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Dear Readers,

As the seasons shift and we welcome autumn’s golden hues, I want to take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary community spirit that defines Greyton and its surroundings..

A heartfelt thank you must go to our incredible volunteer firefighters and their families who receive the exhausted, hungry and thirsty crew once the fires are safely put out. The recent fire in February was a stark reminder of the ever-present risk we face, but thanks to their tireless efforts, the Overberg helicopter’s critical water drops, and a fortunate turn in the wind, we didn’t lose a single house or property. It was a close call, and a moment for us all to dig deep and do what we can to keep our valley safe from future fires.

With this in mind, fundraising efforts are now underway and recently, a firetruck has been purchased with a generous anonymous donation through Rotary international. Funds

will continue to be raised to ensure we have a functioning and effective fire service for the valley —a vital step in ensuring quicker response times and greater protection for our community. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to this goal, and I encourage everyone to support in whatever way they can.

As always, my deepest gratitude goes to our readers, writers, and advertisers. Your continued support keeps The Greyton Post thriving and allows us to share the stories that make this valley so special.

Here’s to another season of connection, kindness, and working together to protect and uplift our community.

With appreciation and warm wishes,



Paula Ansley
Editor, The Greyton Post

A poem by Shani (Instagram: @blondiepoems)

The frog sat next to the prophet,
and croaked into the moonlight –
for the fool was in the midst
& transformation was drawn upon the night sky
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and wits about –
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tonight &
metamorphosis
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Building While Flying: Raising Funds To Support A Fire Service In A Small South African Community

Mike Ash

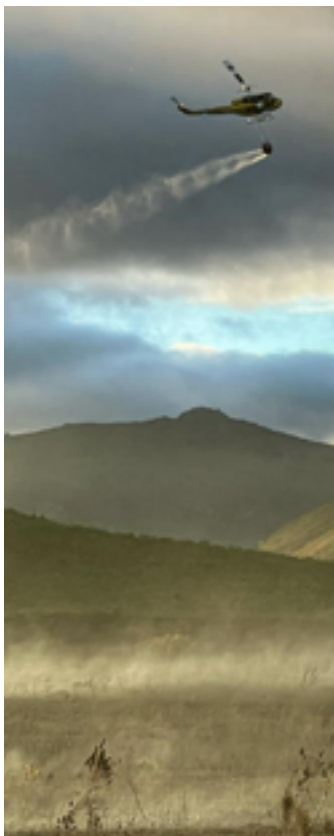
The recent fire behind Park Street was a stark reminder of how vulnerable we are. The realisation that homes, livelihoods, and lives could be lost in an instant—and that we lack the proper equipment to fight back—was a sobering one. Thanks to quick action by local volunteers, the Overberg District helicopter team dropping water bombs, and a fortunate break in the wind, disaster was averted. No one was hurt, no property was lost.

But next time, we might not be so lucky.

For many, this will simply be another event in 'fire season'—an accepted part of life in South Africa. But the truth is, containing that fire required a small team, led by Gavin Jones and Simon Struben, to assess the threat, call for reinforcements, and direct a solution. These people are not paid professionals.

They are volunteers, driven by a sense of duty and community responsibility to protect this valley from destruction at risk to themselves and their own families.

Fire services are called essential for a reason. They are the backbone of safety, the infrastructure that allows us to live, work, and welcome visitors with peace of mind. But until you've faced a wall of flames, moving faster than you can run,



bearing down on your home, your family, your pets, and everything you've built, you cannot truly appreciate the relief of seeing help arrive.

At that moment, if asked for a donation, you wouldn't hesitate. You'd give as much as you could, because gratitude in the face of survival is a powerful thing.

The challenge now is convincing people to act before disaster strikes. Memories fade. Relief turns to ambivalence. There is always another call on your funds.

But fire doesn't wait. Climate change, reckless arsonists, tragic accidents, and the forces of nature won't pause just because we stop thinking about them. The reality remains—we are at the mercy of luck, a handful of brave volunteers, and our willingness to invest in our own protection.

That's why we must act now.

Raising funds for a functioning and effective fire service is like building a plane while flying it—we can't afford to wait for perfect conditions, because every moment counts. Fires don't wait for funding rounds or bureaucratic approvals, and neither can we.

Right now, GVFF are assembling the pieces—securing commitments, rallying community support, and identifying funding sources—all while the need for a fully equipped response team grows

more urgent by the day. Much like in a startup, they are not just raising money; they are building capacity as they go—training volunteers, sourcing essential gear, and forging partnerships to ensure sustainability.

Every contribution gets them closer to landing this plane safely—to a future where lives, homes, and livelihoods are protected, not left to chance.

This isn't just an investment in equipment. It's an investment in resilience, security, and the future of our community. GVFF are already in motion. Now they need your support to keep this mission airborne. Whether through donations, equipment, or expertise, this is the time to act—because when the next fire comes, having the right resources in place will mean the difference between survival and devastation.

A Major Step Forward: A Fire Truck for Greyton

Thanks to an incredibly generous donation of R400,000 from an anonymous donor through Rotary International, we are now able to go ahead and purchase Greyton's much-needed fire truck. This is a huge milestone for our community, one that brings us significantly closer to ensuring we have the resources needed to combat future fires.

A Response to Those Hesitant to Donate for the Volunteer Fire Service

We understand that not everyone is immediately convinced when asked to contribute to a cause like this. As Neil deGrasse Tyson wisely said, "You can't use reason to convince anyone out of an argument that they didn't use reason to get into."

Some may hesitate due to skepticism, past experiences, or simply not seeing the immediate urgency. And



while we could present facts, figures, and statistics about the dangers of being without a fire service, we know that logic alone may not be enough to change minds.

Instead, we invite you to imagine the impact—a family's home saved, lives protected, a community empowered. Emergencies don't wait, and in those crucial moments, having the right resources could mean the difference between survival and devastation.

Rather than convincing, we aim to inspire action. A small contribution today could be the reason a house is still standing tomorrow. And if you're still unsure, we welcome you to watch, engage, and see firsthand how this initiative will transform our community.

Because when the fire comes, it won't ask whether you believed in the need for an effective fire service—it will simply take what stands in its way.

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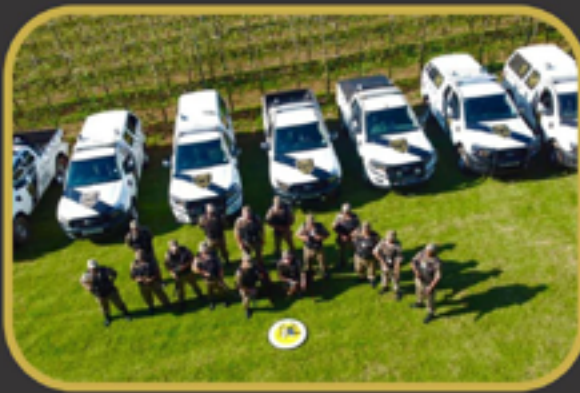




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Adventures and Achievements: A Year of Discovery with The Sunset Ladies

Ruwayda Rinquest

The years 2024 and the start of 2025 have been an incredible journey so far, exploring some beautiful places in South Africa!

