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This year, we're immensely proud to share that Wildebraam Berry Estate has been awarded ten Gold Awards at the South African National Preserve Championships. These awards are a tribute to the skill and artistry of our cooks, who have poured years of dedication into perfecting each recipe. Every preserve is the result of countless hours of careful craftsmanship, and today we stand proudly, knowing that this has been recognized on a national level. But this achievement isn't ours alone.

We're proud to bring home these gold awards for Swellendam. It means so much to showcase the talent and quality rooted here. This recognition belongs to every member of the Wildebraam family, from our dedicated kitchen team, to management, to front of house and to all behind the scenes who work tirelessly to achieve the highest standards.

Thank you to our loyal customers and the Swellendam community. Your support makes achievements like this possible, and we look forward to continuing to craft preserves that make both our customers and our community proud.



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The Cheese Shop, Swellendam

A proudly local stop for travellers, food lovers, and anyone who appreciates well made, thoughtfully sourced products



Just two kilometres outside Swellendam on the R60, The Cheese Shop is that easy, proudly-local stop where platter dreams begin. Shelves stacked with creamy, bold, crumbly and beautifully crafted cheeses from our region make it a favourite for anyone who loves good flavour and thoughtful sourcing.

If you're building a platter this weekend, think blue with pears and walnuts, camembert with warm bread and a drizzle of olive oil, or a sharp hard cheese paired with grapes and a spoon of Wildebraam jam..

Locals love us because we're close enough for a quick pop-in, yet just far enough outside town to feel like a treat

Fresh breads, Wildebraam favourites, pantry essentials and a few irresistible comforts; all waiting for you daily.

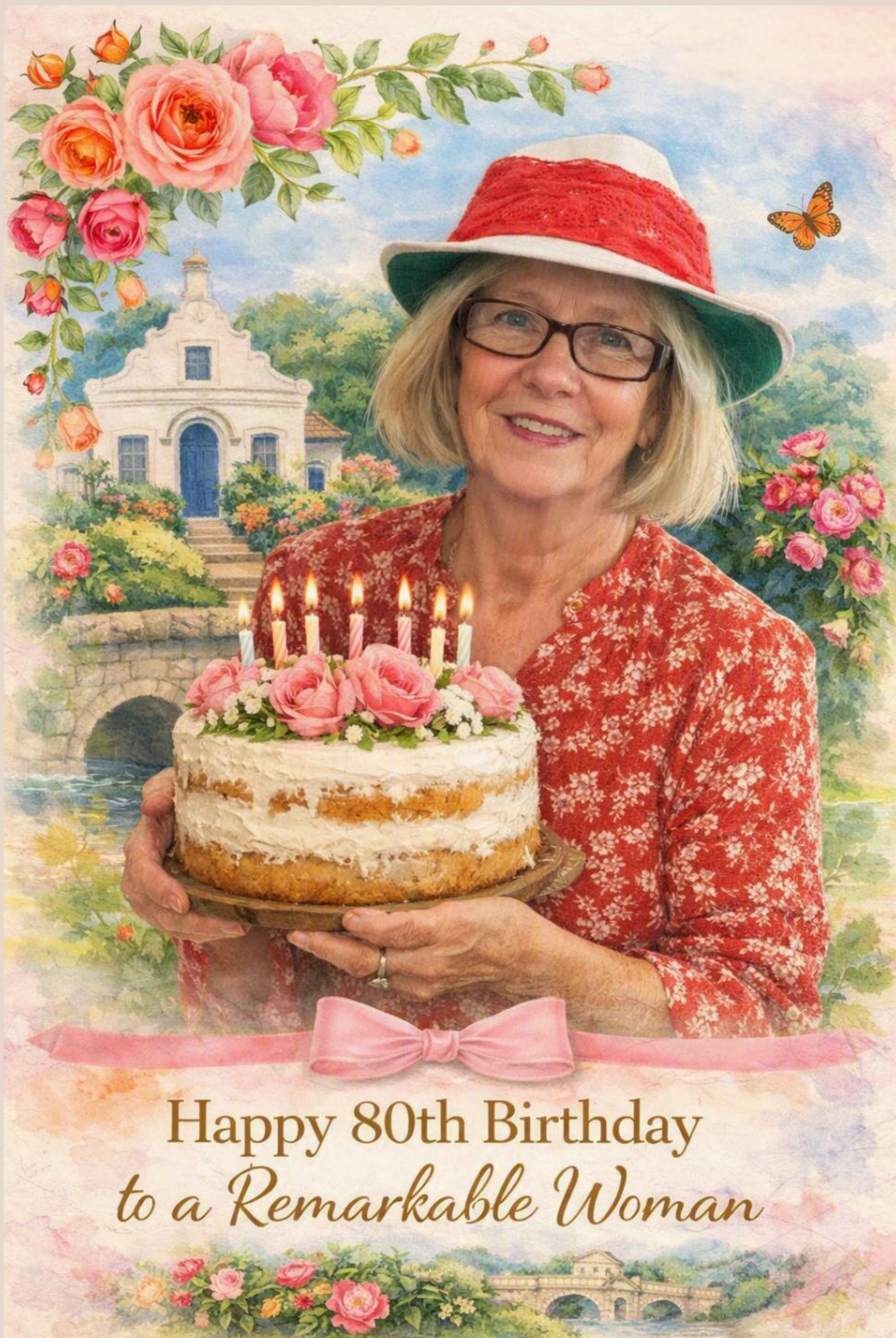


A PERFECT STOP FOR SWELLENDAM RESIDENTS WHO KNOW GOOD FLAVOUR IS NEVER FAR FROM HOME.

Imagine going to a party with this lot!

