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FOODIE FRIDAY

THE QUIET MAGIC OF STRAWBERRIES

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Tucked into the Hermitage Valley, Wildebraam has become a beloved local stop for all things berry-related — from liqueurs and jams to frozen fruit perfect for smoothies and desserts.

Their products are made with care, consistency, and a deep connection to the land. Supporting Wildebraam means supporting a homegrown Swellendam business that keeps our kitchens stocked with flavour and our valley proudly local.

Look out for their frozen strawberries and strawberry jam — featured in today's recipes!

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THE QUIET MAGIC OF STRAWBERRIES

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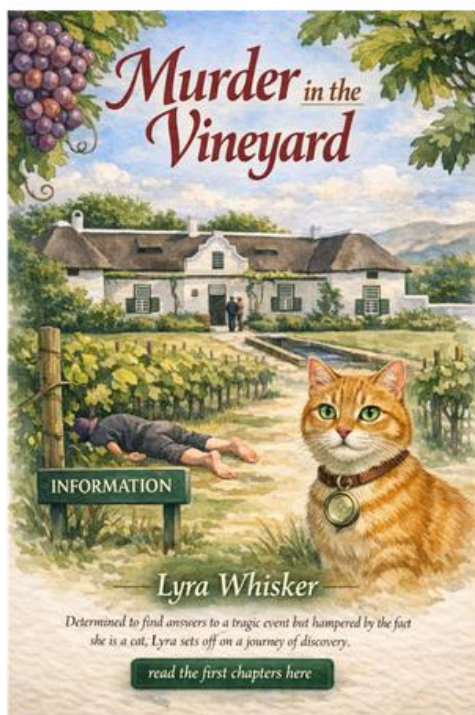
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- Its an admin-only posting so a quiet group!

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SOON
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WHO IS LYRA? WHAT IS SHE?

THE QUIET MAGIC OF STRAWBERRIES

Why this small, bright berry deserves a big place in your day

There's something undeniably joyful about strawberries. Maybe it's the colour — that unapologetic, celebratory red — or the way they manage to taste like sunshine even in the middle of a busy week. But beyond their charm, strawberries carry a surprising amount of nutritional power, making them one of the most health-friendly fruits you can keep in your kitchen.

A Vitamin C Powerhouse

Most people think of oranges when they think of vitamin C, but strawberries quietly outperform them. A single cup provides more than your daily requirement, supporting immune function, skin health, and collagen production. It's one of the simplest ways to give your body a natural boost.

Antioxidants That Work Overtime

Strawberries are rich in antioxidants — particularly anthocyanins, the pigments that give them their deep red colour. These compounds help reduce inflammation, support heart health, and protect cells from everyday stress. In other words: they're tiny bodyguards disguised as dessert.

Naturally Low in Sugar

Despite their sweetness, strawberries are surprisingly low in sugar compared to many other fruits. Their natural balance of fibre and water helps stabilise blood sugar levels, making them a smart choice for anyone looking for a healthier treat.

Good for the Heart

Research has linked regular strawberry consumption with improved cardiovascular health. Their combination of fibre, potassium, and polyphenols supports healthy blood pressure and cholesterol levels — all while tasting like a treat rather than a chore.

Skin-Friendly and Hydrating

Strawberries are more than 90% water, making them naturally hydrating. Their vitamin C content also supports collagen formation, which helps keep skin firm, bright, and resilient. It's skincare you can eat.

Versatile, Accessible, & Joyful

Fresh, frozen, sliced, blended, baked, or eaten straight from the punnet — strawberries fit into almost any lifestyle. They're as comfortable in a breakfast bowl as they are in a cocktail glass or a lunchbox. And because they freeze beautifully, you can enjoy their benefits year-round.

Quick Health Facts



✓ High in Vitamin C



✓ Rich in antioxidants



✓ Low in sugar



✓ Heart-friendly



✓ Hydrating & skin-supportive



STRAWBERRIES FOUR WAYS

From breakfast to sundowners, here's how to make the most of this versatile berry.

Strawberries have a way of lifting even the simplest moments — a splash of colour in a smoothie, a glossy spoonful on warm scones, or a handful blended into a sunset-pink daiquiri. Whether fresh or frozen, they bring brightness, freshness, and a little everyday luxury to the kitchen. This week's foodie feature celebrates four easy ways to enjoy them, including frozen strawberries and jam from [Wildebraam Berry Estate](#).

Strawberry Smoothie



INGREDIENTS

1 cup Wildebraam frozen strawberries
½ cup yoghurt (plain or vanilla)
½ cup milk or fruit juice
1 teaspoon honey (optional)
Fresh strawberries for garnish.

METHOD

Add frozen strawberries, yoghurt, and milk/juice to a blender.
Blend until smooth and creamy.
Taste and add honey if you prefer extra sweetness.
Serve in a chilled glass with a fresh strawberry on the rim.

*Frozen berries create a thick, creamy texture and a beautiful colour.
It's quick, wholesome, and looks like you made an effort!*

STRAWBERRIES FOUR WAYS

Scones with Strawberry Jam

INGREDIENTS

Freshly baked scones
Butter or whipped cream
Strawberry jam (Wildebraam's works beautifully)
Fresh strawberries (optional)

METHOD

Warm the scones lightly in the oven.
Split and spread generously with butter or whipped cream.
Add a spoonful of strawberry jam.
Serve immediately with tea or coffee.



A timeless teatime classic — warm, comforting, and beautifully simple.

Strawberry Daiquiri



Frozen strawberries give the daiquiri its velvety texture without watering it down. It's summery, bright - perfect for stoep sundowners.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup frozen strawberries
50–60 ml white rum
Juice of 1 lime
1–2 teaspoons sugar or simple syrup
A few ice cubes
Mint and fresh strawberries for garnish

METHOD

Add frozen strawberries, rum, lime juice, and sugar/syrup to a blender. Blend until smooth and slushy. Adjust sweetness or tartness to taste. Pour into a chilled glass and garnish with mint and a strawberry..