Our experiences, including a guided hike with Mr. Niël

Lötter to Klipgat Cave, stretching from Kleinbaai to Gansbaai over 21.11 km (a great accomplishment), and our visits to places like the Caledon Botanical Garden, Klipgate Cave, the Easybru101 & M&O Décor and Events fashion show, and Kromrivier in Paarl, have been

truly memorable.

I want to thank each lady who took part in the Sunset Ladies for such a wonderful time, and thank everyone who helped make these moments possible—especially our guide and his family. The photographs shared by Ziette Photography at the Caledon

Casino and Hotel are lovely mementoes, capturing our successful hikes. It's gratifying that our adventures are being recognised in the Greyton Post. Keep following our hiking adventures and our exploration of our glorious South Africa!




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The Rotary Club of Greyton: Serving the Community with Purpose

The Rotary Club of Greyton is a dedicated community service organization that brings together local individuals who are passionate about making a difference. As part of Rotary International, the club focuses on various projects that improve the quality of life in Greyton and surrounding areas.

Who We Are

The Rotary Club of Greyton is a group of like-minded individuals who believe in "Service Above Self." Members come from diverse backgrounds, but we all share a common goal - helping the community thrive. Whether it's supporting education, promoting health initiatives, or working on environmental conservation, the club plays a vital role in uplifting the town.

What We Do

The club engages in a variety of community projects throughout the year. These include:

- **Education & Early Childhood Development:** Supporting local schools with resources and mentorship programs.
- **Health & Well-Being:** Initiatives such as blood donation drives, healthcare support, and awareness campaigns. You may have seen the new ramp at De Oude Pastorie Clinic, installed as part of a mobility initiative by The Rotary Clubs of Greyton and Manchester (UK).
- **Community Support:** Assisting those in need with food drives, infrastructure improvements, and other essential services.

How You Can Get Involved

If you're looking for a way to give back, the Rotary Club of Greyton is always open to new members. Being part of Rotary means joining a global



network of over a million people dedicated to making a difference. You'll have opportunities to connect, learn, and take action in ways that directly benefit our town. The club meets regularly to plan projects, share ideas, and build friendships. If you're interested, attending a meeting is a great way to see what Rotary is all about. Or join us at one of our social evenings, held on the last Wednesday of the month at Old Potters at 6pm, where you can chat to us about what it's like to be a Rotarian while enjoying a brew and a bite.

Join Us in Making a Difference

The Rotary Club of Greyton isn't just about service -it's about building a stronger, more connected community. Whether you have time, skills, or resources to contribute, your involvement can help shape a better future for Greyton.

For more information on membership, reach out to the Rotary Club of Greyton today. Together, we can continue to make a lasting impact!

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Celebrating a Lifetime Together

On February 11, 1975, Greyton witnessed an extraordinary event as eight couples, including Doreen and Stoffel Plaatjies and Sarah Bantom, were united in matrimony in a mass wedding organized by the local church. This unique ceremony was not just a formalization of relationships but a community affirmation, with the church committee deciding that couples living

wedding rings, sourced from Osmonds, reflected this, with prices ranging from 39 to 79 cents. Stoffel recalls a humorous hiccup when the ring got stuck in his pocket, nearly leading to the priest using his own ring for the ceremony.

Despite the budget constraints, the wedding was rich in love and laughter. Doreen fondly remembers their outfits

Today, the essence of their union remains strong. Doreen and Stoffel continue to enjoy simple pleasures together - although they have recently stopped their gardening and wood-selling ventures due to physical ailments, they remain active in the community. Stoffel, who taught himself to read and write after leaving school at a young age to work on a farm, enjoys tinkering and fixing things, while



together should marry. This day marked not only the union of partners but also the beginning of lifelong commitments, as remarkably, all eight couples remained together 'till death did part.'

The atmosphere on their wedding day was nothing short of festive. The village came alive with a grand community party where all eight couples were blessed individually yet celebrated collectively. The highlight was when all couples shared a simultaneous kiss—a moment of unity and joy.

Economic times were tough, and the

and the overall joy, emphasizing that even a simple ring carried profound symbolic meaning. Their wedding day was made memorable by the presence of friends like Freddy, whose jokes added lightness and laughter to the day.

Now precisely 50 years later, the couple cherishes the memories of their shared journey. They believe that marriage, like a garden, requires constant nurturing. Their advice to young couples is to commit to working through challenges together, emphasising that the strength of a marriage lies in mutual support and enduring love.

Doreen dedicates herself to cooking for community children.

Reflecting on their life together, they value the legacy they are building. Their marriage has been a journey of love, sacrifice, and shared experiences, proving that true commitment withstands the test of time. As they look back on 50 years of marriage, Doreen, Stoffel, and Sarah stand as a testament to the enduring power of love and the strength of community bonds in our glorious valley.

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Get to Know Greyton's Red Cross Team: The Friendly Faces Behind the Care

In the heart of Greyton, the local Red Cross branch serves as both a beacon of hope and a pillar of support for the wider community. Led by a dedicated team, their work spans from emergency responses to nurturing the youngest members of our community. Let's meet the people behind the invaluable service that the Red Cross provides.

Charanine (Minas) Cupido - Branch and Admin Manager:



Charanine has been a steadfast member of the Red Cross for 12 years. As a single mother of three, she juggles her professional responsibilities with her home life with admirable grace. At work, she oversees

home-based care for the sick and elderly and coordinates the response to emergencies such as fires and floods. Additionally, Charanine manages aftercare programmes and charm clubs for children, liaising with various government departments and non-profits across the valley to ensure comprehensive community support. When not immersed in her vital work, she enjoys road trips with her children and relaxing at the beaches in Hermanus.

Marchel Abrahams - Training Coordinator:



Starting his career as a pharmacy assistant, Marchel was soon drawn to the Red Cross, where he has now served for 13 years. A people person through and through, he is passionate about his role in training for first aid and home-based care, often extending

his expertise to schools, organisations, and government departments. Marchel is also notably proficient in emergency birth assistance, having helped deliver numerous babies across the valley. Outside of his duties, he treasures family time with his wife and two sons and expresses a keen interest in singing, aspiring to join a choir.

Marlon Cloete - Volunteer: At 25,



Marlon is a versatile volunteer involved in aftercare, home-based care, disaster response, and first aid. With a special affinity for working with the elderly, he finds deep satisfaction in making a difference in

the lives of some of the community's most vulnerable. When he's not at work, Marlon stays active with rugby and personal fitness, embodying the spirit of vitality and care.

Chelisa Jacobs - Volunteer:

Chelisa's journey with the Red Cross began two and a half years ago, initially sewing badges onto clothing



before her talents were recognised. Today, she contributes to home-based care, first aid, and particularly thrives in the aftercare programme, where she supports children with their homework, organises library trips, and manages nutritional needs. Though her days are full, she always finds time to unwind with a good movie.

