

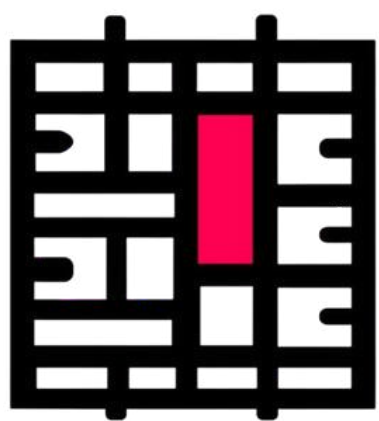
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A MORNING AT KORF CAFÉ

I finally visited Korf Café last week after hearing a steady stream of “You’d love it” from friends — and they were right. It’s one of those places that doesn’t try too hard, yet somehow gets everything right.

The café sits inside the old de Molen watermill on the R60, and the moment you step in, the space feels calm in that quietly restorative way only old buildings manage. Warm light, wooden textures, the soft clatter of cups — it’s instantly grounding.



I went in thinking I’d just have a coffee, but the shelves of ceramics pulled me in. Bowls, mugs, little creatures — all waiting to be painted. I picked a small jug, ordered a cappuccino, and settled in. There’s something unexpectedly soothing about painting while people chat around you. No pressure, no rules, just colour and time

What struck me most was how many different kinds of people were there: a family painting dinosaurs, two friends catching up over milkshakes, someone working quietly in a corner, and a couple celebrating a birthday with paintbrushes instead of candles. It’s rare to find a place that holds all those energies without feeling chaotic.




The staff were relaxed and friendly, happy to explain the glazing and firing process without making it feel like a workshop. My jug will be ready for collection this week, and I’m unreasonably excited to see how it turns out.



Food-wise, it’s simple and comforting. I had a light lunch — nothing fussy, just fresh and satisfying. The kind of meal that doesn’t interrupt the mood.


Korf Café isn’t just a stop for coffee; it’s an experience that invites you to slow down. If you enjoy creative outings, or you simply need a gentle hour away from the rush, it’s worth the visit. I left feeling lighter than when I arrived — and that’s not something I can say about many cafés.




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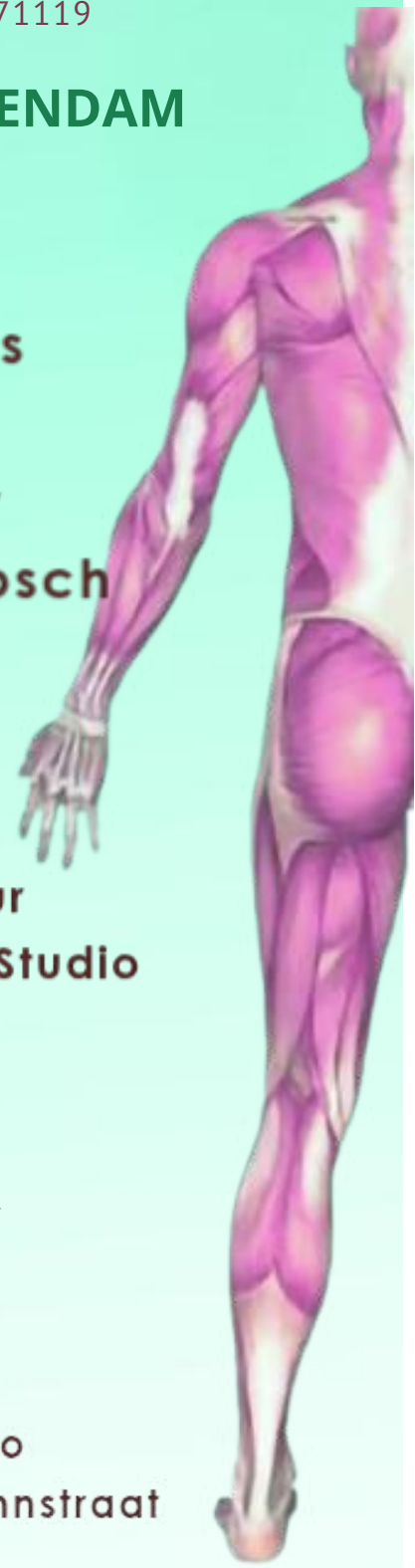
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Feb	4	10:00	AGM Garden Club	Drostdy
Feb	6	18:00	First Friday	Various Venues
Feb	6	18:00	Tied in Love	Grace & Merci
Feb	6	18:00	SPLASH/uitSPATtig	Arterie Gallery
Feb	14	05:00	Trail Run	Grootvadersbosch
Feb	19	18:00	The Rand Revolt	Drostdy Schuur
Feb	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	24/28	...	Swellendam Skou	Skougronde
Feb	28	18:00	SMS Concert Ida Pelliccioli	Olyfkrans College
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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



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VALENTINE THINGS

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Hearts on Fire	The Rustic	078 229 1383
Love of Life Party	Greenlands	082 888 9689
True Love	Kapokbos	Online