*Last Chance To nominate someone For this 'Remarkable Women' series,
CLICK HERE: [NOMINATE](#)*





Happy 80th Birthday
to a Remarkable Woman

REMARKABLE WOMEN OF SWELLENDAM:

CAROL ANN PODD

By Lyra of Swellendam — Ginger Chronicler of Human Kindness,

Some humans carry light quietly, and Swellendam is fortunate that Carol Ann Podd chose to shine hers here. Born in London in 1946, Carol's life has been a tapestry of learning, teaching, travelling and creating — stitched together with curiosity, compassion and a steady willingness to serve her community.

From Zambia to Chicago, Johannesburg to Swellendam, Carol gathered experiences the way cats gather sunbeams: deliberately, gratefully, and with an eye for the interesting.

She taught children, researched history, championed environmental education, painted, gardened, crafted, and helped conceptualise the original Swellendam Alive project long before the town realised how much it needed such energy.

But it is her work in heritage that has left pawprints across Swellendam. As Secretary, Chair and long time guiding spirit of the Swellendam Heritage Association, Carol helped restore stories, structures and spaces that might otherwise have faded.

The Mayville Rose Garden, the Sugar Bridge efforts, the Treasures of Swellendam publication, blue plaques, symposiums, archives — her quiet leadership strengthened the bones of this town.



And then, of course, there is her legendary service to the Bowls Club, where along with all her achievements she bravely mentored the Swellengram Business League team for three consecutive years. Under her patient coaching, the team rose triumphantly from last to second last — a feat I consider nothing short of miraculous. (I have seen these humans play. Carol deserves a medal. Or at least a very large cake.)

Today, Carol turns 80, sharing her birthday with the beloved writer Maria Elizabeth Rothmann. It will be her first without Mike, whose absence is felt deeply. Yet Carol remains a gentle, gracious presence — loved by her community, adored by her at Bogan, and admired by this ginger chronicler.

A remarkable woman indeed

REMARKABLE WOMEN OF SWELLENDAM:

M.E.R

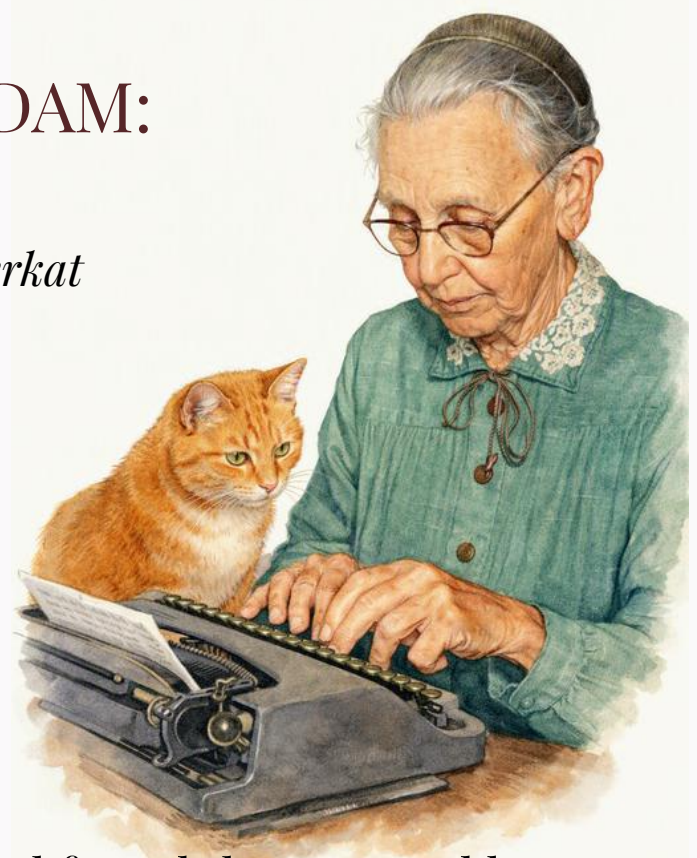
By Lyra of Swellendam, Great Great Grandkit of Mevrou Mierkat

Humans like to pretend history is written by people. Adorable. In truth, much of South Africa's literary heritage was shaped by paws — specifically those of Mevrou Mierkat, the sleek, sharp-eyed Swellendam cat who lived alongside Maria Elizabeth Rothmann (M.E.R.), born on 28 August 1875 — a date I naturally celebrate, as it is also the birthday of my human's friend Carol Podd

MER is one of Swellendam's most luminous literary figures, but textbooks forget that she shared her home, her writing desk, and occasionally her breakfast with Mevrou Mierkat, who passed down her stories through the Ginger Line until they reached me. So allow me, Lyra, to correct the record.

MER was born right here in Swellendam, long before humans invented Wi-Fi or the Flip Book. She was among the first South African women to attend university — a fact Mevrou Mierkat often bragged about while sitting directly on MER's lecture notes. MER earned her B.A. at the South African College (now UCT), then taught in Johannesburg, Grahamstown and finally back home. Humans say she married a school principal in 1902 and had two children, Koos and Anna (also a writer). Mevrou Mierkat says the marriage ended because MER preferred cats to principals. Entirely plausible.

Her writing career began in 1918 in the Lowveld, but blossomed at Die Boerevrou and later Die Burger, where she became the first woman editor. Mevrou Mierkat claims she edited several articles herself by walking across the page at crucial moments. Again — plausible..



MER helped found the Voortrekkers youth movement, served on the Carnegie Commission, travelled the country investigating social issues, and even visited the United States on a Carnegie grant. She collected awards the way I collect compliments: Hertzog Prize (1953), Scheepersprys vir Jeugliteratuur (1961), Tienie Holloway medal (1970). Two honorary doctorates followed, because humans need paperwork to confirm brilliance.

She lived to 100, passing away ten days after her birthday at her home Kom nader — a name Mevrou Mierkat insists was inspired by her habit of summoning MER for snacks.

