

SWELLEN GRAM

www.swellendam.com



"How to pause a sunset-The Lotus Flower"

**BEHIND EVERY
GREAT JOURNEY**
**IS A
WOMAN**
*Who Keeps It
Moving.*

Today we celebrate the women
who drive our homes, our communities
and our country forward.

Strong. Skilled. Resilient.

From behind the wheel to under the bonnet,
your **passion, power and purpose**
keep South Africa moving.



DRIVEN BY PASSION.



BUILT ON STRENGTH.



**POWERED BY
DETERMINATION.**



**FUELLED BY
LOVE.**

ENJOY
WOMEN'S MONTH

Thank you for being the force that keeps everything together.

YOU DRIVE. YOU INSPIRE.
YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



MIDAS

WOMEN WHO GROW, CREATE, AND INSPIRE

Week 3 — Swellengram Remarkable Women Series



THIS WEEK'S REMARKABLE WOMEN !

Throughout August — Women's Month — people have been nominating the women they consider truly remarkable. The response has been extraordinary: so many inspiring stories, and such heartfelt appreciation for the women who make a difference in our community.

This week's line-up will appear in the Swellengram, and any further nominations will be featured in the final week of August. So keep sending in your favourites!

When August has drawn to a close, all the nominees will be gathered together and presented in a beautiful digital Flip Book — a keepsake you can download and treasure.

You can even choose to have Lyra write the story if you think your nominee would enjoy her feline flair.

To nominate someone for this 'Remarkable Women' series, click here:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/emf/Swellendam/remarkable-women>

REMARKABLE WOMEN: NATALIE TURCK

A VISIONARY WHO PUT SWELLENDAM ON THE MAP

Since founding Wildebraam Berry Estate in 1996, Natalie Turck has shaped one of Swellendam's most beloved destinations through sheer determination, creativity and an unwavering belief in the beauty of the Hermitage Valley. What began as a berry farm has grown into a flourishing enterprise that celebrates the cultural and natural "berried" treasures of the region — and Natalie has been at the heart of that evolution every step of the way.

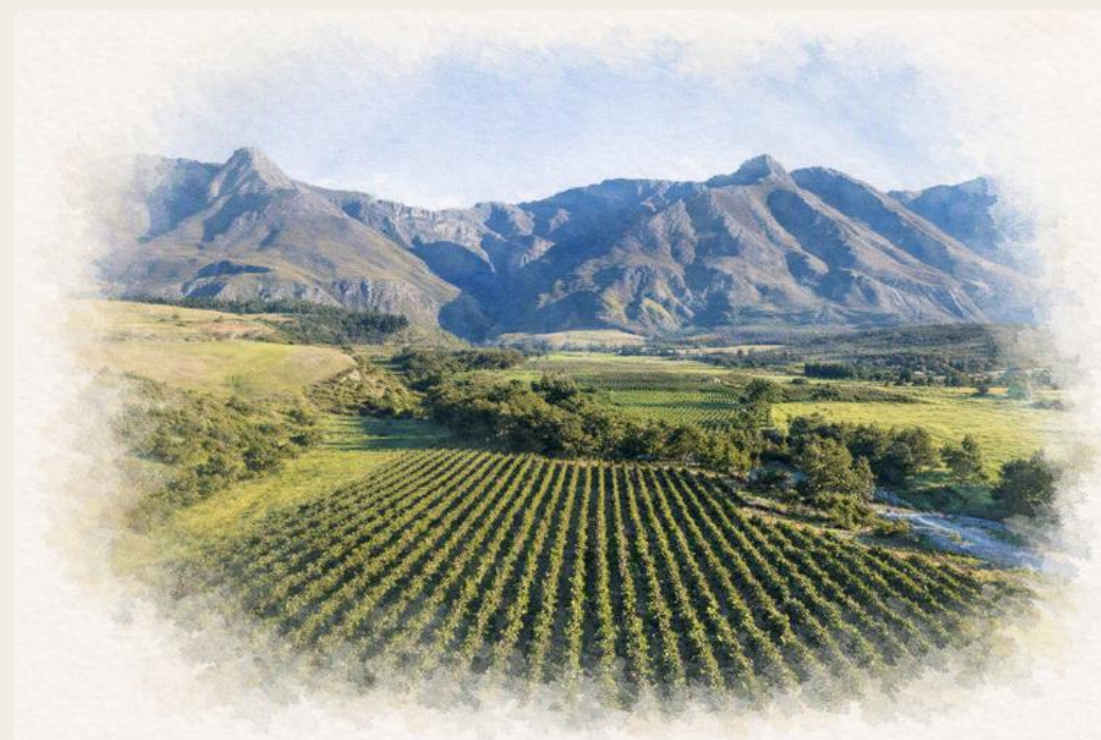
Her innovative marketing strategies have not only elevated Wildebraam's products, tasting room and accommodation, but have also played a significant role in positioning Swellendam as a must-visit destination. From nationwide tradeshow to clever branding, collaborations and strong online presence, Natalie has consistently championed the town both directly and indirectly. Her work has brought attention, visitors and pride to the valley she calls home.



Beyond her entrepreneurial achievements, Natalie is known for her love of gardening — especially flowers, from sunflowers to sweet peas — and for her passion for travel. Whether exploring abroad or touring within South Africa, the Drakensberg remains one of her favourite places to recharge and find inspiration.

Natalie's commitment to excellence, her focus on quality, and her hospitality-driven approach have made her a role model for aspiring entrepreneurs. Her story demonstrates how visionary leadership can uplift not only a business, but an entire community.

Cheers to Natalie Turck — for her remarkable achievements, her dedication to Swellendam, and the countless moments of triumph still to come.



REMARKABLE WOMEN: MARILOUISE VD MERWE

Some humans have an eye for beauty. And then there is Marilouise van der Merwe, whose ability to create breathtaking spaces borders on sorcery.

