimed at younger children.

Her fifth book, Harry on the Couch: A Psychologist's reading of Harry Potter, is a study of the Harry Potter series and reveals hypotheses such as dementors being a metaphor for depression.

Mrs Macgregor's new book, Dark Whispers, is due for release in February 2014.

She used the traditional publishing route, e-publishing and self-publishing, she was able to share her experience of these methods and said that each has positive and negative aspects to it.

The July meeting of the group takes the form of an annual prizegiving and is by invitation only. Members are reminded to book for the event.

For more information on the group, contact chairman, Mr Jake van der Wilden on 082 223 9353 or 011 616-0305, alternatively, e-mail him at anjo@ internext.co.za



Kensington-based author and consulting psychologist, Mrs Joanne Macgregor, recently shared her experiences of writing and publishing at the Writers 2000 June meeting.

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# JCC focuses on grass roots cricket

The Johannesburg Cricket Club (JCC) has been in existence for 21 years and has regularly been a part of the cricket landscape in Gauteng.

The JCC has been at the grass roots of cricket.

The club has focused on the inner city of Johannesburg and attracts children from the surrounding schools in the area.

"We hope to bring cricket to the inner city and create a hope village, where the children can

have a sense of place, identity and self worth," said Mr Indarin Govender, chairman of the JCC.

The JCC has nine teams affiliated to the Gauteng Cricket Board.

"Our key aim is to promote the spirit of volunteerism, making sure that the spirit of giving and teaching is an ethos we live by," explained Mr Govender.

The club recently sent its U/17 team to Corfu in Greece, to take part in an international tournament where 10 teams from around the world took part. The U/17 team won the tournament.

"We have engaged the Johannesburg Development Agency with a view of constructing the first-ever cricket oval in the city, which indicates the objectives we want to achieve in bringing cricket to the inner city," said Mr Govender.

The JCC conducts coaching clinics every Saturday morning at no fee.





Mr Indarin Govender, chairman of the Johannesburg Cricket Club, displays a trophy the U/17 team won on a recent tour to Corfu, in Greece.

action My ball ... a player from Alberview Primary School (purple and white) in a tussle for possession of the ball with a player from Bedfordview **Primary School** (red) during a line-out at the Jeppe High School for Boys' rugby grounds



# Rovers takes on Superstars

Malvern West Rovers' U/12 side played a warm-up game against the U/12 Superstars side at Rhodes Park on Saturday, July 20.



# Young rugby talent on show Jeppe

A player from Alberview gets away from the Jeppe players during a seven-a-side rugby match held at Jeppe High School for Boys on July 27.



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# ON THE SCHOOL GROUND

# **Girls qualify for** cross country race

The inter-districts trials for cross country took place at Thaba Trails in Mulbarton last month.

Two Jeppe High School for Girls' runners, Ruth Shabangu and Sinead de Jager, qualified to run for the central district.

Sinead finished the race in seventh place which puts her among the top runners in Gauteng.

Ruth was placed 39th. The cross country captains, Taryn Laughton and Mishqah Snyders, went along to support their runners.

Ruth Shabangu, vice captain, and Sinead de Jager ran in the inter-districts cross country competition recently.



# Children play dress-up

All the preparatory schoolchildren of Rand Private Schools participated in their recent Roald Dahl Dahlicious Dress-Up Day.

From the grade R's, many of whom were enormous crocodiles, to the whole grade 6 class and Miss Stacey Serakis who dressed up as characters from the book, Matilda, fun was had by all.

Each grade made something "Dahlicious" to eat and gave their concoctions "squirahlumptious" names

Books by Roald Dahl were given to the pupils who won the fancy dress competition. The Roald Dahl Dahlicious Dress-Up Day is part of Rand Private School's ongoing drive to promote reading and the value of books.

It was also linked to Rand Private School's concert, Red Riding Hood, which is based on one of Roald Dahl's "Revolting Rhymes", and starred Fisokuhle Vilakazi as Red Riding Hood, Carnia Adams as Grandma and Bohlokwa Mokone as The Big Bad Wolf.



