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## MESSAGE FROM THE CALITZDORP TOURISM OFFICE

### Did you know?

As a member of Calitzdorp Tourism, which is an official Local Tourism Organisation (LTO), you have special benefits. These benefits are those which attract visitors and provide them with enough information to keep them in the area, and include predominantly promotional material. We will feature one of the many benefits here each month:

Provide free basic information on Calitzdorp Tourism Office website, with an active link to your website / social media page.

### Things happening around Calitzdorp

Please keep the tourism office informed of events happening in and around our town, so we can share it with everyone. We would also like to feature any community news in our newsletter. So if you know of anyone that has participated in a sport or cultural event, received an award or made us proud, please let us know! All advertisements and news must reach us by the LAST DAY OF THE MONTH at 12:00. All important notices to the public will be shared on our Facebook page. Special addition newsletters will go our from time to time if necessary.

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Laura Lucas  
Treasurer

## CALITZDDORP TOURISM COMMITTEE: MEET LAURA LUCAS

☀️ Meet Laura Lucas, our trusted Treasurer and cherished Friend of the Bureau! ☀️

With her keen eye for numbers and unwavering dedication, Laura ensures the financial health of our committee, providing essential oversight and guidance to keep us on track.

As a stalwart advocate for responsible stewardship, Laura's expertise in financial matters ensures that every penny is accounted for and used to further our mission of promoting Calitzdorp's treasures. 💎

But Laura's contributions don't stop there! As a valued Friend of the Bureau, she offers invaluable support and insight, enriching our endeavours with her wisdom and friendship.

Contact her at: [laura@whats4chow.com](mailto:laura@whats4chow.com)

[www.visitcalitzdorp.co.za](http://www.visitcalitzdorp.co.za)

Are you a member yet?  
Sign up today



As a member of Calitzdorp Tourism, which is an official Local Tourism Organisation (LTO), your business will receive considerable exposure. Not only do we provide visitors with enough information to keep them in the area, we also market your organisation through various mediums. This service includes referrals and bookings through our office. Visit our membership page for more details:

[https://visitcalitzdorp.co.za/calitzdorp\\_tourism.../](https://visitcalitzdorp.co.za/calitzdorp_tourism.../)

## SWARTBERG CIRCLE ROUTE MAP



We are finalising the two Swartberg Circle Route map editions for 2024.

Book your spot/spots to avoid disappointment.

- June map edition - 2 spots available  
Cost: R3500 per advert (distribution of 10 000 maps)
- December map edition - 5 spots available  
Cost: R3500 per advert (distribution of 10 000 maps)

What does a listing on the map include?

- Advert on the Swartberg Circle Route map
- Listing on the website, [www.swartbergcycleroute.co.za](http://www.swartbergcycleroute.co.za) (valid for 6 months)
- Banner on the website, [www.swartbergcycleroute.co.za](http://www.swartbergcycleroute.co.za) (valid for 6 months)
- 1 Facebook post on [www.facebook.com/swartbergcycleroute](https://www.facebook.com/swartbergcycleroute)

We invite you to join our venture in marketing our beautiful route.

Pro Web Consulting [marketing@prowebconsulting.co.za](mailto:marketing@prowebconsulting.co.za)

# EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

## Events Calendar Forthcoming events in and around Calitzdorp 2024

ITEM	DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED	CONTACT
36ONE MTB & Trail Running (The 361km long single-stage race)	24 May – 26 May 2024	<a href="http://www.the36one.co.za">www.the36one.co.za</a> Dryland Event Management +27 44 279 1013 <a href="mailto:info@dryland.co.za">info@dryland.co.za</a>
Calitzdorp Expressed	15 – 17 June 2024	Kevin Taylor 082 469 8143 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/calitzdorpexpressed">https://www.facebook.com/calitzdorpexpressed</a> <a href="mailto:taylorklb@gmail.com">taylorklb@gmail.com</a>
Calitzdorp Expressed Trail Run Challenge, Calitzdorp	15 (Saturday) June 2024	Corne Botha 073 1943 2984 / 074 260 2871 <a href="mailto:Jakhals.events@gmail.com">Jakhals.events@gmail.com</a>
Art on Track	2 – 9 August 2024	Andri Dare 082 686 0016 <a href="mailto:andri@keyspiritdev.co.za">andri@keyspiritdev.co.za</a>
Cape Pioneer Trek	2 – 5 October 2024	Dryland Events Management 044 279 1013 <a href="mailto:info@dryland.co.za">info@dryland.co.za</a> <a href="http://www.dryland.co.za">www.dryland.co.za</a>
Calitzdorp Vetplantfees The Station, Calitzdorp	20 – 22 September 2024	Buck Hemenway 076 298 7337
Ladismith Cheese Seweweekspoort MTB & Trail Run Zoar/Ladismith	September Date to be confirmed MTB: 80km, 40km, 29km Trial run: 29km, 10km	Janine Chain Gang 083 662 2022 Juan Botes 071 678 7147
Apricot Picking (Bulida apricots) De Krans Wine Cellars	November Date to be confirmed	Bessie Swanepoel 044 213 3314/364 <a href="mailto:dekrans@mweb.co.za">dekrans@mweb.co.za</a> <a href="http://www.dekrans.co.za">www.dekrans.co.za</a>
Apricot Jamboree & Christmas Market, Calitzdorp	23/30 November 2024 Date to be confirmed	Colleen Taylor 076 876 4304 <a href="mailto:eventsccc@gmail.com">eventsccc@gmail.com</a>
Klassieke Klein Karoo Kersfees	November/December Date to be confirmed	Marita Meyer 082 335 6059 E-pos: <a href="mailto:marita@celebratio.co.za">marita@celebratio.co.za</a>

# EVENTS COMING UP SOON

## Calitzdorp Expressed

Calitzdorp Expressed 2024 is just around the corner and our fantastic venues have lined up more than enough entertainment to keep you going the whole weekend!

Take a look at what Die Bosvarkie has to offer!

Purchase your passport via Quicket for amazing discounts freebies and goodies!

<https://qkt.io/KQchb6>



15 TO 17 JUNE 2024

Passport holder benefits

### WHAT DO I GET WITH MY PASSPORT?

- An Epic Calitzdorp Expressed Goodie bag with branded festival wine glass
- An authentic "wine hammock", spot prize auto entry and other fabulous optional competition entries
- Early programme release for event booking purposes
- \*PASSPORT HOLDERS ONLY\* Hop-on hop-off farmstyle transport - Die Wyn Treintjie - Calitzdorp & Du'SwaRoo
- 5% discount on full boxes of wine purchased - Calitzdorp Cellars
- Free melkertjie shooter, Buy 1 Pizza R120 + FREE glass of housewine - Die Bosvarkie
- Bottomless Port at Zamani Grill - Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10:00 to 17:00
- 1x Free Sherry per passport, Free Live music shows x2 - The Station Calitzdorp
- Entry into lottery : prize - Still Pure product set - The Accidental baker
- 10% Discount on wine sales - Peter Bayly Wines
- Wine tasting tokens included - 4 Wines and 1x Spirit Boplaas Family Vineyards
- Wine tasting tokens included - 4 Wines De Krans Wines
- Wine tasting tokens included - 4 Wines TTT Cellars
- Wine tasting tokens included - 4 Wines Calitzdorp Cellars
- 25% Discount on Port & Sweet wine Cocktails - Uitkyk Eatery
- 1x Free glass of port with every meal & 10 % discount on bill- Porto Deli Restaurant
- 1x Free pudding & port - NG Church Calitzdorp
- 10% discount on food or drinks bill - Cafe @ The Rose
- Free pudding with dinner @ Karoo life - Salie Restaurant
- Map of our festive little town and programme of events



**R300** Each

ONLINE SALES ONLY

Quicket:

<https://qkt.io/KQchb6>

more to follow...

Die Bosvarkie

Presents

**JANINE FOURIE**

**SATURDAY**

**15 JUNE '24**

**18:00**

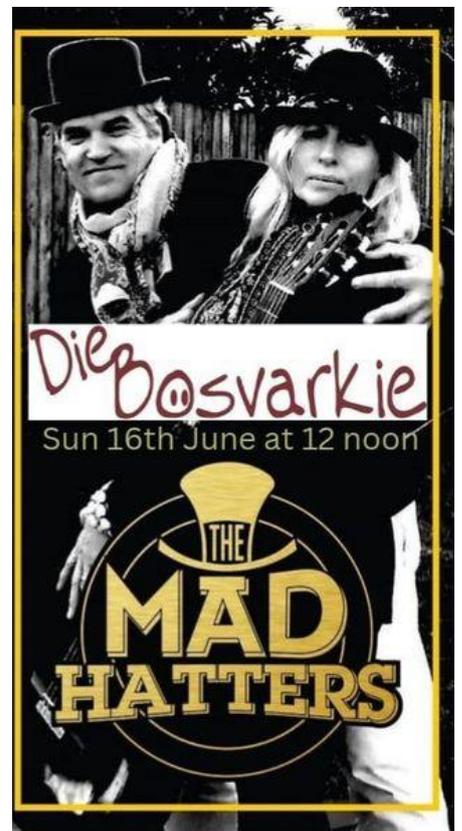


**15 June 2024**  
**CALITZDORP EXPRESSED**  
**TRAIL RUN CHALLENGE**

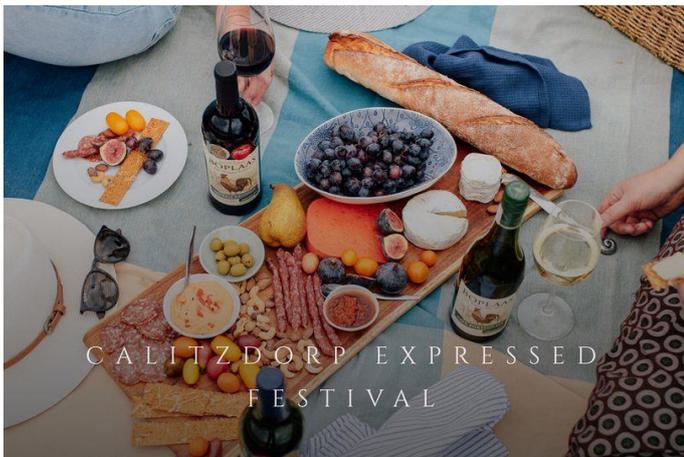
The race will cater for all levels of fitness and the distances on offer will be:

- 5km Fun Walk - for the
- 9km TR - for the average
- 21km TR - for the hard c

De Krans Wines, Calitzdorp  
**Jakhals Events**  
[www.jakhalsevents.co.za](http://www.jakhalsevents.co.za)



## Boplaas



🍷🍷🍷 Don't miss the Carlitzdorp Expressed Festival from June 14th to 17th! Here's what we have in store for you:📅

**Friday (14/06/2024):**📅

📅 Distillery tours 🍷📅

Wine tastings 🍷📅

Cheese platters 🧀📅

**Book your tickets for the Masterclasses here:**

<https://www.quicket.co.za/.../258509-port-masterclass.../>

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**Saturday (15/04/2024):**📅

📅 Port Masterclass with Margaux Nel (11:00-12:00)

🍷 Tickets on Quicket!📅

Live music by Janine Fourie (11:00-17:00) 🎵📅

Gourmet burgers (11:00-15:00) 🍔📅

Cheese and wine pairings 🧀🍷📅

Distillery tours (11:00-16:00) 🍷📅

Cocktail bar with bespoke Gin, brandy, whisky, and port cocktails (11:00-16:00) 🍹📅

Whisky Masterclass with Daniel Nel (15:00-16:30)

🍷 Tickets on Quicket!📅

**Sunday (16/04/2024):**📅

📅 Distillery tours (10:00-12:00) 🍷📅

Cocktails 🍹📅

Cheese platters 🧀📅

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**Monday (17/04/2024):**📅

📅 Distillery tours 🍷📅

Wine tastings 🍷📅

Cheese platters 🧀📅

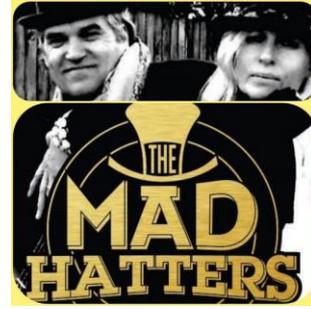
Join us for a weekend filled with delicious food, fantastic drinks, and great company! See you there! 🍷🍷📅



Residents from Queenstreet Calitzdorp will be celebrating Christmas in June for the duration of the Expressed festival 15-17 June 2024. A must see.

**Port Wine Guesthouse Calitzdorp**

## AXE HILL



#cellardate  
 #pudding  
[#portandcigars](#)  
[#acousticsounds](#)  
[#madhatters](#)  
 19h00  
 14 June 2024  
 Axe Hill Cellar  
 West Bank  
 Calitzdorp  
 info@axehill.co for



## ZAMANI GRILL

What to do during the Calitzdorp Expressed festival?

Well - mostly, having a • WILDLY • WONDERFUL • time!

Our venues are getting ready for your visit and will have the most amazing offers to enjoy! Make your mind up, buy that passport, join in the fun!

<https://qkt.io/KQchb6>  
 Here's what Zamani Grill have up their sleeve:



## *Vetplantfees*

**A Succulent Celebration!**

[www.vetplant.co.za](http://www.vetplant.co.za)

**MEET THE AUTHORS Friday - Sunday September 20 -22 2024**

Dr. Ernst van Jaarsveld

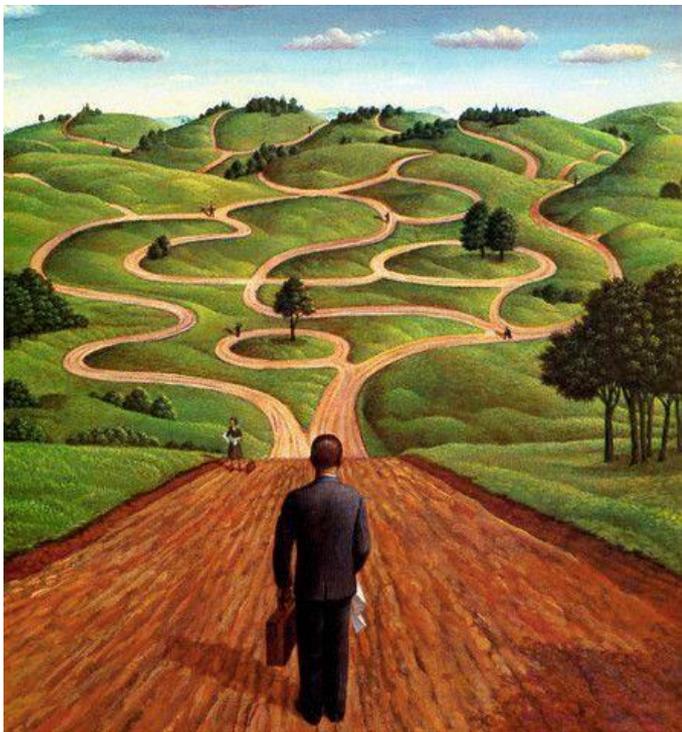
*Waterwise Gardening  
 in South Africa*

Dr. Roy Earle

*Lithops in Habitat*

Detlef Schnabel

*Succulent Plants of the  
 Southeastern Karoo*



## Art On Track Calitzdorp 2 – 9 August 2024

Art on Track 2024 | Roads less travelled

### Competition Information and Rules:

\*Stand a chance to win a guaranteed minimum of R10 000 cash prize in our annual Art on Track Calitzdorp art competition!\*

Create and concoct your best depiction of the theme "Roads Less Travelled" and what that means to you. Here's your chance, no strict guidelines, no major rules - just yourself and your imagination, having a blast!

No maximum or minimum size - framed or unframed, but please in a condition to display.

Kindly enquire about available space for your creation if you plan on creating a giant masterpiece.

Sculpture size - No restrictions, but if it is too large to be exhibited inside it must be able to be displayed in the garden (weather resistant). All art mediums can be used.

Any original works may be entered, even older creations. Unfortunately no previous competition pieces will be allowed.

All competition pieces submitted must be for sale and available to form part of the SILENT auction during the exhibition.

Artists must stipulate a reserve price. 20% will be taken from the sale price as commission.

Kindly price your own works. = Artwork Name, Artist Name, Medium. Price.

You are welcome to provide a bit of background regarding your artworks or yourself via email to [andri@keyspiritdev.co.za](mailto:andri@keyspiritdev.co.za) or print a nice poster and send in with your artwork.

Creativity is encouraged.

The winning entry will be chosen by a panel of no less than 3 judges. Two rounds of judging will be done, first a curating session then at the end of exhibition the final judging session will produce the competition winner.

Interpretation of the theme will be important in the judging process as well as creative use of your chosen medium!

Entry fee of R200-00 per entry art piece. 1 entry per artwork.

Entries and submissions close : 28 July 2024

There will be 1 prize for the overall winner and 1 public choice prize.

Entry forms, together with proof of payment to be received by 29 July 2024.

Create away!

For more information kindly contact

Andri Dare 082 686 0016 via whatsapp or email [andri@keyspiritdev.co.za](mailto:andri@keyspiritdev.co.za)

Exhibition and sale of non-competition pieces welcome!

## CONFERENCE FACILITIES



### The Station - Calitzdorp

Did you know that our spacious Station hall is available as a venue to host your next conference?

Spacious | Safe free parking | WiFi | Ideally located

Contact Andri 0826860016 or [andri@keyspiritdev.co.za](mailto:andri@keyspiritdev.co.za) to discuss your tailor made conferencing package.

Affordable accommodation also available on premises ▪ □

[www.thestationcalitzdorp.co.za](http://www.thestationcalitzdorp.co.za)



## GARDEN ROUTE SKILLS MECCA



## HOST EMPLOYER INFORMATION SHEET

### NATIONAL SKILLS FUND TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY PROGRAMME

The Garden Route District Municipality received an award letter from the National Skills Fund (NSF) to develop up to 400 participants in the tourism and hospitality sector in the Garden Route. This will include 200 participants on the Occupational Certificate: Cook NQF level 4 as well as place a further 200 participants at tourism and hospitality host employers for an eighteen-month period for them to gain critically important work experience.

### AT THE NSF

The National Skills Fund (NSF) is a public entity established by the government to provide funding for skills development initiatives in South Africa with a focus on national priorities and the achievement of Skills Development Act, the NSF supports education and training programs, including bursaries, scholarships, learnerships, and workplace-based learning. Additionally, the NSF invests in improving the post-school education and training system through capacity building, skills infrastructure, and research and innovation. Operating under the oversight of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the NSF plays a vital role in enhancing skills development and advancing the skills of nation's workforce.