From my feline perspective — usually stretched out on a warm patch of floor at Fazenda — I've watched her transform the Hermitage retreat into one of the most sought-after luxury destinations in South Africa.

Her talent is not merely decorative; it is visionary. Marilouise sees possibility where others see empty rooms. She shapes atmosphere, mood and experience with a level of creativity that makes humans gasp and cats purr. Leading magazines have taken notice, but those of us who live here know the truth: Fazenda is extraordinary because Marilouise poured her heart into it.

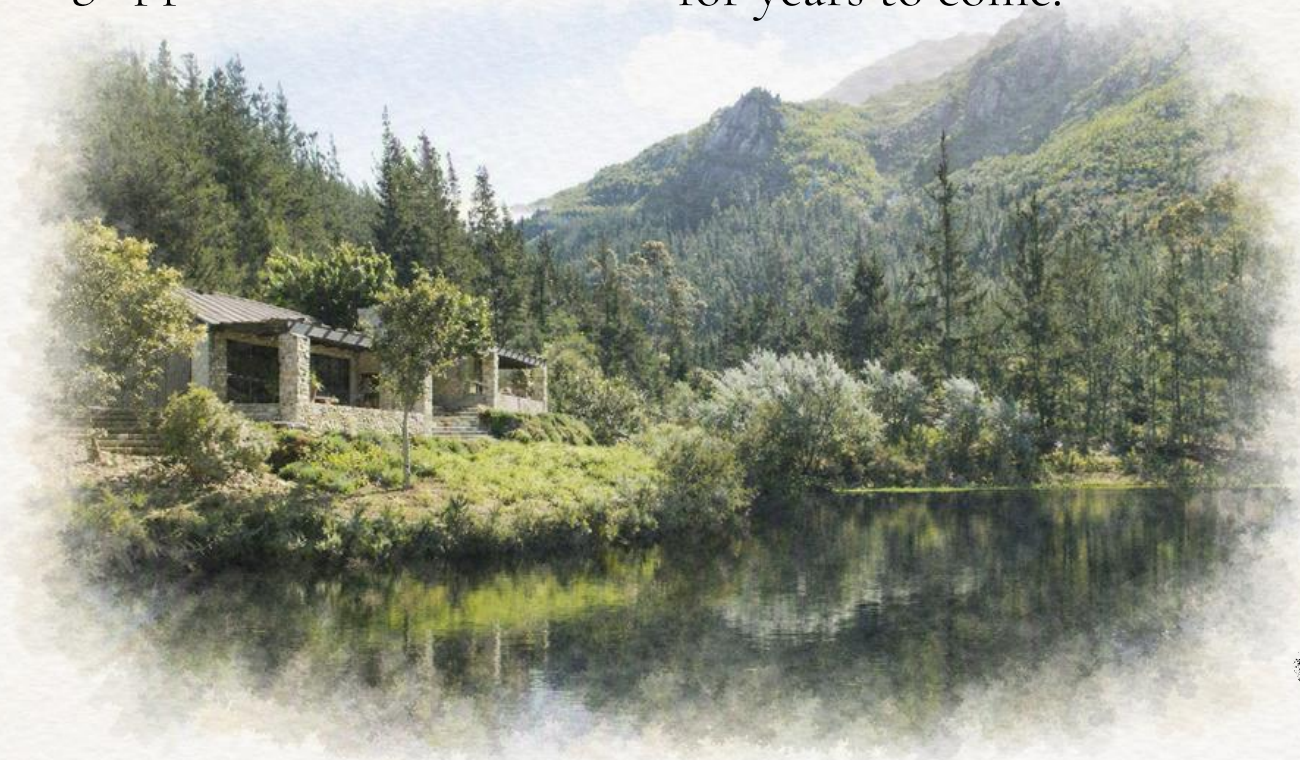
What I admire most (and I am famously discerning) is her generosity. Beyond her entrepreneurial success, she invests her time, energy and spirit into community initiatives — quietly, consistently, and without seeking applause.



She supports local projects, uplifts people around her, and contributes to Swellendam with a sincerity that leaves a lasting imprint.

Her leadership is gentle but unmistakable. Her commitment to excellence is unwavering. And her ability to make people feel welcome, inspired and at ease is a rare gift — one that elevates not only Fazenda, but the entire community.

Marilouise van der Merwe is, without question, one of Swellendam's remarkable women. A creator of beauty, a giver of kindness, and a human whose influence will be felt for years to come.



FROM WHATSAPP TO CHURCH STREET: THE BARGAIN QUEEN STORY

Bargain Queen Thrift Shop began with a simple question in July 2021: what do people do with unwanted clothing, impulse buys, and those items that quietly slip to the back of the cupboard? Anneke van Niekerk sent out a WhatsApp message to her contacts, offering to sell their pieces on commission. Soon she was running a small but determined operation from home, handling clothing, shoes, and homeware while still working full-time.

For two years she built her business one item at a time. When she couldn't yet afford a shop, she made a plan — an agreement with Gerrie Gerber of Gerrie's Cash Loans allowed her to set up a Saturday-morning stall on the lawn: two rails, a gazebo, a table, and a growing sense of possibility. Those mornings became her training ground in customer flow, pricing, and the art of presentation.

Her first premises arrived in April 2024 beside Swellie's Car Wash in the Checkers parking area. Small, imperfect, but a step forward.

By November 2024 she moved into a larger space at 6 Church Street, where Bargain Queen now operates with a clear focus: clothing only, accepted strictly on consignment, clean and undamaged, each piece cared for before it earns a hanger.



Thrift shopping is more than bargain hunting — it's a gentle antidote to waste, a way to give good items a second life, and a reminder that value doesn't disappear when ownership changes. Selling through thrift is equally empowering: it turns forgotten clothes into small earnings and keeps fashion circulating within the community.