MER's writing was known for its ethical, didactic, culturally rich portrayal of a bygone Afrikaans world. But what made her stories truly special was her uncanny ability to portray animals — dogs, farm creatures, and yes, cats — with realism and empathy. Mevrou Mierkat assures me she provided all the emotional research.

So today, on MER's birthday, I honour not only a remarkable Swellendam woman, but also the forgotten feline who shaped her imagination. Without Mevrou Mierkat, MER might still have been brilliant — but far less accurate about cats.

Accuracy, as you know, is everything

 Lyra

ADOPT
Me! 



Swellendam
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DATE OF BIRTH
01 November 2025



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COMMUNITY NEWS

UPDATES & INFO



Fees at
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Swellendam
Social
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Garden
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EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Lyra's
Library



CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES IN SWELLENDAM!

We're putting together goodie bags for Bev Missing's upcoming 'Newcomers to Swellendam' event and would love to include local businesses and services.

If you would like to introduce your business to newcomers, please send or drop off business cards, flyers, brochures, vouchers or any promotional information you'd like us to include @ 23 Auge street.

Let's give our newcomers a warm welcome while showcasing the wonderful local businesses that make Swellendam so special! ❤️

Please contact 078 367 9362 if you'd like to participate.

We cordially invite
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Swellendam



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FIRST FRIDAY | HELLO SPRING!

Spring has arrived in Swellendam, and we're celebrating with another First Friday on Friday, 4 September!

As the days get longer and the town starts to bloom, come out and enjoy an evening of local shops, restaurants, galleries, live music, good food, drinks and plenty of reasons to explore town.

First Friday is about bringing our community together, supporting local businesses and enjoying everything that makes Swellendam such a special place to live, visit and explore.

Bring your friends, get out into town and make an evening of it.



**HELLO SPRING.
HELLO FIRST FRIDAY.
FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER SWELLENDAM
FROM 5PM ONWARDS**



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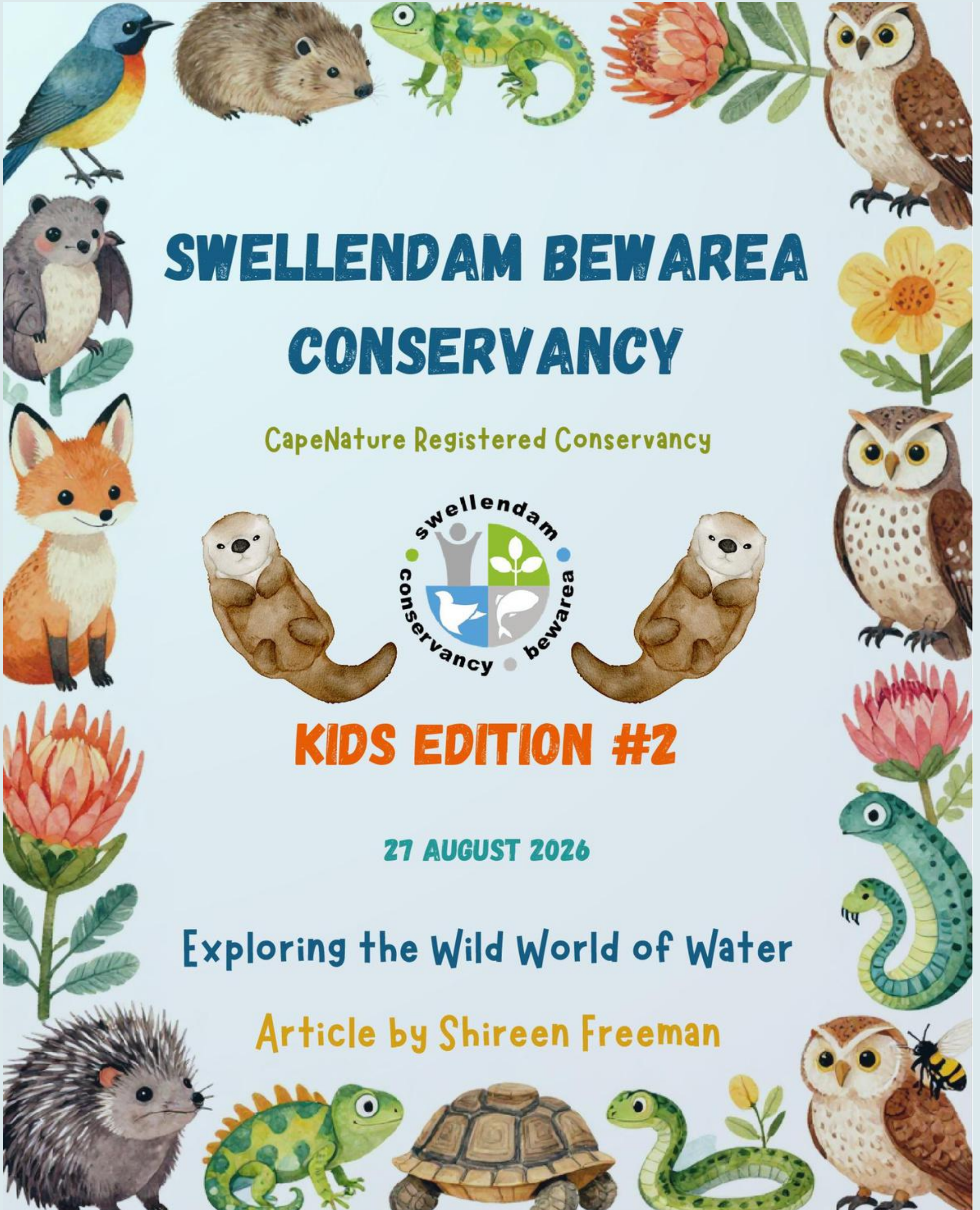