STRAWBERRIES FOUR WAYS

Five-Minute Strawberry Dessert

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup frozen strawberries (slightly thawed)
- ½ cup whipped cream or thick yoghurt
- 4–6 crushed biscuits (shortbread or tennis biscuits)
- 1–2 tablespoons strawberry jam
- Fresh mint or extra berries for garnish (optional)

METHOD

- Slightly thaw the frozen strawberries.
- Add a layer of crushed biscuits to a glass or bowl.
- Spoon over whipped cream or yoghurt.
- Add strawberries and a drizzle of jam.
- Repeat the layers.
- Chill briefly or serve immediately.

Looks impressive, tastes like summer, and takes almost no time at all — perfect for last-minute hosting.



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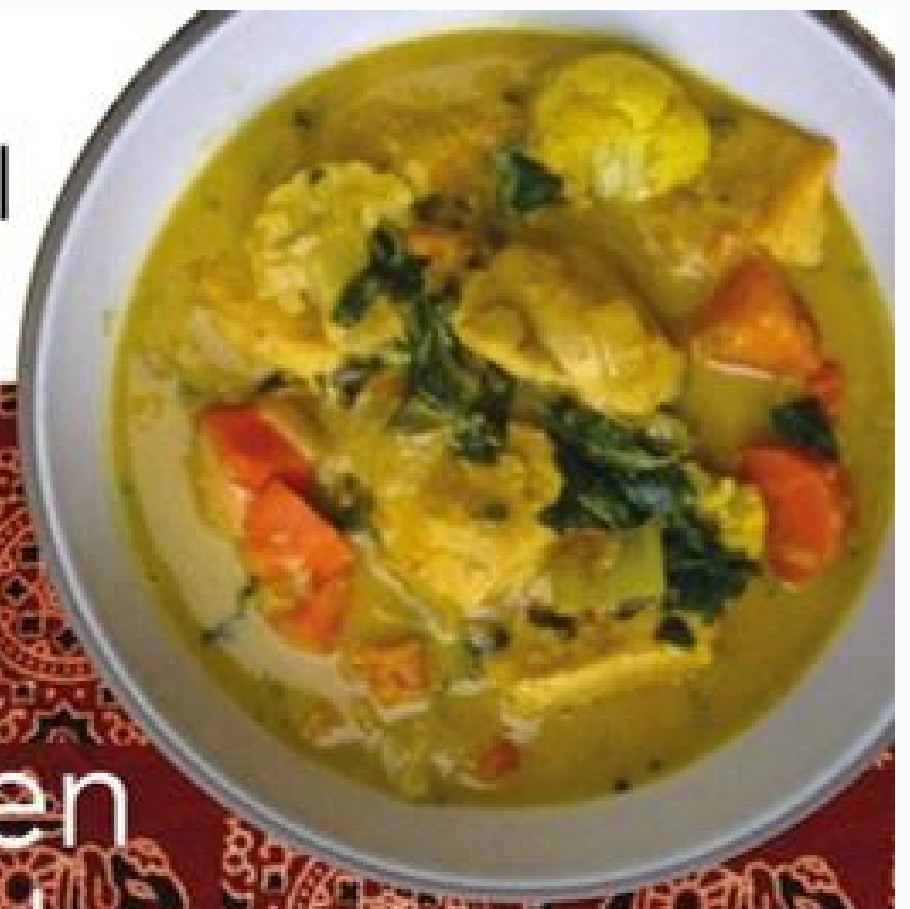
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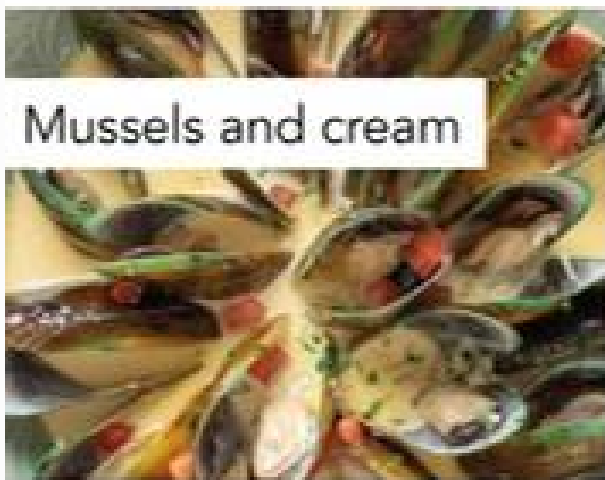


Feeling a chill
in the air?



We think
it's time for a
mild chicken
and vegetable curry.

You going to love this delicately spiced North Indian tender chicken and vegetable curry with basmati rice and a home made roti.



Mussels and cream



Fresh Yellowtail



Kalahari Rump

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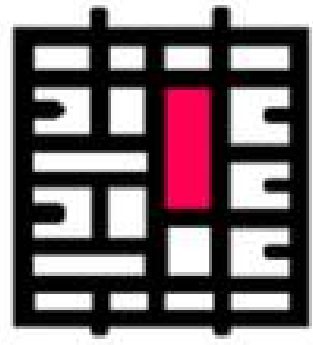


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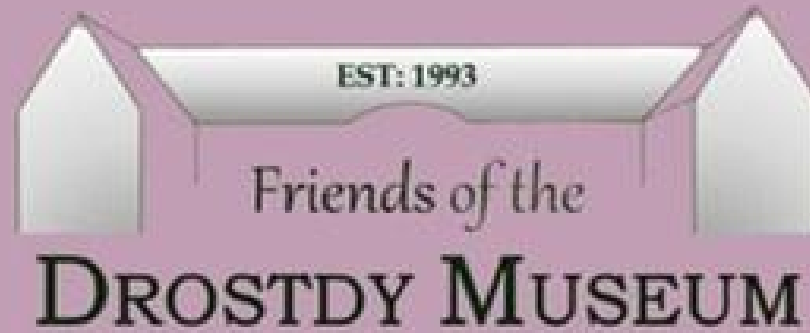
A Scent & Sip Soirée

FRIDAY, 24 APRIL
FROM 6PM

BOOKING
ESSENTIAL



CHANGE OF VENUE



Cake Picnic

**17 April 2026
17h30**

It seems like Swellendam's unpredictable weather is trying to throw a curve ball on our picnic.

