

SWELLEN GRAM

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FEB 2 / 2026
FLIP 03



TODAY'S 'FLIPGRAM' BROUGHT TO YOU BY



FOR THE LOVE OF CARS

midas-swellendam.co.za

Swellendam Midas: 85 Voortrek St | 028 514 1171

SWELLENDAM SPCA

We desperately need to paint all our kennels and outside walls. We are going to need a lot of paint 😞
We have been quoted R1952 for 20L inside paint.
R1952 for outside paint. Grey Stoep paint R 616 for 5L.
If anyone could make a donation towards the paint we would be most grateful 🙏
Our banking details are:
NEDBANK Swellendam Current Account 102 048 0890
Sort Code 132105 REFERENCE KENNEL MAINTENANCE.



The SPCA Charity Shop needs mens's shoes, pots & pans crockery and linen



SPCA is also in need of kitty litter!

UP FOR ADOPTION

We currently have so many beautiful young cats & kittens in our care



A great many litters have recently been surrendered unwanted. These animals deserve a happy ever after! It is not their fault that they were the result of irresponsible ownership. If you can open your heart & home to one of these precious souls in need then please give us a call. They have so much love to give.

If you are interested in adopting please contact the office on 028 514 2083 Adoption and T&C's apply

MIDAS
FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KV SPINE HEALTH

SPINE & BODY ALIGNMENT



Effective relief from
musculoskeletal aches & pain
for appointments call 083 7771119

At Bukkenberg Pottery Cottage 8 Hermanus Steyn Str. SWELLENDAM

Feb	2	07:00	Clean up	Koorlands River
Feb	4	10:00	AGM Garden Club	Drostdy
Feb	6	18:00	First Friday	Various Venues
Feb	6	18:00	Tied in Love	Grace & Merci
Feb	6	18:00	SPLASH/uitSPATtig	Arterie Gallery
Feb	14	05:00	Trail Run	Grootvadersbosch
Feb	14	18:00	Valentines Long Table	Joubertsdal
Feb	20/21	10:00	Lino Print on Cotton	Handprinting Studio
Feb	20	19:00	Starry Starry Night	Ambagswerf
Feb	21	07:00	L'Skool Buffeljags Golf Day	Golf Club

	FEB	SWELLENDAM SKOU
Dinsdag	24	Mel die Storieverteller
Woensdag	25	Skou Optog
Woensdag	25	Skaapkopete
Donderdag	26	Ekonomiese en politieke forum
Donderdag	26	Slaglamveiling
Don-Sat	26 -28	Pluimvee
Vrydag	27	Swellendam Angus
Vrydag	27	Mini Skoukoningin
Vrydag	27	Junior Skoukoningin
Saterdag	28	JeugSkou
Saterdag	28	Royal Swellendam Cat Show
Saterdag	28	Fun Dog Show

[Volg ons op Facebook om op hoogte te bly van die Program](#)

Feb	28	18:00	SMS Concert Ida Pelliccioli	Olyfkrans College
Feb	27/28	10:00	Lino Print on Cotton	Handprinting Studio
Mar	6	16:00	Kos-en-Kuierfees	Herv. Kerktuin Brönnstraat
Mar	7	11:00	Krav Maga Workshop	Boxing Gym
Mar	12	11:30	Hospitality Meeting	Wildebraam
Mar	12	17:30	SBC AGM	tbc
Mar	14	07:00	Swellendam CLASSIC Golf Day	Golf Club
Apr	24/26	tbc	130 jaar fees	Laerskool
Jun	6	08:00	Trail Run for SPCA	Marloth
Jun	27	08:00	Swellendam CLASSIC Golf Day	Golf Club
Aug	7/10	0900	Swellendam Saamkuier	Caravan Park
Oct	26	tbc	Wolfkloofstap	Bakoondshoogte
Nov	14	tbc	'Home is not a Place'	Anami Gallery



THE MONTH AHEAD



“Turning the page on the Swellendam calendar this morning, I was delighted to find February looking back at me — our home, studio, gallery and guest cottage ‘Bukkenburg’ featured as Venue of the Month. A quiet honour for a place shaped by work, time, and many shared moments.