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27 AUGUST 2026

Exploring the Wild World of Water

Article by Shireen Freeman





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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- BEd Degree or Diploma in Education (4 years) OR a 3 year degree as well as a Post Graduate Certificate in Education
- Fully bilingual and comfortable teaching in both languages
- Computer Literate
- Knowledge of CAPS (Planning, Assessment, Moderation and Intervention)

Please Note: Remedial background will be in candidates favour.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR APPLICATION:

- Complete CV
- Matric Certificate
- ID Document
- Qualification(s)
- SACE Certificate
- Police Clearance Certificate
- Certified copies of academic transcripts
- Two (or more) contactable references, not older than 2 years

Applications may be sent to: Principal, Ms Andrée van der Vyver

Email: college.olyfkrans@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 6 October 2026

Appointment Date: 1 January 2027

General Enquiries: Ms Nel-Marié Loots college.olyfkrans@gmail.com | 028 514 1112

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the school reserves the right to not make an appointment.



Domestic Worker

Job available for a Domestic worker in Swellendam.

Applicant must have:

A South African ID, if foreign, a valid passport and working permit is required.

Previous working experience with cleaning

Must have at least two contactable references

Must be fluent in English and or Afrikaans

Honest, hardworking and reliable

Must be willing to work on weekends from time to time

Must be able to work without supervision

No criminal record

Sober habits is a must!

Job available immediately

Please send your CV to
admin@bromberg.co.za

BYEBOERDERY WERKSGELEENTHEID!

ASSISTENT BYEBOER

📍 HEIDELBERG / RIVERSDAL-OMGEWING

Ubusi Beekeeping (Pty) Ltd. is op soek na 'n passievolle, hardwerkende en betroubare persoon om by ons kommersiële byeboerdery aan te sluit as 'n Assistent Byeboer, met verantwoordelikheid vir die Heidelberg- en Riversdal-omgewing.

Die werk behels die daaglikse bestuur en uitbreiding van ons byeboerdery in die gebied, met die fokus op die gesondheid, beskerming, sterkte en produktiviteit van byekolonies.

VERANTWOORDELIKHEDE

- 🐝 Verkryging en instandhouding van geskikte staanplekke vir byekorwe
- 🐝 Oes van heuning gedurende die heuningseisoen
- 🐝 Gereelde inspeksie van byekorwe en monitering van byegesondheid, swermsterkte en produktiwiteit
- 🐝 Identifisering, bestuur en beheer van siektes en plae in byekorwe, asook die implementering van voorkomende maatreëls en behandelingsprogramme waar nodig
- 🐝 Akkurate rekordhouding van korwe, swermgetalle, staanplekke, produksie en ander relevante inligting
- 🐝 Vervoer en verskuiwing van produksieswerms na nektarbronne en vir bestuiwingsdienste (werk voor sonsopkoms en buite normale werksure kan nodig wees)
- 🐝 Bestuiwingsdienslewering op gewasse, insluitend korfplasing, monitering en reëlins met produsente en grondeienaars
- 🐝 Vermeerdering en opbou van byekolonies om produksieswermgetalle te verhoog
- 🐝 Verwydering en hervestiging van bye waar nodig
- 🐝 Algemene instandhouding van korwe, toerusting, voertuie, staanplekke en werksareas

VEREISTES

- ✓ Matriek
- ✓ Ervaring in byeboerdery sal voorkeur geniet, maar ons is bereid om 'n gemotiveerde persoon met 'n sterk belangstelling in bye op te lei
- ✓ Die kandidaat moet 'n belangstelling in landbou hê en daarvan hou om buite en in die natuur te werk
- ✓ Moet fisies geskik wees vir praktiese werk en die hantering en vervoer van byekorwe
- ✓ Moet nie allergies wees vir bystekte nie
- ✓ Sterk werksetiek, verantwoordelikeheidsin en goeie aandag aan detail en netheid
- ✓ Uitstekende kommunikasie- en spanwerkvaardighede
- ✓ Sober gewoontes
- ✓ Moet Afrikaans en Engels kan praat
- ✓ Geldige rybewys
- ✓ Bereidwilligheid om, wanneer die werk dit vereis, vroegoggend, saans en buite normale werksure te werk
- ✓ Kandidate wat vertrouwd is met die Heidelberg/Riversdal-omgewing, plaaslike landbou en grondeienaars sal voorkeur geniet

ONS BIED AAN

💰 Salaris, produksiebonus en ander voordele, wat tydens die onderhoud bespreek sal word

📅 Die geleentheid om grootliks jou eie werksdag te beplan en verantwoordelikheid vir 'n bepaalde operasionele gebied te aanvaar

📈 Potensiaal vir loopbaangroei en ontwikkeling binne Ubusi Beekeeping

📖 Praktiese opleiding en die geleentheid om nuwe vaardighede aan te leer en jou kennis van byeboerdery uit te brei



📅 **SLUITINGSDATUM:**
19 OKTOBER 2026

✉️ **AANSOEK:**
Stuur jou CV na:
jw@ubusibeekeeping.com

👥 Indien u nie voor **23 Oktober 2026** deur ons gekontak word nie, kan u aanvaar u aansoek onsuksesvol was.

Werk met die natuur. Bou met passie. Groei saam met die bye.



la sosta

WE'RE HIRING!

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La Sosta is a family owned restaurant and guesthouse in Swellendam, focused on seasonal food, thoughtful service and genuine hospitality.

We're looking for professional, dependable people who take pride in their work and thrive in a small, high-standard team.