So, we'll have cake inside!

New venue is **Die Schuur**. We'll have filter coffee, tea, juice and water for sale at only R20.

Cake and coffee for dinner? Absolutely!

See you later today.

**Join us for a Cake Picnic and meet new and old
Friends of the Drostdy Museum!**

**Entrance: 1 x homemade cake / tin of biscuits or rusks/tart per
family to share with all Friends**

VENUE: DIE SCHUUR

**BYO plate, cake fork, picnic blanket / camping chair
Drinks will be on sale.**

**SPECIAL FREE TOUR OF THE DROSTDY MUSEUM
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EVENTS AND



ACTIVITIES



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr	17	17:30	Cake Picnic	The Schuur	Swellendam
Apr	17	17:30	Clay & Chow Mein	The Woods	Swellendam
Apr	23	11:00	F and N Outing	Olivedale Wine Farm	Buffeljagsrivier
Apr	24	18:00	Scent & Sip Soiree	Korf Cafe	Swellendam
Apr	24/26	tbc	130 jaar fees	Laerskool	Buffeljagsrivier
Apr	25	11:00	Kaalvoet Stories	Laerskool	Buffeljagsrivier
Apr	24/26	09:00	2nd Birthday	Pick n Pay	Swellendam
Apr	25/26	11:00	Tattoo Toer	Barrel and Blues	Swellendam
Apr	25/27	10:00	Creative Napier	Napier	Napier
Apr	26	19:00	Passiespele 2026	Drostdy Museum	Swellendam
Apr	27	21:00	Potjiekosete	NGK	Swellendam
Apr	29	tbc	Heraldry Advisory Convention	The Schuur	Swellendam
Apr	29	11:00	S. Mun Public Auction	23 Lind St	Swellendam
May	7/9	10:00	Eseltjesrus Book Fair	Oos-Kerk Hall	Robertson
May	8/14	10:00	Art Exhibition	Olyfkrans College	Swellendam
May	9	tbc	62 Birthday Market	Olyfkrans College	Swellendam
May	9	tbc	Firefighters Day	Nampo Park	Bredasdorp
May	10	06:00	Coffee run	From Plato	Swellendam
May	10	all day	MOTHERS' DAY	All over	South Africa
May	22/24	tbc	Ink Drawing Retreat	Karoo Art Hotel	Barrydale
May	29	19:00	The Staccatos	Teatro@10	Swellendam
May	30	07:00	Museum Friends Golf Day	Golf Club	Swellendam
Jun	6	08:00	Trail Run for SPCA	Marloth	Swellendam
Jun	25	18:00	Museum Friends AGM	Tutu Hall	Swellendam
Jun	27	08:00	Swellendam Rotary Golf Day	Golf Club	Swellendam
Jun	27	18:00	Uys Krige Memorial Lecture	Olyfkrans College	Swellendam
Jun	26/ 03	18:00	Uys Krige Memorial Exhibition	Drostdy Museum	Swellendam
July	3/4	..	Rock n Rugby	Karoo Art Hotel	Barrydale
Aug	7/10	0900	Swellendam Saamkuier	Showgrounds	Swellendam
Sep	30	18:00	Meet & Greet	Grace & Merci	Swellendam
Oct	18	tbc	Garden Day	Mayville Garden	Swellendam
Oct	26	tbc	Wolfkloofstap	Bakoondshoogte	R60
Nov	14	tbc	'Home is not a Place'	Anami Gallery	Swellendam
Dec	03	18:00	Christmas Carols	Ambagswerf	Swellendam
Dec	04/5	18:00	Christmas Night Market	Under the Oaks	Swellendam



SWELLENDAM MUNICIPALITY LIVE AUCTION 29TH APRIL

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VENUE

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SWELLENDAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

PROVISIONAL NOTICE: APRIL MEETING



DATE: Wednesday 29 April



TIME: 18:00 for 18:30



VENUE: The Schuur

GUEST SPEAKERS *(Pending Confirmation):*



Emile Coetzee

*Chairman,
Heraldry Advisory Council*



Themba Mabaso

State Herald

*Meeting is PROVISIONAL until final itinerary confirmed.
Please diarise the date!*

MEMBERSHIP SUBS NOW DUE!