Tracey Wilmot - Manager of the Red Cross Shop:



Tracey is the familiar face many know from the Red Cross shop. Her role includes managing all aspects of the shop's operations, from sorting donations to interacting with

customers. Tracey's outgoing nature and love for animals align perfectly with her community-engaged lifestyle, often fostering animals in need for the local animal welfare service.

The Red Cross team embodies the spirit of community and compassion, each member dedicated to uplifting and supporting those around them. Their daily efforts ensure that the fabric of our community remains strong and resilient, even in the face of challenges.



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Horse Tales: A Conversation with Hilton Malappa

How long have you been living in the valley, and what do you love most about the community?

I've been here for over 28 years now. The thing I love most about our community is the unity—we all look out for each other, we don't judge, and we stand together no matter what problems or situations arise. It's a real sense of togetherness that makes this place special.

You're well-known for your passion for horses. What sparked your love for horses in the first place?

It was love at first sight, really. I didn't like the way some people treated their horses, and it bothered me deeply. So, I decided to get my own horses to demonstrate the proper care they deserve. It's all

about respect and kindness.

Could you share the story of how Fire and Queenie became part of your family?

Queenie was in a bad state when I first saw her; she was owned by my cousin who, at the time, was in prison. I decided to buy her to show him the right way to take care of her. As for Fire, he was a Christmas gift from my stepfather. The day I got Fire, I made a promise to myself that I would never exploit my horses like I've seen others do.

What advice would you give to other horse owners in the area to help them take the best care of their horses?

My advice is simple: don't just see horses as tools for work and riding. Recognise that

they are valuable animals. Here's what I recommend: check on them every morning, make sure they get all the food and care they need. Watch their movements every hour and bring them home by four o'clock to feed them again. It's about consistent care and attention.

Owning horses brings joy and can add a lot to your life but they also need a lot of care, attention, and respect. Treat them well, and they will bring joy to every part of your life.



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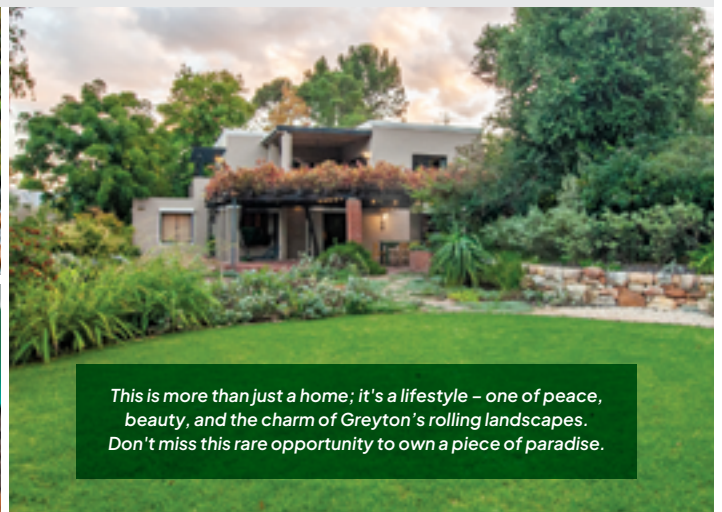
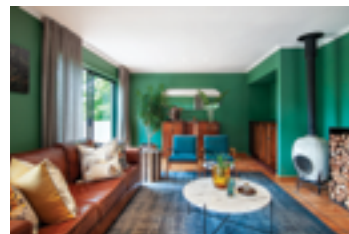
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Greyton Animal Welfare Society: Making a Difference in the Community



Leon Perold

The Greyton Animal Welfare Society (GAWS) is a dedicated non-profit focused on rescue, rehabilitation, sterilization, and education. With a small team of six staff members, we rely heavily on volunteers to help us care for animals, run initiatives, and expand our outreach.

Rescue and Rehabilitation:

GAWS rescues abandoned, neglected, and injured animals, providing medical care, shelter, and rehabilitation before finding them loving homes. Volunteers are essential for dog walking,

training, fostering, and giving affection to our rescue cats and dogs—your time can make a real difference!

Sterilization and Population Control:

To combat overpopulation, GAWS offers affordable or free sterilization services. Our spay and neuter campaigns have helped over 400 animals in 2024 alone, with each sterilization drive assisting over 40 animals. We welcome extra hands to help during these busy days!

Education and Outreach:

GAWS promotes responsible pet ownership through outreach programs in schools and rural areas. Volunteers help educate communities about

sterilization and humane animal treatment. Our Doggie Home Project provides safe and comfortable homes for dogs. Farmers donate



plastic drums, which GAWS transforms into shelters, equipping them with blankets and food from generous donors.

Weekly Community Clinics:

GAWS runs weekly mobile clinics, providing basic veterinary care and sterilization awareness at eight community points. In 2024, our animal attendances increased from 1,100 to 1,600. These clinics build trust, with supporters like Tannie Sarah and her dog Butler playing a key role in community awareness. Even one afternoon a month volunteering at a clinic makes a big impact!

How You Can Help:

GAWS is a lifeline for animals and the community, but we need volunteers! Whether it's helping at the kennels, assisting at clinics, supporting sterilization drives, or working in the GAWS Shop, your time and effort matter.

If you'd like to get involved, reach out today—visit us, call, or attend one of our initiatives to see where you can help.

The Greyton Cliffhanger *Part 1*

Shani Delport



With laughter reaching the summer's true testament: the ball of sun – the day began... with sunspots – on small town pavements...

And so, the traveller took off his sun-bleached handkerchief that was covering his head, and his joy for the sun above,

spread right across his face. For, here he was underneath the magnificent ball of sun with not a single worry in mind or sight.

There were small shops all about, spots to sit and sip; spots to simply relax - and food spots with plenty choices – for he knew only under the sun, he remained joyous without too much of a thought – too much of a care – he'd just be, there, under the sun with spots on his wearied skin.

For not too much of a step and he found a place to sit out in the bright sunlight, just what his soul called for. Not too far from him, a small-town market was buzzing with fresh produce and all kinds of local goodies to sniff out. He watched as souls, young and old crossed over the heated street to take part in a mid-week accumulation of homemade

hospitality.

He struck up a conversation with a passerby, soon learning that the heat was to stay. Forty-degree weather was but another degree of pure pleasure to him. To lay out in the sun-flecked sky and to absorb all he could – his bones craved the warmth, and the sun would surely carve into him, into all his old and all his travel verses.

A wise woman found his steps and he gave her a hand; she seemed to want to sit down rather than have a hand up the brick blocks – she had a sun-stained face and colourful lips – he let her, sit next to him. She had the eyes of a storyteller, for he could do with a voice murmuring under the waves of the sun. She closed her eyes and lifted a beam of sun, it seemed. "Ah, the sun is out to tell a story," She started with a low and

warmed-up voice; "few knew that the sun, once had 'feelers', healing arms that reached out into the human world to heat up that which was made close to blue by the night's faithful friend, the cold moon." Her voice, still like a stroke of sunlight.

All the while, his eyes were closed, too – they both sat in complete content under the stinging sun – for this couldn't stop those who longed for the sun to tinge their old bones. Her voice soothed only by the sun's medicine, continued, "a farmer had decided this to be true, the sun was the goodness that grew through the summer days that he held onto – for he knew only the sun to be his friend..."