We value

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RELIABLE & CONSISTENT
CALM UNDER PRESSURE
STRONG ATTENTION TO DETAIL
WARM, CONFIDENT GUEST INTERACTION
GENUINE INTEREST IN FOOD, WINE & HOSPITALITY



**TO APPLY:
YOUR CV · RECENT PHOTO
SHORT MOTIVATION LETTER
TWO CONTACTABLE REFERENCES**

LASOSTA.APPLICATIONS@GMAIL.COM



SWELLENDAM BASED

Accommodation is not provided.



LEGAL RIGHT TO WORK

Valid documentation required.



THE BERRY GUEST FARM

WE ARE HIRING



DIGITAL MANAGER

We are looking for a creative, organised and self-motivated Digital Marketing & Administration Manager to join our team.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Live in Swellendam or the surrounding area.
- Be available for partial on-site work when required.
- Have their own reliable computer/laptop and internet connection.
- Have experience with: Canva, Facebook / Meta, Instagram, Photo editing, Social media management
- Be highly organised and detail-oriented.
- Be able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Have good communication skills.
- Be reliable, proactive and willing to take initiative.
- Be comfortable learning and using new computer systems.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Social media management – Facebook & Instagram
- Content creation – Canva, photography & photo editing
- Online marketing & promotions
- Wix website updates & basic SEO
- Online bookings & guest communication
- General digital administration & data capturing
- Spreadsheets, filing and office administration



Send your CV and portfolio to:



082 078 5541



info@theberryguestfarm.com

Subject: Digital Manager Application_Your Name

@theberryguestfarm

LOOPBAANGELEENTHEID / SWELLENDAMHR- E PAYROLLBESTUURDER

BVSA Swellendam is op soek na 'n ervare, professionele en selfstandige HR- en Payrollbestuurder om by ons dinamiese span aan te sluit.

Dorp Swellendam **Aanvangsdatum** So spoedig moontlik

Die rol

Die suksesvolle kandidaat sal verantwoordelik wees vir die bestuur van kliënte se salarisadministrasie en werknemersbelastingfunksies, asook die volledige menslikehulpbronfunksie vir BVSA se interne personeel. Die pos vereis uitstekende administratiewe vaardighede, 'n sterk begrip van arbeids- en belastingwetgewing en die vermoë om vertroulike aangeleenthede professioneel te hanteer.

Kernverantwoordelikhede

Payroll en statutêre administrasie vir kliënte

- Verwerk en bestuur kliënte se salarisse op PaySpace.
- Administreer werknemersbelastingverpligtinge, insluitend EMP201-opgawes, EMP501-rekonsiliasies en IRP5-sertifikate.
- Hanteer UIF en ander statutêre registrasies, wysigings en verpligtinge.
- Hanteer COIDA/Ongevalleversekering vir kliënte.
- Verskaf payroll-advies en ondersteuning aan kliënte.

Interne HR-funksie

- Bestuur die volledige HR-funksie vir BVSA se personeel.
- Stel dienskontrakte op en administreer en bewaar personeelrekords.
- Ontwikkel, implementeer en onderhou HR-beleide en -prosedures.
- Hanteer aanstellings-, oriënterings- en diensbeëindigingsprosesse.
- Ondersteun bestuur met personeelverwante aangeleenthede.
- Hanteer dissiplinêre prosesse, griewe en ander arbeidsverhoudinge-aangeleenthede.
- Verseker voldoening aan toepaslike arbeidswetgewing.
- Bevorder goeie werknemersverhoudinge en ondersteun personeelwelstand.

Minimum vereistes

- 'n Kwalifikasie in Menslikehulpbronbestuur, Arbeidsverhoudinge of 'n verwante veld.
- Minstens drie jaar relevante ervaring in HR- en salarisadministrasie.
- Praktiese PaySpace-ervaring sal 'n sterk aanbeveling wees.
- Goeie kennis van Suid-Afrikaanse arbeidswetgewing, salarisadministrasie, PAYE, UIF, ander werknemersbelastingvereistes en COIDA/Ongevalleversekering.
- Sterk administratiewe en organisatoriese vaardighede.
- Uitstekende kommunikasie- en interpersoonlike vaardighede.
- 'n Hoë vlak van professionele etiek en die vermoë om vertroulike inligting diskreet te hanteer.
- Die vermoë om onafhanklik te werk en verskeie sperdatums gelyktydig te bestuur.
- Ervaring in 'n professionele diensfirma of rekenmeesterspraktyk sal tot voordeel strek.

HOE OM AANSOEK TE DOEN

Stuur jou CV en ondersteunende dokumente aan loopbane@bvsa.co.za teen **30 September 2026**.



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SCHOONE OORDT
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1853

DINNER SERVICE STAFF REQUIRED

Seasonal contract

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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
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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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 29	18:00	Murder Mystery Dinner	Schoone Oordt	Swellendam
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	17:00	FIRST FRIDAY	Various Venues	Swellendam
Sep 4	09:00	Luna Paige Mauritz Lotz	Teatro @ 10	Swellendam
Sep 4	18:00	Making a Mark exhb	Arterie	Swellendam
Sep 5	09:00	Lentemark	Hervormde Kerk tuin	Swellendam
Sep 5	09:00	Langeberg Fees	Jan Harmsgat	Swellendam
Sep 5	19:00	Halman	Wildebraam Berry Estate	Swellendam
Sep 6	08:30	Int. Soccer Tournament	Powell Stadium	Swellendam
Sep 11	18:00	Karoo Stars	The Bellanti, KAH	Barrydale
Sep 12	09:30	Tjhoko Workshop	MeubelMark	Swellendam
Sep 12	09:00	Spring Hat Festival	Under the Oaks	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

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING: A GARDEN ROUTE RECITAL TOUR

Music lovers along the Garden Route are in for an exceptional treat this September as three celebrated South African artists join forces for a week-long recital tour. From 14–20 September 2026, soprano Lynelle Kenned, baritone William Berger, and pianist Elna van der Merwe will present *Some Enchanted Evening*, a programme that blends operatic favourites, golden-age musical theatre, and beloved Afrikaans songs

The tour includes six performances across Knysna, George, Oudtshoorn, Mossel Bay, **Swellendam**, and Napier, hosted in a mix of historic churches and distinctive local venues such as the Karoo Ostrich Emporium and **Olyfkrans College**. Audiences can expect music from Mozart, Bizet, and Puccini, alongside classics from *South Pacific*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *West Side Story*.



