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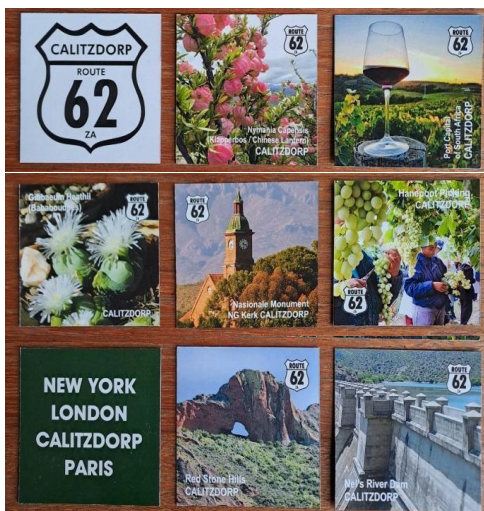
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Fridge Magnets



A variety of 9 different magnets showing some highlights of Calitzdorp.

These 6cm x 6cm magnets can stick to any metal surface, which may be used to post items such as shopping lists, Christmas cards, child art or reminders on a refrigerator door, or simply serves as decoration. They also make great gifts and act as “memory pointers” so you can hold on to your Calitzdorp memories longer.

Buy the collection of 9 for R120 or buy them individually for R15 each.

Available at the Calitzdorp Tourism Office, 1 van Riebeeck street.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

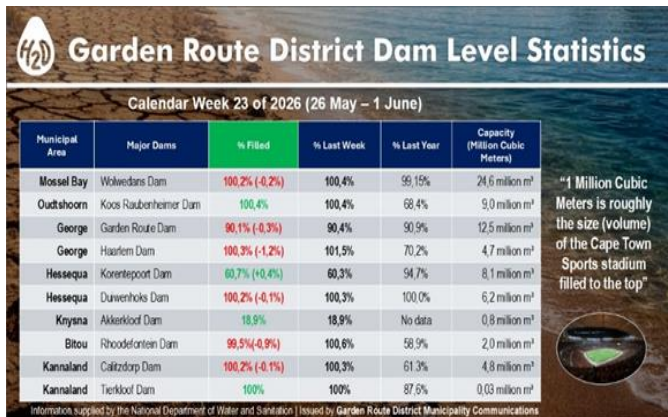


Calitzdorp Tourism
 info@visitcalitzdorp.co.za
 072 981 1669 or 078 188 8282

Events Calendar Forthcoming events in and around Calitzdorp 2026

Have you booked your stay yet?
 Contact Calitzdorp Tourism at 078 188 8282 to assist you.

ITEM	DATE	ABOUT EVENT	PRESENTED BY
Calitzdorp Expressed festival	12 - 14 June 2026	The Calitzdorp EXPRESSED Festival is an EXPRESSION of all our lovely town has to offer, across 28 venues.	Calitzdorp Expressed Gill Rayner – 074 143 4982 Email: calitzdorpexpressed@gmail.com
Calitzdorp Expressed Trail Run Challenge	13 June 2026	A TRAIL RUN FOR EVERYONE! Bring: ✓ Kids ✓ Friends ✓ Dogs ✓ Granny & Grandpa The 5km Fun Walk makes it a perfect family outing!	Jakhals Events 078 012 5044 Email: Support@entryninja.com
Calitzdorp Succulent Festival	18 - 20 September 2026	The Calitzdorp Succulent Society tries to assist with the conservation and preservation of succulents from Klein Karoo through public education and promotion. To join the society or to learn more about its projects & activities	PH: 076 298 7337 Email: info@vetplant.co.za Website: www.vetplant.co.za



FLOOD AWARENESS
STAY ALERT
DON'T GET HURT

We are teaching you how to stay safe. You must always be aware of your environment so that we can reduce the risks.