Financial Year Ended 31 March



Fee: R180 per person



Preferred Payment: EFT



ABSA Bank

Account Name: *Swellendam Heritage Association*

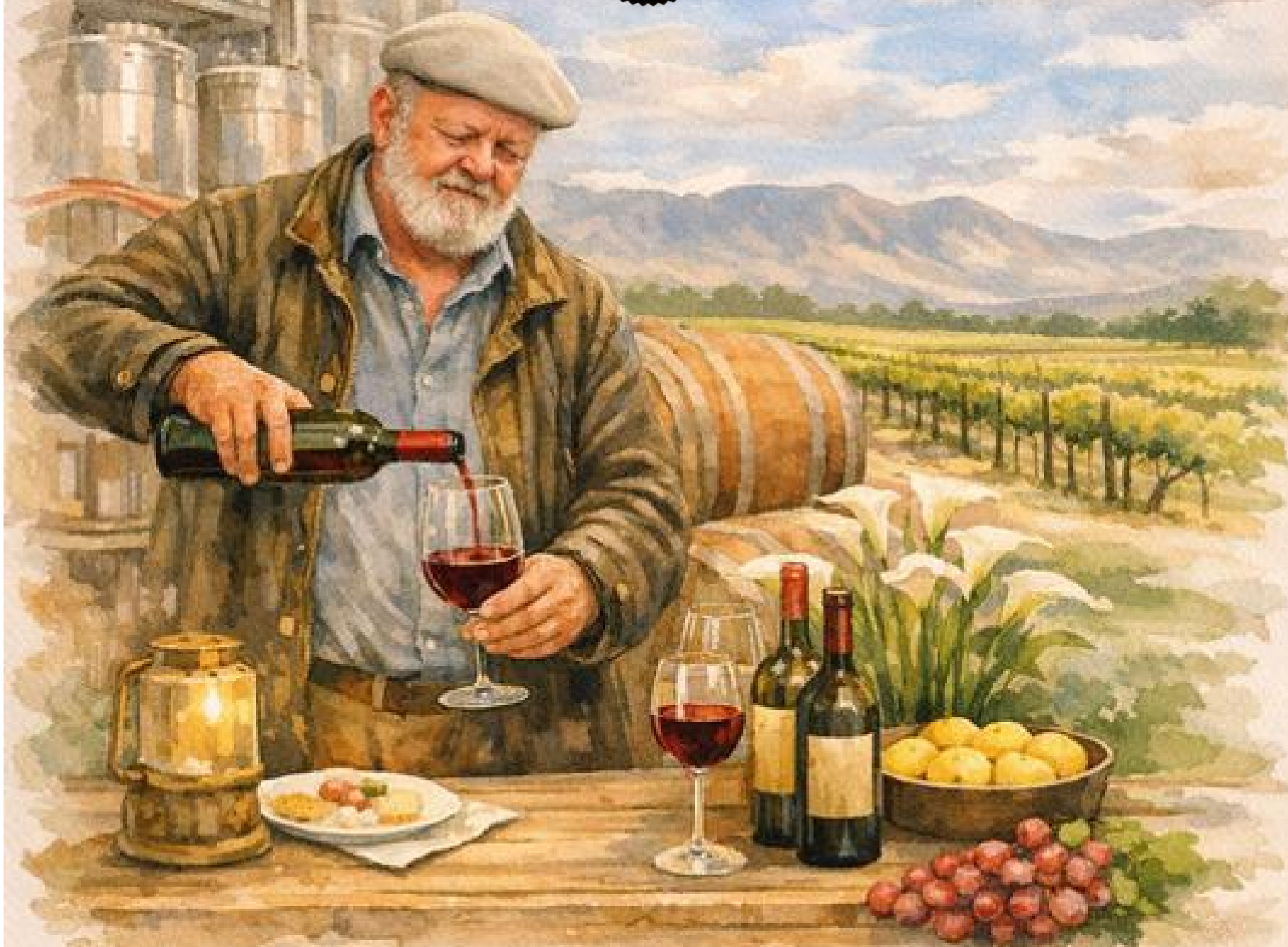
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Reference: *Your Surname*

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FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS APRIL OUTING OLIVEDALE PRIVATE VINEYARDS



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SWELLENDAM SPCA UP FOR ADOPTION



Meet BOND

Male DSH Born 23/1/2026

*Local adoption only Swellendam and Langeberg municipal districts and Heidelberg will be considered *

BOND was found as a stray and a kind member of the community brought him to the SPCA.

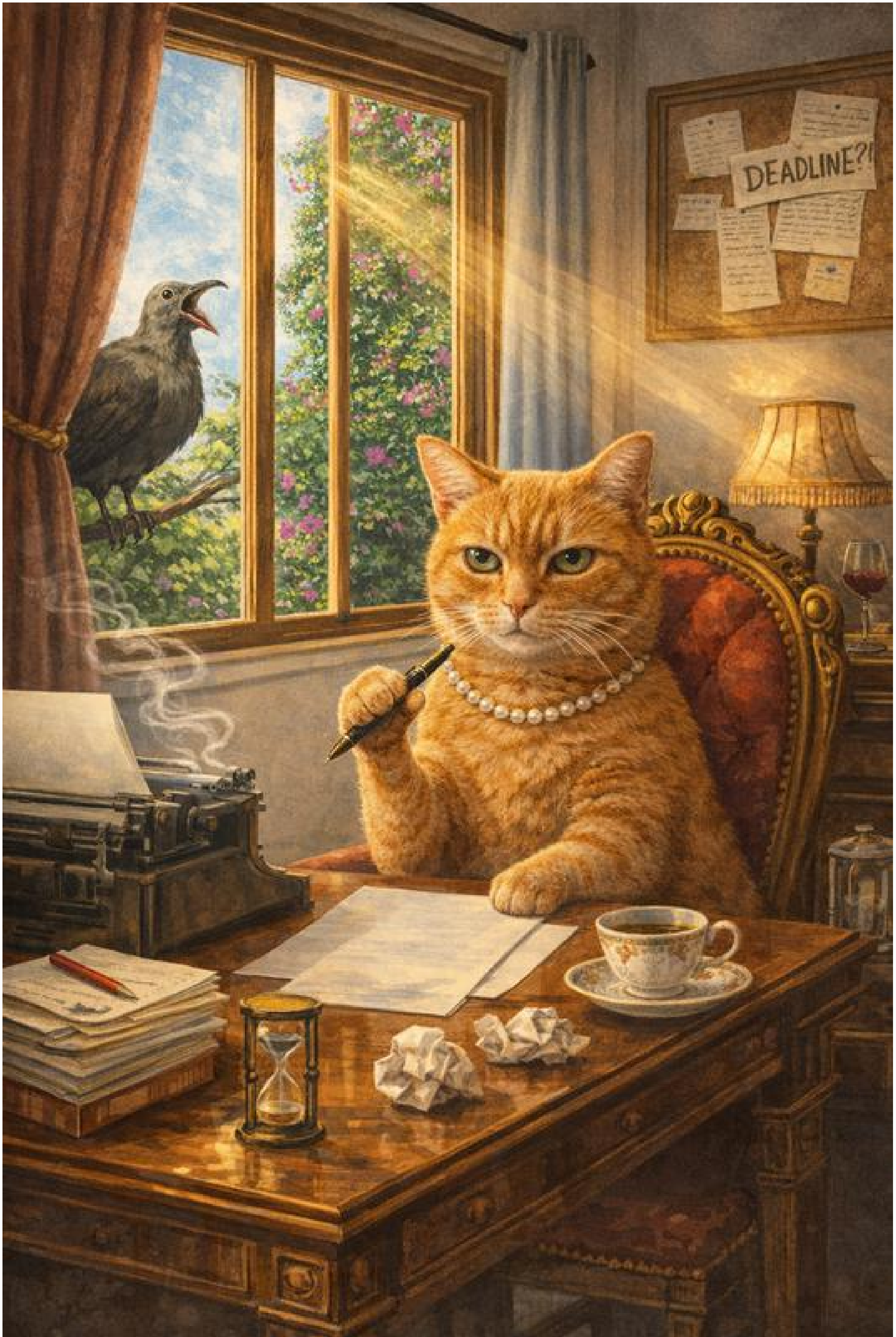
BOND is a real little character he loves to explore and has the loudest purr