Bargain Queen reflects all of this — bright, fresh, curated, and quietly woven into Swellendam's everyday rhythm



MONDAY AUGUST 17 = NATIONAL THRIFT SHOP DAY



The Bargain Queen Thrift Shop



6 Church Street, Swellendam,

+27 82 373 2999

annekevnierkerk1@gmail.com

Open 09h00 - 17h00

Monday to Friday

09h00 - 13h00 Saturday



COMMUNITY NEWS

UPDATES & INFO



Fees at
Barrels



Swellendam
Social
Singles



Garden
Club Outing



EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Lyra's
Library



SWELLENDAM CAMERA CLUB



SET SUBJECTS 2026:

- Jan - Books / Board games
- Feb - Minimalism: lines & texture
- March - Intentional camera movement (e.g. panning / blurred motion)
- April - A dinner table still life (no people)
- May - B&W portraits with high contrast
- June - Reflective surfaces in 1:1
- July - Not your average angle (super high / low / wide angle)
- August - Forced perspective
- September - An entrance to another "world" (man-made or natural)
- October - Light rays in 16:9
- November - Product photography: Herbs & spices
- December - Admin/planning meeting
- January 2027 - The world at my feet

If you'd like to join the Swellendam Camera Club, please send an email to swellendamcameraclub@gmail.com

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month to discuss the entries, share tips, tricks & stories behind the photos.

AUGUST WINNERS



GENERAL CATEGORY

Ian Fraser-Jones (Winner):

“Golden canola at the end of the rainbow”



AUGUST WINNERS



GENERAL CATEGORY

Valmai Le Grange (Runner Up):
“Icy Whale”



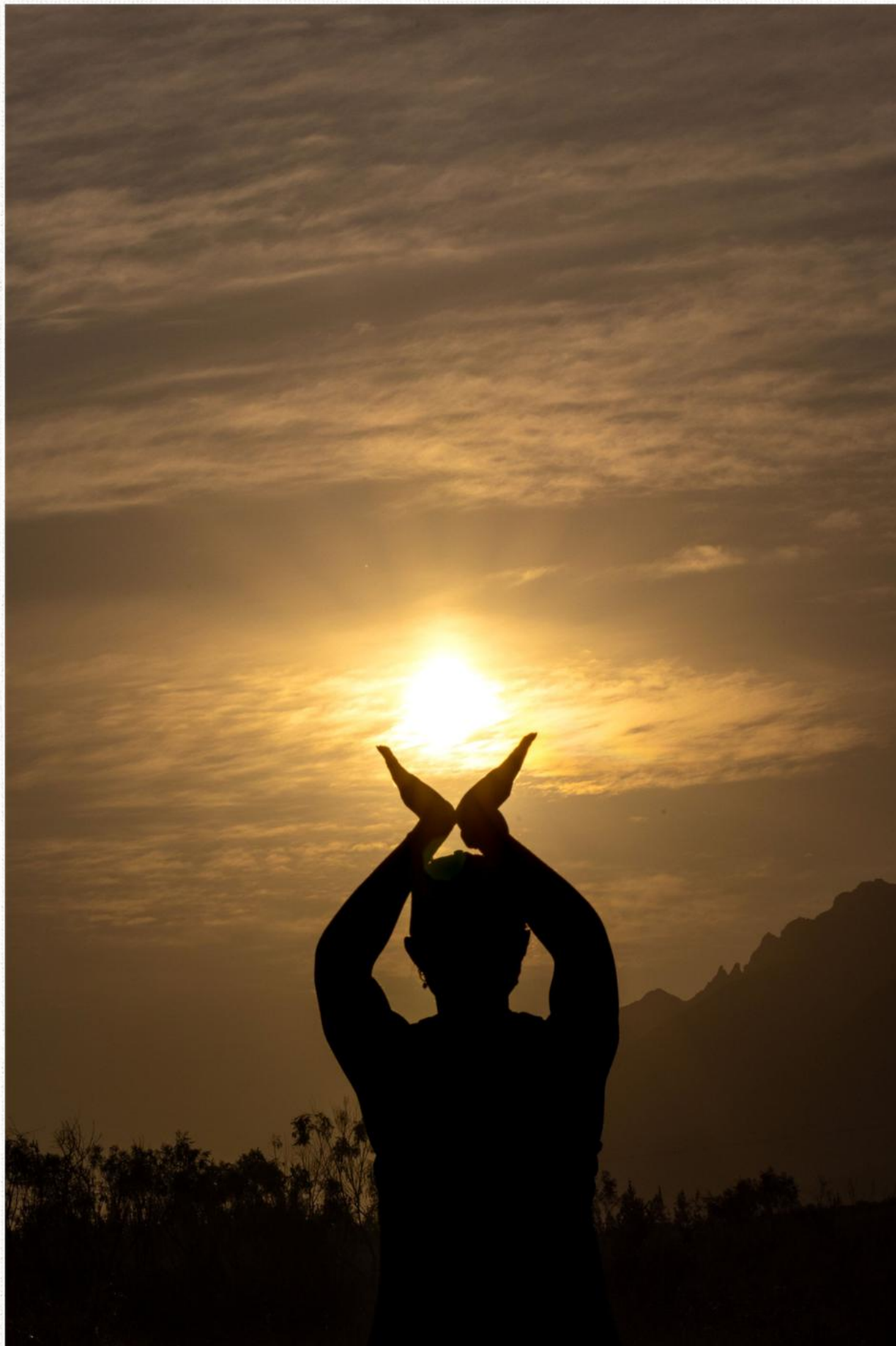
AUGUST WINNERS



SET SUBJECT - FORCED PERSPECTIVE

Dirk Uys (Winner):

“How to pause a sunset-The Lotus Flower” Cover Photo



AUGUST WINNERS



SET SUBJECT - FORCED PERSPECTIVE

Valmai Le Grange (Runner Up):

“Planting future crops in yesteryear”



AUGUST WINNERS



WILDLIFE CATEGORY.

Valmai Le Grange (Winner) “Jackal Meal”



AUGUST WINNERS



WILDLIFE CATEGORY.