Garden Route

FLOOD SAFETY

- Get to know your community's emergency plans, warning signals and evacuation routes and locations of emergency shelters.
- During severe storms, listen to your local radio or TV stations. Stay up-to-date about possible flood warnings and reports of flooding in progress.
- Be prepared to evacuate quickly. Have all your essential items gathered in advance.
- Head for higher ground. If you are outside or in your home, and a flood is taking place, you should always look for and move to higher ground.
- Avoid flood waters. If you are driving and approaching a flooded road, turn around and drive the other way.
- Be careful in the dark. Evacuating in the evening is very dangerous as flood hazards may be hard to spot.
- Be aware of electricity and animals in flood water when cleaning up after a flood.

NOODNUMMERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

✿ CALITZDORP EXPRESSED Edition ✿



Port Wine Guesthouse Calitzdorp

Expressed festival 12-14 June 2026



Die Bosvarkie Calitzdorp

SATURDAY 13 June 2026

Geraas op die Plaas from 10am till late. A free melktertjie to all passport holders! Pizza, Potjiekos and Roosterkoek available. In house music all day. From 19H00 Live Band - MARISCA RAIN AND THE THUNDER - Put on your dancing shoes en kuier lekker by die bosvarkie.

Free Entry.



Die NG Kerk Calitzdorp is trots om vanjaar die jaarlikse Kermis op 13 Junie 2026 aan te bied. Met 'n ryke geskiedenis wat reeds sedert 1873 deel vorm van die Calitzdorp-gemeenskap, is die gemeente bekend vir hul gasvryheid, samehorigheid en diens aan die gemeenskap. Ons sien uit na 'n dag vol heerlike kos, pret, samesyn en ware Karoo-gees saam met familie en vriende.

The NG Kerk Calitzdorp is proud to host this year's Annual Kermis on 13 June 2026. With a rich history dating back to 1873, the congregation has long been a valued part of the Calitzdorp community, known for its hospitality, unity, and service. We look forward to a wonderful day filled with delicious food, fun, fellowship, and true Karoo spirit shared with family and friends.

Picnics at Paardekloof Farm

Calitzdorp Expressed //13 & 14 June 2026 // 12h00



Private picnic sites with picnic basket available for booking on Calitzdorp Expressed weekend - on the banks of Nels River in the Groenfontein Valley. Bask under a Willow tree and enjoy the sound of the river.



R200 buys you a picnic site and basket and build your own from our selection of charcuterie, cheeses, homemade pickles and fresh sourdough bread from the Barn. Expressed Passport Holders get a 10% discount.

Contact Joe on WhatsApp 0833935006.

Another wonderful offering during the Calitzdorp Expressed Festival

12-14 June 2026

Passport tickets available via the quicket link below <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../357193-calitzdorp.../>



Susan Kemp Art Studio & Gallery

Port Wine Guesthouse

JOIN US FOR A

Tapas Lunch

13 June
from 14:00

AT THE
**PORTWINE
Guest House**

**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**

Cost: **R280.00**

Enjoy our
Food and Music!

Bring Your Own Wine!

CONTACT MARLENE
082 551 7793

PORT WINE
GUESTHOUSE

3 Course Breakfast

13 & 14 JUNE
09:00-11:00

R195 PP.
Excluding refreshments.

Bookings: 082 551 7793

Registration and late entries:
13 June 2026
07h30 - 09h00
De Krans Wines
Prize Giving:
13 June 2026
11h30
De Krans Wines

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 whole family
9km TR - for the average fitness
21km TR - for the hard core runners

13 Jun 2026

SAVE the DATE

De Krans Wines
Calitzdorp

Jakhals Events
www.jakhalsevents.co.za




Calitzdorp Expressed 13 June 2026

🔥 1 WEEK TO GO!
Who's ready?!