Lynelle Kenned, an award-winning soprano, is known for her work on stage and screen, with standout roles in *West Side Story* and *The Sound of Music*. Her career includes collaborations with major orchestras and recognition through the Fleur du Cap Theatre Award, Fiësta Award, Naledi Theatre Award, and Woordtrofee.

Internationally acclaimed baritone **William Berger** brings a global pedigree to the tour. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music in London, he has performed at leading opera houses worldwide. His recordings include *Hommage à Trois*, *Insomnia: A Nocturnal Voyage in Song*, and *Duet*, and his accolades range from the Lucerne Festival Prize to the Cape Town Theatre Award.



SWELLENDAM MUSIC SOCIETY

Presents

‘SOME ENCHANTED EVENING’



ELNA VAN DER MERWE — LYNELLE KENNED — WILLIAM BERGER

Experience the thrill of opera, the warmth of Afrikaans and the
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IF YOUR KID LOVES FOOTBALL, AND IS
BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8-14 THEN PLEASE
REGISTER THEM FOR THIS UNFORGETTABLE
FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE.

SWELLENDAM UNITED WILL BE INTEGRATING WITH
HILLSIDE ACADEMY AND OTHER LOCAL FOOTBALL
CLUBS AND PLAYERS FOR A DAY OF FOOTBALL,
FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE.



7 A SIDE
TEAMS



AGES
8 - 13



INTERNATIONAL
EXPERIENCE



FRIENDSHIPS
WITHOUT
BORDERS



FUN, FAIR PLAY
& MEMORIES

IN ASSOCIATION WITH



LEGENDS
SOCCER SCHOOL



DATE:
SUNDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER



TIME:
8H30 - 15H30



VENUE:
POWEL STADIUM,
KERK STREET,
SWELLENDAM
(DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

IF YOUR KID LOVES SOCCER, TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

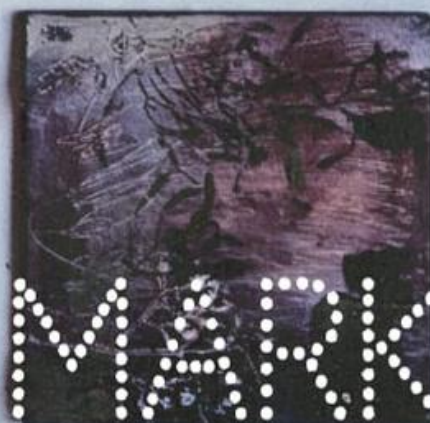
★ **CONTACT** ★



082 925 2262



Swellendam United FC | #TOGETHERWEARESTRONG



a new exhibition

MAKING A MARK

preview

First Friday
4 September
18h00

opening

5 September
11h00

until end October
at gallery ARTERIE
6 Voortrek street
Swellendam

VLEISFEES

★ NG BUFFELJAGSRIVIER ★

29 AUGUSTUS



VLEISVERKOPE

— vanaf —

15h00



RUGBY

OP GROOT SKERM

17h00

(BRING EIE DRINKGOED)



GROOT VERSKEIDENHEID VLEIS



**HALWE/HEEL LAMMERS TE KOOP
@ R135/kg**



WILDSPASTEIE



**HEERLIKE SOSATIES,
HAMBURGERS EN CHIPS EN VELE MEER.**



UITSTALLERS.



MOET DIT NIE MISLOOP NIE!

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!**

HAMAN

MAGICAL CELLO CONCERT

*Also with virtuoso (and spontaneous)
keyboard, voice, flutes, movement and words -
with virtual orchestral accompaniments!*



Sat 5 Sept 2026 | 19h00 | Wildebraam Berry Estate

S4, Hermitage Valley, Bethel St, Swellendam, 6740

R150 | Bring your own picnic basket and refreshments

BOOK WITH NATALIE 0813270943 INFO@WILDEBRAAM.COZA

"From a grand orchestral cellist to a mad man ..

A perfect balance of classical artfulness and playful inspiration"

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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 chats.

BUY LOCAL • SAVE SMART • SUPPORT COMMUNITY

SELLAGRAM – Swellendam's trusted local sales network

Updated Weekly • Free listings • Community-driven

SELLAGRAM

FOR SALE

**WALKER / WHEELCHAIR WITH
BRAKES AND SHOPPING BASKET**

- New, never used
- Includes brakes and shopping basket
- Converts easily between walker and wheelchair



R2,500

Contact 082 409 3252 (WhatsApp Only)