Miss Stacey Serakis as Miss Trunchbull from Matilda by Roald Dahl and her grade 6 class. At the back are Bongiwe Gwamanda, Karabo Meso, Lethabo Makutu, Thoriso Sobopha, Miss Serakis, Fiza Mahmood, Sicelo Mabizela and Fisokuhle Vilakazi. In the middle are Bokang Ralesego, Amierah Shabudien, Makayla Glover, Tinyiko Ntene, Cassamo Caniat and Ridwaan Stofberg. In front are Renesh Govender, Brandon Wilkinson and Tasneem Khan.



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# Future mathematicians at Sacred Heart

Two of Sacred Heart College's pupils, Milan Singh, grade 12, and Brendon Lin, grade 9, qualified for the final round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad recently.

With more than 80000 pupils having participated in the 2013 event, the South African Mathematics Olympiad is the biggest Olympiad in the country.

Only the best 100 senior and junior pupils from the previous round have been selected for the final round which will take place on September 9. Ms Rina Loh, the high school mathematics teacher, said the pupils and staff at Sacred Heart College are proud of the boys.

"The experience has been a learning curve and has produced curiosity and enthusiasm for the subject," she said.

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# EcoSport busts new niche

### GERHARD HORN

t's easy to be cynical about Ford's all-new tot-sized SUV, the EcoSport.

In essence it's nothing more than a pumpedup Fiesta on stilts, which makes me wonder if its existence is strictly necessary in the first place. Is there a demand for a fat Fiesta with a higher driving position?

I'm tempted to say no, but in my gut I know it'd be a lie. South Africa, and the rest of the world for that matter, is obsessed with SUVs, so Ford would be irresponsible not to get as much product into the market as possible.

For proof, we turn to India. Ford India experienced a 48% increase in sales in July compared to the same month in 2012. The reason? The EcoSport was launched there recently and it's selling faster than any hot cake I've ever heard of.

I think my initial negative reaction to this car has to do with the specific market it plays in. At this point, I'm not entirely sure a segment exists for it, as it has no direct competitor. Ford sees the EcoSport going up against the Nissan Juke, Suzuki Jimny, Daihatsu Terios and, strangely, the Citroën DS4. I don't really see the EcoSport as a direct competitor to any of the above for various reasons. In fact, I think Ford may have just jump-started an entirely new segment.

So, it's a good thing it stands out in a crowd. The overfed Fiesta styling really works in my humble opinion and I think Ford will sell a bunch of these things based on aesthetic appeal alone.

A stunning body, however, only makes for a good first impression. Luckily the stuff beneath the skin should keep on impressing for long after the customer first falls in love with the EcoSport.

The first and most important thing you need to know is that the EcoSport isn't as mean as it looks. There's no four-wheel-drive option, which means the car will be completely flustered by anything more treacherous than a shopping-mall curb.

On the flipside, it is rather nippy and easy to drive around town. The range of petrol and diesel engines are perfectly suited to a city commute and won't ruin you financially every time you need to fill the car up.

Three engines are currently available: two petrol powertrains and a turbocharged diesel. The petrol range kicks off with Ford's global 1.5-litre four cylinder, which delivers peak power of 82kW and 138Nm of torque. Ford claims an average fuel



consumption of 6.5 litres/100km. This engine is available with a five-speed manual or six-speed Powershift automatic transmission. It's also the only engine in the range available with a self-shifter.

Topping the petrol range is Ford's multiple awardwinning 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine. This powerful and frugal powertrain delivers 92kW and 170Nm of torque and has a claimed fuel consumption figure of 5.7 litres/100km.

The 1.5-litre TDCi diesel engine, while not being particularly powerful (66kW/205Nm), does have enough oomph to keep up with traffic in the city and on the highway. If frugality is your thing, it's definitely the one to go for as Ford claims a figure of 4.6 litres/100km on the combined cycle.

Interior-wise, there are one or two issues, but

more on that later. There are a few good things that need mentioning first.

First up is Ford's marvellous Sync system, which is standard across the range. We've written on this system before, but it deserves another mention as it really is one of the best infotainment systems out there. You can play music via cell phone, an auxiliary input or USB port, but the best thing about it is the fact that the lady who lives in the dashboard actually understands a South African accent.