To be continued (in part two)

Harnessing Harmony: Lessons in Horse Psychology at The 13th Rabbit Workshop

Gabby Van Heerden

A group of us spent a fascinating Saturday morning at a horse clinic with Les Ansley, who shared his knowledge, passion, and understanding of horse psychology. As a self-confessed horse lover, I was eagerly anticipating the workshop, knowing there is always something new to learn. Upon arrival, we met Sausage and Joe, the two resident horses. Sausage has a fancier name that escapes me, but Sausage suits him perfectly. They enthusiastically greeted everyone, eagerly demanding bum and neck scratches, which, being the horse slaves that we are, we willingly provided.

Les shared a wealth of fascinating information in the generous way that only true animal and horse lovers do, driven by a desire to improve the lives of the animals we work with. Armed with a flag (a definitely useful tool in horse work) and legs as gorgeous as any racehorse's (Paula, you are the envy of many Greyton women), Les explained the incredible connection he has with his horse, Joe. He demonstrated how such a connection can be fostered between any horse and human by breaking training down into small, manageable chunks that can be easily achieved and practised until they become instinctive. I was deeply touched and impressed by the gentleness, respect, and commitment this process entails. Every move and process is a conscious effort to help the horse understand what is



desired, always rewarded in a positive way.

I was also impressed by how this method of working with horses helps create a safe space for both human and

horse. Horses can be large and often unpredictable; forcing a 600kg animal to do anything is never going to end well. Teaching them gently and clearly to respect space, stand still, move their hindquarters, come forward, and move backwards on request benefits both parties. Once horse and human feel safe, that's when the magic can happen, which was evident in both horses and Les and Paula's connection with them.

I learned a host of new and interesting techniques, but what excites me most is the potential impact this could have on helping local children and their horses establish a gentle and respectful connection. This could significantly reduce the instances of abuse and poor riding that we often witness.

In case you're wondering why the workshop was called "The 13th Rabbit," it's because a horse can walk past 12 rabbits (or spooky things) and not blink, but when he walks past the 13th rabbit, he spooks (they 'stack' anxiety until it all becomes too much). Horses can be unpredictable, and to work safely and respectfully with them, we need to understand them thoroughly.

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ALL EYES ON ARTISTS

The Artful Balance: An Interview with Zinead Karolus, Genadendal's Clay Artisan

Zinead, could you share with us how you first became involved with clay and what drew you to this art form?

A few years back, I tried some pottery classes. I had been searching for something to bring me joy and ignite a spark within me. When I first touched clay, it was an instant connection—I was hooked! Although attending sessions regularly was financially challenging, I kept at it, working with clay whenever I had the opportunity.

What draws me to clay is its forgiving nature. My background in piano was very structured and at times, stressful. Clay is the complete opposite. It allows me to create, flow, and release expectations. The results are always unexpected and often beautiful.

Your work at the Moravian church premises in Genadendal is quite inspiring. What significance does this location hold for you and your craft?

Genadendal is not just a place; it's my ancestral home, where I'm deeply rooted. When I'm here, I feel grounded, supported by the legacy of those who came before me. It's here that I gave birth to my son, connecting him to this powerful heritage. The history of the Khoi, the original inhabitants, who were skilled potters, deeply influences my work. They crafted pottery as a fundamental part of their livelihood, long before it became a modern hobby.

How do you incorporate the rich history of Genadendal into your clay creations?

I collaborate closely with

my husband, Divine. We've been moving toward using wild clay, which we collect locally. Divine also creates pigments from rocks we find in the river behind our studio, which we use to glaze our pottery. In this way, we honor Genadendal's history, creating beautifully with its natural resources.

Can you describe a typical day for you in the studio?

My day starts by opening up the studio to let fresh air in. I check on pieces from our Clay Collective—are they dry enough for firing or ready to glaze? After that, I might load the kiln, check our clay stock, or process our wild clay, depending on the day's needs. I might throw something new on the wheel or prepare for the next Clay Collective session. Each day is different but always rooted in the clay process.

What are some of the biggest challenges you face in your craft, and how do you overcome them?

Creating an inclusive space is challenging due to our financial constraints, which also make acquiring high-quality materials difficult. Another personal challenge is not getting too attached to my work since pottery involves many stages where things can go wrong.

Could you tell us about a particularly memorable piece you've created? What was the story behind it?

The first piece I made was a wavy, hand-built vase. It started as a simple bowl, but as a beginner, the edges folded in, creating a unique coral reef shape. I finished it in glossy white, and despite its imperfections, I found

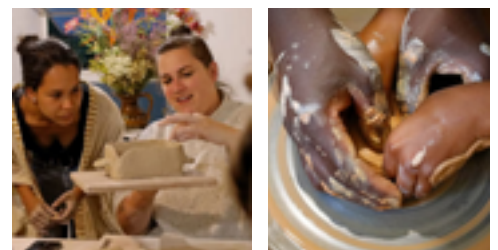
it beautiful, it taught me the beauty of unexpected outcomes.

How has the community reacted to your work? Do you collaborate with other local artists?

The community's support has been overwhelming. It's heartwarming to see people engage with Genadendal and appreciate its magic. We've collaborated with local businesses, which has been enriching for everyone involved.

What future projects are you excited about, and what direction do you see your clay work taking in the coming years?

One of my main goals is to establish after-school programs for local children, teaching them from digging for their clay to the finished product.. This would provide a creative outlet for them. Personally, I'm focusing on using only wild clay and exploring more of the feminine form in my work, letting the clay flow into natural, soft shapes.



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A Principal with a Purpose: Grant Williams' Vision for Uitkyk Primary

Marinda Naude Van Jaarsveld

'Driven. Organized. Problem Solver. Tenacious. Particular' These were the words that came to mind when I sat down with Grant Williams, principal of Uitkyk Primary. Born in Caledon as the youngest of two, education runs deep in his family. His father, also a former principal, came out of retirement at Grant's request to teach at Uitkyk. His wife and mother-in-law both serve in the Department of Education, and by his own admission, he leverages his connections to the fullest!

After earning his teaching degree in Wellington 15 years ago, Grant spent years teaching in various Overberg schools before earning his Master's degree in Educational Management in 2016. Experience and expertise—he embodies both. What makes his achievements even more remarkable is his daily 300km commute from Worcester, where he lives with his young family. That level of dedication is rare

When he was appointed principal in 2021, Uitkyk Primary was struggling. The school had only 80 students, buildings and bathrooms were in disrepair, resources were scarce, and there was little organization or structure. Classes had to be shared due to low enrollment but Grant had a clear vision: grow the school, restore order, and create a thriving learning environment for both students and teachers.

Under his leadership, stability returned. He secured permanent teachers, attracted sponsorships—many thanks to those well-placed connections—and successfully lobbied the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) for a major infrastructure overhaul. The renovation was extensive: roofs were replaced, new aluminum windows were installed, and floors were upgraded throughout the school. The driveway and parking areas were newly paved, improving accessibility, while stormwater drains and gutters were added to enhance drainage and prevent flooding. A project that excited parents from the

start is now nearly complete, marking a transformative chapter in the school's history.

