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WOMEN'S MONTH

Celebrating the Women of Swellendam



THIS WEEK'S REMARKABLE WOMEN !

To nominate someone for this 'Remarkable Women' series, click here:
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REMARKABLE WOMEN: VICKY STEYN

By Lyra of Swellendam — And Buffeljags — Ginger Adventurer, Occasional Canoe Supervisor, and Full Time Observer of Human Greatness

Some humans have a talent for making guests feel welcome. And then there is Vicky Steyn, who does it with such radiant enthusiasm that even I — a cat famously suspicious of strangers — would consider trotting up to her for a head scratch. . She is the warm, joyful face of Umshanti, and one of Swellendam's (and Buffeljags') brightest ambassadors.

Visitors arrive expecting a peaceful stay by the water; they leave remembering Vicky. Her kindness, her care, her genuine delight in people — these are the things that linger long after the suitcases are packed. The glowing reviews speak not only of the beauty of Umshanti, but of the lasting impression she makes through her infectious positivity.

Her love for Swellendam — and Buffeljags — is woven into everything she does. She explores our mountains on foot, cycles through the countryside with the energy of a creature who has definitely had her morning coffee, and shares her favourite local spots with the kind of excitement usually reserved for cats discovering a new cardboard box.

Vicky is also one of my close neighbours in Buffeljags, which means I have had ample opportunity to observe her in her natural habitat. She is the sort of human who greets the day with energy, the mountains with enthusiasm, and other humans with warmth.

And, crucially, she has raised a daughter who is one of the best people to look after me when my Servant abandons me for mysterious human errands. This alone places Vicky's family in the upper tier of civilisation.

Vicky Steyn is the kind of human who makes Buffeljags feel like the centre of the world — not through grand gestures, but through steady kindness, genuine welcome, and a way of lifting others without announcing it. I've watched her from my preferred vantage point (high, comfortable, and out of reach), and I can confirm she is exactly the sort of woman this series exists to celebrate

Lyra



REMARKABLE WOMEN: GERDA FROM G FORCE

By Lyra — Ginger Sentinel, Night Watch Supervisor (self appointed), and Long Time Admirer of Humans Who Keep the Town Safe

Some humans make you feel safe simply by being present. Gerda from G Force is one of those rare individuals whose steady courage and unwavering commitment wrap around Swellendam like a protective blanket — the kind a cat might knead before settling in for a nap.

Gerda is everywhere, though never in a way that demands attention. She steps in quietly, responds swiftly, and supports those in need with a calm competence that reassures residents and visitors alike. While many humans rush toward recognition, she moves in the opposite direction — working behind the scenes, doing the hard things, and asking for nothing in return.

Her dedication to Swellendam is not loud or dramatic; it is steady, reliable and deeply felt. She embodies responsibility in its purest form — the kind that keeps a town running, keeps people safe, and keeps everything just a little more peaceful.



From my vantage point (usually a rooftop, surveying my kingdom), I've watched her go the extra mile more times than I can count. Whether it's assisting during a crisis, helping a family in distress, or backing community initiatives, Gerda shows up with compassion, integrity and an extraordinary work ethic. She is the kind of human who makes others breathe easier simply because she exists.

Gerda is, without question, one of Swellendam's remarkable women. A guardian, a helper, a quiet force for good — and a human this ginger cat holds in the highest regard.

Lyra



REMARKABLE WOMEN: JENNI VAN NIEKERK

Author Anonymous: Some people leave their mark on the world through the extraordinary way they live each ordinary day. Jenni is one of those rare souls.



Some people leave their mark on the world through the extraordinary way they live each ordinary day. Jenni is one of those rare souls.

She has a brilliant mind and a wonderfully innovative spirit, yet carries both with humility and quiet grace. She listens far beyond words, notices what others overlook, and has a remarkable way of making people feel truly seen, accepted and cherished. In her presence, people feel valued and safe to be their authentic selves.

Her compassion knows no boundaries. She offers the same warmth, respect and dignity to everyone, regardless of their age, background, position or circumstance.