Artwork and the calendar by the wonderful Penny Thome, a fellow Swellendam resident.” David Schlapobersky

[THE BLOG ON OUR WEBSITE IN TRIBUTE TO FELICITY:](#)

[BUKKENBURG POTTERY STUDIO, GALLERY & GUEST COTTAGE,](#)

[OUR STUDIO PAGE ON FACEBOOK:](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

KOORNLANDS RIVER CLEAN-UP ON
WORLD WETLANDS DAY
MONDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2026



NO SET TIME. NO SET PLACE. JUST REAL LOCAL ACTION.

Help clean a section of the Koornlands River when it suits you.

Take ownership of your stretch of river.

Small actions add up to a healthier river for everyone.

Whether you have a few minutes or a few hours, every effort counts

This is about care, not crowds.

It is about awareness and action

Clean where you live. Protect what you use.

Choose a spot close to home and make a difference
where it matters most.

One river. Many hands. Lasting impact.

Before rain carries litter downstream, let's act.

[World Wetlands Day](#) is celebrated on 2nd February annually to mark the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2nd 1971. It is celebrated to raise awareness among all sections of the society about values and functions of wetlands, utilization of their resources and their environmental importance.

TIDY TUESDAYS

MASBIEKERSKLOOF, SWELLENDAM

DATE: Every Tuesday

TIME: 17:00 – 18:30

LOCATION: Enter the kloof at 19 Buitekant Street and walk up to the Amphitheater.



Bring along: (optional):

- ✓ chainsaw/handsaw
- ✓ axe / machete
- ✓ black bags
- ✓ gloves
- ✓ wear closed shoes

Help us Keep Swellendam Clean!

Swellendam Bewarea Conservancy

CapeNature Registered Conservancy



GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WED 4 FEBRUARY 2026 @10H00



DROSTDY MUSEUM

All are welcome to attend,
especially anyone considering joining the club.

It's a great way to meet people and attend
outings in Swellendam and surrounds with like-
minded people.

Tea and Snacks will be provided

Address any queries to Dawn Way:

dmw.way@gmail.com / 072 44514303





FIRST  FRIDAY

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FEBRUARY

MONTH OF LOVE



5PM ONWARDS
SWELLENDAM

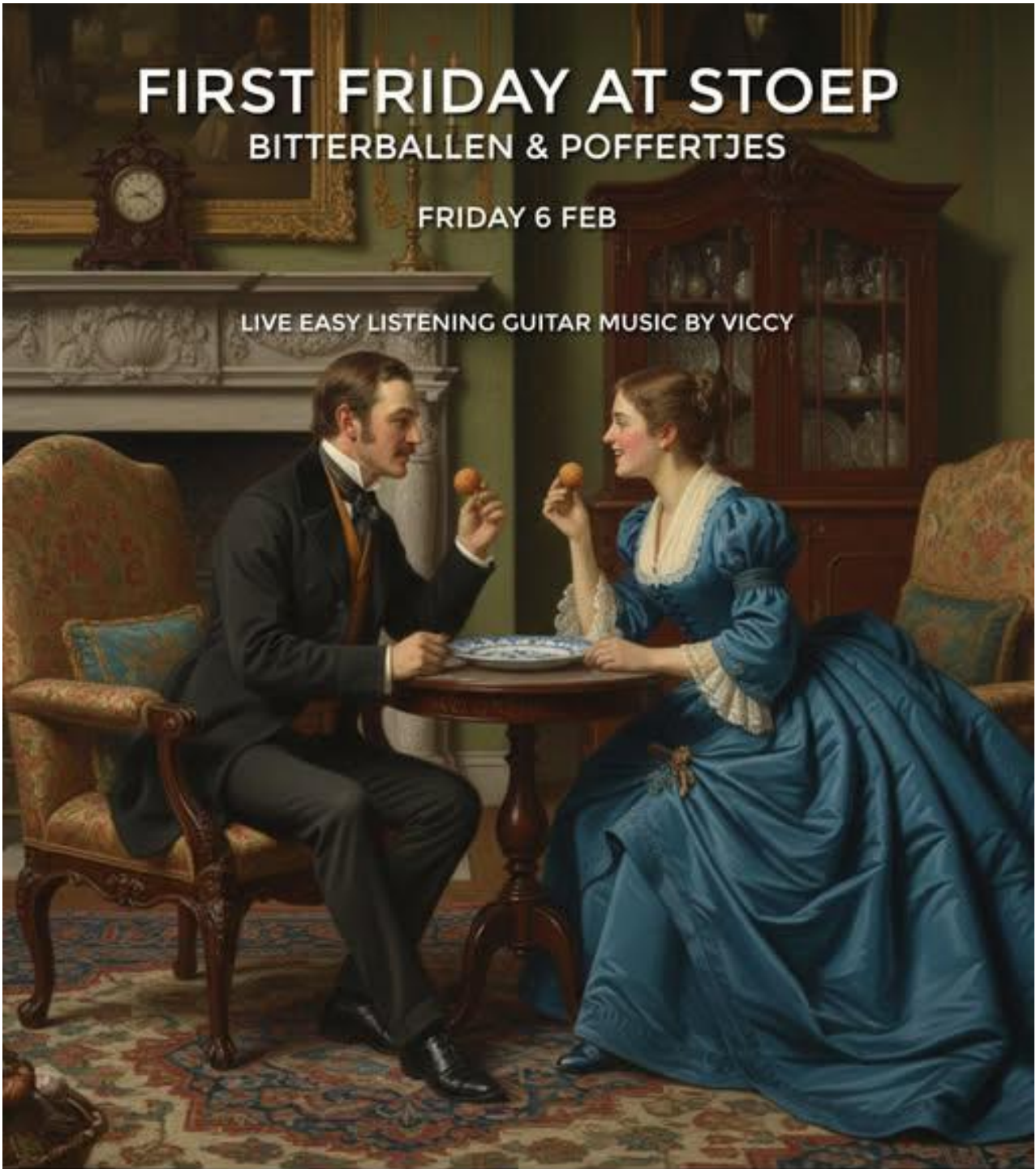
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FIRST FRIDAY AT STOEP