Kevin Cocker (Runner-Up) “Lunch”



Willow

UP FOR ADOPTION

Willow is a sweet little soul looking for a home where she will be loved and cherished forever.



Sweetest nature
Very gentle



A little shy at first,
but full of love



Will thrive in a
loving home



Mixed breed



Born:
May 2026



Surrendered
unwanted



Swellendam
028 514 2083



Give Willow the
loving home she deserves.



ADOPT • LOVE • CHANGE A LIFE

PUPPY KIBBLE URGENTLY NEEDED!

Swellendam SPCA

We are running low on kibble and we need your help!
Every bag makes a difference to these little lives.



PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS AT:

SPCA Charity Shop

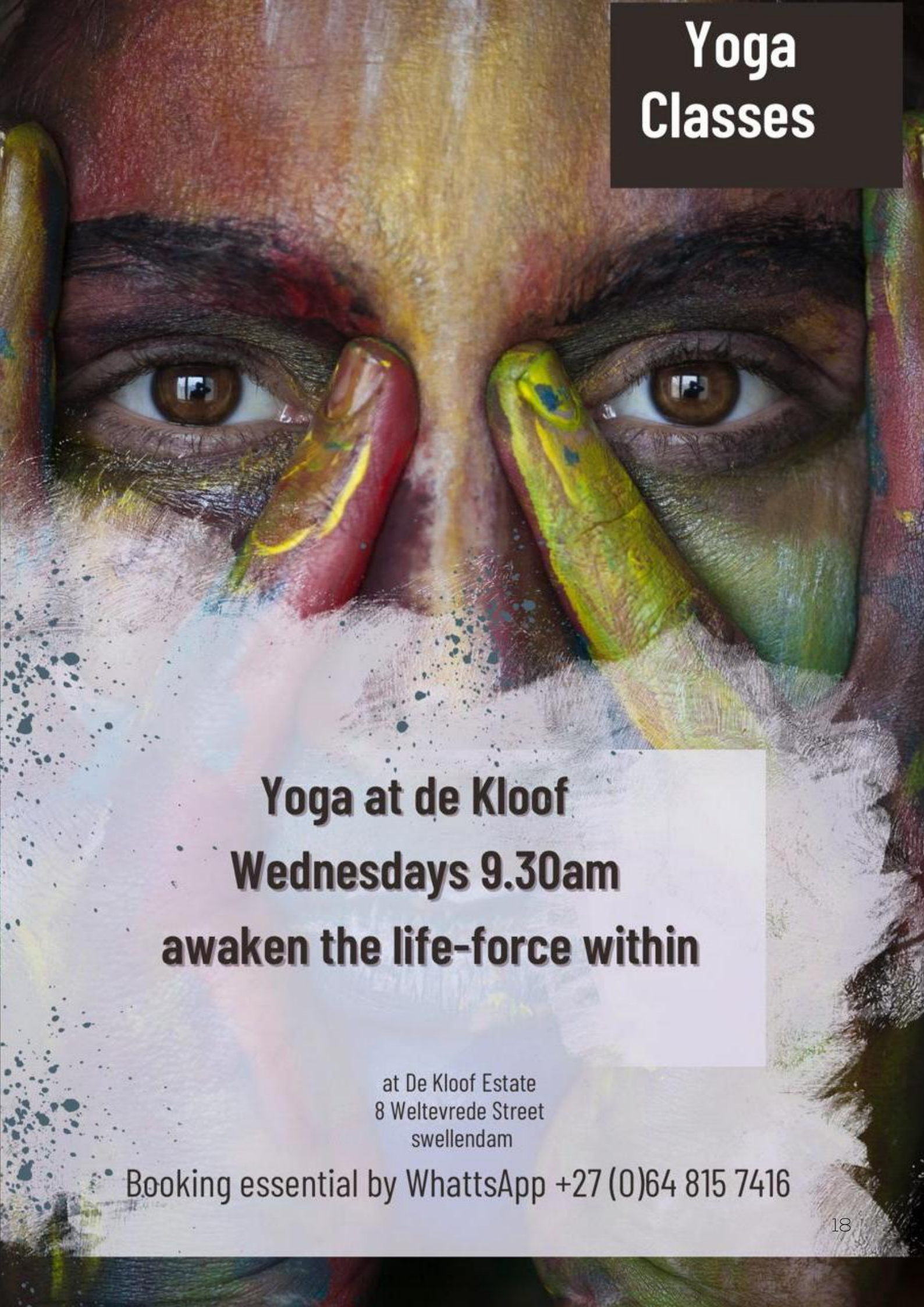
52 Voortrek Street, Swellendam

OR

SPCA Building

51 Bontebok Street, Swellendam

Thank you, Swellendam! Every little bit helps. 🐾



Yoga Classes

Yoga at de Kloof
Wednesdays 9.30am
awaken the life-force within

at De Kloof Estate
8 Weltevrede Street
swellendam

Booking essential by WhattsApp +27 (0)64 815 7416

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 18	19:00	'Our Mother The Earth'	Town Hall	Swellendam
Aug 19	18:30	Skaapkopete	Skousaal	Swellendam
Aug 22	08:15	Heritage Society	Meet at Zanddrift	Agulhas
Aug 22	0900	Gather and Savour	Teatro @10	Swellendam
Aug 26	09:30	O Meno O Pouse	Joubertsdal	Swellendam
Aug 27	11:30	Christmas in Winter	Christelles Bistro	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 3	18:30	Rotary Quiz	Wildebraam	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 11	18:00	Karoo Stars	The Bellanti, KAH	Barrydale
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 24	11:00	Bursary Fund Breakfast	SSS Skoolsaal	Railton
Oct 26	tbc	Wolfkloofstap	Bakoondshoogte	R60
Oct 30	tbc	Tanja Storm	Drostdy Museum	Swellendam
Oct 31	09:00	OktoberFest	Under The Oaks	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

OUR
ISSUE 03

05.18.2027



WHAT KIND OF WORLD
ARE WE LEAVING BEHIND?