She understands that every person has a story and every heart deserves gentleness. Her generosity of spirit, unwavering integrity and quiet strength inspire those around her.

Jenni's life is not without its challenges, but she dances her way through it bringing love and light wherever she goes. She is deeply devoted to her family, steadfast in her friendships and committed to excellence in her work. She embraces a healthy, balanced way of living and her love for nature is reflected not only in words, but in the thoughtful way she lives, caring for the earth with gratitude and responsibility.

In a world that often celebrates achievement above character, Jenni reminds us that true worth lies in kindness, humility and love. She shows us that true beauty is found not only in how we appear, but in how we value, serve and care for others.

During this Women's Month, let's celebrate Jenni and all the remarkable women everywhere – for who they are and not only for all that they accomplish: gentle lights in a world that needs more light, whose presence reaches far beyond what they may ever know.

COMMUNITY NEWS

UPDATES & INFO



Fees at
Barrels



Swellendam
Social
Singles



Garden
Club Outing



EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 14	12:00	Vetkoek + Curried Mince	NGK	Swellendam
Aug 15	08:00	Interskool sports	VRT Pitt	Swellendam
Aug 18	19:00	'Our Mother The Earth'	Town Hall	Swellendam
Aug 19	18:30	Skaapkopete	Skousaal	Swellendam
Aug 22	0900	Gather and Savour	Teatro @10	Swellendam
Aug 26	09:30	O Meno O Pouse	Joubertsdal	Swellendam
Aug 27	19:00	Elton Tribute	Teatro @10	Swellendam
Aug 28	18:30	Platsaakdans	Showgrounds	Swellendam
Aug 29	15:00	Jaarslikse Vleisfees	NG Kerk	Buffeljags
Aug 31	18:00	Beleggingsaand (u/35)	Aan De Eike	Swellendam
Sep 1-7	09:00	Arbor Week	Everywhere	Swellendam
Sep 4	09:00	Luna Paige Mauritz Lotz	Teatro @ 10	Swellendam
Sep 5	09:00	Lentemark	Hervormde Kerk tuin	Swellendam
Sep 5	09:00	Langeberg Fees	Jan Harmsgat	Swellendam
Sep 12	09:30	Tjhoko Workshop	MeubelMark	Swellendam
Sep 19	09:00	Some Enchanted Evening	Olyfkrans College	Swellendam
Sep 26	18:30	Greek Evening	The Woods	Swellendam
Sep 30	18:00	Meet & Greet	Grace & Merci	Swellendam
Oct 1-4	tbc	Gooi - Pottery Festival	Various	Swellendam
Oct 3	tbc	Swellendam Alive	Various	Swellendam
Oct 3	7 30	Last one Standing	SWD Forest	Swellendam
Oct 9	tbc	Helena Hettena	Teatro@10	Swellendam
Oct 10	09:00	Huishulpoggend	VRT Pitt	Swellendam
Oct 18	tbc	Garden Day	Mayville Garden	Swellendam
Oct 26	tbc	Wolkloofstap	Bakoondshoogte	R60
Oct 30	tbc	Tanja Storm	Drostdy Museum	Swellendam
Nov 6	tbc	Nianell	Drostdy Museum	Swellendam
Dec 03	18:00	Christmas Carols	Ambagswerf	Swellendam
Dec 04	18:00	Johan Liebenberg with Lucy Tops	tbc	Swellendam
Dec 04/5	18:00	Christmas Night Market	Under the Oaks	Swellendam

SboNdaba Dance

OUR MOTHER THE EARTH

Swellendam Town Hall



PERFORMANCE

18 August 2026 | 19h00
Swellendam Town Hall

Tickets

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WHAT KIND OF WORLD WILL WE LEAVE BEHIND?

Directed by acclaimed choreographer Sbonakaliso Ndaba, this visually compelling production combines African contemporary dance, live music, song, spoken word and digital projections to inspire hope, reflection and action.

As climate change accelerates, the choices we make today will shape the future of our planet. SboNdaba Dance invites audiences to experience *Our Mother the Earth*—a powerful dance-theatre production that celebrates the beauty of nature while confronting the urgent realities of the climate crisis.