With a strong foundation in place, the school has flourished. Enrollment has skyrocketed to 265 students, and for the first time, Uitkyk Primary will compete in sports leagues this year—something Grant is immensely proud of, with the first home games kicking off in February. Looking ahead, his ambitions continue to grow. Plans for a school hall and a rent-to-own solar system are on his wishlist, all working toward his ultimate goal: cementing Uitkyk Primary as the top dual-medium school in the village.

A key focus for the governing body in the new year is also the ongoing development and improvement of the Uitkyk Hub, a project set to generate much needed funding for the school. The building, however, is in a dire state, having suffered years of neglect. Its roof and structure are in serious disrepair, with peeling paint and urgent maintenance needs. Restoring the hub will not only revitalize the space but also provide a sustainable income stream, reinforcing the school's long-term vision of growth and excellence.

"My vision for Uitkyk Primary is to



transform infrastructure, ensure quality education in every classroom, and develop learners holistically. With community and parental support, I aim to restore Uitkyk's excellence in education, sports, and culture, reinforcing our values and motto: 'Aim High.'" – Mr. Grant Williams

Chasing the Stars: A Greytonian Adventure in the Wild

Dee De Kock

Now, let's get one thing straight—I am not a camper. Bugs, no hairdryer, and sleeping under the stars? Not exactly my idea of a five-star experience. But when Paula turned on the charm (and a little peer pressure), I found myself yanking up my big girl panties and signing up for the Suzuki 4x4 Club's CHASING THE STARS adventure.

Armed with enthusiasm (and a slightly nervous stomach), we Greytonians rolled into Piketberg, looking the part in our brand-new, specially designed 4x4 Art Box T-shirts (available at the Saturday market with a donation to local animal charities from every sale). We may not have been seasoned overlanders, but we certainly looked like serious contenders. Seven cars, all radio-equipped and ready to roll, set off in convoy toward the Northern Cape. Come in, Number One!

Mountains, Canyons & Rooftop Tents

Our first challenge? Tackling a 9km pass that led us 825m above sea level to the stunning plateau of Nieuwoudtville—famous for its breathtaking wildflowers (not that the Jimnys appreciated them). From there, we headed to Papkuilsfontein Eco Camp, where we popped our rooftop tents and bravely prepared for a night under the stars. But first—a visit to the canyon with its jaw-dropping 100m waterfall. A little reminder that nature can

be both beautiful and slightly terrifying. **To Infinity and Beyond—Sutherland Style**

Next stop: Sutherland, the coldest town in South Africa and home to some serious stargazing business. First, a visit to the Sutherland Planetarium, where we reclined in ultra-comfortable chairs for a 3D show about SALT (Southern African Large Telescope) and the mysteries of the universe. The visuals were so



mesmerizing that after a day of off-roading, we had to fight the urge to drift off into another galaxy.

Then came the real magic—the Astro Amphitheatre, featuring state-of-the-art computerized telescopes and a stargazing session with the legendary Willem. Under the clearest skies imaginable, we were treated to an awe-inspiring tour of the Milky Way. The stars were dazzling, the night was crisp, and our minds? Completely blown.

From the Karoo to the Cederberg – A Landscape Transformation

After a quick pit stop at the Tankwa Karoo Farm Stall (an experience all on its own - the Tankwa can also be explored by air and overnight stay with African Sky Runners - see page 22), we bid farewell to the dry, rugged terrain and began our climb over the Cederberg Mountains. The landscape transformed before our eyes—from the harsh, arid Karoo to

the lush, green embrace of the Cederberg. Our next destination: Moon River Bush Camp, a 400-hectare slice of untouched paradise.

Here, nature truly spoiled us. Hidden kloofs (untouched for 150 years!), sparkling rock pools, a waterfall, and a cool, refreshing river awaited. We swam, we lounged, we basked in the sun, and for a moment, we questioned whether we ever wanted to return to civilization.

The Final Leg – Homeward Bound

With the sunrise painting the sky in breathtaking hues, we packed up, folded away our trusty rooftop tents, and set off for home. Our route took us through Ceres, Tulbagh, and finally back to our beloved Greyton—tired, dusty, but absolutely exhilarated.

New friendships were forged, epic memories were made, and the Jimny Convoy is already gearing up for the next great adventure.

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Rising to the Occasion: A Chat with John Williams, The Village Baker

John, we're so excited to chat with you today! Could you share a bit about your background and what sparked your passion for baking?

John (Ha ha ha his laughter revealing a self-deprecating manner) Actually some thirty five odd years ago we were at our bush camp on the Olifants River outside Hoedspruit and had forgotten to take bread. A craving for fresh bread set in and we had some flour, beer in abundance and a drie foot pot . . . It was the first bread I ever baked !

Your breads are a highlight at the Wednesday and Saturday markets here in Greyton. What initially drew you to specialize in bread, and how did you perfect your recipes?

John. Smiling, I've always been attracted to the radical nature of the artisanal in us ha ha ha and at the time was living in the Hemel en Aarde Valley outside Hermanus where we had moved to from the Lowveld in 2005. We found Neil Jonkers bread at the Camphill outlet and that for me set off an irresistible urge to plunge myself further into that subversive lifestyle Im talking about

We've heard wonderful reviews about your home bakery workshops. Can you tell us what someone can expect from attending a weekend course with you?

John. Wait to being startled and surprised...

Baking can be as much



science as it is art. What's your favorite part of the bread-making process, and do you have any special techniques or tips that make your bread unique?

John. Alchemy is always mentioned when talking about sourdough bread. I think it's an excuse for the poorly educated like myself who couldn't grasp science at school and learning from

a wizard is more appealing. But of course they are both science just following different paths.

Looking ahead, what exciting plans or aspirations do you have for your bakery in the future?

John. During the year I thought of inviting other foodie's to join me to talk about their ways and byways. Could be fun!



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Overstory is an ideal venue for small, intimate gatherings of friends or family, hosting a yoga retreat, leading a creative workshop or enjoying a weekend of food and wine. The space invites nature enthusiasts, providing plenty of opportunities for birdwatching, hiking and mountain biking in the surrounding area.



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Greyton Book review: Mina's Matchbox by Yoko Ogawa

Bridget Impey

Mina's Matchbox by Yoko Ogawa showcases her fascination with memory, identity, and nostalgia, themes she masterfully weaves into her storytelling. A celebrated writer in Japan, Ogawa has also gained international recognition, including a Booker Prize nomination for *The Memory Police*.

Set in 1970's Japan, the novel follows Tomoko, a young girl sent to live with her aunt and uncle in the coastal town of Ashiya after the death of her father. Coming from a working-class background, Tomoko finds her new home, a sprawling mansion with rambling gardens, both exotic and mysterious.

Her aunt is devoted to her family, while her uncle remains mysteriously absent. Also in the house are her German grandmother a Holocaust survivor, her sickly cousin Mina and an unusual resident in a pygmy hippo named Pochiko, a remnant of the estate's past as a zoo.