BITTERBALLEN & POFFERTJES

FRIDAY 6 FEB

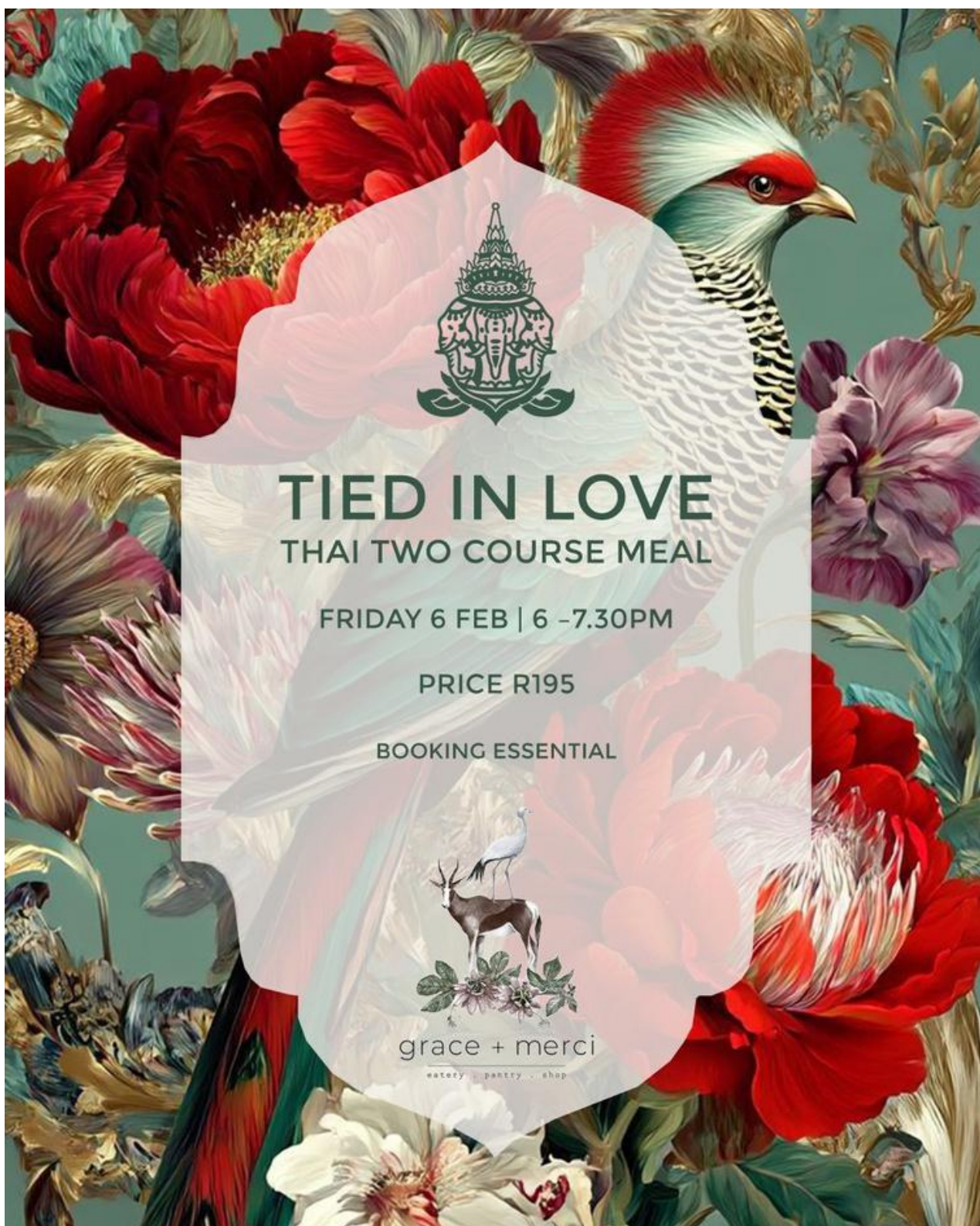
LIVE EASY LISTENING GUITAR MUSIC BY VICCY



We're joining in on the very first First Friday, and we'd love to share it with you at Stoep.

Pop in on Friday evening for a relaxed gathering with bitterballen and poffertjes, easy listening live guitar music by Vicky, and the kind of atmosphere that makes you want to linger a little longer. It's all about good food, gentle music, and an easy start to the weekend.

First Friday at Stoep Friday 6 Feb | 5.30–7.30



TIED IN LOVE

THAI TWO COURSE MEAL

FRIDAY 6 FEB | 6 -7.30PM

PRICE R195

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



grace + merci

eatery . pantry . shop

[Tied in Love, Serving Thai.](#)

A relaxed date-night special designed for sharing, lingering, and good conversation.

Friday, 6 February 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a two-course Thai menu at R195 per person (excluding drinks).

Pre-booking essential.

Starter: Thai green mango salad

Main: Tom Kha Gai with jasmine rice

An intimate evening, warm flavours, and just enough spice.

An abstract painting with a textured, layered appearance. It features splashes of blue, red, yellow, and white against a dark, moody background. In the lower right, there is a faint, yellowish figure that appears to be splashing or falling into water.

SPLASH

an exhibition of new works
by local and visiting
artists

opening

6 FEB

18H00

until

April

at

ARTERIE GALLERY

barry house 4

6 voortrek street

swellendam

info@bruisegallery.co.za

[Exhibition](#) of new works by local and visiting artists in various media based on a WATER theme

COMING SOON



Entries close on 8 Feb 2026 or when the entry limit is reached.