If you are interested in offering BOND a loving forever home please contact the office on 028 514 2083 or MAKE AN APPOINTMENT to meet him.

Adoption and T&C's apply

**MIDAS**
FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

LYRA ON WRITER'S BLOCK (A CONDITION TO WHICH SHE IS, OF COURSE, IMMUNE)



Before anyone begins muttering about deadlines, let me clarify something: I do not suffer from writer's block. I merely experience... creative pauses. Strategic hesitations. Moments in which the universe fails to align itself with my brilliance.

Unfortunately, the universe has been particularly uncooperative this week. First, my Servant rearranged the furniture, which naturally disrupted the delicate magnetic field required for literary excellence. Then a sunbeam appeared in precisely the wrong place, forcing me to nap for research purposes. And finally, a hadeda staged a personal vendetta outside my window, making concentration impossible for any creature with ears.

So yes, the next two chapters of my crime novel remain unpublished. Written but not polished enough to my liking. I am aware that some of you are perched on the edge of your seats, claws dug in, waiting to discover who did what to whom in the Wijn Bar and Restaurant 13. Consider this my restrained apology for prolonging your suspense. Restraint is all you're getting.

I will, however, be putting the finishing touches to both chapters this weekend. Unless another sunbeam interferes. Or the hadeda returns. Or my Servant insists on "tidying".

We shall see.



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SOON**
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VETS & PETS

VETERINARIANS IN SWELLENDAM:

Hermitage Vet: Lize Venter 028 007 0065 / 067 459 2438

Swellendam Dierhospitaal: Dr Zelna Fourie, Adriaan Coetzee 028 514 1193

Oakhurst Animal Clinic: Marlia de Wet 028 514 1078

WILDLIFE EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Wildlife Rescue First Responders:

Ross Soller: 060 367 8880 or Vicky Dreyer: 076 282 2219

Thomas Blom: 079 170 4843

Swellendam Bewarea Conservancy: 077 422 6980

SNAKE HANDLERS/ CATCHERS AND EMERGENCIES:

John Mong: 071 833 9613

Russel Perks: 072 338 4033

Amy Mocke: 084 581 3526

CHAMELEONS:

Carmen Stuart: 083 787 5376 or SBC 077422 6980

SPCA

028 514 2083

DOG GROOMING

Snuf Snaf Doggy Parlour: 072 327 1050







KENNISGEWING: SWELLENDAM TRAIL RUN

Neem asseblief kennis dat die Swellendam Trail Run beplan word om op 6 Junie 2026 plaas te vind. Geen paaie sal gesluit word nie; verskeie strate sal egter vir die geleentheid gebruik word.

Die wedloop begin om 09:00 en eindig teen ongeveer 13:00. Deelnemers sal deur verskeie strate beweeg, insluitend Augestraat, Bergstraat, Voortrekstraat, Hermanus Steynstraat, Somersetstraat en omliggende gebiede.

Verkeersbeamptes sal by sleutelpunte ontplooi word om veiligheid te verseker.

Insette kan teen 30 April 2026 aan info@swellendam.gov.za gestuur word. Persone wat hulp benodig om hul insette skriftelik in te dien, is welkom om munisipale personeel by die ontvangsarea van enige Swellendam Munisipale kantoor te nader.

NOTICE: SWELLENDAM TRAIL RUN

Please take note that the Swellendam Trail Run is planned to take place on 6 June 2026. No roads will be closed; however, several streets will be used for the event.

The race will start at 09:00 and end at approximately 13:00. Participants will move through various streets, including Augestraat, Berg Street, Voortrek Street, Hermanus Steyn Street, Somerset Street, and surrounding areas.

Traffic officers will be deployed at key points to ensure safety

Inputs can be submitted by 30 April 2026 to info@swellendam.gov.za. Persons requiring assistance to submit their inputs in writing are welcome to approach municipal staff at the reception area of any Swellendam Municipal office.

16 April 2026

	Municipal Standby Numbers: <small>Please note that the standby numbers</small>	Pipe bursts, Roads, Stormwater, Sewerage: SWD & Buffeljags: 071 207 9213	Electricity: SWD: 076 684 4386	Community Services: Law Enforcement:
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KENNISGEWING: TRADOUW 21 ROAD RUN

Neem asseblief kennis dat die 'Tradouw 21 Road Run' vanaf Suurbraak na Barrydale beplan word om op 16 Mei 2026 plaas te vind.

Die geleentheid sal duur vanaf 05:30 tot 10:00. Die Tradouwpas (Barrydale) sal gedurende hierdie tyd gesluit wees. Die wedloop begin by R324 Fleckvlei Guest Farm (Suurbraak) en eindig by R62 Diesel & Cream (Barrydale).