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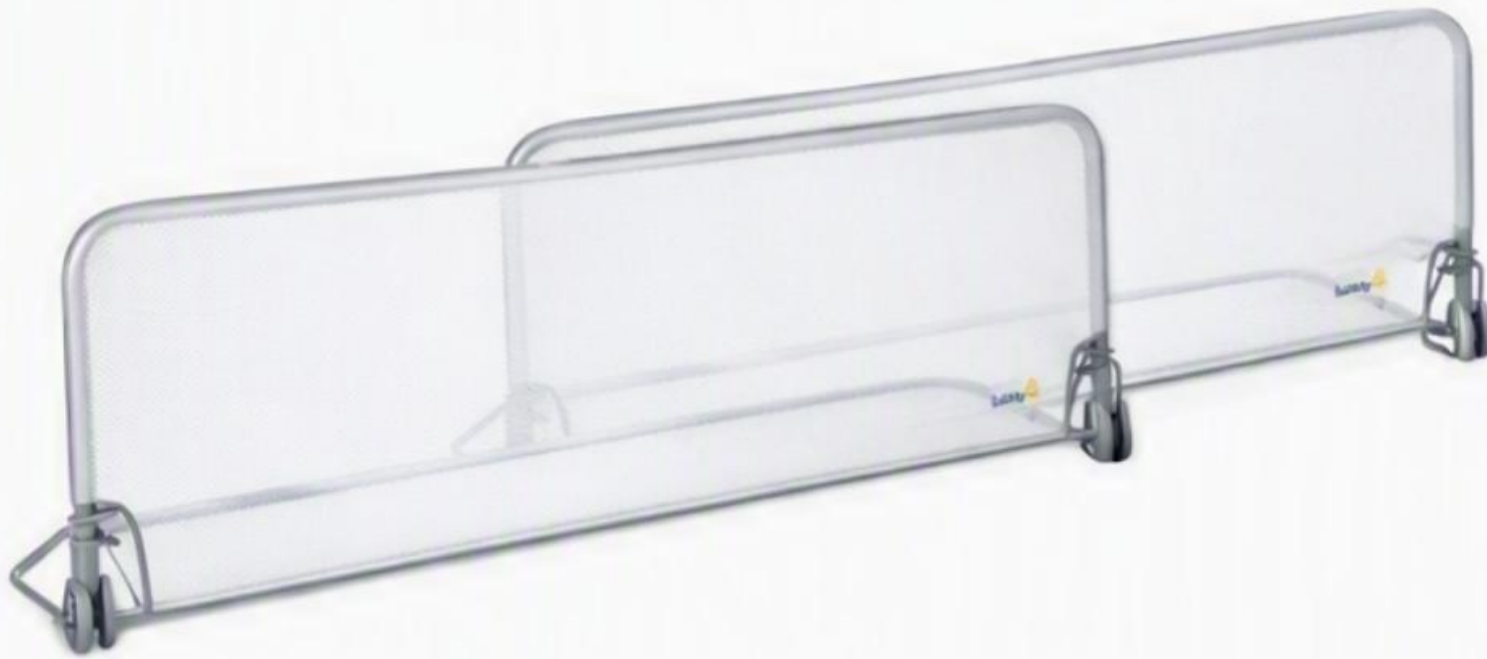
SELLAGRAM

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

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)
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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)
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WhatsApp: 083 251 7274

SELLAGRAM

VIKING GE150 SHREDDER



Key Features:

- 2.2 KW Electric Motor (1.8 kW Rated)
- Shreds Branches up to 35 mm Thick
- Combined Chipping & Shredding Blade
- Mounted on Wheels for Easy Transport

Price: R1,250

Contact: Ray – 072 703 8851 (WhatsApp Only)

SELLAGRAM

OUTBACK GAS BRAAI



Note: Gas Braai has a powder coated grey lid (not Stainless Steel as pictured)

Key Features:

- 6 Cast-Iron Burners & 2 Porcelain-Coated Grills
 - 1 Flat/Ribbed Griddle & 2 Lava-Rock Baskets
 - Spark Rotary Ignition, Warming Rack
 - Powder Coated Grey Lid with Temperature Gauge
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- Includes 2 Spare Lava-Rock Packs & Protective Cover
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Price: R4,500

Contact: Ray – 072 703 8851 (WhatsApp Only)

SELLAGRAM

EXERCISE BIKE

Fitness Cardio Spinning Exercise Bike



KEY FEATURES:

- LED digital display panel (scan, speed, calorie, time, distance)
- 6 kg flywheel, adjustable handlebar & seat
- Supports up to 150 kg user weight
- Ideal for indoor fitness, stamina, weight management