### WHY BE HOST EMPLOYER? CONTRIBUTING

It's no secret that South Africa's unemployment rate and situation is extremely distressing. By opening up your workplace for a young person either as cook learner for 12 months or an intern for 18 months you will be contributing enormously to the empowerment and upliftment of young people.

### BRAND BUILDING

Provide an intern with a meaningful, mentored internship experience- means they'll spread the word about your company. If you're committed to helping them learn, you're essentially gaining a guaranteed brand advocate.

### TAX SAVINGS

The Employment Tax Incentive is aimed at encouraging employers to hire young work seekers. It was implemented with the effect from 1 January 2014, and it will reduced the employer's cost of hiring young people through a cost-sharing mechanism with government. By allowing you to reduce the amount of Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) you pay while leaving the wage received by the employee unaffected.

All host employers should check with their accountants if they can benefit from this tax incentive.

## BUILDING TALENT PIPELINES

Hiring an intern gives you the opportunity to simultaneously preview and develop a candidate's work ethic, potential and skills. You're essentially presented with the opportunity to provide a graduate with valuable work experience, get an extra set of eager hands to help within your business for a temporary amount of time, and contribute to the growth of your enterprise and our economy by helping fight youth unemployment.

You also have opportunity to nurture your interns in such a way that they are ready to leave their entry-level nests and become a permanent employee as vital part of your company, thus growing your team and helping your business take a step forward.

## CLOSER CONNECTION

Taking steps and make changes in your business can be daunting, especially if you're an entrepreneur. Even more daunting is the fact that taking these steps to stay relevant and modern often includes the addition of technology in the form of devices, software, programs, etc. Luckily, interns and young graduates find technology easier to navigate, and are either already tech-savvy or very fast learners.

Because interns are usually fresh graduates, they are closer to and more in-tune with the younger generations, which can help you engage with this target market more effectively.

## FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Interns are renowned for their dismissal of all things traditionally; 'the way we've always done it' doesn't fly with them. This attitude can help identify missed opportunities within your business, refine and revamp your existing processes to make things more efficient, and help your business gain a fresh set of eyes with which to view your audience.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED BY EMPLOYER

- Each learner signs a Host Employer Agreement with the Host Employer.
- Host employer to provide students with in-service learning for 18 months or 12 months.
- Provide guidance in notable areas of shortcomings, coaching and mentoring them to be successful.
- Learners are governed by Host Employer Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure ( according to Basic Conditions of employment Act).
- Host Employer to provide learner with organisation-Code of Conduct and Procedures.
- Maintain a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health of any learners it hosts.
- Provide a safe and harassment free environment.
- Provide workplace training, subject to the suitability of the learner for the position against the modules of the cook qualification or logbook requirements if applicable for interns.
- Provide supervision to learner and mentoring.
- Ensure learner's logbook is filled in weekly and signed by supervisor.
- Ensure that learner complete attendance records / with a supervisor and forward weekly attendance registers to the designated Skill Mecca Technician for payment of learning stipend.
- Release learner to attend all training sessions when necessary for cooks.
- Allow training provider on site for cook learner assessments.
- Over time work: In the case of overtime work required from Learner, he/she should be remunerated accordingly by the Host Employer.
- Learners work 40 hours per week maximum.
- All learners stipends (salaries) are paid by the District Municipality. Host employers only need to supply any necessary personal protection equipment for tools of trade that are necessary for the learner.
- Cook learners will be provided with PPE by training.



GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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[www.skillsmecca.gardenroute.gov.za](http://www.skillsmecca.gardenroute.gov.za)



# WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM), with its Head Office situated in George, serves the people in the Southern Cape and Little Karoo. GRDM seeks to achieve the integrated, sustainable and equitable, social and economic development of its area as a whole by: ensuring integrated development planning; promoting bulk infrastructure development; building the capacity of local municipalities in its area to perform their functions and exercise their powers where such capacity is lacking; promoting the equitable distribution of resources between local municipalities in its area, to ensure appropriate levels of municipal services.

## 200 TOURISM AND/OR HOSPITALITY WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES - ANOTHER GARDEN ROUTE SKILLS MECCA INITIATIVE

The Garden Route District Municipality invites unemployed persons currently residing within the Garden Route District Municipal area, to apply for an opportunity to be placed at a Tourism and/or Hospitality Organisation for an 18 month work experience opportunity as part of a Garden Route Skills Mecca Initiative. Preference will be given to persons with disabilities. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 35. Opportunities are currently available within the following municipal areas within Garden Route District.

Municipal Area	Total Opportunities Available
Hessequa	Between 20 and 30
Mossel Bay	Between 20 and 30
George	Between 20 and 30
Knysna	Between 20 and 30
Bitou	Between 20 and 30
Oudtshoorn	Between 20 and 30
Kannaland	Between 20 and 30

### Programme and Entry Requirements

This is an eighteen month work experience placement programme at Tourism / Hospitality organisation in the Garden Route.

Applicants will be selected based the following **sequentially prioritised criteria**:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Criteria: Persons with a NATED N6 Tourism / Hospitality Qualification that need 18-months work experience for a National Diploma.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Criteria: Persons with any Local or International Tourism / Hospitality Qualification that has had no work experience .
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Criteria: Persons with any Local or International Tourism / Hospitality Qualification that has had less than six months work experience.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Criteria: Persons with at least a NQF 1 Qualification that has a desire to work in the Tourism / Hospitality Sector.
- Persons with a disability supported by a medical certificate are encouraged to apply and will be exempt from any of the above criteria.

In addition the GRDM, subject to receiving enough applications and available workplaces, will also attempt to allocate applicants evenly across all Municipal Wards in the District.

### Scope of Work and Duties

- This will be determined by the Tourism / Hospitality organisation but could include administration, reception, room services bar services, restaurant services, food services customer services or any other typical work within tourism and hospitality.
- All shortlisted candidates will be required to complete a pre-assessment to assist with correct career development.

Stipends will be paid for eighteen months by the Garden Route District Municipality. Stipends must be used for meals, accommodation and travel costs. The Programme also does not include uniforms, PPE or any equipment unless supplied voluntarily by the host employer. Applicants must apply using the GRDM online system called **Unemployed Solutions** (red button) found at <https://skillsmecca.gardenroute.gov.za/>.

### THE GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WILL ONLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS COMPLETED IN FULL AND IF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN UPLOADED:

- A copy of South African ID Document certified within the last six months
- A copy of highest educational qualifications certified within the last six months
- An affidavit certified within last six months that confirms previous work experience, including any Learnerships.
- A criminal record clearance report from the SA Police Services.

For any enquiries, do not hesitate to contact Mr Reginald Salmons at 044-803 1363, or Mrs Angela-Ziva Coetzee at 044 803 1344 during office hours only. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Should candidates not be contacted within two months of the closing date, they must consider their application as unsuccessful.

**Closing date: 10 May 2024**

**Notice number: 35/2024**

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## 200 OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE: COOK TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES A SKILLS MECCA INITIATIVE

Garden Route District Municipality invites unemployed persons between ages of 18 to 35 male or female residing within the Garden Route District Municipal area, to apply for an opportunity to be trained on the Occupational Qualifications as Cook as part of a Garden Route Skills Mecca Initiative. Opportunities are currently available within the following municipal areas within the Garden Route District.

**The total number of opportunities for a municipal area (Hessequa, Mossel Bay, George, Knysna, Bitou, Oudtshoorn and Kannaland), range between 20 and 30 each.**

Applicants must **register and apply** using the online **UNEMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS (RED BUTTON)** on the Skills Mecca Web site at <https://skillsmecca.gardenroute.gov.za/> or browse to this **shortlink**: <https://tinyurl.com/34unesok>

### Programme and Entry Requirements

- This is a twelve (12) month training programme in the Garden Route region only.
- Applicants need to have as a minimum an NQF Level 1 qualification (Grade 9) with Mathematics.
- Pure Academic Mathematics or Technical Mathematics or Mathematics Literacy are also acceptable.
- Subject to the number of applications received, applicants may need to undergo a formal selection assessment test.
- In addition the GRDM, subject to receiving enough applications and available workplaces, the Skills Mecca will also attempt to allocate applicants evenly across all Municipal Wards in the district.

### Scope of Qualification

A qualified learner will be able to:

- Prepare for food production, associated areas, commodities, staff and cooking environment.
- Communicate with and assist other kitchen personnel.
- Prepare, cook and assemble specific food items using the correct method and techniques to meet customer and organisational requirements.
- Assist kitchen and service staff to prepare and serve food.
- Hygienically prepare and assemble food, and clean food preparation areas.

**THE GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WILL ONLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS COMPLETED IN FULL AND IF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN UPLOADED:**

- A copy of South African ID Document certified within last three months.
- A copy of highest educational qualifications certified within last three months.
- An updated copy of your C.V that confirms previous work experience.

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**Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**Notice number: 60/2024**

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# ACCELERATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY



Notice: Acceleration of Service Delivery Project  
Attention Residents of Kannaland

[www.kannaland.gov.za](http://www.kannaland.gov.za)

[info@kannaland.gov.za](mailto:info@kannaland.gov.za)

028 551 8000

We are pleased to inform you of an important initiative aimed at accelerating service delivery within our municipality. As part of his commitment to the residents of Kannaland, Municipal Manager Advocate Dillo Sereo has initiated a Service Delivery Acceleration Project.

This project will commence on May 6, 2024, and will continue until June 30, 2024. During this period, all municipal departments will be actively involved and visible in the streets, addressing current service delivery challenges in the towns of Ladismith, Zoar, Calitzdorp, and Van Wyksdorp.