The cabin also has a number of practical storage spaces and a glove box that can keep six cans of beverage cool. The rear seats also fold flat in a 60:40 split, which increases the boot space to 705 litres. Unfortunately, it's also the interior that lets the car down a bit. Some models feature wind-down rear windows, which isn't on for a car that costs R200 000 and up. Some of the finishes are a bit below par and the wind noise is a tad high, especially on the highway. Not deal-breaking stuff, but frustrating nonetheless.

At the price it's hard to fault the EcoSport. The base model costs just under R200 000, while a top-of-the-range variant is just R50 000 more. If you're looking for something cheaper than the Juke, less hardcore and way more comfortable than the Jimny and more modern than the Terios, this is the car for you. It currently has no direct competitor, but if it does well, and I think it will, the competition will soon be lining up to get a slice of its business.

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# new models www.looklocalmotoring.co.za EAST PAGE 2 | WEEK 32 TOYOTA Updates its macho men

### STUART MOIR

I LIKE my vehicles like Africa - tough!

Luckily, you don't get stronger than the Land Cruiser 70 Series, which was launched early this year. But now, Toyota has added a large oil burner to the mix to power this big barge.

The new Euro 5-compliant diesel engine is a hefty 4.5-litre V8 turbo powertrain. Capable of producing 151kW of power at 3 400rpm and mammoth torque of 430Nm available from as little as 1 200rpm, it literally can idle over anything with very little effort on its behalf.

As the undisputed off-road king, it goes where very few can and now that it's equipped with this monstrous V8, it cements itself as supreme ruler.

While everything else in the world seems to be getting soft, the rugged Land Cruiser hasn't lost any of its macho capabilities.

The two-speed transfer case and part-time four-

wheel-drive system with manual free-wheeling front hubs are still present and the wheels are driven by a five-speed manual transmission.

While the engine technology is modern, the styling is straight out of the 70s. The boxy design and old-school interior lends itself perfectly to a Burt Reynolds, moustache-wearing bygone era. A few modern features have been adopted though, like on-board navigation and a stereo system incorporating a CD player and an auxiliary USB port.

With the new V8 fitted, fuel consumption is pegged at a claimed 11.5 litres/100km. You'll have to be on your best driving behaviour to get anywhere near that claim though, because truthfully the Land Cruiser couldn't be concerned about curbing its drinking problem for pricey fuel. Hence it comes with a 130-litre fuel tank.

The other member of the Land Cruiser family to get a nip and tuck recently was the FJ Cruiser,





which has more willingly embraced the modern era. Embodying retro styling, this big bruiser knows how to grab attention.

It's available in two versions-Standard and Sports Cruiser. The latter is distinguished by its Raven Black paint scheme and extra chrome detailing, which includes chrome trim on the high-mounted air intake and FJ-styled door scuff plates.

The FJ is anything but a poser. Housing a massive 4.0-litre V6 petrol engine and a five-speed automatic gearbox, this big boy isn't scared to hit the dirt and obstacles, thanks to its part-time four-wheel-drive, electronically activated rear differential lock and switchable Active Traction Control technology.

The FJ's interior is incredibly well specced for such a hardcore cruiser, with specification including a steering wheel with remote audio and Bluetooth controls, integrated audio/CD sound system with six speakers and iPod connector, external audio and USB connectors, a powerful air-conditioning system, extra power socket and cruise control. The FJ also boasts Toyota's rear-monitor system, which integrates a rear-facing video camera, electro-chromaticinterior rear-view mirror and video screen integrated into the rear mirror to offer ease of reversing on all models.

These rugged men of the motoring world both come with a 3-year/100 000km warranty. All versions of the FJ Cruiser also come with a 5-year/90 000km service plan.

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## road test www.looklocalmotoring.co.za EAST | PAGE 4 | WEEK 32 KTM 1190 - have your cake and eat it

### STUART MOIR

KTM has destroyed perceptions of what you can do with an adventure bike. Previously, the company was all about touring and taking on the great outdoors with its comfortable suspension setup and higher ride height for off-road capabilities.