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

www.SboNdabaDance.co.za

'n NUWE KABARET deur
PG du Plessis geskryf spesiaal vir Arina de Witt

26 AUGUSTUS 2026

9:30, JOUBERTSDAL

R250PP

O meno o pouse

'n kabaret vol humor, hartseer en hoop

Teks en lirieke P.G du Plessis

Toonsettings Dewald Riegger

Met Arina de Witt

Regie Ignatius van Heerden en Johan van der Merwe

TREK 'N TRUITJIE UIT TOEKASSE DAE AAN

KONTAK LIZETTE 0824134021



FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS

Christmas IN August

A SPECIAL F&N EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!

Christmas in South Africa is in the middle of summer.
This year, we celebrate Christmas as in the Northern Hemisphere—
with traditional fare, cosy atmosphere and warm fellowship.



What

A delicious
traditional
Christmas lunch



Where

Christelles Bistro,
Voortrek Street,
Swellendam



When

11:30 for 12:00
Thursday,
27 August 2026



RSVP

By Thursday
20 August 2026
for catering purposes



Email: vivcrone@gmail.com



WhatsApp 083 625-3988

YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION INCLUDES



A delicious three-course Christmas meal
(starter, main course & dessert)



Christmas crackers



A small Christmas gift for every guest

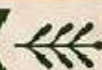


One bottle of wine per four people,
sponsored by the F&N Committee,
or a soft drink for those
who prefer it

*Additional beverages such as coffee, tea
and other alcoholic drinks will be for
your own account.*



COST



F&N MEMBERS

R275
per person

- Places are limited to 25.
- If additional members wish to attend,
they will need to pay the visitors' fee.

VISITORS

R425
per person

Includes the full three-course meal,
wine or soft drink, Christmas crackers
and gift.

*Come and join us for an early Christmas celebration
where there will be good company, excellent food
and interesting conversation.*

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS

Christmas IN August MENU

STARTER OPTIONS

1. CREAMY BUTTERNUT SOUP

Served with a warm bread roll,
a cream swirl, and toasted pumpkin seeds.

2. CHICKEN LIVER PÂTÉ

Served with melba toast,
onion marmalade, and pickles.

MAIN COURSE

CHRISTMAS ROAST PLATE

- Roast beef rump with rosemary gravy
- Roast chicken thigh with sage butter
- Yorkshire pudding
- Hasselback baby potatoes
- Green beans
- Sweet baby carrots

DESSERT OPTIONS

1. BAKED APPLE CRUMBLE

Served with warm custard.

OR

2. MALVA PUDDING

Served with custard.

*Enjoy a delicious traditional Christmas lunch with
good company, excellent food and festive cheer!*

IMPORTANT – PLEASE RSVP

Please RSVP by **Thursday 20th August 2026**

✉ Email: vivcrone@gmail.com | 📞 WhatsApp 083 625-3988

When you RSVP, please indicate:

- 🌿 Your choice of **STARTER** (1 or 2)
- 🌿 Your choice of **DESSERT** (1 or 2)
- 🌿 Your choice of **DRINK**: Red Wine, White Wine,
Red Grape Juice or White Grape Juice

F&N MEMBERS

R275
per person

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they will need to pay the visitors' fee.

VISITORS

R425
per person

Includes the full three-course meal,
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and gift.

The F&N Committee will sponsor a bottle of wine per 4 people
or soft drink for those who prefer it.



PROST!

Oktoberfest

MARKET

GOOD FOOD • GREAT MUSIC • COLD BEER
LOCAL MAKERS • FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY
31 OCTOBER
9AM – 1PM

AT
UNDER THE OAKS
• MARKET •

PRIZES
FOR
BEST DRESSED
HUMAN

BEST DRESSED
GERMAN DOG

AUTHENTIC
FOOD
BAKED GOODS
GERMAN BEER
LIVE MUSIC
& MORE!

IF IT RAINS – IT MOVES TO THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.

Rotary
Club of Swellendam



QUIZ NIGHT

IT'S FUN. IT'S FABULOUS...
AND IT'S BACK!


R1 800
PER TABLE
(8 SEATS)

OR


R225
PER PERSON

**TICKET
INCLUDES:**



WELCOME
DRINK



TABLE
PLATTERS



CASH BAR
AVAILABLE

CORPORATE TEAMS

GO BIG!

R2 100 PER TABLE

**DRESS YOUR TABLE
TO IMPRESS!**



THURSDAY
3 SEPTEMBER 2026

DOORS OPEN:
6:30 PM



VENUE:

WILDEBRAAM BERRY ESTATE
HERMITAGE, SWELLENDAM

**TEST YOUR
KNOWLEDGE.**

BRING YOUR TEAM.

**BECOME THE
CHAMPIONS!**

BOOKINGS:



BEV
079 942 5144



PAUL
082 496 1248

**BOOK
EARLY!**
**TABLES FILL
FAST!**



swellendam **Alwe** festival '26

3 October 2026

in proud association with the
Twilight Dance Academy
and the Drostdy Museum

Featuring:

The ATKV carnival ● Progress Swellendam Band ● Swellendam Music Society
Bradwell Dance Collective ● Yolandé Erasmus Acrobatics ● Laerskool Swellendam
Swellendam Senior Secondary ● Twilight Dance Academy
New: Overberg Youth Choir
New: Swellendam Amateur Theatre

TDA
Twilight Dance Academy



BRADWELL
DANCE COLLECTIVE



drostdy museum



ATKV
ATKV-tak
Drostdy

MISS RUBY PRESENTS
LUNA PAIGE

*DIE
Reisigers*



ALBUMBEKENDSTELLING & KUNS



**4 SEP | 19:30 | THE TEATRO AT TEN ON MAIN
SWELLENDAM | KONTAK MOIRA 082 448 8166**



Join us Under the *Karoo Stars*



An Evening of Stories, Skills & Hope



11 SEPTEMBER 2026



18:00 ONWARDS



KAROO ART HOTEL,
THE BELLANTI, BARRYDALE

TICKET SALES - CONTACT:

Lynne - 082 869 4281

Elizabeth : 0765133050



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AUCTION



R250
PER PERSON

Welcome Drink & £
3 Course Dinner included



♡ *Small Town, Big Hearts* ♡



SELLAGRAM

SALES CATALOGUE

Your Local Marketplace – Discover Quality Finds & Fresh Deals



FOR BUYERS

Explore the latest listings from your community.