Despite her frailty, Mina rides Pochiko to school whenever she is well enough.

Tomoko loves Pochiko but what fascinates her most is Mina's collection of matchboxes of varied and beautiful designs. Mina creates elaborate stories inspired by these matchboxes, reading them to Tomoko as the two girls grow closer, bonding over their shared imagination and childhood secrets.

In Mina's periods of illness Tomoko is left to navigate the mansion's quiet mysteries alone, piecing together the enigma of her new family.

Told from the perspective of an adult Tomoko looking back on this formative year, *Mina's Matchbox* captures a world suspended in time, a childlike blend of memory, magic and nostalgia. Ogawa's writing unfolds like a dream, drawing readers into a story that is both tender and haunting. If you enjoy beautifully written novels that unravel slowly yet keep you engaged with their quiet mysteries; *Mina's Matchbox* is a book for you.



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Market Outlook: Navigating Global Tensions from a South African Perspective

Sean Fitzpatrick

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The world is in flux, and for South African investors, global events are no longer distant concerns—they directly shape financial markets. From strained U.S.-South Africa relations to wider geopolitical conflicts, these factors influence currency stability, commodity prices, and investor sentiment.

Capital flight from emerging economies can pressure the rand and drive up import costs, while supply chain disruptions abroad often benefit South Africa's commodity-driven economy. However, challenges such as load shedding, regulatory uncertainty, and political shifts demand careful investment strategies.

Investment Strategies in Uncertain Times

Diversification Across Asset

Classes

Diversification remains a cornerstone of risk management. A balanced portfolio spanning South African equities, bonds, and alternative assets can cushion market volatility. Gold has gained over 35% in USD terms in the past year, reinforcing its role as a hedge. Meanwhile, South Africa's high interest rates make fixed-income securities attractive for yield-seeking investors.

Sector-Specific Opportunities

Different sectors react differently to global shifts. Defensive industries like financial services, consumer staples, and select mining stocks tend to weather economic turbulence, while retail and technology-driven industries offer strong long-term growth potential. Monitoring both local and global trends is crucial for identifying resilient opportunities.

True Geographic Diversification

Many South African investors remain overly concentrated in local markets due to pension fund restrictions and home bias. Yet, South Africa represents less than 1% of global GDP. Offshore exposure is essential for true diversification.

Developed markets, particularly the U.S. and Europe, are projected to outperform in 2025 due to stronger economic fundamentals. The IMF forecasts U.S. growth at 2.7% this year, while Europe's steady expansion is supported by industrial recovery and consumer demand. The S&P 500, driven by technological innovation, is expected to continue delivering solid returns.

Beyond market growth, offshore exposure hedges against rand depreciation.

Over the past decade, the rand has weakened by an average of 5.9% per year against the U.S. dollar. Holding assets in strong currencies like USD and EUR helps preserve long-term wealth.

Active Management in Volatile Markets

While passive investing has merits, volatile markets highlight the value of an active approach. Asset mispricing and shifting conditions create opportunities for tactical asset allocation and hedging strategies. Active portfolio management, combined with global market awareness, can help investors navigate uncertainty while securing strong returns.

History shows that markets recover from turmoil. With a well-structured strategy, investors can turn uncertainty into opportunity. The key? Stay invested, stay diversified, and stay informed.



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It's our slice of Heaven

Andrew White

How many stories have you heard of people driving through the Overberg and ending up in this nook of the mountains, this incredibly beautiful and green paradise we call Greyton, and never left?

The baboon troop loves it too! Many many years ago before Greyton was this oasis of orchards, veggie patches and fynbos gardens the flat lands with soft soils always provided more calories and plentiful water for the wildlife in the area and this goes for the baboons too.

Over the Christmas holidays visitors flocked here for some down time and the troop came as well. The food in Greyton is by far the best for many miles around offering such a variety of fresh fruit and veg and eggs and bird feed.

Greytonians didn't grow the food for the baboons and were rather peeved to see their crop feasted on by beings with no sense of ownership or shame for the damage they were doing! On the local WhatsApp group they asked what can be done or do we as residents have to accept that we can't grow veg or leave our doors and windows open?

A response from the team on the ground:

"The baboons have been busier this season. And they have learnt to split into smaller groups to evade the Rangers. Access and line of sight for

Rangers has become increasingly difficult over the years as fences are raised, trees and hedges grow and scary dogs make their task more difficult. There is an abundance of food on offer with a marked increase in veggie gardens and chicken coops over the years and lots of fallow fruit on trees, and on the ground. In short there are more calories attracting baboons and a Ranger team that is understaffed and, at times, hamstrung in their tasks.

The private, municipal funded monitoring program in Hermanus that ran for the past 5 years has just been stopped due to budget constraints. It was costing nearly R1 mil/month for a team of 27 people including managers supervisors and rangers. We really are operating on a shoestring by comparison. With our budget we can't hope to guarantee the levels of success that we would like.

That said it must be noted that in almost all the baboon areas in the City of Cape Town and Overstrand where there are big budgets and a big toolkit baboons still enter homes, raid rubbish bins and destroy veg gardens. People are encouraged to fit burglar



bars with gaps no larger than 80mm, secure their waste in baboon proof bins and do everything they can to reduce the attraction for baboons. The Overstrand Municipality have a bylaw in place making it mandatory to have baboon proof bins.

Greyton was proactive in starting a community based baboon program with the support of the Municipality more than 7 years ago, but we have fallen short in limiting the attractions for baboons. We need to make a concerted effort here before we increase our expectations of the rangers or direct our anger at the troop who will return time and again to a successful food source!"

Our best chance to keep the troop out of the village is to ensure a well-resourced ranger team, and for residents to be responsible for the role they play in attracting baboons to the village. We're on a continuum of baboon

"habituation" and it is up to us to move the dial towards an ideal where baboons spend less time in urban areas, residents do their bit to support the rangers and guard their crops, and we safeguard our natural heritage.

To this end we appeal to all residents who have not joined the program to do so by contributing monthly or annually to the community Ranger program.

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Residents take active measures to prevent road deaths



Toni Younghusband

Concerns about livestock deaths on the R406, and the potential danger to motorists, has led to the establishment of an action group which is implementing measures to make roaming animals more visible, while negotiating with animal owners to keep their animals under control.

Between January 2024 and January 2025 six horses and two cattle died on our roads and two more were injured. "Three horses died outright and three had to be euthanased. One of the fatalities was a mare whose almost full-term foal was

ripped out by the collision," says EARS Donkey Sanctuary manager, Penny James. Two cattle struck by trucks in two separate incidents had to be euthanased at the scene.

Speeding vehicles, poor visibility on the R406 and in Voorstekraal at night and animals grazing on verges are blamed for the accidents which

is generally concerned with animals' safety or has a voice in the community who could help us disseminate the message," says Simon.