The primary objective of this project is to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery across our municipality. By bringing municipal services directly to the communities, we aim to ensure that your needs are met in a timely and satisfactory manner.

We encourage all residents to take advantage of this opportunity to engage with municipal officials, voice any concerns or issues you may have, and actively participate in the improvement of our community.

Your cooperation and support are invaluable as we work together to build a better and more vibrant Kannaland.



COMMITMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
ADV. D. SEREO

## PROJECT

- TAKING MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE COMMUNITY
- INDIGENT REGISTER UPDATES
- ACCOUNTS ENQUIRIES & MORE

## NEWS FROM THE CALITZDORP COMMUNITY CHEST



### From the Chairperson:

The Calitzdorp Community Chest (CCC) have been hard at work over the past few months. A tree planting project at Vygieshof concluded last month, the launch of our winter project to supply school children with scarves and mittens, and a beach excursion for the elderly social club called the Karoo Lelies. More about the beach excursion follows below. We kindly ask that anyone interested in helping to knit, as part of our winter project, to get in touch with us.

The CCC committee has a number of other projects planned in the upcoming months, and we are excited to share more with you as these plans are finalised.

Thank you to each and every person in the community who supports the work of the CCC, and remember to follow up on Facebook for more details.

### Karoo Lelies beach excursion



Early morning preparations before the group arrives.



Smiles and excitement before departure.



Some more happy faces.



The bus is almost ready to go, just a wheelchair to still load.



Meanwhile, at a foggy Victoria Bay, the morning tea and coffee has been set-up, only a few meters away from the beach.



At around 10:30, the 22 members of the Karoo Lelies arrived at Victoria Bay. Morning tea, coffee and snacks being enjoyed, shortly after arrival.



At around 12:30, the group moved to the restaurant, Vikki's, to enjoy lunch and a beverage.





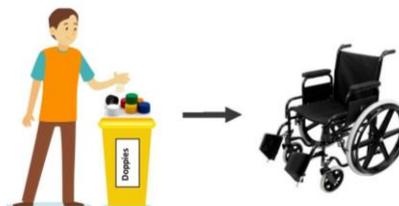
After lunch, there was some reprieve from the mist, and it was blue skies and a light breeze. Perfect beach weather!



After lunch, and a walk on the promenade, some of the Karoo Lelies sang songs, recited poetry, and told some stories. Great fun was had by everyone.

## Doppies = Rolstoele

Projek van die gemeenskap  
en NG Gemeente Calitzdorp



Ten bate van Vygieshof  
Depot: NG Kerksaal  
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# WHAT HAPPENED IN AND AROUND TOWN

## Matjiesvlei Gasteplaas

Safari Roetes se span was by Matjiesvlei Gasteplaas. Die uitsending was op Maandag 29 April 2024 om 17:30 op kanaal 144.



### The Station - Calitzdorp

The 'maravilloso' celebration would not have been such a success without our amazing customers! Thank you to each person that enjoyed the slightly chilly and rainy day with us! We ❤️ and appreciate you! Cuatro de Mayo Mexican Celebration 🌮



### Celebratio pomegranate farm.

The biggest Wonderful pomegranate harvested so far this season on Celebratio pomegranate farm The weight of a German bielie 1.35 kilograms.



## **Skål International Garden Route At Celebratio Pomegranate Farm**

Our Skål International Garden Route April Lunch had us discovering the wonders of Pomegranates at Celebratio Pomegranate Farm.

On the picturesque grounds of Celebratio Pomegranate Farm just outside Calitzdorp, our luncheon unfolded amidst a fascinating exploration of all things pomegranate. On arrival we went for a quick tour through the factory to see how they decide which Pomegranates will go where.

Then we learned that amidst the serene Karoo landscape, the 'Wonderful' variety thrives best in this arid terrain, its waterwise nature perfectly suited to the region. And yes the variety is called Wonderful but it fits so perfectly into the wonderful Karoo.

Gerhard who has learned all there is to know about Pomegranates taught us that patience is indeed a virtue, as it takes five years for a full hectare of pomegranates to yield its bounty. South Africa contributes a mere 5% to the world's pomegranate production, with Iran claiming the lion's share.

But pomegranates aren't just a delight to eat fresh or atop salads; they transform into a sweet and tangy juice when squeezed and frozen. Beyond culinary delights, they're also a source of beauty and wellness, with hair and skin products harnessing their natural goodness.

And who could forget the Karoo Harbour? In a nod to tradition, we savor this port-like concoction made from the very fruit that graces our tables.

A heartfelt thank you to Karooboom Braai Restaurant on Route 62 for treating us to a sumptuous meal featuring venison or chicken pie, accompanied by home-cut chips, salad, and, of course, the jewel-like pomegranate seeds.

No lunch could be complete without a delish wine to top it all off and we cannot say thank you enough to Calitzdorp Cellars who showed up and taught us all about their different varieties that pairs perfectly with a beautiful day out in the Karoo. Their team had us smelling, tasting and falling in love with Calitzdorp Wines.

Now to give you the Top 5 health Benefits of Pomegranate

1. Supports Healthy blood pressure levels
2. May help fight prostate cancer
3. Contains anti-viral and antibacterial properties
4. Boosts memory and cognitive performance
5. Traditionally used to fight diabetes

So what are you waiting for? Head on out to Celebratio and get your Squeeze to Freeze juice, Harbour and Fresh Fruits today. Contact them on Celebratio pomegranate farm.

To find out which Calitzdorp Cellar wine is your favourite we highly recommend a wine tasting, book yours with them today on Calitzdorp Cellar.



## The Station - Calitzdorp

They say better late than never right? ...We had loads of fun at the The Station Calitzdorp Easter egg hunt 2024! Thanks to all that support us at our little events! We really appreciate it ❤️. The Station - Calitzdorp, Western Cape. Huge thank you to my side-kick, my Stasie Hasie bestie Liezl Van Eeden. [www.thestationcalitzdorp.co.za](http://www.thestationcalitzdorp.co.za)



## Garden Route District Municipality Garden Route & Klein Karoo Tourism showcases Region's vibrant offerings at World Travel Market Africa 2024

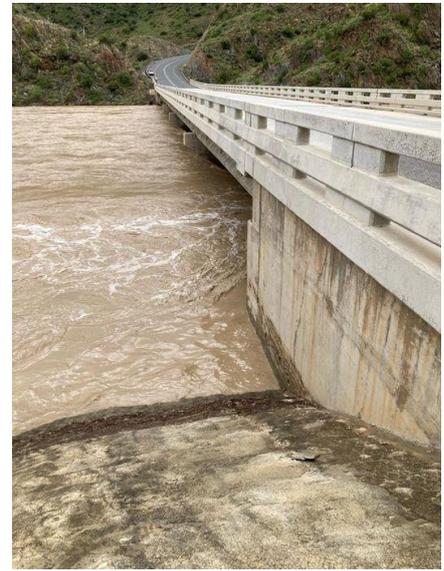
The Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM), responsible for tourism marketing and development, proudly announces its participation in the upcoming World Travel Market Africa 2024 (WTM Africa 2024), scheduled to take place from 10 April to 12 April 2024. As a vital opportunity to position the region on the global stage of travel and tourism, the Garden Route and Klein Karoo Tourism office will showcase the diverse and enchanting offerings of the Garden Route and Klein Karoo.

WTM Africa, a renowned event within the travel industry, gathers over 6000 professionals annually to explore the latest trends and opportunities in both inbound and outbound African travel markets. This year, the physical event promises pre-arranged meetings, buyer speed networking sessions, and an extensive conference program, providing an ideal platform for Garden Route & Klein Karoo Tourism to connect with industry stakeholders.



A total of 93 families from Calitzdorp living in informal settlements received food parcels from Gift of the Givers this morning.

Photo Credit: Deon Meyer  
**Oudtshoorn Courant**



### **Matjiesvlei Guest Farm**

The Gamka bridge on the R62 - on the way to the Matjiesvlei turn-off. The rivers are flowing strong after the recent rain.

## **THINGS TO DO**



Looking for a fun activity to do when visiting Calitzdorp? Explore the Swartberg pass with True South Travel - Swartberg Mountain Specialists with a guided tour. Experience the beautiful flora and fauna, indigenous to the Klein Karoo!

**The Queen of Calitzdorp**

## Tastings from around the World

The Calitzdorp CWAA (VLV) is offering an evening of tastings from around the world on SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024 at 18:00 at The Station Calitzdorp. Dishes from FRANCE, INDIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, MOZAMBIQUE, AFRICA, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, CANADA and JORDAN can be enjoyed.

Tickets can be bought at the event, alternatively can be purchased via EFT from Rienie Oosthuizen (secretary 083 505 8424) or Colleen Taylor (treasurer 076 876 4304).

**Taster portions** will be available at each table. Tickets will be available from R10, R20, R30. You decide what you wish to spend !

We aim to create a relaxed and enjoyable evening where everyone can sample a variety of international foods without breaking the bank. (Note that these are tasters and not a meal portions). Come enjoy the evening with us experiencing new flavours. Liquid refreshments will be available from the Station Bar. No "own" drinks.



### Proe-aand reg om die wêreld

Calitzdorp VLV bied 'n proe-aand reg om die wêreld aan op SATERDAG 11 MEI 2024 om 18:00 by the Station Calitzdorp. Geregte van FRANKRYK, INDIË, CZECH REPUBLIC, MOSAMBIEK, AFRIKA, MAROKKO, NEDERLAND, KANADA, JORDANIË kan geniet word.