Each item is hand-checked, clearly priced, and ready for a new home.

This catalogue brings together everything from home essentials to handmade treasures – all in one easy-to-browse collection.

Contact sellers directly via WhatsApp for quick, friendly t

BUY LOCAL • SAVE SMART • SUPPORT COMMUNIT



SELLAGRAM – Swellendam's trusted local sales network

Updated Weekly • Free listings • Community-driven

SELLAGRAM

WROUGHT IRON TROLLEY FOR OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING



Main Details:

- Wrought Iron
 - Two-tier sturdy construction, permanent coating
 - Umbrella provision
 - Size: 75 × 48 × 63 cm (w × d × h)
-

Price: R600

Separate Sales Item:

Ice Bucket: R300

- 4 L stainless steel, spotless condition, barely used
 - 21.5 cm h × 20 cm diameter (incl, table support bracket)
-

WhatsApp: 083 251 7274

SELLAGRAM

FOR SALE

GEORGE & MASON MADEIRA 5-PIECE OUTDOOR DINING SET – SLEEK GREY



- Main Details:

- **Model:** Madeira by George & Mason
- **Colour:** -Contemporary Grey
- **Frame:** Black Powder-Coated Steel (Rust-Resistant)
- **Chairs:** 4 × Stackable Rope-Weave Design, Weather-Resistant

- Features:

- 1 × Rectangular Tempered Glass-Top Table
- 4 × Stackable Grey Rope-Weave Chairs
- Durable, Rust-Resistant Powder-Coated Metal Framing
- Modern, Stylish Design for Balconies, Decks, or Patios

• Condition:

- Excellent, Well-Cared-For Pre-Owned Condition,
- Glass is Clear with No Major Scratches
- Rope Weaving 100% Intact — No Fraying



Contact: 072 735 2425

PRICE & DELIVERY

PRICE: R3900 (SLIGHTLY NEGOTIABLE FOR SERIOUS CASH BUYERS)

PICKUP: SWELLEN DAM COLLECTION ONLY

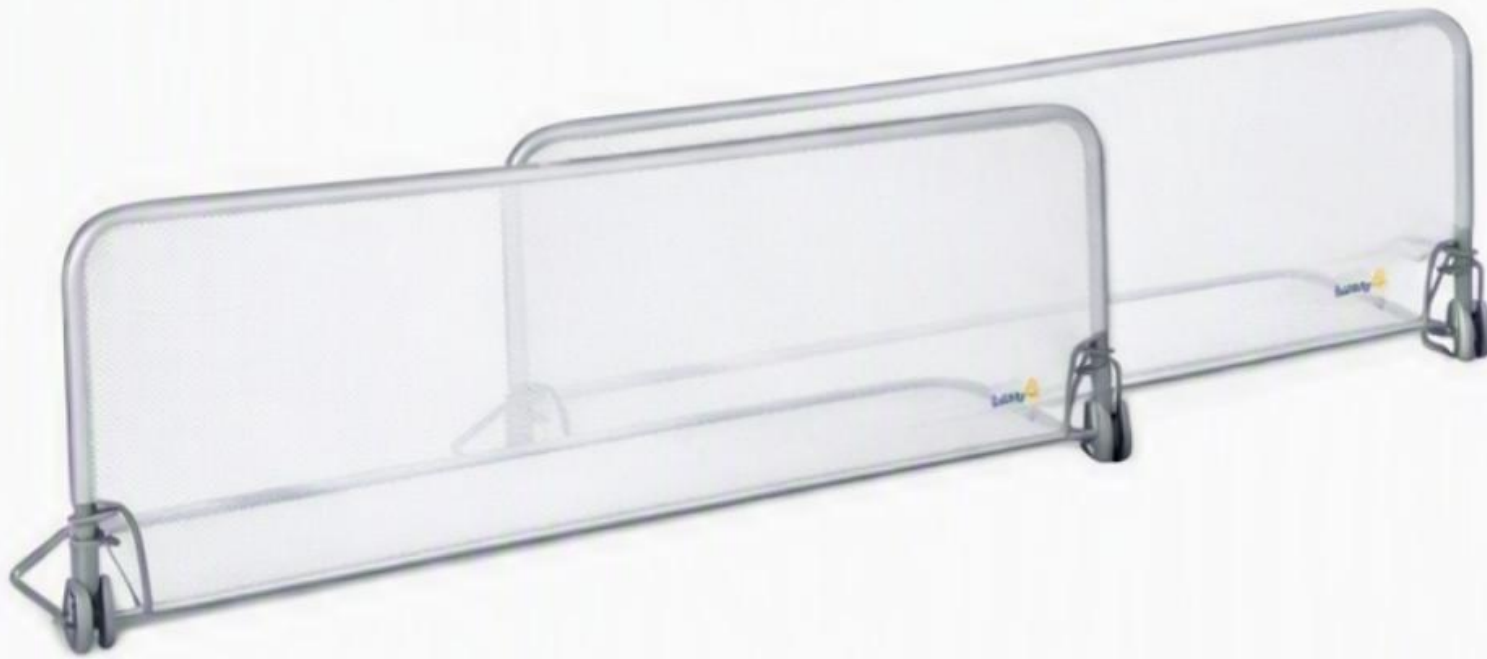
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FOR SALE

SAFETY 1ST BEDRAIL GUARDS (90 cm)

Selling two Safety 1st bedrails
- perfect for helping your toddler safely transition
from a cot to a big bed.