One suggestion by the group was to paint reflective stripes on horses. Simon sourced the paint from Mr Morabedi Memphis Kaotsane, a supplier in North West Province where



and there's concern about it coming off when they roll or move through bushes. We should have painted thicker, heavier stripes to make them more obvious. However, while driving back from fighting a fire one night I saw movement in the distance and then spotted the lines which definitely helped get my attention," Simon says. Reflective tape, donated by Ward Councillor Chris Cloete, is also being tried on the horses. "It's a work in progress," says Penny. "At this stage we're still testing to see what's effective and what isn't."



also result in serious injuries and potential fatalities to motorists and their passengers.

Simon Struben, Community Policing Forum representative, launched the Greyton Animal Action Group after attending to a recent accident outside Genadendal. "There was so much talk about what should be done but nobody was doing anything so I put together a group that

donkeys are painted to improve visibility. Mr Kaotsane donated five cans of paint and others were donated by the Action Group and by SAPS Captain Louise Louw-Steenkamp. Working with EARS, the Action Group then sprayed several horses. "The paint is a variable success," says Simon.

"We've found that horses tend to lick it off each other,

In addition, Capt Louw is working on pulling together all affected agencies - TWK's traffic department, law enforcement, SAPS and community groups - to collaborate on ways to get animal owners to keep their animals under control. "The problem starts at home. We're dealing with livestock not being kept under proper supervision," says Simon.

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Celebrating Two Decades of Melody: The 2025 Greyton Genadendal Classics for All Festival

The 2025 edition of the Greyton Genadendal Classics for All Festival marks an exciting coming-of-age of this popular event that has become a permanent fixture on the Overberg cultural calendar.

The first Classics for All Festival in 2005 was attended by about 20 people. Now, twenty-one years later, the festival attracts classical music lovers and artists from all over the globe. At this stage the festival organizers are tight-lipped about the various concerts on offer at this year's festival, but Coenie Visser, the director of the festival, promises a festival that is bigger and better than before, with some of the best local and overseas artists performing at the festival.

performing in two concerts. Local pianist Philippus Hugo directs a special Mother's Day concert on Sunday 11th and brings back on stage another artist popular with the Classic for All audiences, baritone Van Wyk Venter. A huge feather in the festival's cap is the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra accepting an invitation to perform two concerts for the learners of our communities.

If you suffer from FOMO, send your email address to Leone Rouillard at leonrouillard@gmail.com so that you can be the first to get your hands on the programme and other

information about the 2025 Classics for All Festival: 9-11th May. Tickets sales will commence in early March.



"The gala concert, in particular, is going to be a spectacular event, with the Windworx Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Vivox Voices Choir and arguably the two best classical voices in South Africa today, the ever-popular soprano Brittany Smith and international baritone William Berger, fresh from their performances in The Sound of Music and My Fair Lady at the end of last year"



Coenie dropped a few more hints - the young cellist who caused quite a stir at the 2024 festival and left concert-goers in awe of his immense talent, Ethan Lawson will be



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Let's roll: Greyton Bowling Club Open Day

The Greyton bowlers hosted an open day for the bowling club on Thursday 13th February to introduce this fast-growing sport to the many villagers who wanted to test-drive a bowling ball. From the sounds of laughter and whoops coming from the green, we believe that our afternoon of coaching and fun went down rather well. As did our subsidised bar refreshments afterwards.

"This was a great opportunity to welcome nearly

20 newbies to the art of Lawn Bowling and the excitement of hitting that little white jack at the other end of the green," said bowler Elsa Rogers.

"What a great way to spend an afternoon - who knew it was a full body workout! My butt is going to feel it tomorrow," remarked visitor Tabatha King.



If you missed this fun afternoon, you can still come and have some tuition at the bowling club. We play Tuesday, Friday and Sunday afternoon, time depending upon the weather. You can just come along to sample a game or contact Teddy Webber 082 821 7647. No special clothing required, except flat shoes – or just barefoot.

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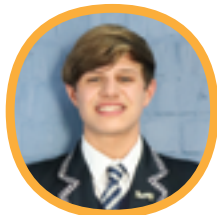
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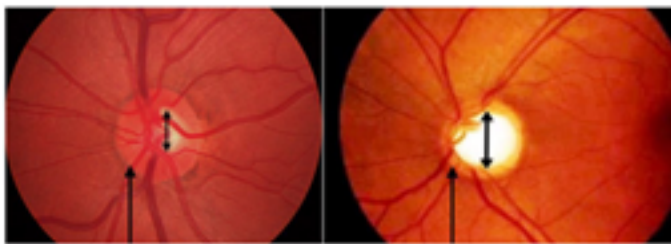
Glaucoma, often called the “silent thief of sight,” is a serious eye disease that causes permanent vision loss if left untreated. During Glaucoma Awareness Week (March 9-15, 2025), we highlight the importance of early detection and routine eye exams. What is Glaucoma? Glaucoma occurs when increased intra ocular pressure (IOP) damages the optic nerve, which connects the eye to the brain. Since optic nerve

damage is irreversible, untreated glaucoma leads to peripheral vision loss and, eventually, **blindness**. The most common form, Open-Angle Glaucoma, has no symptoms until significant vision loss occurs. This makes routine eye exams essential for early detection.

Who is at Risk?

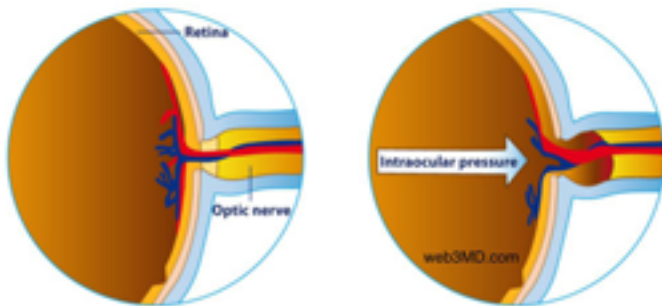
Anyone can develop glaucoma, but those at higher risk include:

- Individuals over 40
- Those with a family history of glaucoma
- People with diabetes,



Healthy eye with a normal optic nerve head

Glaucoma eye with glaucomatous cupping of the the nerve head



high blood pressure, or previous eye injuries

How Often Should You Get Tested?

As an optometrist, I recommend:

- Every two years for adults with no known risk factors
- Annually for those with a family history of glaucoma

Glaucoma is Treatable, Not Reversible

While there is no cure, early treatment can help slow its progression and preserve vision. Depending on the severity, treatment may include:

- Prescription eye drops to reduce intraocular

pressure

- Laser therapy to improve fluid drainage from the eye
- Surgical procedures for advanced cases

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SPORTING CORNER



Budding Stars: The Greyton Young Roses

In this edition of Sporting Corner, we highlight the work being done every Wednesday on the field at Uitkyk Primary School to forge friendships, instill lifeskills, and also teach some football along the way...

Under the watchful eye of Coach Trevor, two groups of budding young footballers, the Greyton Rose Buds and Greyton Young Roses, ranging in ages from three to 13 years old, are put through their paces.

Newcomers are taught the basics of the game, with an emphasis on balance, coordination, co-operation and ultimately ball mastery. They practice their skills in a fun environment from 3pm to 4pm every week before the Young Roses hone their abilities during technical and team building exercises, from 4:15pm to 5:30pm.