Kaartjies kan afgehaal word by the Station Calitzdorp, kan ook bespreek word by Rienie Oosthuizen (sekretaris 083 505 8424), Colleen Taylor (tesourier 076 876 4304). Let daarop dat jy by elke tafel 'n happie kan koop. As jy bv. R200 wil spandeer, is die kaartjies vanaf R10, R20, R30 beskikbaar.

Ons beoog om 'n gesellige, toeganklike atmosfeer te skep waar almal kan ontspan en die verskeidenheid van internasionale kosse kan proe sonder om die bank te breek. Let daarop dat dit proe-happies is en nie 'n maaltydportie nie.

Kom kuitersaam. Koffie en ander drinkgoed is beskikbaar by the Station Calitzdorp

# Why I love living in Calitzdorp and the Klein Karoo



Went on a gentle cycle this morning out towards Groenfontein. The rain last week has washed all the veld of the dust. Aloes looking green and hope they give a great display later in winter. Flowers starting to pop up and getting ready to give a great display. Nels river still flowing into dam ensuring it is still overflowing.

Winter is ideal time to come and spend a few days at Gasteria Grange - Calitzdorp and discover all the hidden gems we offer. Find out more on <https://visitcalitzdorp.co.za>

**Gasteria Grange - Calitzdorp**

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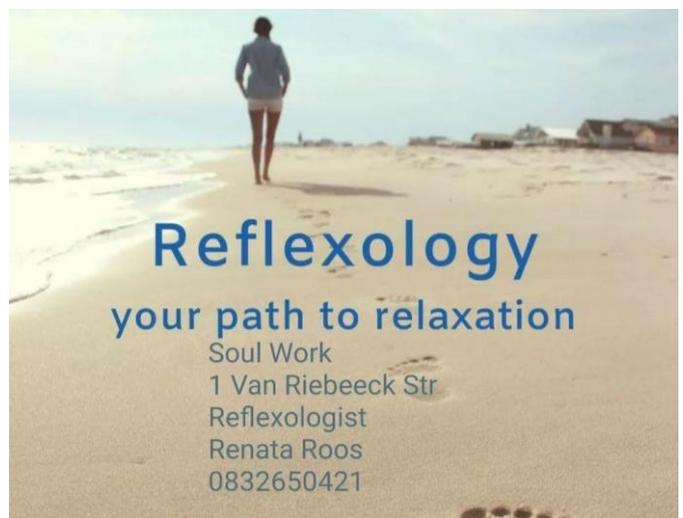


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## THE 36ONE MTB CHALLENGE | 24 – 26 May 2024



This is South Africa's ultimate race with 361km and a maximum of 36.1 hours to complete it. Starting with a neutral zone, riders head out of town from Kleinplaas Holiday Resort, turning right onto the first gravel section towards De Zeekoe, where the official start of the 189km race is located. The riders head in a westerly direction towards the northern sections of the great Gouritz river. Sharper steeper sections find its way to the southerly slopes of the Rooiberg Mountain – with around 70 km in the legs, this bump in the road feels quite severe.

The descent usually coincides with sunrise over Calitzdorp, the port capital of South Africa. Sun on the back and home sweet home in sight makes the narrow farm roads past Groenfontein and Kruisrivier seem easier – undulations and fast downhills bring riders ever closer to Oudtshoorn past Lategansvlei – 189 kilometres done and dusted!

Find out more at: <https://dryland.co.za/cycling-events/#36one>

# WHERE TO EAT, STAY AND DRINK



## MOEDERSDAG DAG

Bespreek jou Moedersdag ete vir Sondag vroegtydig om teleurstelling te voorkom. By Irene Saayman 044-0070034 of whatsapp 079 620 1441. Op die Route 62 tussen Calitzdorp en Oudtshoorn Buffet ete vir net R250 per persoon.

Karoboom Restaurant



## Breakfast at Karoo Nest - Calitzdorp

If you order 48 hours in advance you can enjoy a scrumptious and healthy plated breakfast at Karoo Nest - Calitzdorp Double cream yoghurt, fresh berries, muesli crunch. Ham, cheese, boiled eggs, tomatoes, fresh croissant, butter, toast, preserves. Coffee and Tea. Get a great start to your day!

Karoo Nest - Calitzdorp

Embrace the winter chill with **CapeNature's** 40% discount! ☀️ Treat your loved ones to a getaway at one of our spectacular reserves filled with family-friendly activities and warm up by the fireplace during those cold evenings. 🔥 Book your winter escape online now! T&Cs apply. Read more: <https://zurl.co/wQyJ>



## Karoo Life B&B Salie Grill House & Pizzeria



Salie Grill House & Pizzeria

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## winter promotion which started on 01 May and ends on 31 July. Get CapeNature's 40% winter discount on your next getaway!



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After a day filled with joy, laughter, and smiles from ear to ear, warm up next to a fireplace and get cosy for the evening at one of our self-catering cottages.



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- [Rocherpan Nature Reserve](#)
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2. Phone Enquiries: For booking inquiries, call us on 087 087 8250.
3. Validity: This offer is available for overnight stays from May 1 to July 31, 2024.

Plan your escape to nature this winter with CapeNature! [T&Cs apply](#)



## Matjiesvlei

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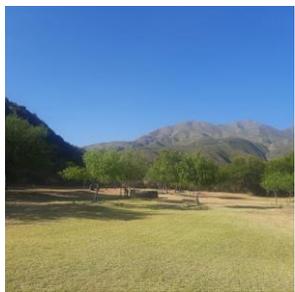


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**The Accidental Baker**

it's an unexpected warm day today • mothers gone wild!



**Gasteria Grange**



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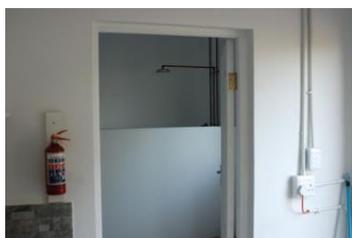
thanks to all regulars, locals, friends, travellers and folks from neighbouring towns • it was another awesome saturday morning at the bakery!



## The Calitz

Relax, unwind, and make yourself at home in our cozy lounge area when you come stay at The Calitz.

## Gasteria Grange - Calitzdorp



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### UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT CALITZDORP

1. Port Capital of South Africa, boasts with 7 wine cellars, situated on the longest wine route in the world (R62).
2. Calitzdorp is part of the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve (GCBR), the only area in the world where three global biodiversity hotspots converge.
3. You can reach 21 mountain passes within 130km radius from Calitzdorp.
4. The Nel's River dam is the oldest cement dam of its kind in South Africa.
5. The Calitzdorp Dutch Reformed Church is a National monument.
6. St Marks is the 2nd smallest Anglican chapel in the world.
7. Gamkaberg Nature Reserve is home to the endangered Cape Mountain Zebra.
8. The spectacular Red Stone Hills iron-rich conglomerates, one of the natural wonders of this region, can only be found at 3 places in the world.
9. A natural hot spring with rejuvenating mineral water, located 24km from Calitzdorp.



## TULA RETREAT - CALITZDORP

Tula Retreat is more than just a place; it's a sanctuary of conscious living and sustainable practices. Our mission is to guide you towards a life that harmonizes with nature, fostering a more sustainable and environmentally aware society. Get ready for transformative experiences, mindfulness, and a deep connection with the world around you. Tula Retreat is located on the water's edge of the Calitzdorp dam in the Western Cape and offers quality accommodation ideal for a couple or friends. It is the perfect destination for those seeking a tranquil getaway. What sets us apart is the privacy the location offers. You are the only guests at the establishment. The beautiful self-catering unit accommodates 2 guests. Awake to the crisp, clean air of this valley, abundant with Spekboom. Enjoy your own private Wood-fired Hot Tub. Sleep under the vast expanse of twinkling starlight. **BOOKING AND ENQUIRIES:** [reset@tularetreat.com](mailto:reset@tularetreat.com)



### Calitzdorp Expressed - New Venue alert!

Calitzdorp Country House is well known for delicious meals. Our Country House Dinner at R455.00, is a three course meal - starter, main and dessert. The Restaurant at Calitzdorp Country House will be open for external guests on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 June 2024. Passport Holders will receive a 10% Discount on their meals. We are fully licensed, with a wide selection of Calitzdorp wines. Sundowners on the Deck commence from 16:00 and Dinner will be served in the Dining Room at 18:30. Dinner is a fixed menu which varies according to ingredient availability and the chef's prerogative. Booking is essential, please advise us beforehand whether we need to cater for any allergies or specific dislikes. Contact Andrew on 082 491 7537 for bookings or more information.

**Calitzdorp Country House**



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For more information, click on our website:

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EXPLORE CALITZDORP'S  
ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES



## EXPLORE CALITZDORP'S ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES

Discover the rich history and stunning architecture of Calitzdorp! Take a leisurely stroll through the village and admire the beautifully preserved historical buildings. But the charm doesn't stop there – venture beyond the village limits to spots like Groenfontein, Kruisrivier, Wesoewer Rd, and St Helena for even more architectural wonders.

 **Calitzdorp Museum:** Dive into the cultural tapestry of the region at the Calitzdorp Museum. Housed in the historic Standard Bank building on Van Riebeeck Street, this museum showcases the area's heritage through fascinating exhibits, from vintage photographs to local artifacts. Run by passionate volunteers, it's a testament to their dedication to preserving and sharing Calitzdorp's unique story.