"Our Mother the Earth is an astounding piece of dance theatre. Tremendous work and care have gone into this epic and poignant production."



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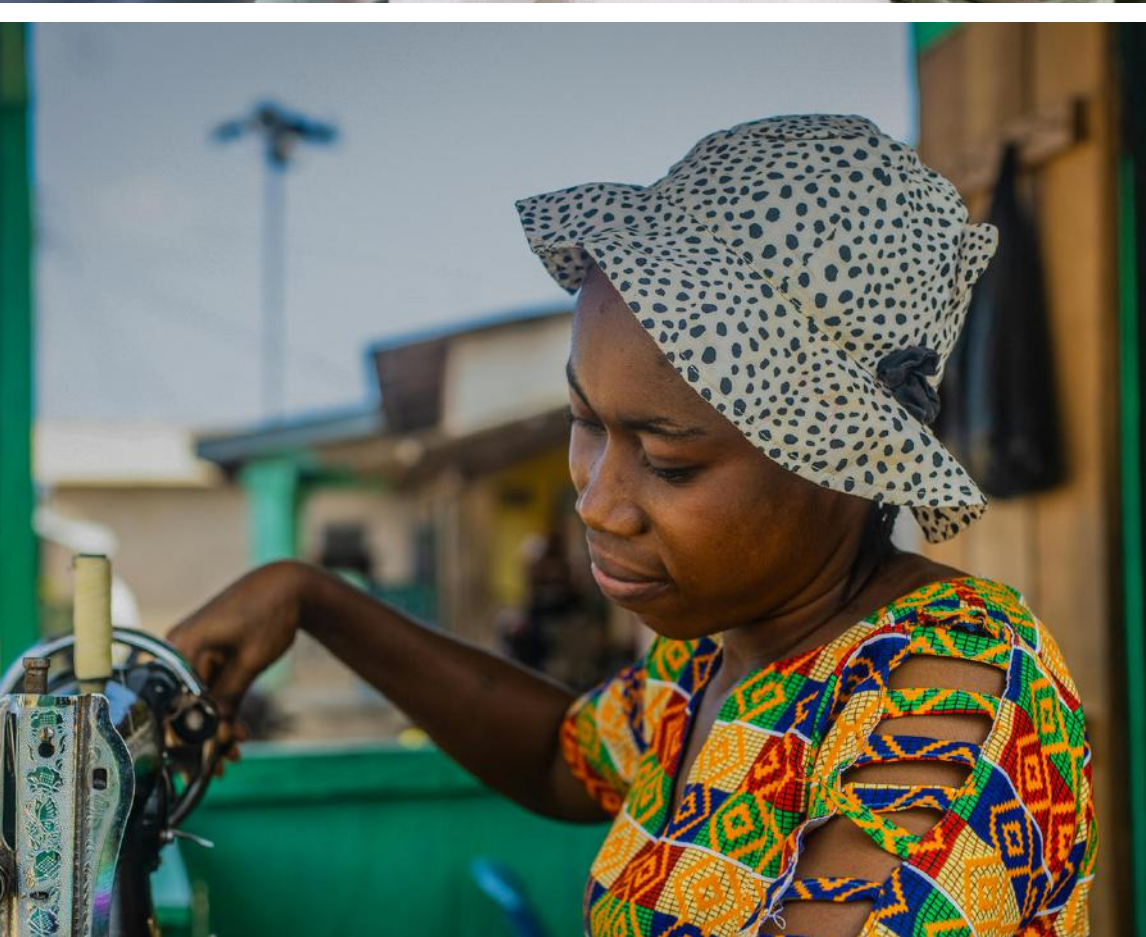
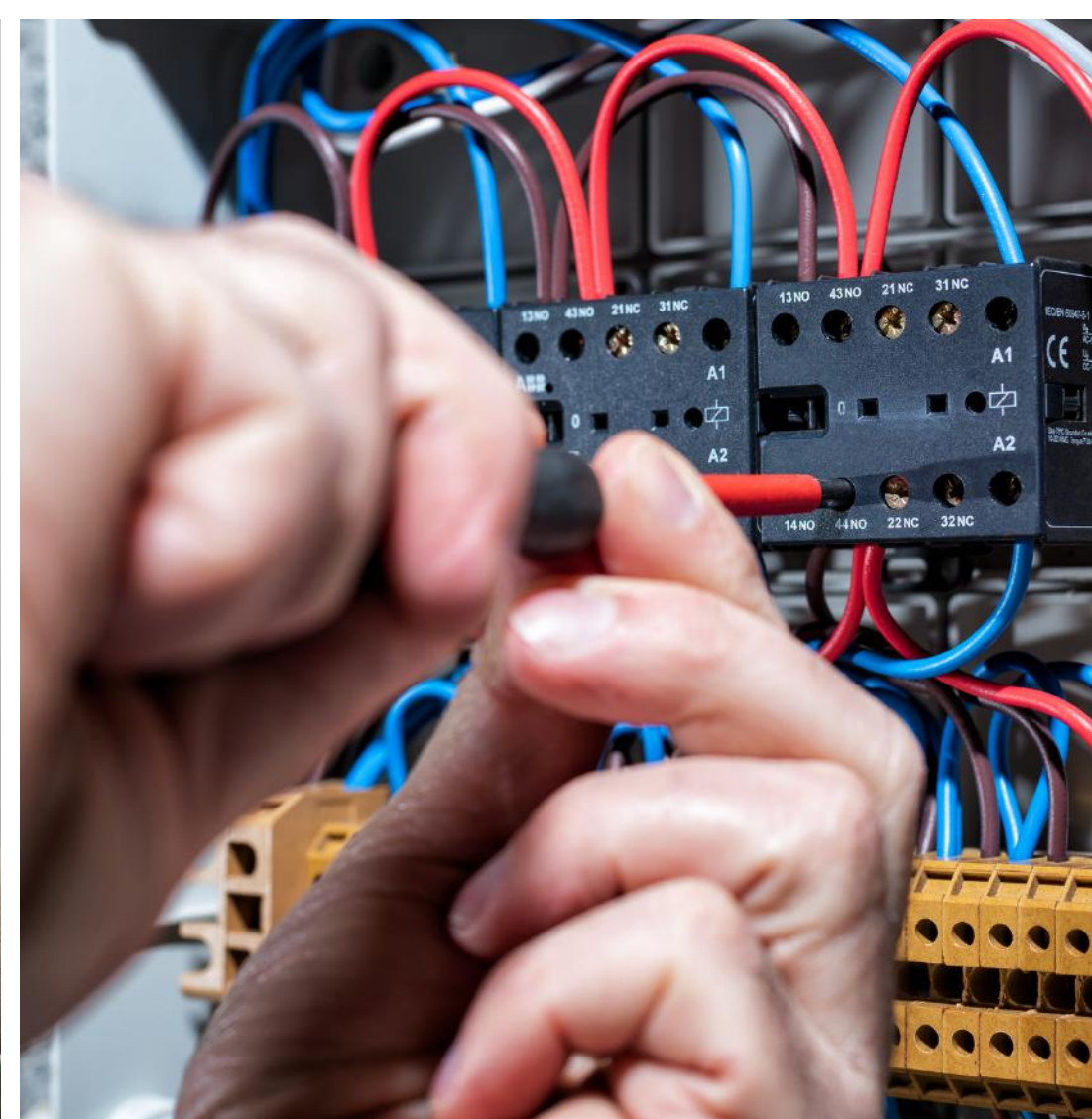
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The poster has a light pink background. At the top left is a blue tiger mask. Below it is a green bird. On the right side, there's a yellow dragonfly at the top, a lion mask in the middle, and several other colorful birds below it. At the bottom center is a grey mouse made of cardboard with colorful patterns. To its right is a green robot-like figure. The text is centered and reads:

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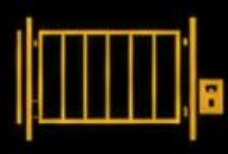
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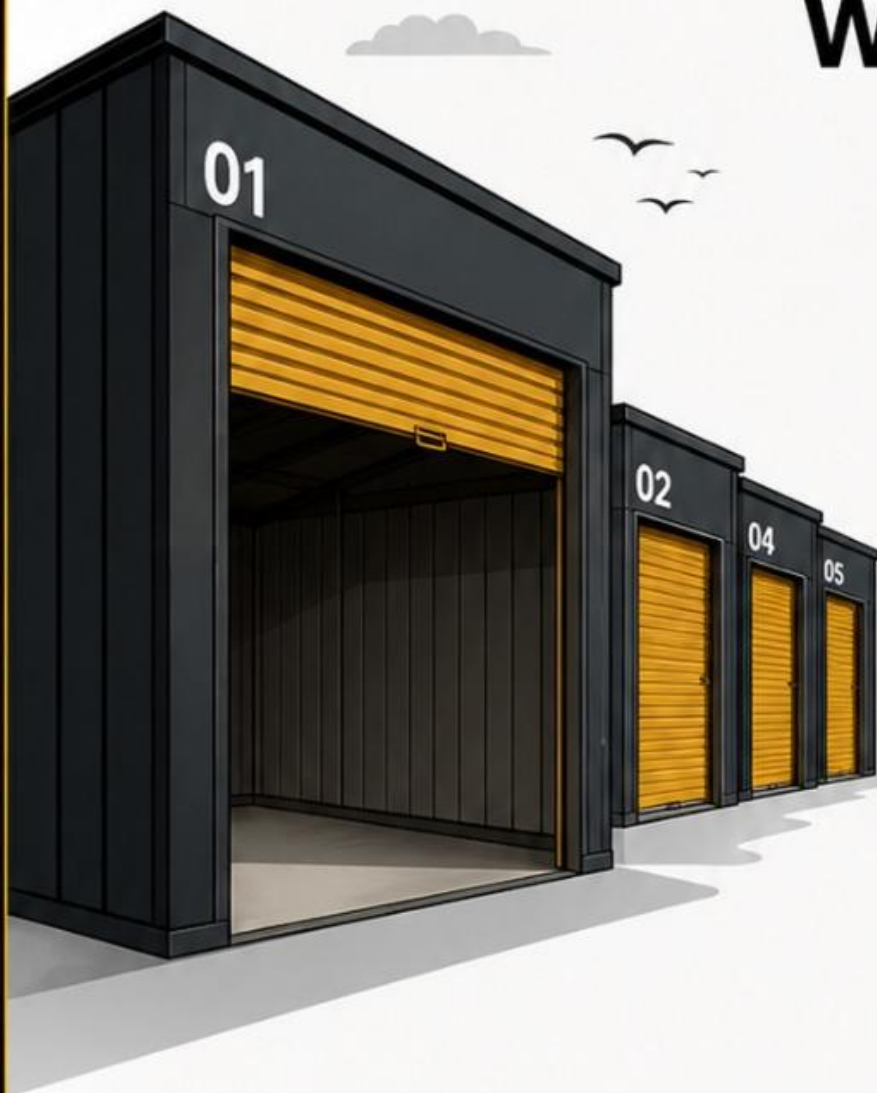
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Must be a team player & willing to work hard,
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Must be willing to learn & grow