	FEB	SWELLENDAM SKOU
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Woensdag	25	Skou Optog
Woensdag	25	Skaapkopete
Donderdag	26	Ekonomiese en politieke forum
Donderdag	26	Slaglamveiling
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Vrydag	27	Swellendam Angus
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Saterdag	28	JeugSkou
Saterdag	28	Royal Swellendam Cat Show
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LIVE CONCERT AND JAM

The TransAtlantic Jazz Exchange with the Barrydale Jazz & Brass Festival & Swellendam Music Society present

A LIVE CONCERT AND JAM

**Acclaimed Afro-Cuban vocalist
Melvis Santa with an all-star band**

5PM TUE 10 FEB 2026

**Vocals Melvis Santa Bass Chantal Willie-Petersen
Piano & horns Mark Fransman Drums Siphwe Shiburi**

plus a stack of visiting musical talent

OPPOSITE OK, 38 van RIEBEECK ST, BARRYDALE

Afro-Cuban brilliance is coming to Barrydale. Internationally acclaimed vocalist, composer, pianist, percussionist and educator Melvis Santa will be in town 9–10 February 2026 as part of her South African residency with the TransAtlantic Jazz Exchange (TAJE). Her visit is hosted by the Barrydale Jazz & Brass Festival NPC, with support from Swellendam Municipality, the Swellendam Music Society, and local businesses.

During her stay, Melvis will run creative workshops with Bright Haven and the Zolani Youth Choir, and then bring everyone together for a free community concert and music jam at 5pm on **Tuesday 10 February**, on the balcony at Bean There Coffee Shop.

Born in Havana and now based in New York, Melvis has been performing since she was seven. At fourteen, she co-founded the award-winning Cuban vocal group Sexto Sentido, praised by jazz legend Chucho Valdés as “the best Cuban vocal quartet of the past 30 years.” She’s a Grammy-nominated artist, a batá drummer, and a dynamic educator known for blending Afro-Cuban traditions, jazz improvisation, and spiritual storytelling. Her current project, Jazz Orishas, recently made its Newport Jazz Festival debut, earning international attention for its powerful celebration of women’s voices and Yoruba-inspired musical heritage.

Her time in Barrydale promises rhythm, connection, and the kind of joyful musical exchange that lingers long after the last note



BARRYDALE JAZZ & BRASS
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DOORWAYS



TRUE LOVE



True love isn't like the movies.

It's first impressions and disappointment.

★ It's arguments and apologies. ★

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— DINNER SATURDAY —

★ 14 FEBRUARY 2026 ★

Four-course menu • R950 per person

KAPOKBOS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

The Rand Revolt

*Causes & Consequences of the 1922
Miners' Strike on the Witwatersrand*



This talk explores the events leading to the most violent clash between mine workers and the government in South African history, and how it shaped the country's political landscape for years to come.

Details:

Venue: The Drostdy Schuur

Date: Thursday, 19 February

Time: 18h00 for 18h30

Cost: R100 members | R130 guests

Snacks and refreshments included

RSVP by Tuesday, 17 February

derek@swellendamheritage.org.za

Historian and author John Illsley returns to the SHA in February to present “The Rand Revolt: Causes & Consequences of the 1922 Miners’ Strike on the Witwatersrand.” His talk explores the origins and impact of the most violent confrontation between mine workers and the South African government, and its lasting influence on the country’s political landscape.

Illsley, born and educated in Johannesburg, holds a history degree from Wits and spent 36 years teaching at Pretoria Boys High School, where he headed the History Department and served as senior deputy headmaster. He is the author of *In Southern Skies*, a pictorial history of early aviation in Southern Africa, and is a licensed pilot who flies two vintage aircraft he restored himself.

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Our legendary steak prego rolls are R120 each, with proceeds going toward underprivileged children in our community.

A big thank you to our proud supporters Swellendam SuperSpar and Thomas Red for standing with Rotary and helping make these efforts possible.

Great food, great wine, great cause. See you there.

URGENT APPEAL

from Donovan Julius



I hereby submit an urgent request for assistance following a tragic incident that occurred yesterday morning in Suurbraak.

Grandmother Suzzy Muller, an elderly resident of the community, lost her zinc home in an unexpected fire, leaving her and her family with nothing. She was the caregiver and head of the household, responsible for her 94-year-old mother as well as foster children. As a result of the fire, they have been left completely without shelter.

The situation is extremely serious because:

- The elderly mother is vulnerable and dependent on daily care
- The foster children are still school-going and now without stability and basic necessities
- The family currently has no safe shelter, clothing, or household items

We make a humble yet urgent appeal to the municipality and relevant services for:

- Emergency housing or temporary accommodation
- Immediate social and disaster-relief assistance
- Any other available support to help restore this family's dignity and safety

This family is part of our community and urgently needs the help of the authorities. Any prompt assistance will be sincerely appreciated.