 **MTB Routes:** Cycle your way through Calitzdorp's scenic surroundings with ease on the district gravel roads. Whether you prefer leisurely rides or challenging mountain trails, there's something for every cyclist to enjoy. Check out the brochure for detailed routes and embark on an unforgettable biking adventure.

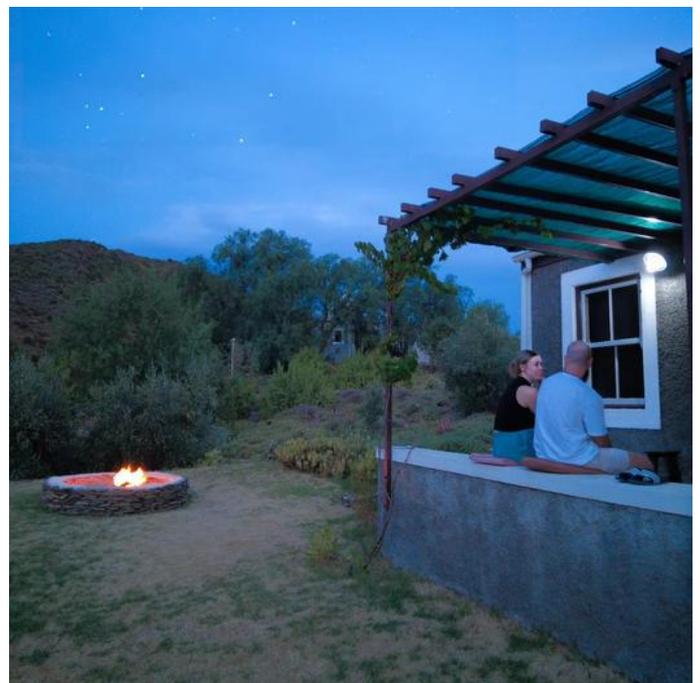
 **Hiking Trails:** Lace up your hiking boots and head to the nearby Gamkaberg Nature Reserve for an immersive outdoor experience. Explore pristine trails amidst breathtaking natural scenery, offering a refreshing escape into the wilderness.

Get ready to immerse yourself in the captivating sights and stories of Calitzdorp's architecture – an adventure awaits!

Book your accommodation with us:

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**Karoo Water Gasteplaas**



## Matjiesvlei Cottages

"Salig onder sterre" at Matjiesvlei Cottages.

The talented Tertius Rooi found inspiration during his stay at Matjiesvlei Cottages. Our greatest wish is for every guest staying at Matjiesvlei Cottages to experience the beauty and peace the valley provides.

We would love to hear from you!

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## The Retreat at Groenfontein

An early morning walk after the rain yesterday. It's lovely to see our surroundings cleanly washed by mother nature. Groenfontein is an idyllic spot for nature walks, birders, and those who love the botanical wonders of the world. With 560 hectares of mountain foothills to explore, who wouldn't?

PS: Our Winter Specials are running from April until September 2024.

We also boast with 3 types of accommodation.

There are two suites and two garden rooms away from the house with breath-taking views of the mountains from their private terraces, and 4 comfortable en-suite bedrooms in the main house, with French doors opening onto a patio.

For bookings, availability, and prices, please contact us on WhatsApp 073 026 8529

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## Port Wine Guesthouse Calitzdorp



Peri peri chicken livers



Lambshank with mustard  
mash potatoe



Lasagna

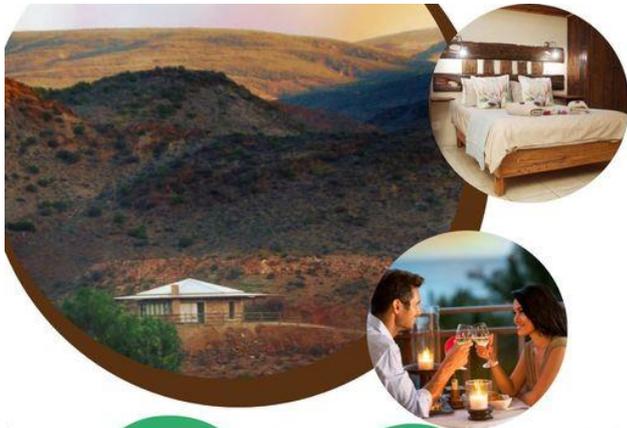


## Hike the Steerings Kloof, Matjiesvlei

Hike the Steerings Kloof or Middelpaas Circle route and experience breathtaking views of the valley and its wonderful Flora and Fona.

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**Karooater Gasteplaas**



## Matjiesvlei Guest Farm

**Unmatched River and Mountain Views!**

Nestled atop a picturesque hill, Die Wa-huis offers an unparalleled retreat with stunning vistas of the Gamka River stretching over 2 kilometers and the majestic surrounding mountains. This cozy cottage, designed for two guests, invites you to experience a simpler way of life, just as our ancestors did.

Spend your days exploring the beautiful surroundings, taking in the serene natural landscapes, and unwinding in the tranquility of this remote location at night, marvel at the star-studded skies and embrace the peace and quiet that envelops you.

Die Wa-huis is more than just accommodation; it's an opportunity to disconnect from the modern world and immerse yourself in the simplicity and beauty of the past. Come and relish the unique experience that Matjiesvlei Guest Farm offers in this charming cottage.

Die Wa-huis is perched high on a hill, providing breathtaking, uninterrupted views of the winding Gamka River and the towering mountains. Nature's beauty is your constant companion, and the ever-changing scenery ensures every moment is a memorable one.

**A glimpse into the past:**

This cottage is a delightful step back in time, offering an authentic experience reminiscent of days gone by. While there's no electricity, the cottage is equipped with an array of candles, lamps, and solar lights, creating a warm and inviting ambiance.

**Rustic comfort and modern necessities:**

Despite its rustic charm, Die Wa-huis doesn't skimp on modern necessities.

The kitchen features a gas stove and a gas fridge/freezer, allowing you to prepare meals with ease. A donkey boiler/gas geyser ensures you have access to hot water whenever you need it.

Contact us by calling 044 050 3346, WhatsApp to 073 174 1028 or email [matjiesvlei@telkomsa.net](mailto:matjiesvlei@telkomsa.net)



## Calitzdorp Wine Cellar

Do you think there's a hint that some good things are happening in our barrels?



## De Krans Wines

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# CALITZDORP - OUR BEAUTIFUL TOWN



Awesome sunrise this morning

Gasteria Grange



On the Groenfontein road through to Swartbergpas and Die Hel from Calitzdorp

Sue Grant  
Small Town South Africa



It has been an overcast and misty morning so I thought another moody view of Calitz St was appropriate. This is the road to Swartberg Pass and Die Hel through the Groenfontein Valley.

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Small Town South Africa



View from the Oosoeuer. The skies here are simply magnificent.

Sue Grant  
Small Town South Africa

## OUNTHOU JY NOG?

### Jongste orrelis

CALITZDORP: Die N G Gemeente van Calitzdorp spog tans met die jongste orrelis in sy geskiedenis!

Die 15-jarige Irma le Grange, 'n standerd 7-leerling aan die Hoërskool Calitzdorp is verlede maand aangestel toe die orrelis-pos vakant geraak het.

Irma het geen formele orrelopleiding ontvang nie, maar neem klavierlesse sedert standerd 1, nadat sy in haar kindertuinjare blok-fluitlesse geneem het. Haar klavieronder-

wyseres en waarmende orrelis, mev Yvonne Fourie, het haar spog-leerling einde verlede jaar gevra om vir een erediens uit te help.



Irma le Grange

Dit was Irma se eerste kennismaking met 'n kerkorrel, maar sy het dit so geniet dat sy nie eens vreemd gevoel het nie.

Daarna het sy meermale uitgehelp en die gemeente so beïndruk dat die kerkrad haar in Februarie permanent aangestel het.

Buiten vir nog een ander leerlinge is Irma die enigste leerling wat musiek as vak neem in die Hoërskool.

Sy beoog om na skool universiteit toe te gaan en Musiek as hoofvak te neem.



Our newest addition, a 1950 model "Roman" sliding projector in working order!

Thank you so much Sue Grant  
**Calitzdorp Museum**

## Calitzdorp Plant Chat

### 59. Cannabaceae – a much-loved family

This small family of plants (9 genera and ± 100 species) contains two very well-known plants: *Cannabis sativa* (Marijuana, Dagga, Pot, Hashish, Hemp) and *Humulus lupulus* (Hops) – both important economic crops, some more important than others.

While Cannabis may be discussed in hushed tones by many, demonized for so long in this country for its hallucinatory properties, *Cannabis sativa* or Hemp is known to have been cultivated for the last 8500 years and was actually first used as a source of fibre for rope and cloth, as well as for its medicinally-valuable oil. Outlawed in many countries around the world, there has been a recent ground-swell to have Hemp legalized so that it may be grown for both its valuable fibre and its therapeutic properties. In 2018 South Africa decriminalized cannabis for personal use only. But the demand world-wide for medicinal cannabis products is massive, particularly now that there is evidence that cannabis may be able to replace opiod use in pain management. But, the SA government is currently dragging its heels in creating a legal framework in which the whole cannabis industry can grow in South Africa – an industry which could exceed R100 billion in value!