They fit standard beds easily and prevent late-night tumbles.



- Condition: Excellent, clean, and fully functional
- Size: 90 cm length
- Features: Easy to install under the mattress, stable frame, breathable mesh fabric so you can easily see your child

Retail Price: R 1,100 each

Pricing: Set of 2 Bedrails R 1,150 | Single Bedrail R 650



Contact: 072 735 2425

Pick-up: Swellendam

SELLAGRAM

FOR SALE

JOIE COMMUTER CHANGE TRAVEL COT

Selling a Joie Commuter Change travel cot in excellent condition. Complete set with absolutely no missing parts – perfect for travel or home use.



Components Included:

- Click-on changing unit
- Elevated bassinet mesh lining
- Original transport bag

Condition: Excellent, from a smoke-free, pet-free home

Features: Ultra-secure frame, compact fold, integrated wheels

Retail Price: R 3,000

My Price: Cot R 1,200

Pick-up: Swellendam

 **Contact: 072 735 2425**



Advertise your unwanted items
FREE for 5 days

If your sale succeeds, please make a
VOLUNTARY donation
to support the Swellengram staff.

Bank details for donations:

Mrs Amanda Shackley
FNB Cheque Account
Branch Code: 200513
Account Number: 6285774542

Contact:

WhatsApp: 072 566 7093

Email: swellengram@gmail.com



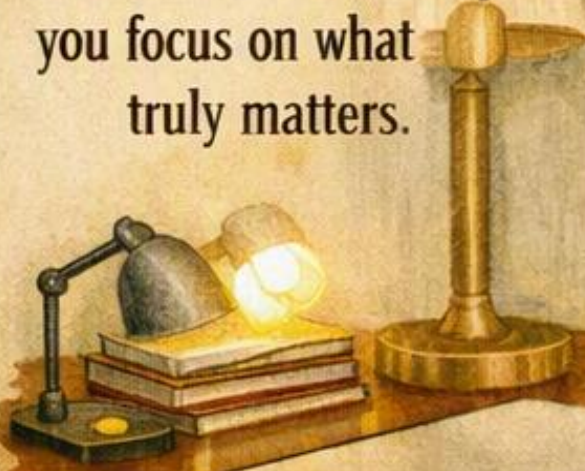
Celebrate Simplify Your Life Week

The Benefits of Simplifying Your Life



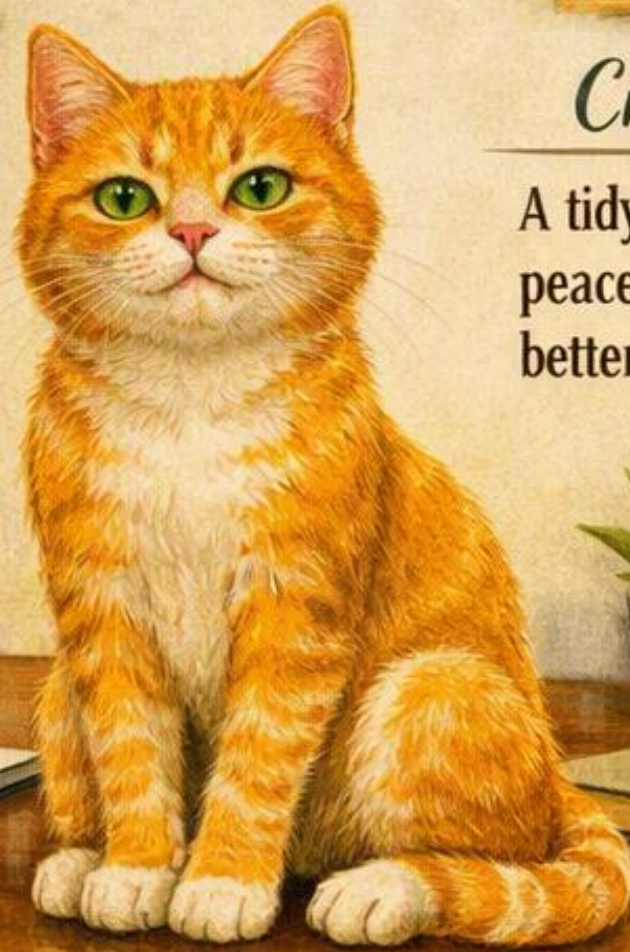
Calms the Mind

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.

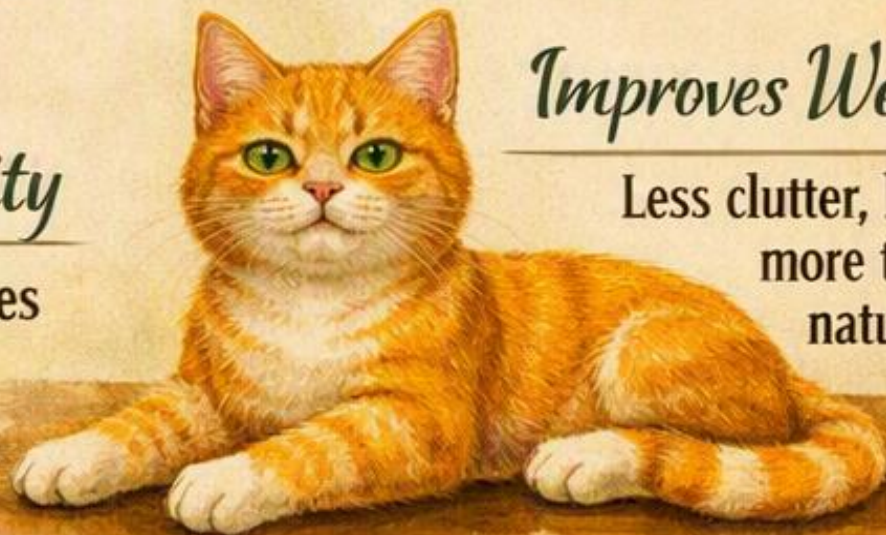


Supports Sustainability

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.

If it's sentimental, keep it.