[Click this link for more info](#)

KOORNLANDS RIVER CLEAN-UP



SWELLENDAM BEWAREA CONSERVANCY

(SBC)

CAPENATURE REGISTERED CONSERVANCY

The SBC would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who took part in the Koornclands clean-up on World Wetlands Day 2026. Your time, effort, and willingness to get involved made a meaningful difference.



Penny Thome, Allan, and Bev Marsh cleaned the accessible section under the bridge at Kerk Street.

Photos clearly show that assistance is needed from the Swellendam Municipality to help clean under the bridge..

Ross and Helmut spent two hours collecting rubbish from the upper Koornclands about 1km down from Marloth



Simon and Ruan Streicher demonstrated that you can accomplish a lot in just 15 minutes. They collected an entire bag of rubbish from under the bridge at Fairbairn Street.

As shown in the second photo, there is a significant amount of litter in the area, and it will require a few extra hands to help clean it up.

By showing up and taking action, these and others who contributed, helped protect these natural systems and demonstrated real care for Swellendam's shared landscape. Every bag collected, every effort made, and every person involved contributes to a healthier future for the Koornclands river and for Swellendam as a whole.

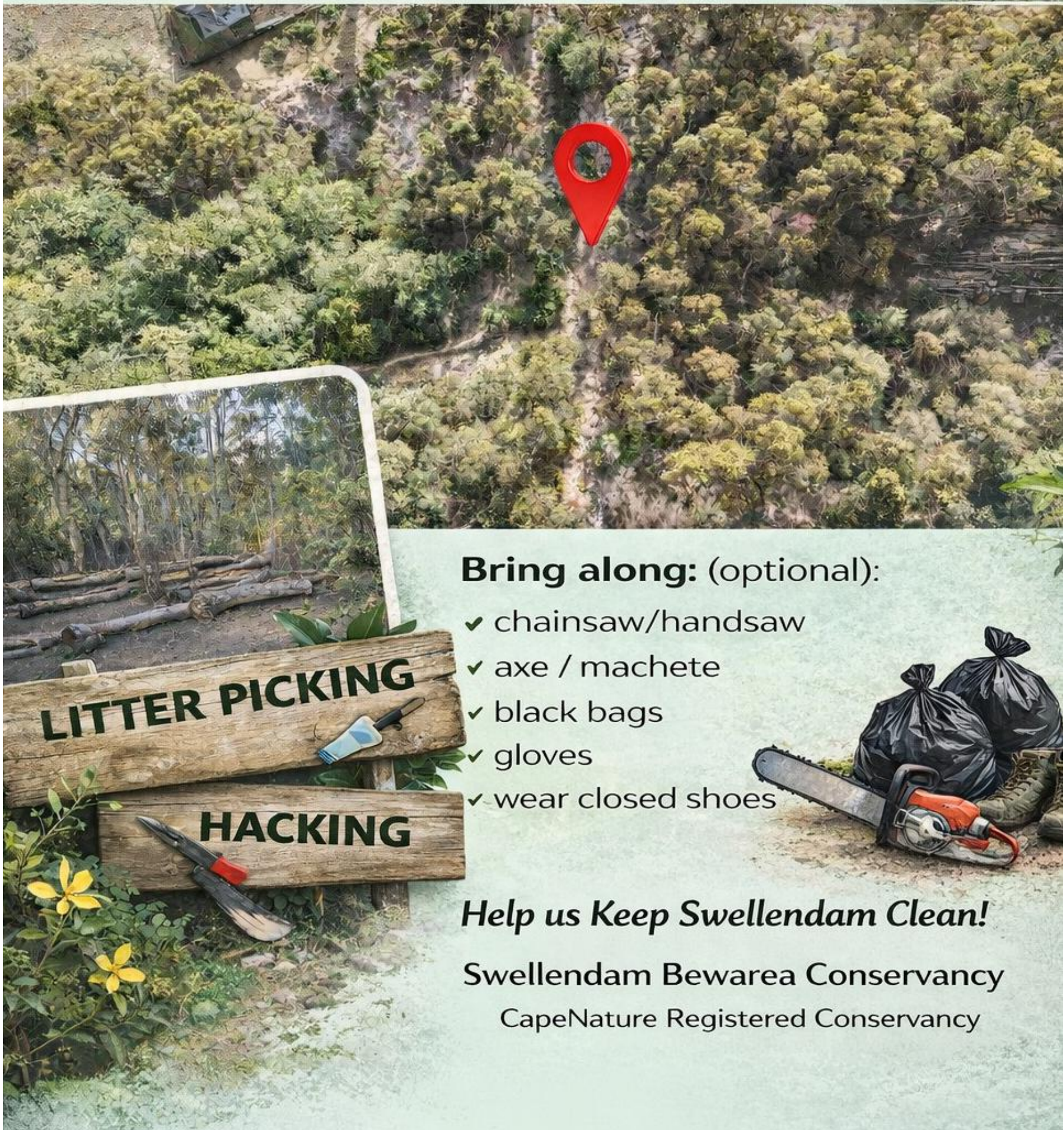
TIDY TUESDAYS

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

WEEKLY TRAIL RUN IN SWELLENDAM



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