Much more accepted and, indeed regarded as essential by many, are Hops. Grown to provide the bitter flavour in beer, particularly in ales, *Humulus lupulus* has been cultivated in Europe since the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Currently the greatest hops producers are the United States and Germany, with South Africa ranked in 2021 as 12<sup>th</sup> largest producer with an annual production of 725 tonnes of hops – about 1 % of global production. All South African hops are grown on the Outeniqua Pass above George where seven farms sell all, or most, of their crop to South African Breweries, with a small percentage of the crop being bought by craft brewers in the United States.

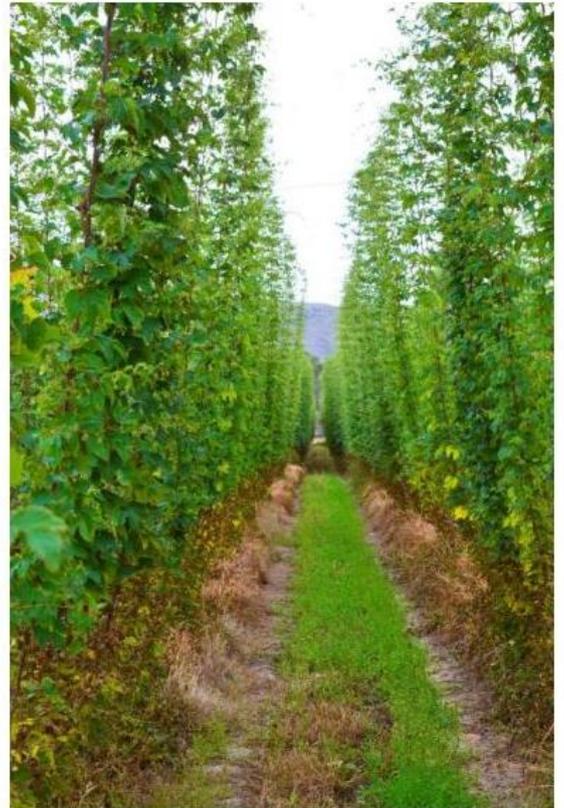
Hops grow best at latitudes of around 45° where they receive at least 3 hours more sunlight in summer than experienced in George. Therefore, South African breeders have been forced to developed hop varieties that are best suited for maximum production under reduced light hours. Which fortunately means that now all South African beer-drinkers are assured of a beer flavoured with George-grown hops.

Tail piece: the family Cannabaceae also includes the genus *Celtis* – Witstinkhout or Hackberry. Apart from their ornamental value, they do not appear to have any significant medicinal or flavouring properties similar to the pair discussed here.

John Burrows ([botartburrows@gmail.com](mailto:botartburrows@gmail.com))



from top left, clockwise: *Cannabis sativa* (Pot, Dagga, Marijuana, Hemp), Calitzdorp; *Humulus lupulus* (Hops) on Outeniqua Pass – these female fruits are harvested as hops; the plants growing on tall trellises; the insignificant flowers of hops.





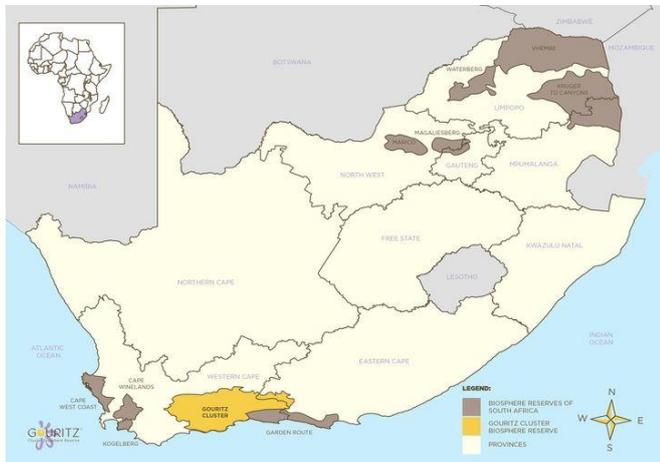
The African Fish Eagle is one of the bird species keen bird watchers get to see in the Klein Karoo. This beautiful bird can have a wingspan of up to 2 meters! 🦅

**The Queen of Calitzdorp**



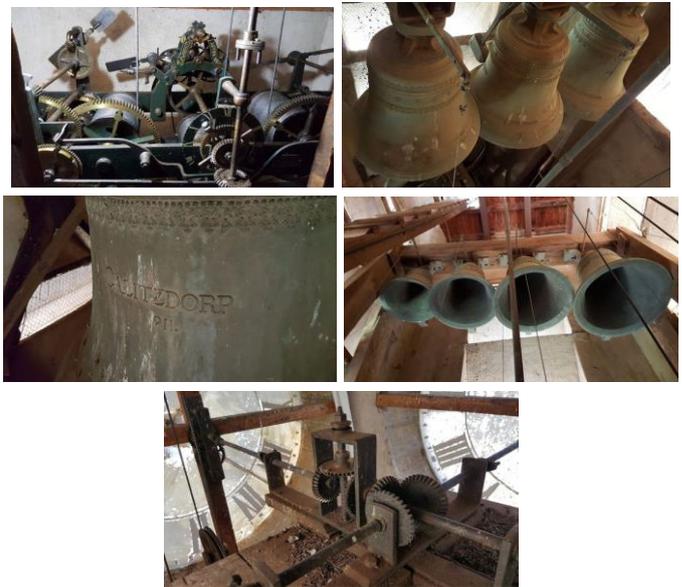
Yellow-bellied Eremomela  
Calitzdorp, Western Cape

Lyn Rankin Merry  
BirdLife South Africa



**Calitzdorp is part of the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve (GCBR),** located in the Western Cape of South Africa. It is the 7th and largest of South Africa's biosphere reserves; divided into four connected sectors ranging from sea level to 2,240 metres. The area is the only place in the world where three recognised biodiversity hotspots converge (Fynbos, Succulent Karoo and Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany). The site is characterised by high endemism of plant species (1,325 species including 182 Succulent Karoo endemics and 92 Red List species) and threatened invertebrates including seven endemic species of the enigmatic beetle genus Colophon and 14 butterfly species. It provides a migratory route for large mammals such as the leopard and serves as a nursery for marine species.

**Calitzdorp Tourism**



## STORIE VAN DIE CALITZDORP NG KERK SE KLOKKE

Die klokke is geskenk deur JJ (Dik Koot) Grundlingh. Na die dood van sy 17-jarige kleinseun het hy en sy eggenote die geld van die versekeringspolis wat hy uitgeneem het om sy kleinseun in staat te stel om medies te gaan studeer, gebruik om die klokke te befonds. Die klokke en meganiese horlosie is vervaardig deur Royal Eijsbouts in Nederland. Die gietwerk is in Engeland gedoen. Daar is vyf klokke: vier wat die klokkespel speel elke kwartier en die groot een wat die uurslae slaan en Sondae en voor begrafnisse deur die koster met 'n tou gelui word. Daar was nog altyd verskil van opinie wat die oorspronklike klokkespel-volgorde was, veral omdat die begeleidende brief van die vervaardiger wat saam met die installasie gekom het, verwarrend blyk te wees. Deur die jare het verwerking ook die toonhoogte van die kleiner klokke verander. Tog bly die klokkespel uit die kerkoring in Calitzdorp 'n welkome integrale deel van ons vreedevolle bestaan.

## ROCK ART OF THE GOURITS BIODIVERSITY MEANDER

The Gouritz Biodiversity Meander is located in the Little Karoo Priority Area of the Succulent Karoo. The route has been chosen to fit within the Swartberg-Gamkaberg-Rooiberg corridor, which is the priority focus area for the Gouritz Initiative project under CapeNature.

The route runs along the foot of the Swartberg Mountain Range, which is a World Heritage Site, following the Swartberg-Gamka-Rooiberg biodiversity corridor. This route is significant in terms of biodiversity, as it represents vegetation from the Succulent Karoo, the fynbos and the Subtropical Thicket biomes - all three globally important and enjoying CEPF biodiversity "hotspot" status.

The rock art tradition of the region spans a period of between 7000 ago and as recent as 400 years. The rock paintings record the history of the social customs and spiritual beliefs of the San whose ancestors have lived on the southern coast of the Western Cape for more than 100 000 years. The imagery on the rock face linked the spiritual and the real world in San ritual. The paintings illustrate the experiences of the Shamans (medicine people) who bridged these worlds in trance to heal, to make rain, ease conflict and control animals. Animals such as eland and elephant are painted more often than others because they are believed to carry supernatural powers or !gi. This power was captured by the shamans through trance. To show this power the figures show transformation between human and animal in depiction on the rock face.

The words of Wilhelm Bleek in 1874 still ring true: "The fact of Bushman paintings, illustrating Bushman mythology, ... teaches us to look upon its products not as the mere daubing of figures for idle pastime, but as an attempt, however imperfect, at a truly artistic conception of the ideas which most deeply moved the Bushman mind, and filled it with religious feelings".

High skill and technique of the San artist(s) are involved in creating the rock art. The depiction is literal but the undertones suggest the metaphor and meaning beyond the realistic representation on the rock face. The paintings manifest belief and emotions yet still the artists took care in executing the depictions.

The charcoal drawing of a Dutch sailing vessel at a rock art site near the Meander is approximately 400 years old. This date indicates the end of the rock art tradition in the region.