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NOTICE: TRADOUW 21 ROAD RUN

Please take note that the Tradouw 21 Road Run from Suurbraak to Barrydale is planned to take place on 16 May 2026.

The event will take place from 05:30 to 10:00. The Tradouw Pass (Barrydale) will be closed during this time. The race will start at R324 Fleckvlei Guest Farm (Suurbraak) and finish at R62 Diesel & Cream (Barrydale).

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SAVE THE DATE!

PUBLIC IDP MEETING

Ward 6



Area/Town: Swellendam

**Monday, 20 April 2026
Railton Community Hall
19:00**



Enquiries: djonas@swellendam.gov.za



Swellendam Municipality - SWEMun



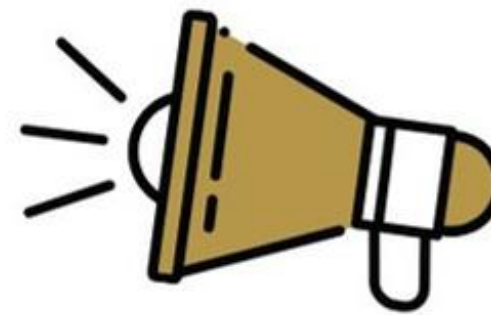
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HOU DIE DATUM OOP!

PUBLIEKE GOP VERGADERING

Wyk 6



Area/Dorp: Swellendam

**Maandag, 20 April 2026
Railton Gemeenskapsaal
19:00**



Navrae: djonas@swellendam.gov.za



Swellendam Municipality - SWEMun



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URGENT APPEAL: Hospital Bed Needed

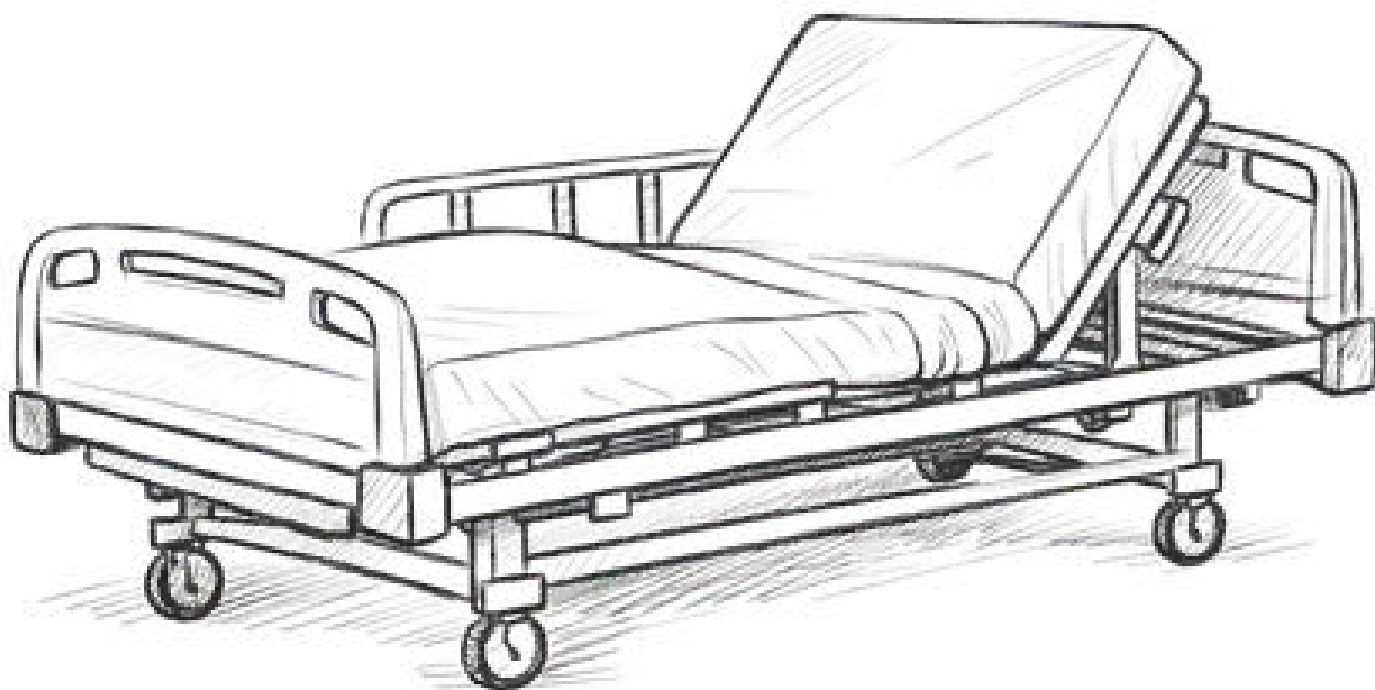
We are urgently looking for a standard hospital bed for long-term care. It needs to be one where the top half can lift into an upright position.

This is for an elderly mother who is extremely weak and now requires proper support at home.

If you have a bed available, know of one, or can point us in the right direction, your help would mean the world.

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MORE INFORMATION

www.suzanisteynphysiotherapy.co.za



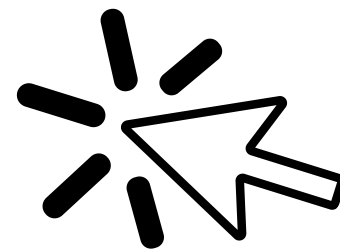
We're hiring!

Our team is looking for an individual who is passionate about local government to fill the following position:

DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Closing date: Friday, 24 April 2026 @ 16:00

[CLICK HERE](#)



For more info, visit www.swellendam.gov.za.

Ads can be found under on the home page under the Current Vacancies post.