However, since the launch of the formidable 1190, people have had to re-evaluate what they wanted from an adventure model, because this Austrian machine is everything rolled into one goodlooking package, meaning you can now have your cake and eat it too.

I recently put the 1190 to the test by taking it around Kyalami. Now it's by no means a track bike, given its high stance and upright ride position. But it does have superbike DNA embodied in it. The massive two-cylinder, four-stroke engine is a slightly tuned-down version of KTM's sports bike, the RC8.

Producing 110kW of power, this tall giant can reach speeds of well over 250km/h. It's difficult to fathom that a bike with so much Dakar heritage and adventure in its genes could tackle a race track so convincingly, so much so that I had a ZX10 rider flabbergasted at just how quick the bike was, particularly out the corners when I laid down the power. Being blessed with such rampant

acceleration didn't hurt either.

The fact that it is packed with technology, and rider's aids to assist, meant that I could push the bike to the limit, well, my limit, and whenever things looked like they were going to get messy, the traction control would step in. But not in a 'horrendous stepmother taking away all your privileges' kind of way. Instead, it gently nurtures you and straightens you out. Most of the time I didn't even feel the traction control working and only saw the light flashing on the odo cluster.

Weighing in at 230kg, it's bulky but easily manoeuvrable. The fact that I could arrive at the track with a luggage bag and two camping chairs strapped to the pannier box bracket also highlighted its practicality.

Of course, the KTM wouldn't be living up to its name if there wasn't some dirt riding involved. Naturally, I went searching for some gravel-laden roads, slapped the bike into off-road mode and headed down the road, leaving a giant dust cloud in my wake.

The engine is 'business-like smooth' and opening up the throttle makes a throaty groan. The bike really does feel planted on almost any surface and it's difficult to fault.

So, is it an adventure bike, a superbike or what? Well, this motorcycle is anything you want it to be. It's just housed in an adventure-bike skin.

## THE SPECIFICS

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# **Porsche launches** Panamera attack

PORSCHE recently introduced the second generation of its four-seater Panamera in South Africa.

Eight derivatives are available locally in the redeveloped line-up, including the Panamera S E-Hybrid, which will make its debut later this year.

The exterior upgrades include visually tighter lines, more pronounced contours and newly shaped body elements to enhance its Gran Turismo character. The rear windscreen has been widened, whilst a wider spoiler and optional LED lights make the car stand out in a crowd.

The biggest change engine-wise is the inclusion of an all-new 3.0-litre V6 biturbo petrol, which replaces the 4.8-litre V8 engine in the Panamera S and Panamera 4S. The GTS model retains the V8 powerplant.

The new V6 engine has more power and torque, but Porsche claims an 18% improvement in fuel economy compared to the V8 it replaces.

With almost 310kW on tap, the S E-Hybrid

is not your average mundane greenie car. Porsche claims a 0-100km/h time of 5.5 seconds and a top speed of 270km/h. This car can also drive up to 36km in all-electric mode, but what really impress are the claimed fuel consumption and emissions figures: 3.1 litres/100km and 71g/km. This is a significant achievement for what is essentially a large performance saloon.The new Panamera is available at Porsche Centre Johannesburg, Cape Town and Umhlanga - Motoring Staff.

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### STUART MOIR

AFTER months of trouble-free motoring and many happy miles, we have returned our long-term Kawasaki Z1000SX.

Having used the bike to commute and taken it on long rides, it combined high levels of comfort with sporty touring-engine performance.

I've always liked the bike's simple styling package, but having spent long periods of time on the seat and asking a lot of fellow riders on their thoughts, a rather staggering amount said this Kawasaki was missing the X-factor.

It has tight lines and is suited up in a full-dress sports-tourer package. Unfortunately, it's the kind of bike that doesn't masquerade around like a peacock showing off. Instead it's a humble dark horse and to be honest, I like that more.

Its comparatively light-weight physique-it weighs in at just 228kg - means it handles well and because of its high engine capacity that is injected with loads of mid-range torque, propels the bike onward like a natural killer on a hunt, all with a quick twist of the throttle.