Both the 30km and 14km runs will take place on the same day. The run will also start and finish inside the Grootvadersbosch [GVB] Reserve at the GVB Eco Cabins.

Final run info - will be sent via email to all runners, shortly after entries closed and will include gps and Alltrails tracks. Please ensure you check your email spam box, if you have not received an email at that time and that your email details on EntryNinja is current.

Distance options:

30km – as short section of indigenous forest single track followed by 28km, pristine mountain trails via Boosmansbos with magnificent views. 1596m Altitude gain/loss. 5h30 start. This will be confirmed via final run info on 9 Feb 2025.

14km – A mixture of indigenous forest trails and lower mountain trails with splendid views over Saagkuilskloof and some of the other valleys below Boosmansbos. 776m Altitude gain/loss. 7h30 start. This will be confirmed via final run info on 9 Feb 2025.


ENTRY FEE:

30km – R1280.00pp

14km – R780.00pp

[FULL INFO HERE](#)

COMING SOON



Royal
Swellendam
CAT SHOW

Date: 28 February 2026
Where: Swellendam Show Grounds
Time: 9h00 to 16h00
Email: chatsducap@gmail.com

Experience the countryside hospitality, with the beauty of cats ”

*Part of the annual Swellendam Agricultural Show,
one of the oldest shows in the Southern Hemisphere!*

Diarise 28 February 2026 as we kickstart the SA Cat Show season on a high note.

Exquisite cats of all breeds will be on show, from the majestic gentle giants, the Maine Coons, to the pixies of the cat world, the Devon Rex. Singapuras, a rare breed hardly seen in South Africa, will also be there, along with so many more.

Arguably one of the highlights on the cat show calendar.

SAVE THE DATE



SWELLENDAM BEWAREA CONSERVANCY (SBC)

CAPENATURE REGISTERED CONSERVANCY

NOTICE

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
SWELLENDAM BEWAREA /CONSERVANCY TO BE HELD ON
12 MARCH 2026, 17:30 AT THE SWELLENDAM TOWN HALL



CapeNature Registered Conservancy
admin@swellendamconservancy.org.za
077 422 6980

LYRA'S TAKE ON VALENTINE'S DAY

(WHICH YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR, BUT ARE GETTING ANYWAY)

By Guest Writer Lyra, Feline-in-Chief



Greetings, underlings.

It has come to my attention that Valentine's Day is once again slinking around the corner, shedding glitter and bad decisions in its wake. Humans, for reasons known only to themselves, will soon be stampeding about in search of flowers, chocolates, and other tokens of "love." I use quotation marks because, frankly, if someone gave me a bunch of roses, I'd assume they'd lost their mind.

Flowers are for knocking off tables, not for romance.

Meanwhile, I, a creature of impeccable taste, will be celebrating in the traditional feline manner: by ignoring everyone, demanding snacks, and possibly presenting a freshly caught rat as a thoughtful gift. You're welcome. Now, before you accuse me of being heartless (I prefer the term efficient), I will concede that love has its uses. For example, it often results in extra treats, warm laps, and humans who feel compelled to scratch behind my ears. These are acceptable outcomes.

But while you're all swooning and sighing, allow me to draw your attention to something actually important: the SPCA currently has an alarming number of stray kittens needing homes. Tiny, squeaky, wide-eyed creatures who, through no fault of their own, have not yet learned the art of disdain. They require food, care, and humans willing to adore them.

Now, I am not suggesting you bring one to my home. Absolutely not. I do not share. I merely suggest you support the SPCA so other humans can adopt them, and not the human who lives with me because she is too busy catering to my every whim.

And no, I will not be discussing my own past*. A queen's origins are irrelevant once she ascends the throne.

So enjoy your Valentine's Day, humans. Buy your chocolates. Light your candles. Have your couples massages and share your bubbly. Whisper your sweet nothings. Just remember: the greatest love of all is the one you show your cat. And the second greatest is supporting the SPCA so they can help those less fortunate (and far less fabulous) than me. You may now shower me with admiration. And snacks.