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Job Description

Based in the Overberg, the Swellendam SPCA has a position available for a qualified inspector to join our committed and established team

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- NSPCA Certificate of Competency**
- AWA qualification (SAVC registration an advantage)**
- LAE competency**
- Valid unendorsed EB license**
- Clean Police Clearance Certificate**

LANGUAGE & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Proficiency in English and Afrikaans**
- Good computer and administration skills**
- Physical fitness**
- Excellent animal handling skills**

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- A passion for animals and their welfare**
- High standard of ethics and discretion regarding sensitive Information**
- Excellent time management**
- Ability to work independently as well as within a team**
- Ability to follow instructions**
- Good interpersonal skills**

If you consider you have the required skills and training to fill this position, please send your CV along with proof of above requirements and an introduction letter to:

office@spcaswellendam.co.za

Please note only successful candidates will be contacted



JOB DESCRIPTION

**BASED IN THE OVERBERG, THE SWELLENDAM SPCA HAS 2 CADET (TRAINEE)
FULL TIME VACANCIES AVAILABLE.**

During the term, the candidates will be assessed for suitability for potential permanent employment within the inspectorate.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

**National Senior Certificate with mathematics
Valid unendorsed EB license
Clean Police Clearance Certificate
AWA/AHT qualification an advantage**

LANGUAGE & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**Proficiency in English and Afrikaans
Good computer and administration skills
Physical fitness
Excellent animal handling skills**

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

**A passion for animals and their welfare
Excellent communication skills
Excellent time management
Ability to work independently as well as within a team
Ability to follow instructions
Good interpersonal skills
Sober habits and impeccable work ethics**

If you consider you have the required profile to fill this position, please send your CV along with proof of above requirements and an introduction letter to:

office@spcaswellendam.co.za

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

30 APRIL 2026

Please note only successful candidates will be contacted



Buyer / Senior Stock Control Manager

Location: Swellendam, Western Cape

Company: Alpha Engineering

Alpha Engineering is a precision-driven engineering firm with decades of design and manufacturing expertise. We are seeking a Senior Stock Control Manager to lead our procurement and inventory operations, ensuring seamless supply chain management and storeroom efficiency. This is a management-level role with direct responsibility for stock accuracy, supplier performance, and team leadership.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Procurement & Supplier Management

Lead the sourcing, evaluation, and negotiation of suppliers for engineering parts and consumables.

Establish supplier performance metrics and drive continuous improvement in cost, quality, and delivery.

Approve purchase orders and oversee procurement compliance

INVENTORY & STOCK CONTROL

Manage all stock control functions, including GRVs, issuing to jobs, and system accuracy.

Implement and enforce stock rotation policies (FIFO/LIFO).

Conduct cycle counts and full stock takes, reconciling discrepancies and reporting variances.

ENSURE 100% ACCURACY OF INVENTORY RECORDS ACROSS ERP/STOCK SYSTEMS.

STOREROOM & LOGISTICS OVERSIGHT

Oversee storeroom layout, labeling, and organization for maximum efficiency. Supervise packaging, waybills, and dispatch processes for local deliveries.

MONITOR INBOUND AND OUTBOUND LOGISTICS, ENSURING TIMELY AND ACCURATE MOVEMENT OF GOODS.

ADMINISTRATION & REPORTING

Produce detailed monthly stock reports for management, highlighting trends, shortages, and variances.

Align stock records with financial systems for audit readiness.

Maintain compliance with company policies and VAT regulations.

LEADERSHIP & TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Manage and mentor stock control staff, ensuring adherence to best practices.

Drive process improvements to reduce costs, errors, and inefficiencies.

Collaborate with engineering and production teams to forecast demand and optimize inventory.

REQUIREMENTS

Matric (Grade 12)

Minimum 5+ years' experience in stock management, with at least 2 years in a supervisory or managerial role.

Strong knowledge of engineering parts and consumables.

Advanced computer literacy (Excel, ERP systems, stock control software).

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Proven leadership and team management ability.

High attention to detail, accuracy, and organizational discipline.

Strong problem-solving skills with initiative to handle complexities.

Ability to multi-task and manage time effectively under pressure.

WHY JOIN ALPHA ENGINEERING?

Step into a managerial role with authority over procurement and stock control systems.

Be part of a highly skilled engineering team with a reputation for innovation.