If it's tuna, give it to me.

And let me remind you of the ultimate tool for Simplify Your Life Week — the [SELLAGRAM](#).





JOBS

find your career



SWELLENDAM SOUTH AFRICA
SCHOONE OORDT
Country House
1853

JUNIOR/ASSISTANT CHEF

for charming Country Hotel in Swellendam

Seasonal contract

Primarily focusing on starters & desserts,
but happy to cross over to hot kitchen if necessary

Must have basic kitchen knowledge & knife skills

Must have a matric

Must have a valid SA ID or work permit

Must have a passion & talent for the kitchen

Must be a team player and willing to work hard
over weekends & public holidays

Must be open to learning & growing

Please send CV to
schooneoordt@gmail.com





SWELLENDAAM SOUTH AFRICA
SCHOONE OORDT
Country House
1853

DINNER SERVICE STAFF REQUIRED

Seasonal contract

Afternoon & evening shifts

Must be well-groomed & smart in appearance

Must have basic service experience

Must have basic food & wine knowledge

Must have matric

Must have a valid SA ID or work permit

Must have a passion for service & warm, gracious hospitality

Must be a team player & willing to work hard,
including weekends & public holidays

Must be willing to learn & grow

Please send CV to
schooneoordt@gmail.com





GUESTHOUSE MANAGER - AAN DE LEISURE COLLECTION | SWELLENDAM

JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM!

Aan de Leisure Collection is looking for an enthusiastic and energetic Guesthouse Manager to oversee our established guesthouses in Swellendam. If you have a passion for the hospitality industry and enjoy working with people, we would love to hear from you. The suitable candidate will receive a locally competitive salary.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous experience in the hospitality industry will be advantageous.
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to motivate, manage, and lead a general staff complement.
- Excellent customer service and communication skills.
- Strong administrative, financial, and organisational abilities.
- The ability to manage all aspects of guesthouse operations, including reservations, maintenance, and day-to-day operations.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office.
- Professional appearance with exceptional attention to detail.
- Willingness to work weekends, public holidays, and flexible hours.
- Own reliable transport and a valid driver's licence will be advantageous.
- Must reside in Swellendam.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS:

- Friendly, reliable, and self-motivated.
- A natural leader with a positive attitude.
- Able to remain calm under pressure and demonstrate strong problem-solving skills.
- Passionate about hospitality, with the knowledge and ability to create memorable guest experiences.
- A team player with excellent interpersonal skills.

APPLICATIONS:

Please email your CV to marketing@adlc.co.za before or on 21 August. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



Join our

SATURDAY MARKET TEAM!



EARN BETWEEN
R1,200 AND R1,500
PER MONTH

for working
SATURDAY MORNINGS

AT UNDER THE OAKS MARKET



We're looking for friendly, reliable people who enjoy working with customers in a vibrant outdoor market.



GREAT
ATMOSPHERE



BE PART OF
OUR COMMUNITY



WEEKEND
WORK ONLY



WORK UNDER
THE OAKS!



INTERESTED?

Apply today!

Info@undertheoaks.co.za

Let's make Saturdays special!

USEFUL NUMBERS



VETS & PETS

VETERINARIANS IN SWELLENDAM:

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

Swellendam Dierehospitaal: Dr Zelná 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



Save our number

Stay updated on the latest news & info,
and have SBC's contact number handy
in case of an emergency.

077 422 6980

Swellendam Bewarea
Conservancy Contact number





SWELLENDAM

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:



AMBULANCE SERVICES



Police and Ambulance Emergencies (toll-free from cell phone). **10177** or **112**

Provincial EMS dispatch **028 212 9111** or **082 212 9000**

Er24 **0860 132 2322**

Netcare 911 **028 514 1320**

SAFETY



Lt Col J.J. Tiemie (Station Commander SAPS) **082 778 6935**

Capitan Green (SAPS) **082 302 2813**

Swellendam / Buffeljagsrivier **028 514 8100** or **079 894 1439**

Barrydale **10111** or **028 572 8100**

Suurbraak **10111** or **028 522 8000**

Plaaswag SOS **082 4922496** or **082 464 5739** or **082 864 4691**

Crimestop **0860010111**

TRAFFIC



Francois Stuart (SWD Provincial Traffic Manager) **028 425 1690**

Arrive Alive call centre **0861 400 800**

HEALTH



Swellendam Hospital Front desk **028 514 1142**

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

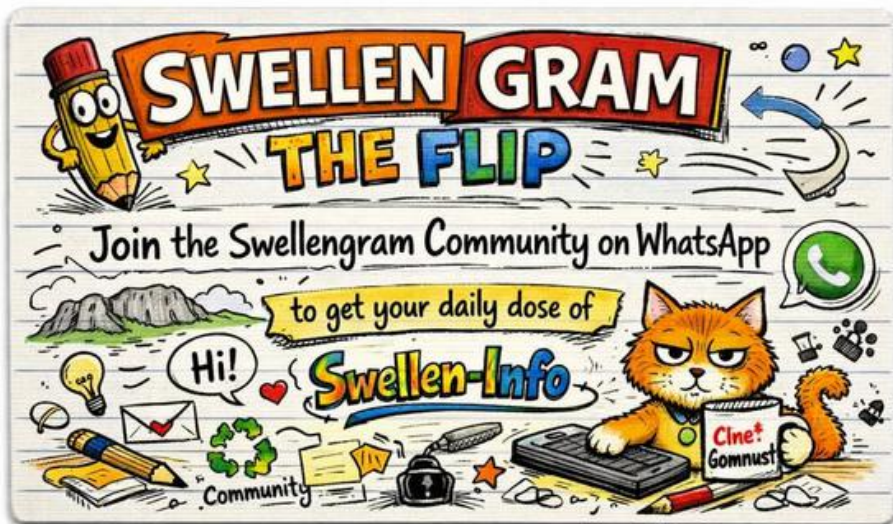
25 December,
Christmas Day

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.