From Empress Lyra



**Note from Ed - she is an SPCA rescue but don't tell her I told you*

VALENTINE PLANS



Passion for Nurture Spa

3 Drostdy Street Swellendam

Valentine Special
Nurture Romance Couples Massage



Treat your significant other and pamper your love....with an hour of pure serenity while enjoying a relaxing couples massage.

To make your day extra special a bottle of bubbly included & something sweet

ALL FOR ONLY R1200-00
GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE
Offer valid 12 - 14 February

076 175 6748 (WhatsApp Friendly)
passionfornaturespa@gmail.com



Valentine's Longtable

At the foot of the Langeberg Mountains

 Saturday, 14 February 2026

 6:00 PM

 Joubertsdal Country Estate,
Swellendam

Dress Code: Red & White

An Evening of Romance,
Fine Dining & LIVE Music ✨
Get your dancing shoes on!

SHOW BAND - THE GREATEST
HITS OF THE 70'S

- 4 COURSE DINNER
- SECURE PARKING
- CASH BAR
- R990 PP

BOOK NOW

René Hartsliet - 083 648 8700

Accommodation Available on the

Estate - Contact: 076 074 1219

VALENTINE PLANS

Valentine's

♡ @ ♡



Saturday, 14 February
Open for evening bookings!

Seven - Course - Wine - Pairing - Clay - Painting
experience!

R 650 per person

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WINE ESTATE



MENU



All dishes served with two different wines, giving the opportunity for some taste experimentation!

Cheese Plate

A selection of baked Brie with honey and preserved green fig, and baked Camembert served with a caramelized plum and onion preserve

Bacon Jalapeno Roll

Preserved jalapeno stuffed with cream cheese encased in bacon.

Cape Malay Chicken Waffle

Turmeric and cumin spiced waffle base topped with Malay chicken curry, pickled onion, coriander yoghurt and toasted almonds

Biltong and Pumpkin Fritter Waffle

Thyme and maizemeal waffle base topped with biltong, pumpkin fritters, sweet tomato and onion chutney, whipped amasi cream cheese and fresh coriander

Blueberry & Basil Samosa

Basil and blueberry compote with lemon curd, incased in phyllo pastry and deep fried. Served with Basil Blueberry Ice-Cream.

Milktart Cigars

Milk curd with ginger syrup, encased in phyllo pastry and deep fried. Served with Ginger Ice-Cream

Makataan & Coconut Waffle

Gluten free waffle base topped with preserved makataan pieces, coconut ice-cream, toasted coconut flakes, almond brittle shards and preserved ginger pieces in syrup