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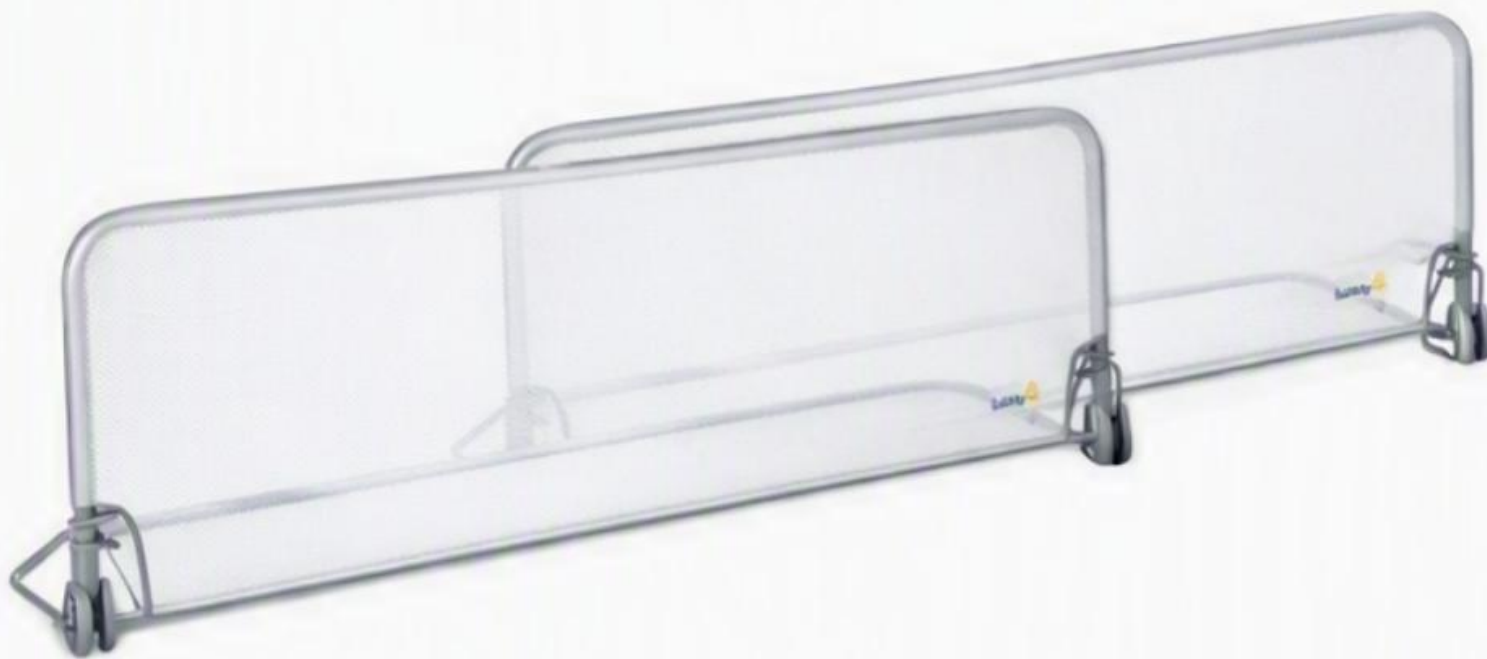
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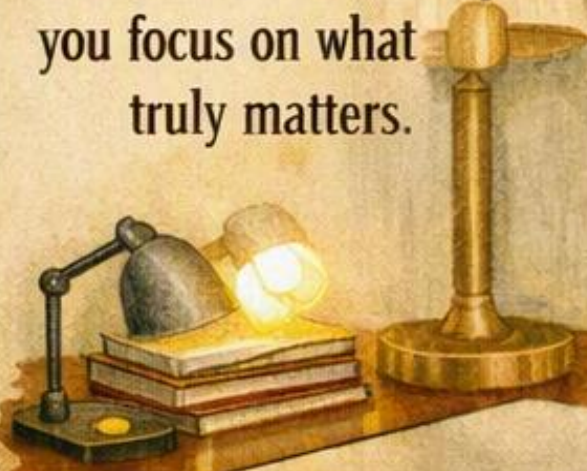
Celebrate Simplify Your Life Week