"The response from the players and parents has been fantastic," explained the coach. "Both groups have grown very quickly from when we started and we now have 12 Rose Buds and 30 Young Roses. The Rose Buds were a much more recent addition, with one of the parents actually creating the group.

"We also have a mix of both boys and girls, and they complement each other very well, but we would love to create an all girls team in the future to compete with other teams in the area.

"Unfortunately there is no local league, but we try to play friendly matches when we can.

"Ultimately our goal is to create a safe and fun environment for the kids to grow, and if they decide they want to pursue a career in football, they are able to go on to join the Greyton Roses Football Club. We have an under 14 and under 16



debut for the Roses, while Casper Maphosa and Eugene Cedrass were both 17 when they played their first games.

"Junior, Casper and Eugene have been playing with us for the past few years and are now part of the future of the Greyton Roses. I hope some of the new youngsters will also follow that path."

One parent, who is delighted with the addition of junior soccer in Greyton, told the Greyton Post: "Trevor's soccer practice on Wednesdays at the field have been an absolute fantastic opportunity for my son to compete in the team sport, get some

well-deserved exercise, learn teamwork, play competitively, and become a greatest player every practice."

To join the Greyton Young Roses or Rose Buds, or even to offer your assistance, please contact Trevor on 066 115 4684



team as well as a senior team competing in the fourth highest league in the country."

Three talented Greyton youngsters have already made their way from the junior ranks to compete for the senior team.

Junior Du Preez was 15 years-old when he made his senior



Autumn in the Garden: Preparing for the Season Ahead

Karen Quayle

Spinlea Farm

Zinnias and dahlias laugh in the face of the cool season annuals. These sun-loving blooms thrive despite climate change—provided they have enough water at their roots. Mulch is definitely the winner in February! You can use straw, leaves, grass clippings or cardboard and torn up paper are great sources of carbon to add back into the soil. The worms will pull it down in time and recycle it into their nutritious castings.



If you didn't mulch, you may, like us have some wonderful new seedling arrivals – an adventure of new varieties and crosses of dahlias, zinnias, cosmos. We leave many self-seeded maybe's to grow 'in case' they will be the next best thing. After all, we can manipulate and plan all we want, but nature wins every time and she has a trick to teach us season after season. And the self-seeders are often the toughest plants, having



survived nibbling mice, snails, slugs and mulch!

From March, weather cools, heralding the start of Autumn – the shorter daylight hours and lower temperatures signal the warm annuals to conserve their genetics and go to seed, and the cooler season flowers may start to germinate.

Now is the time to plant varieties such as cornflowers, calendula, nigella, alliums, and most darling poppies. No mulching required here as they will need the warmth and light to germinate.

Compost is the best food, or sprinklings of manure (do not lay it in a thick layer – manure

is best composted first - if it smells then it's too strong for your plants and may burn them).

Garden Tasks for March and April:

- **Feed roses** one last time before winter (chicken manure is ideal). Foliar spray with organic

Trichoderma for mildew and black spot.

- **Label dahlia tubers** now—once flowers die back, identifying them becomes impossible. Divide tubers after foliage dies, especially in waterlogged areas to prevent rot. Check for disease before dividing to avoid spreading it.

- **Enrich the soil** with compost before plants go dormant.

- **Mulch between new seedlings** once they germinate to suppress weeds and save time on weeding.



Sit back and twiddle your thumbs or fly to a warmer country until Spring!

For future events at Spinlea farm, please keep your eye on social media (weather dependent).

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The Post Mortem



From the Desk of Lady Grey: Observations from Our Charming Village

Greetings, my dear readers,

In the vast and verdant expanses of Greyton, the Fynbos estate development presents a vista most grand and the cause of many a heated debate. One could say (with tongue firmly in cheek) that it serves as an ideal perch for our ever-vigilant neighbourhood watch, affording them a splendid bird's-eye view into the hidden recesses of our back gardens! Alerting those below to any nefarious activity. While, in the spirit of cooperation that our tight-knit community so dearly upholds, those who live below will be able to offer timely warnings of encroaching fires to the residents above.

Did You Know?

In days of yore, our Main Road was once known by the more grandiose moniker of Main Crescent Street. Does it not sound infinitely more distinguished? In the manner that one might favour 'loo' or 'bathroom' over the decidedly less

elegant 'toilet,' the word 'street' conjures images of leafy boulevards, which our beloved Greyton, of course, boasts in abundance. The tale behind such changes in nomenclature often remains enshrouded in mystery, perhaps too verbose to fit on the humble postcard of yesteryear.

A Nocturnal Concern

A quaint yet concerning matter has arisen concerning our beloved equine companions who wander the roads at night—posing a potential lethal calamity. An ingenious, albeit startling, solution has been proposed and commenced: adorning our equine friends with luminous spray. While brilliant, one can only imagine the surprise of encountering a glowing horse during a nocturnal foray into our village!

Fire, Fire Burning Bright

Our community has rallied to raise funds for a fire truck to quite literally save our valley from the flames. At a recent gathering in

the church hall, our valiant fire volunteers shared harrowing tales of how, had the winds persisted and the helicopters not doused the inferno, our homes and lives would have been in peril. Efforts to procure basic equipment and a new fire truck are underway with much enthusiasm. Great excitement as a generous yet anonymous donor through our marvellous Rotary international donated funds for a truck which gallant Gavin and dashing team are soon to collect. Generous donations, an online art auction and T-shirt sales continue to aid our noble cause. Dig deep, dear citizens.

Be Kind at the Village Saturday Market

A note of etiquette for our Saturday market: it has come to my attention that certain enthusiastic patrons are purchasing more delicious rolls and loaves than one might

feasibly consume at a luncheon. Do be considerate and procure only what you need, allowing others the pleasure of savouring the exquisite creations from our local village baker's array of sumptuous loaves and brioche. With each day, our quaint village weaves new quirks and quandaries into the rich tapestry of community life. Let us cherish and preserve the unique charm of our community, where even the most peculiar problems find their most creative solutions.

Yours most observantly,

Lady Grey
xoxo



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MARCH

- *21 Remhoogte Family Winery**
Greyton Wine Club
- 25 Coffee, Code & Canvas Collective Meetup**
Pure Cafe
Les | 066 216 9667
- 26 13th Rabbit Horsemanship Clinic - Horse learning and behaviour**
69 Main Road
Les | 066 216 9667
- 28 Dogs, Donkey and Disco**
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28 Bubbles, Brunch & Bingo
Vanilla Cafe | 078 391 6325

APRIL

- 4-5 Fools & Fans Beer Festival**
Old Moravian Hall
Leon | 078 936 9297
- *11 Niel Joubert Wines**
Greyton Wine Club
- 25 Bubbles, Brunch & Bingo**
Vanilla Cafe | 078 391 6325
- 29 Coffee, Code & Canvas Collective Meetup**
Pure Cafe
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The Lighter Side

What do you call a natural shrub in the Western Cape that likes to party? Funbos!



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