The free-revving nature of the machine lets the bike climb strongly through the rev range as you bang it through the slick gearbox. Even low down it has some grunt, but does feel a bit bogged down.

It is equipped with 101.5kW of power and 110Nm of torque, so it's got plenty of horses to thrill many a rider and, with an array of safety features, will allow the rider to explore their limits rather than the limits of this road-devouring Japanese machine.

The only fault that I could find during our time together was the vibrations that came through the foot pegs, but this is me nit-picking on a wonderful companion who was always ready to give me a few thrills when we went riding. I think it was the long trips together where you look for something to bug you and thankfully that is all I could find. Okay, the 19-litre petrol tank is substantial, but on a long haul a few extra litres would've been a welcomed addition. However, cruising at highway speeds left this bike sipping a little over 6.0 litres/100km.

Overall, I have always been a fan of the touringbike styling, largely because I don't enjoy being bent over the handlebars for long periods at a time. And that's why the Z1000SX made such an impression on me. Simplistic yet comfortable, its switchgear was easy to operate and its instrument cluster easy to read at a glance. Our test unit's pannier boxes was an appreciated extra, because it made the bike even more of a practical runaround.

Its styling might be a tad mundane for a few, but the ride is anything but. It's smooth and responsive, which is far more important than looking stylish.

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2006 BMW 740i (E65) (A) 56 000km, Cream Leather Interior. 56 000km, Cream Leather Interior, Sunroof, Xenon Lights, PDC, Navigation, MFS, Wood Finish, 19" Alloys, Full House

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# news

# AMID ready to enthrall bike enthusiasts

IF YOU'RE a petrolhead and find yourself with nothing to do this weekend, we suggest you head down to the AMID Motorcycle Lifestyle Show at the Johannesburg Expo Centre. The event includes two other exhibitions (outdoor lifestyle and a boat show) you can gander at while you're there. That's three great shows for the price of one ticket.

We're sure every motorcycle enthusiast will want to check out the Concours D'Elegance and Show & Shine competition taking place over the course of the weekend. This competition is open to any bike from any era and a wide range of prizes is up for grabs. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who is proud of their motorcycle to receive recognition for their hard work and dedication.

A number of exhibitors will also be in attendance, showcasing their latest fare to the masses. BMW Motorrad South Africa will have its entire range on show, as well as an extensive array of riding gear and lifestyle apparel. The German company will also use this opportunity to tell people more about its Rider Academy that offers training courses in a number of areas.

Victory Motorcycles will be celebrating 15 years in the global industry at its stand. The main feature at this festive stage will be the 15th Anniversary Cross Country Tour Limited Edition motorcycle, built to celebrate Victory's impressive achievement.

Italian brand Moto Guzzi will be showcasing its entire range, along with the all-new California 1400 Custom. The new model is a derivative of the California 1400 Touring, but without the panniers and the screen. These have been replaced by a more minimalist approach that is supposed to highlight the clean lines and cruising potential of the gutsy engine. Both versions of the California will be on display.

Aprillia, meanwhile, is on a mission to show the new models pouring out of its factory. Fans of the marque will be able to see the full range of models, including the all-new Caponord 1200 Travel Pack.

Suzuki will be showing off the new VL1500, the latest version of the long-running V-Twin model. There will also be two show-special deals on the GSXR750 and the GSR750, both of which have a free Yoshi pipe included.

Fans will also be able to see their favourite machines in action. World of Motorsports ZA has announced that round four of the Supermoto National Championships will take place at the Expo Centre on the last day of the show.

The AMID Motorcycle Lifestyle Show starts on 8 August and will run to 11 August. Gates open at 09:00 and close at 16:00. Tickets are R80 for adults, R40 for pensioners and children under 12 are allowed to attend for mahala.

*Autodealer* is giving away five tickets to the AMID Motorcycle Lifestyle Show. Just answer this simple question: On which date does the show end?

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# **AUTOLETTER OF THE WEEK**

### TAXIES' SUPERHUMAN PILOTS

### Dear Editor,

Minibus taxies in South Africa are a dozen and have quite a few things in common: from bald tyres, non-existent upholstery, shoddy brakes, very loud audio systems to ever-honking hooters.