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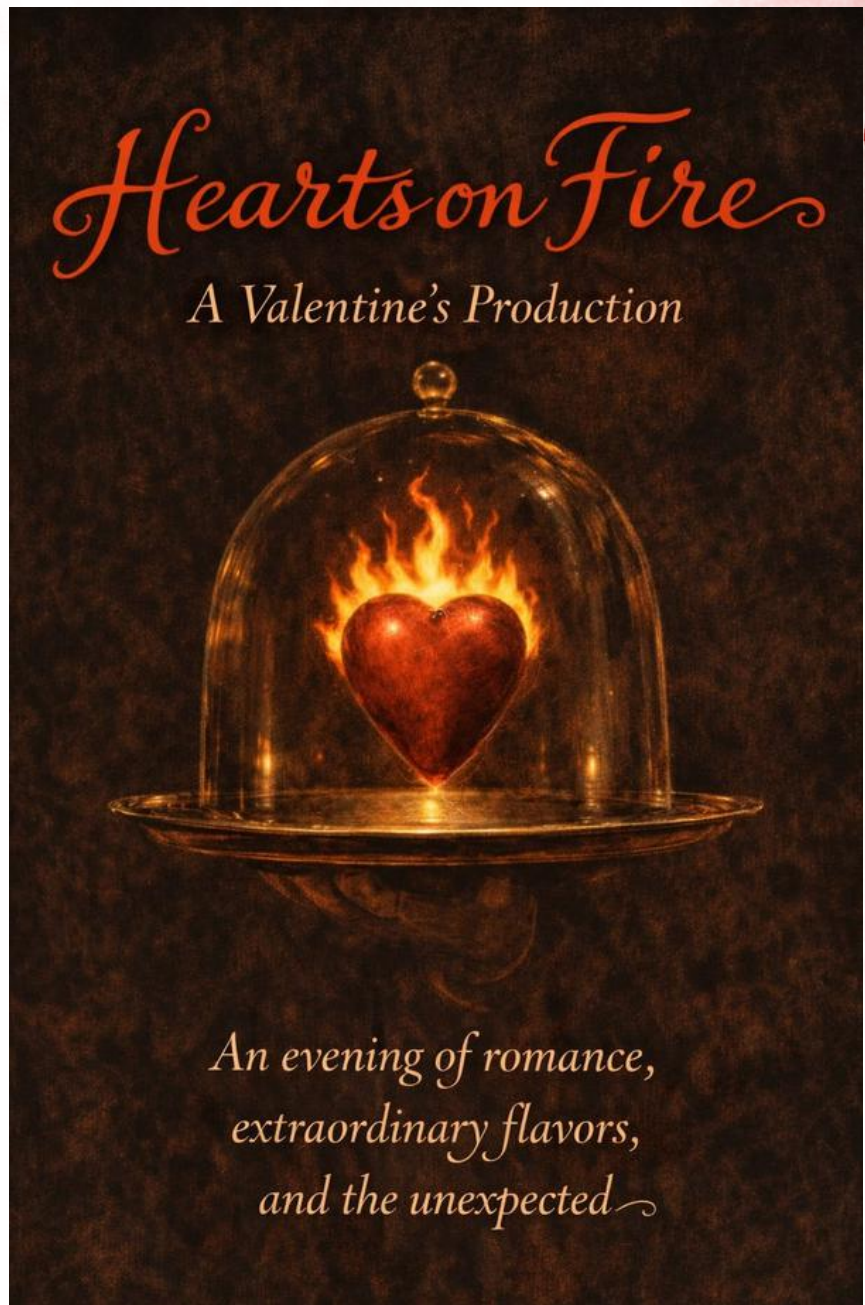
VALENTINE PLANS

This is an adults-focused evening (16+ only). It's a slow, unhurried Valentine's experience, good food, warm atmosphere, and space to enjoy the moment.

☆ Bookings essential

Set Menu

- Moreish Mediterranean dip board
- Mid-Eastern tabbouleh bowl
- Tandoori coconut chicken on sweet potato purée
- Dessert: Storm in a teacup: salted caramel yoghurt cheesecake



HEARTS ON FIRE : Saturday 14th Feb

A Valentine's Evening at The Rustic

Come and join us for a curated culinary evening that's a little different relaxed, intimate, and thoughtfully prepared.

♡ From 6:30pm onwards @ The Rustic ♡ R250 per person

♡ Limited seating · By reservation only

Enjoy a fresh and healthy four-course Valentine's meal, designed to be comforting yet light, perfect for a summer evening.

Two-, four-, and six-seater tables available, as well as a community table for guests who'd like to join others for the evening ~ perfect if you're coming on your own or with friends.

♡ On arrival A complimentary glass of Brut Cap Classique

Contact Monet on 078 229 1383 to reserve your seats

VALENTINE PLANS

BOOK NOW
LIMITED SEATS

This Valentine's we're
celebrating the love of life.
Come join us.

Feel the love with a free glass of bubbles

THE MENU

Starters: Garlic snails or Prawn cocktail

Mains: Chinese Duck or Kalahari Ribeye Steak

Desserts: Basil Blueberry & Hazelnut crumble or

Death by Chocolate ice cream

Fully stocked cash bar

THE MUSIC

The greatest love songs of all time

You will want to dance - and must.