The Benefits of Simplifying Your Life



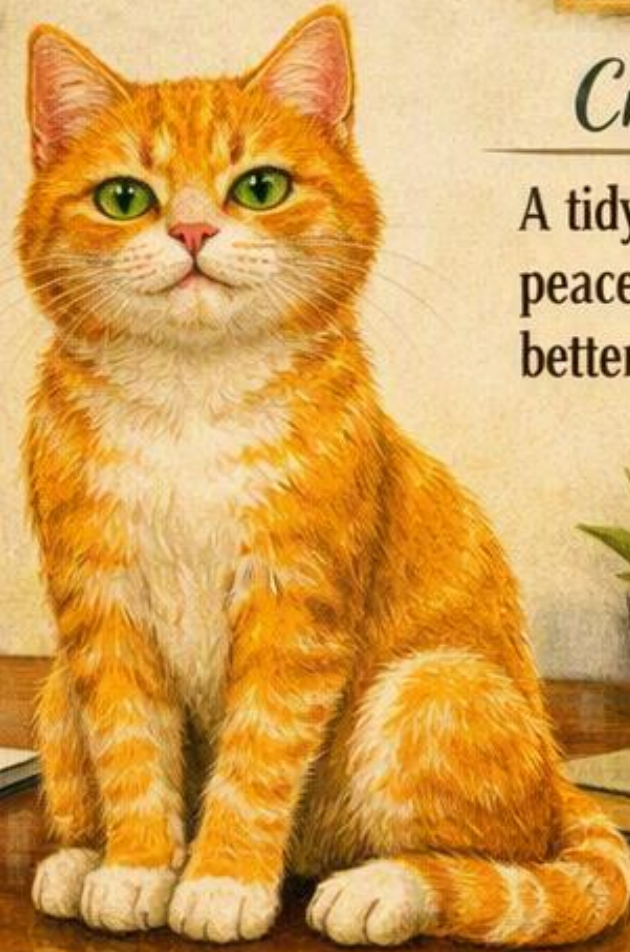
Calms the Mind

Decluttering reduces mental noise and helps you focus on what truly matters.



Creates Space

A tidy environment invites peace, creativity, and better energy flow.



Boosts Productivity

Fewer distractions mean clearer priorities and more meaningful work.



Saves Money

Owning less curbs impulse buying and encourages mindful spending.



Supports Sustainability

Simplifying reduces waste and promotes conscious consumption.

Improves Well-Being

Less clutter, less stress — more time for rest, nature, and cats.



SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE WEEK

By Lyra, Columnist, Decluttering Consultant, and Ginger Visionary

Humans,

August has arrived, and with it comes one of my favourite annual observances: **Simplify Your Life Week** — a noble tradition in which you finally admit that your homes contain too many things, most of which are not tuna.

This week encourages you to declutter your surroundings, calm your minds, and release anything that no longer “sparks joy.” I, personally, spark joy. Your collection of mismatched Tupperware does not.

As a cat of Buffeljags with refined tastes and a deep understanding of human chaos, I feel it is my civic duty to guide you through this sacred week of simplification.

But let's be clear: decluttering isn't just about tidying up. It's about reclaiming mental space. Every object you cling to whispers a demand — dust me, move me, remember me — until your brain resembles a storage unit. When you let go of the unnecessary, you make room for thought, for calm, for the occasional nap in a sunbeam.

Humans often underestimate the serenity of emptiness. A clear shelf is not a void; it's a promise. A clean desk is not sterile; it's potential. And a cat sleeping on that desk is not clutter; it's art.

This week is not only about clearing cupboards — it's about clearing your mind. Release unnecessary stress, toxic clutter, and any human who says “I'll pop in quickly” but stays for three hours.

Lyra's Official Simplification Principles

If it's broken, bin it.

If you don't need it, sell it

If you don't use it, sell it

If it's ugly, donate it.

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Swellendam Hospital Clinic **028 514 8450**

Life Line social **084 124**

ACVV Social Worker **082 911**

SPCA Swellendam **084 737 1948** or **028 514 2083**

Social Services (Dep of Social Dev) **028 514 1029** or **028 514 1252**

Gender based Violence **0800 428 428** or **"120" 7867#**

!Xairu Snake Relocation **072 338 4033**

Poisons Information Hotline **0861 555 777**

DISASTERS - Floods, fires, major incidents



Control / After hours **028 425 1157**

Overberg District Fire **028 425 1690** or **063 690 7899**

Overberg Fire Services **028 312 2400**

NSRI Witsand **082 994 7555** or **082 990 5957**

Foot & Mouth Hotline **080 928 4102**

Eskom **0860 037 566**

Missing Persons (Bureau of) **021 918 3512 / 23449 / 3452**

HENDRIK SWELLENGREBEL AIRFIELD / LUGHAW



Marius Heyneman **082 556 8184**

Werner Steenkamp **082 330 7333**

SWELLENDAM MUNICIPALITY



Swellendam
Municipality
WhatsApp
Channel

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 **028 514 8557** or **061 892 5958**