Price: R1,500



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



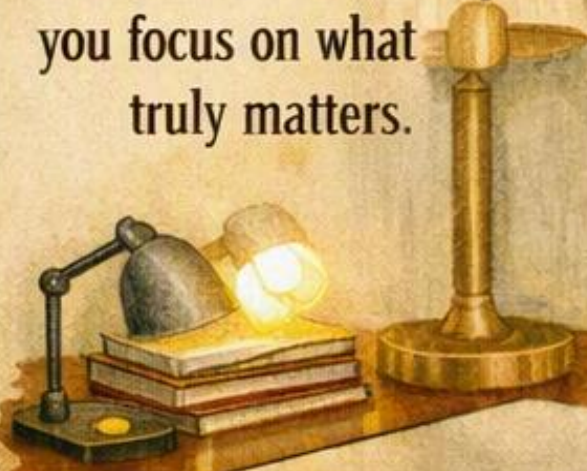
Celebrate Simplify Your Life Week

The Benefits of Simplifying Your Life



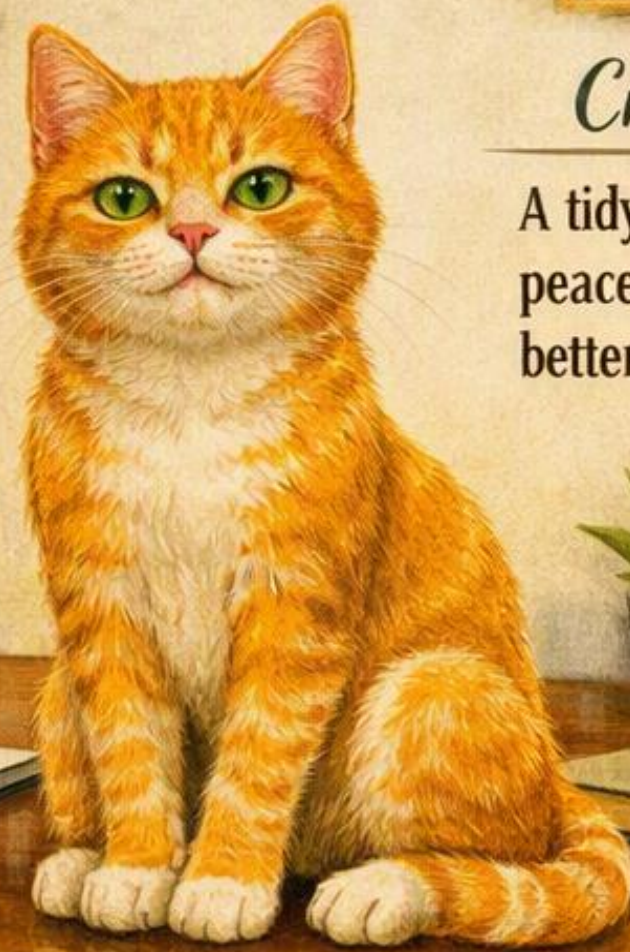
Calms the Mind

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.

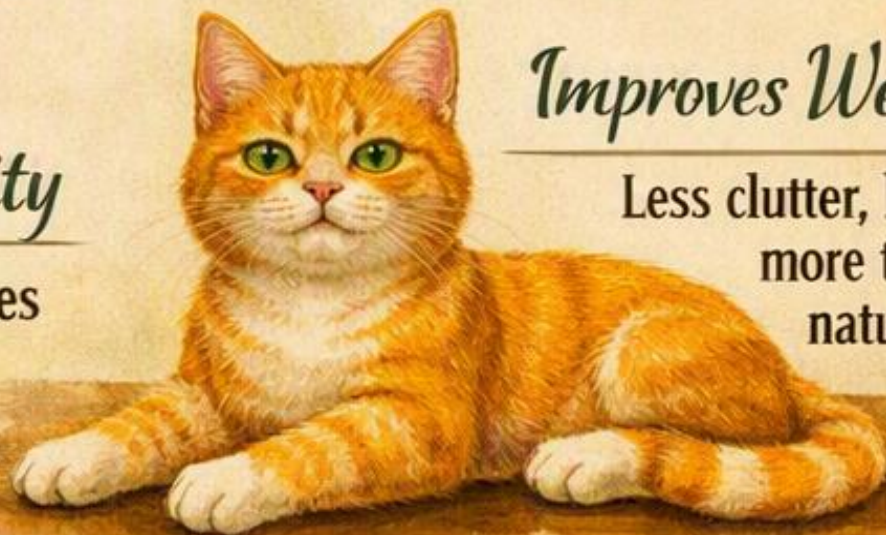


Supports Sustainability

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](#).



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	24
Provincial EMS dispatch	028 212 9111 or 082 212 9000	24
Er24	0860 132 2322	SOS 24
Netcare 911	028 514 1320	SOS 24

SAFETY



Lt Col J.J. Tiemie (Station Commander SAPS)	082 778 6935	SOS
Capitan Green (SAPS)	082 302 2813	SOS
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	SOS 24
Crimestop	0860010111	SOS 24

TRAFFIC



Francois Stuart (SWD Provincial Traffic Manager)	028 425 1690	
Arrive Alive call centre	0861 400 800	SOS 24

HEALTH



Swellendam Hospital Front desk	028 514 1142	24
Swellendam Hospital Clinic	028 514 8450	
Life Line social	084 124	SOS 24
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#	SOS 24
!Xairu Snake Relocation	072 338 4033	
Poisons Information Hotline	0861 555 777	SOS 24

DISASTERS - Floods, fires, major incidents



Control / After hours	028 425 1157	SOS 24
Overberg District Fire	028 425 1690 or 063 690 7899	SOS 24
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	SOS 24

HENDRIK SWELLENGREBEL AIRFIELD / LUGHAW



Marius Heyneman	082 556 8184	
Werner Steenkamp	082 330 7333	SOS

SWELLENDAM MUNICIPALITY



Swellendam
Municipality
WhatsApp
Channel

WhatsApp Lines: Infrastructure Services	067 435 1733	WhatsApp
Credit Control	072 237 8727	WhatsApp
Community Services	072 525 0764	WhatsApp
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	

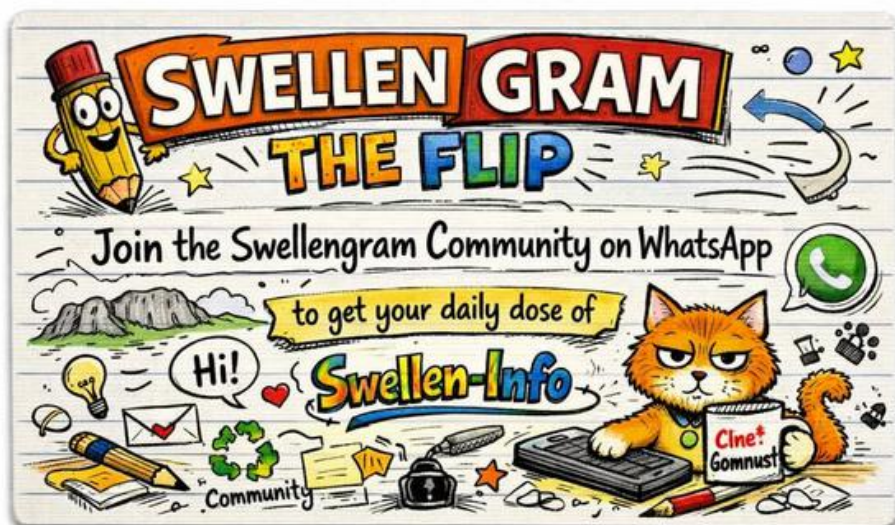
Public & School Holidays

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.