Groups of human figures are often depicted in procession. They 'move' in the same direction and are depicted joined in limb or touching. The activity represented by human figures grouped together is dancing. Dancing activates healing. The traditional healing dance is still danced in the Kalahari. The rhythmic communal ritual dance of the San activates the supernatural potency !gi: which 'boils' and rises up the shamans' spines and leaves their bodies through the top of their heads. In this altered state they are on an out-of-body spiritual travel, shown in the rock art by lines emanating through the top of their heads. In this altered state they ask God for !gi:, the potency to heal among their family and group and restore harmony and health.

The imagery of human figures often depicts the complexity of the trance experience by showing animal features in composition. One of the features of altered states of consciousness is the merging of different visual hallucinations; the visions are of human and animal forms. These depictions on the rock face are called therianthropes.

Animals were 'strong things' for the southern San. The elephant was conceived as a rain animal; an animal of significance and strength. The rain shamans entered trance, captured the rain animal in the waterhole and initiated the ritual to make rain: "Then they go and sling a thong over the water-bull's horns, they lead it out, they make it walk when they have slung the thong over its horns. They make it walk along and kill it on the way that the rain may fall. They cut it up, and rain falls at the place where they threw it down".

The mythical water images of the region with ichthyoidal features such as fish tails and human torsos are in essence still today a feature of the local folklore. These figures with human heads, have well-defined shoulders, arms and fish tails. Some of these figures have a bird-like torso, wings and tail with a human head and distinctly 'fly' on the rock face. The imagery on the painted panels is a symbolic whole as all the components complement one another, and refer in various ways to the shaman's spiritual and trance experience. Finger dots daubed near painted figures of shamans suggest the visual construal of potency on the rock face. A particular sensation in the hands was associated with potency and healing. Daubs and handprints suggest a repetitive act of regular visits to sites. Blotches of concentrated paint were places where people could access the power of the paintings by touching and rubbing specific places with the hand or fingers.

Travellers on the Gourits meander can mark their journeys by piling a rock on a cairn on the top of the Rooiberg pass ensuring safe travel. This cairn has been known to the local people for many years. It may be that the questing for safe travel was building upon an ancient tradition known from prehistoric times. Stone cairns were known to be burial mounds of Khoesan origin and some may have been good luck mounds. When these places were passed a prayer may have been offered for good fortune and health.

The landscape of mountains, rivers, waterholes, flora and fauna in which the rock paintings are found shaped their lives. The dotting of the rock art throughout the mountains and hills acknowledges a sense of place and a power inherent in the natural resources and in the animals that shared the landscape. The lives of the San were an integral part of the environment and their knowledge of field botany was very thorough. At times they depended on plant foods, particularly the corms of the iridaceous species, as well as other foods collected such as fruits, berries, drupes, honey, insects and tortoises.

- Information compiled by Renee Rust



At a site near the Gourits meander the rock depiction of a sailing ship resembles a Dutch vessel. A tracing of the ship is inserted to show the detail depicted.



The rock art figures at a site near the Gourits meander are grouped in processions and depict ritual activity.



An unusual depiction of a flute player at a site near the Gourits meander. A tracing of the same (on the right) shows the group of human figures in a procession of dancing images.



A shaman (to the right) at a site on the Gourits meander is shown with his arms held upward and a white line emanating from his head. The other figures with white faces are shamans transformed from human to animal.



An elephant at a site near the Gourits meander. Graffiti in blue and yellow chalk deface the rock art.

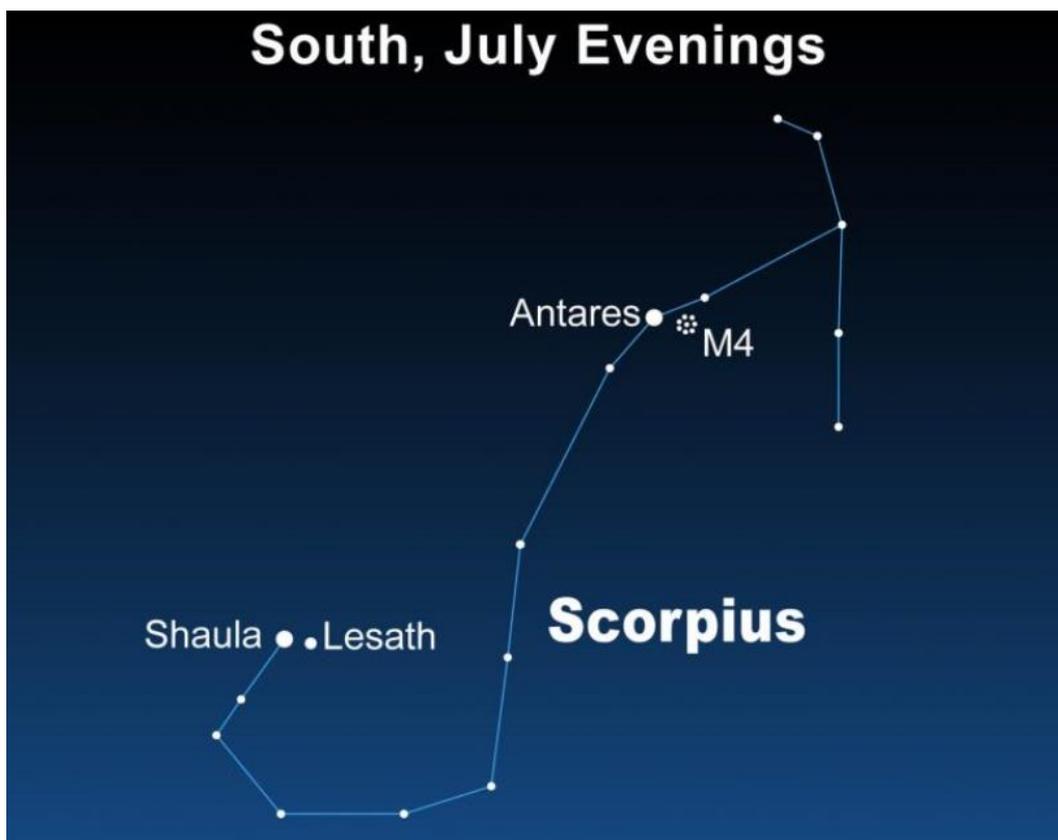


Ichthyoid (above) and avian (below) features in composition of rock art figures at sites near the Gourits meander.



At a site near the Gourits meander, hundreds of red finger dots form a rounded shape near other paintings and suggest a potency present in application on the rock face.

## Intro to the Southern Night Skies Scorpius Constellation



The Scorpio constellation (The Scorpion) is visible from April to November. It is one of the largest constellations and is one of the few constellations that looks like what it has been named after. Scorpius is exactly 180 Degrees opposite to the constellation Orion in the universe. The only time that both constellations can be seen at the same time in the night sky is when one is setting and the other is rising, usually in April and again in November.

**Antares:** The most prominent star in the constellation is Antares. It is the fifteenth brightest star and represents the body of the scorpion. Antares is a super-giant red star. It is a double star, but the other one can only be seen by powerful telescope. The pincers of the scorpion are represented by three easily recognisable stars. The planet pathway passes through the centre star. The constellation of Scorpius consists of 17 stars.

Reference: FGASA Training Manual

## MONTAGU PASS



This is a very interesting article written by the Author Peter Ball for the Heritage Portal Newsletter.

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[Montagu Pass - The Final Link | The Heritage Portal](#)

# VERHURING VAN CALITZDORP TOERISME RAADSAAL RENTAL OF CALITZDORP TOURISM BOARDROOM



## AFRIKAANS

Die Calitzdorp Toerisme raadsaal is te huur vir vergaderings en privaat byeenkomste, binne kantoor ure (weeksdag 08:30 – 17:00). Vakansiedae uitgesluit.

### Ingesluit by huur van lokaal:

Gebruik van lokaal vir gekose tydperk met langtafel en 12 stoele. 'n Blaai bord (Flip Chart) met papier en merkpenne, 'n kragpunt vir gebruik van eie projektor/rekenaar asook 'n multi prop vir selfoon laaiers. Hout is addisioneel beskikbaar vir vuurmaak in die kaggel tydens die koue winter maande. Privaat ingang. Badkamer geriewe is beskikbaar. Geen Wi-Fi beskikbaar nie; gebruik asseblief jou eie.

### Tariewe vir lokaal (maksimum 12 sitplekke):

09:00 – 12:00 = **R100**

14:00 – 17:00 = **R100**

09:00 – 17:00 = **R200**

### Ekstras:

- Die self-help koffiestasie sal addisioneel beskikbaar wees teen R20 per persoon. Dit sluit in: kookwater, Jacobs Krönung kits koffie, Engelse tee, Rooibos tee, melk en suiker.
- Drukwerk (R3 per bladsy, slegs swart ink), eposse stuur (R3 elk), skandering (R3 per bladsy).
- Hout vir kaggelvuur teen R30 per sakkie (bespreek asb vooraf).

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### Included in venue hire:

Use of venue for selected period with long table and 12 chairs. A Flip Chart with paper and markers, a power point for using your own projector/computer as well as a multi plug for mobile phone chargers. Wood is additionally available for making a fire in the fireplace during the cold winter months. Private entrance. Bathroom facilities are available. No Wi-Fi available; please use your own.

### Rates for venue (maximum 12 seats):

09:00 – 12:00 = **R100**

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### Extras:

- The self-help coffee station will be additionally available at R20 per person. This includes: boiling water, Jacobs Krönung instant coffee, English tea, Rooibos tea, milk and sugar.
- Printing (R3 per page, black ink only), sending emails (R3 each), scanning (R3 per page).
- Wood for fireplace at R30 per bag (please book in advance).

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