Swellendam Municipal Switchboard **028 514 8500**

Public & School Holidays

01 January,
New Year's Day

21 March,
Human Rights Day

03 April,
Good Friday

06 April,
Family Day

27 April,
Freedom Day

01 May,
Workers' Day

15 June,
Special School Holiday

16 June,
Youth Day

09 August,
National Women's Day

10 August,
Public Holiday

24 September,
Heritage Day

16 December,
Day of Reconciliation

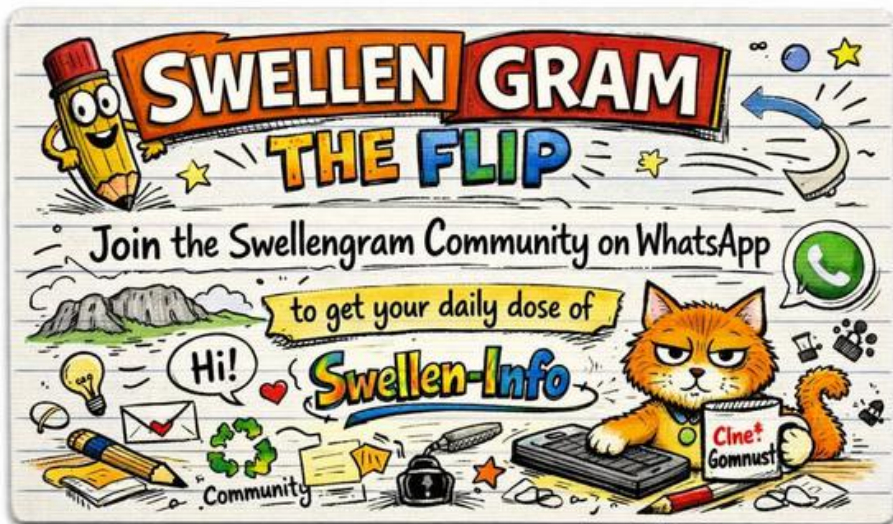
25 December,
Christmas Day

26 December,
Day of Goodwill

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHATTER IN THE DIGITAL AGE (THE POWER OF LOCAL)

Swellendam has always thrived on neighbourly connection — the kind that happens across counters, front gardens, and familiar shop doors. In recent years, this connection has deepened through Local WhatsApp Groups, where neighbours join their specific community and interest groups. This is where trust truly lies — in people you know.

Every business here, from the long-standing family enterprises to the newest one-person ventures, carries a story worth hearing. And when those stories are shared, something remarkable happens: people find exactly what they didn't know they were looking for.



Mrs Gram has noticed a pattern over the years. A small mention of a plumber who arrives on time, a quiet nod to a baker whose loaves never disappoint, a gentle highlight of a therapist, tutor, or gardener — and suddenly residents begin to say, “I’ve been meaning to try them.” It isn’t advertising in the loud, modern sense. It’s simply shining a light where it’s deserved.

Some might jokingly call it a shill moment when a business receives a little extra attention, but the truth is softer. Swellendam responds to authenticity. People trust recommendations that come from lived experience, not slogans. When a service is reliable, kind, and rooted in the community, mentioning it isn’t promotion — it’s neighbourly encouragement.

Local businesses are the backbone of this town’s daily rhythm. They fix what’s broken, feed what’s hungry, and keep life running smoothly. When residents choose them, they’re choosing stability, craftsmanship, and familiar faces. And when Mrs Gram includes them in the newsletter, it’s never about hype — it’s about helping the right people find each other.



In a world full of noise, Swellendam still listens closely. Now, with Swellengram available not only by email but also on WhatsApp, its reach extends even further into these trusted local networks. Sometimes all a good business needs is a quiet nudge in the right direction.