The saying "All taxi drivers come from the same driving school" is most probably true, except that it's not quite a driving school, more like learning by osmosis.

Firstly, we need to admit that taxi drivers are skilled operators - they have mastered the dubious skill of flying four-wheeled vehicles rather than driving them. These are confident men of exceptionally high spirits and short tempers. They have perfected multitasking in a way no woman ever could. They are most adept at swearing at other motorists, swearing attheir own passengers (after they have paid of course), sweet talking those policemen who dare to confront them and their sudden unannounced halts that make the motorists behind hit the roof. Spare a thought for the passengers who usually find themselves

catapulted into the brace position.

What motorists may not know about these taxi-plane pilots is that they are mathematical wizards, able to count the fair of a full flight right down to the last cent without taking their eyes off their passengers as they steer along the pavement with their knees, all the while hooting at trees, pedestrians and birds.

It is unheard of for a taxi-plane pilot to bring his contraption to a screeching halt simply because someone short-changed him by 20c. All in all, taxi-plane pilots don't give a hoot about anything on the roads and this includes traffic lights and a variety of other road signs intended to keep drivers safe. The concept of road safety is as alien to them as is the idea of showing some kind of courtesy to other road users.

### Anonymous

Congratulations on winning R250 courtesy of Williams Hunt Randburg. Phone: 011 889 0756 to collect. Prize money not collected within 30 days of publication will be donated to charity. Winners need to produce a valid form of identification to claim prize.

### **E-TOLL TRUTH TWISTED**

### Dear Editor,

If C van Breda's first letter was preposterous, his latest one (*e-toll debate rages on* in week 30's issue) is absolutely shocking.

In this letter, he makes a slyly worded accusation against the Opposition Against Urban Tolling Alliance (OUTA), implying that its allegations regarding the use and application of e-toll income were found by the High Court and the Supreme Court of Appeal to be "simply untrue."

This is absolute nonsense and without any fact or foundation.

At no point in this judgement did Judge Vorster rule that the points put forward by OUTA were untrue - they were merely rejected for other technical reasons which are now under appeal.

It is quite shameful and dishonest that Van Breda

would attempt to twist the words of the Honourable Judge to suit his own misplaced agenda and presumably that of Sanral, of which he seems to be a willing and vocal stooge.

But then Van Breda has not been shy in twisting the truth and putting a false spin on the whole Sanral plan to rob motorists.

A visit to the OUTA website will show that fuel levies are indeed the most efficient method of collecting funds for road or highway infrastructure and proves another lie to Van Breda's claims: that e-tolling is more effective as well as answering the questions he posed in his letter.

He insults all those defending their rights with the disparaging term "anti-tolling brigade," implying some small, rag-tag bunch of disorganised rabble.

Well, we have news for you, Van: those against e-tolling are represented not only by a large union, the official opposition party, numerous trade and industry bodies, the disabled, the Automobile Association and church groups, but many other organisations too numerous to mention, as well as hundreds of thousands of motorists who simply refuse to buy e-tags.

The shocking manner in which the corrupt and dysfunctional ANC government has introduced e-tolling through a cover company that is veiled in secrecy, is in fact the first step of Van Breda's "slipping into the abyss of a third-world country."

Given the litany of bribes, corruption and backhanders, some might say we are already there.

Sanral's plans to cover the country with e-tolls and provide a golden-goose gravy train for a host of unnamed leeches must be stopped at all costs. The country simply cannot afford it.

Dennis Hoines

### **NO PAYMENT, NO LICENCE**

Dear Editor,

I read with interest your article Sherlock Holmes got stuffed in SA in week 30's issue.

I have recently received a speeding fine from the Cape Town municipality for a car, which is registered in my name, being driven by my son who is temporarily working in there, which was delivered by regular mail to my postbox.

My son refuses to pay as he says that use of regular postal delivery is not legal.

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However, I am currently renewing my driver's licence and I have been told that I will not be issued a new one by the Boksburg authorities if there are any unpaid fines outstanding.

Your comments will be very much appreciated as I am no longer employed.