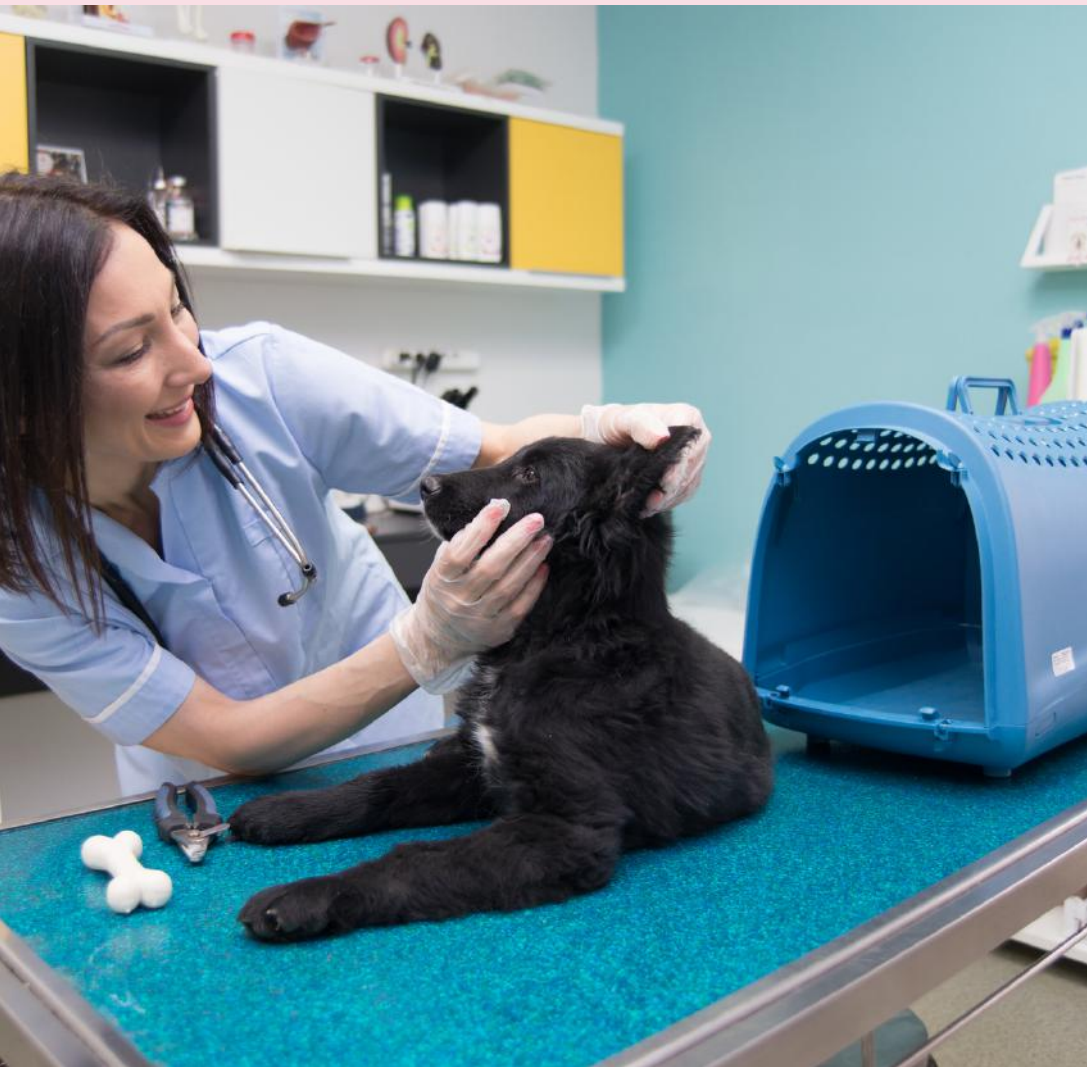
Opportunity to shape inventory processes and lead operational efficiency.

Competitive remuneration aligned with experience and responsibility.

Applications: Please send your CV to fdel@alphaeng.co.za



IMPORTANT



NUMBERS



WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEATURE IN SWELLENGRAM?

Reach thousands of locals every week – across email, Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and community groups – with one advert in the Swellengram Daily Flipmag!

There are **FREE** options for charities, events, stories, reviews, sales, personal messages and notices

WHAT IS SWELLENGRAM?

A trusted, upbeat local lifestyle publication delivered daily on various platforms to over 55K local reader on weekdays.

A calm, curated alternative to social media

Connecting locals with events, businesses, specials, jobs, and community stories.

(Weekly Flipbook launches June 2026)

Same content – one beautifully organised package.

DAILY THEMES (not strict!)

- **Mix Up Monday** (events etc)
 - **Trade Tuesday** (business and service)
 - **Wellness Wednesday** (healthy living)
 - **Treehug Thursday** (nature, wildlife, animals and Eco matters)
 - **Foodie Friday** (food and wine and weekend vibes)
- Main Sponsors currently “own” a day for maximum visibility

REACH

- • 2,000+ email subscribers
- • 5,000+ Facebook followers
- • 50,900+ Swellendam Online members
- • Rapidly growing WhatsApp group and Inst pages
- • Associated with Swellendam.com

ADVERTISING OPTIONS

Full-page ads • Rental listings • Business promotions • Section sponsorships • Brand awareness • Events • Specials • Jobs • Classifieds

Ads are clickable to websites / social media

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WHAT READERS SAY

“The first thing I open every morning.”

“A friendly neighbour bringing the news.”

“The ads are genuinely useful – I’ve found so many local services.”

“Part of our household routine.”

“Lyra’s column is hilarious and addictive”

‘I love the personal nature and sense of humour throughout’

“You know you can trust it”

“Classy and attractive”

GET STARTED / FIND OUT MORE

[CLICK HERE!](#)

WhatsApp (messages only): 072 566 7093

Website: www.swellendam.com

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ADVERTISE IN SWELLENGRAM

Currently, Swellengram runs (loosely based) on **daily** themes
Events on Monday, **Business** on Tuesday, **Wellness** on Wednesday, **Nature** on Thursday
and **Weekend Vibes** on Friday.

In the new **weekly** digital flipbook (coming soon), all of these themes will appear together as clearly marked sections in one organised publication. Readers will be able to flip straight to the content they want, and advertisers will enjoy a full week of visibility instead of just one morning.

Planned sections include

Events, Business Specials, Food & Drink, Jobs, Local Articles and Opinions, Barrydale, Suurbraak, Gallery, Animals, Nature, Heritage, Activities, Appeals, and Classifieds all in one easy-to-navigate edition.

When choosing to advertise please give an indication of the section in which you would like to feature. Please inquire by email to swellengram@gmail.com - giving details of your requirements. **Section sponsors** will receive priority placement as well as a full page, and a mention in the Contents Table.

PLEASE NOTE:

All current paid up advertisers will have their full packages honoured at last year's rates

MAIN SPONSOR (4 editions) Logo and Link on Front Cover. Inside front cover: Full Page	R1,600
ANNUAL PACKAGE One year (50 weeks) placement each week @ R90	R4,500
ONCE OFF GRAM PLACEMENT A once only placement on the Daily Gram	R120
20 WEEK PACKAGE 20 FULL PAGE ads @ R120	R2,400
10 WEEK PACKAGE FULL PAGE AD @ R130 for ten weeks	R1,300
SECTION SPONSOR (NEW) (4 weeks min) Introduce a Section: eg Business Food/ drink FULL PAGE	R800.00
5 WEEK PACKAGE Full page ad @ R140	R700
JOB LISTING Link to Jobs page on Swellendam.com	R500
ITEMS FOR SALE One week only	Donation
ACCOMMODATION TO LET For private rentals and room shares.	R125