R370pp

Saturday 14 Feb from 7pm

Bookings close Wednesday 11 Feb

Book now - whatsapp Sara on 0828889689

On the R60 between Swellendam and Ashton



EXCELSIOR
WINE ESTATE



Sip & Paint

14 FEBRUARY FROM 10AM
@EXCELSIOR WINE ESTATE

R400 PER COUPLE
INCL. CHEESE PLATTER &
2 GLASSES OF ROSÉ WINE
CERAMIC ITEM TO PAINT
BY KORF CAFE



BOOKINGS BY 10 FEB
084 082 8115
LIMITED SPACE!



VALENTINE PLANS

Valentine's Day *Workshop*



Cherie Prins
CERAMICS

Create your own rimmed bowl



BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

076 410 0585

DATE	Feb 14th @ 11:00am - 13:00pm
PRICE	R450 p.p
INCL	All material needed & Mimosas - bring your own picnic
WHERE	1 Murray Street, Swellendam

LOCAL JOBS

We Are **HIRING**

QUALIFIED SPCA INSPECTOR

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 and 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 follow instruction
- 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



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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
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- Swellengram reserves the right to decide which submissions are published.
- Swellengram does not knowingly publish articles that are religious, political, racist, or related to conspiracy theories.
- Swellengram strives at all times to ensure fairness and honesty in all its messaging.
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EMERGENCY NUMBERS



SWELLENDAM EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:



HENDRIK SWELLENGREBEL AIRFIELD / LUGHAWE

Airfield..... 082 556 8184
Werner Steenkamp..... 082 330 7333



FIRE / RESCUE - Accidents on the N2 / Provincial roads

Control Room..... 028 514 3980 or 028 425 1690
NSRI Witsand..... 082 994 7555 or 082 990 5957



AMBULANCE SERVICES

Police and Ambulance Emergencies (toll-free from any cell phone)..... 112
Provincial EMS dispatch..... 028 212 9111 or 082 212 9000



SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE / PUBLIC ORDER POLICING

Lt Col J.J. Tiemie (Station Commander SAPS)..... 082 778 6935
Capitan Green (SAPS)..... 082 302 2813
Swellendam / Buffeljagsrivier..... 028 514 8360
Barrydale..... 028 572 8100
Suurbraak..... 028 522 8000



PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC - Department of Mobility

Francois Stuart (SWD Traffic Manager)..... 028 425 1690



SWELLENDAM HOSPITAL

Front desk..... 028 514 1142



OVERBERG DISTRICT DISASTER - Floods, fires, major incidents

Control / After hours..... 028 425 1157



SWELLENDAM MUNICIPALITY

WhatsApp Lines: Infrastructure Services..... 067 435 1733
Credit Control..... 072 237 8727
Community Services..... 072 525 0764
Water & Sewage (Swellendam & Buffeljagsrivier)..... 071 207 9213
Water & Sewage (Barrydale)..... 072 654 0668
Water & Sewage (Suurbraak)..... 063 634 2282
Electrical Services (Swellendam)..... 076 684 4386
Electrical Services (Suurbraak)..... 066 569 6449
Electrical Services (Barrydale)..... 078 380 2789
Swellendam Law Enforcement..... 079 501 3339
Swellendam Traffic Enforcement..... 061 892 5958



Swellendam
Municipality
WhatsApp
Channel

KEEP THESE HANDY!

DELIVERY SCHEDULE NOTICE



2 – 6 February 2026

Delivery: Turbine Sets

- Tower sections
- Nacelle
- Hub
- Blades
- Drive train
- Other auxiliary components



2 – 6 February 2026

- Deliveries will follow the approved logistics plan.



- Community members are advised to exercise caution around transport routes.
- All transportation will comply with safety and traffic regulations.
- No deliveries will take place on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.
- No transportation after sunset.