William Osner

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Extreme Festival and Inland Championship at Zwartkops Raceway. Racing gets underway at 8am. Contact Elvene on 012 384 2299 or at events@zwartkops.co.za for more information.

### Saturday 10 August

Full Throttle circuit racing at Red Star. Race starts at 8am. For more details, contact Andria van den Berg on 083 440 0107 or at andria.venter69@gmail.com

### National

### Friday 9 August

SA National Drag Racing Championship at Tarlton Raceway. Race starts at 7am. Contact Nico van Heerden on 011 762 5431/2/3/4/5 or at nico@tarltonrace.com for more details.

### Friday and Saturday 9-10 August

Round 3 of the Rotax Max Challenge at Idube Kart Circuit. Race starts at 8:30am. Rose Odendaal has more info on 073 210 9078 or at kwazulunatalkartclub@gmail.com

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# opinion Riding safe in the right environment



The controlled environment allows you to ride with individuals at your skill level and with knowledgeable marshals on hand

Two-wheel riding is dangerous. It's a very clinical form of transportation and more often than not, unforgiving.

You see, when you get behind the wheel of a car, you are placed in a cocoon of safety and comfort. From the reinforced body to the abundance of airbags laying in waiting, ready to save you should you be involved in a collision.

Furthermore, if you run off the road in a car, it doesn't automatically translate into personal injury. A bike, on the other hand, does!

I've grown up on two wheels and could probably ride before I could crawl, but these days I'm rather reluctant to get on a bike and ride on our roads, purely because motorists lack common courtesy. People pull out in front of you and try and run you off the road because you're overtaking them. All these unnecessary evils have made me cut down on my two-wheel time. Regrettably.

Ask anyone who has ever been riding with their friends and they will tell you, there is nothing more freeing than experiencing the open road on a motorcycle. But that's where it's best to leave it - as a Sunday ride.

I refuse to commute on a bike because of the

traffic isn't worth playing Russian Roulette with vour life.

A couple of my friends who do ride motorcycles have converted to being track riders only. So on the odd weekend, when there is a track day organised by SA Biking, they head on out to enjoy this lifestyle they love, in a safe environment.

The thrills that come from racing around a track are thick and fast. What I personally love about track days is - while it might seem daunting sharing a track with ex-racers and some rather quick and experienced riders - that the controlled environ-

dangers involved and the time you save skipping ment allows you to ride with individuals at your skill level and with knowledgeable marshals on hand to provide insightful tips, meaning that you quickly improve.

> SA Biking Academy runs approximately 35 track days a year at various venues. Above this there are monthly road schools and for the seriously quick riders who want to gain an edge, there's a one-on-one instruction that's more intensive and allows you to fine-tune your riding style.

> Clinton Pienaar has been running the SA Biking Academy for over 15 years and is a numerous



The two-seater machine is prepped and ready. Photo: Clinton Pienaar

regional-title holder and still actively participates in various campaigns.

He recently allowed me to try the two-seater experience, which is fast becoming a craze for those who attend the track days.

It's simple. Suit up in full leathers and ride shotgun on the back of a pro for only R300. The feeling is exhilarating, flying around a track at mind-numbing speeds at the mercy of a skilled professional who finds the perfect lines through the corners, despite having a pillion on the back.

The feeling cannot be explained! The rush is unreal. You do two hot laps around the track with a time almost on par with the top professionals. Your adrenalin is pumping and while it's not only an experience of a lifetime, as a rider it does help to highlight where the best braking markers are and just how quickly you can get around the circuit.

It's a real eye-opener, partially for those individuals who don't know how to ride well or who never have at all, but have an urge to do so. Speaking to a few people who went on the back of the machine, many of them couldn't contain their excitement while the others were still shaking in shock of what just happened. But they all have the same feedback with a massive grin stapled to their faces: "It's an awesome experience!"

And I have to agree. If you have never been around a track and you've got the itch, I would say ditch the road for a bit and head down to the next track day and have fun and challenge yourself. At the end you won't only walk away smiling, but you'll also leave a better rider. Check out the video to see just how fun it really is.



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