#familyfriendly #TrailRunning #walking #trailrunninglife #JakhalsEvents #TrailRunningChallenge #TrailFamily #KarooMagic #runningaddict #calitzdorp #ExploreMore #KarooAdventure #running #TrailRun #trailrunner #SupportLocalEvents #DeKrans #runninglife #georgietestaansam #jakhalsevents #oudtshoornietestaansam #hartenbosdrawwers #nedbankrunningclubgeorge #32girunningclubswd #trailrunning

The Retreat at Groenfontein

JOIN US FOR A
14 June Long Table
Fiesta
LUNCH

YOUNG EXPLORERS!
JOIN OUR TREASURE HUNT
Find the hidden clues, follow the map,
and discover the treasure!

TREASURE AWAITS THE BRAVE!

CLUES HIDE AT THE RETREAT!

GREAT FOOD • LOCAL WINE • GOOD COMPANY • COUNTRY CHARM

CALITZDORP
KLEIN KAROO

Please be seated at 13h00
Fully licensed | Corkage applicable
R350 per person | R250 for children under 12
admin@groenfontein.com
WhatsApp 073 593 4007 or Anina 071 429 8192
SLOW DOWN, SIT TOGETHER, SAVOR THE MOMENT

CALITZDORP
EXPRESSED

BOOK YOUR SEAT & EXPERIENCE THE RETREAT AT GROENFONTEIN



Calitzdorp exPRESSED - 13 & 14 June 2026



09:00 to 17:00 on **Saturday** | 09:00 to 14:00 on **Sunday**
Wine, Olive & Atchar tastings

For the hungry

Vetkoek, Roosterkoek & Wraps with fillings
Du'SwaRoo Platters
Coffe & Tee
Milkshakes



kallie@duswaroo.co.za | 082 826 2419 | www.duswaroo.co.za
The Du'SwaRoo Cellar is located on the Groenfontein road 1,8km outside Calitzdorp

The Calitzdorp exPRESSED festival is getting closer. Make sure you mark this weekend and come and enjoy it with us.

[#kleinkaroo](#) [#gardenroutesouthafrica](#) [#calitzdorpxpressed](#) [#calitzdorp](#)

Du'SwaRoo Wine and Olive Farm

CALITZDORP EXPRESSED ART EXHIBITION

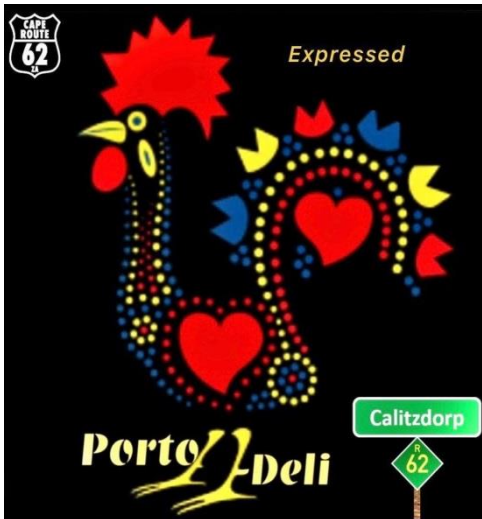
You're warmly invited to the **EXPRESSED ART EXHIBITION** at The Station , Calitzdorp

Dates : 12 to 14 June 2026 (see opening times below)

FRIDAY : 18H00 - 21H00 [OPENING NIGHT]

SATURDAY : 11H00 - 16H00

SUNDAY : 11H00 - 14H00



LAG N SLAG #2
Kontreikuier - Nostalgie - Storietyd

’n Aand van kontreistories, Klein Karoo legendes, ’n Knippie sout en musiek.
Saterdag, 13 Junie 2026 - 18:00
R180 pp (Soetee en Sopp ingesluit)
Beperte kaartjies.
Besprek: info@tuinateljee.co.za



Calitzdorp Tuinateljee

@ Ebenhart's Restaurant, Voortrekker Rd, Calitzdorp

CALITZDORP MONTHLY MARKET

13 JUNE 2026 (SAT.) STALLS 9H-15H

EBENHART'S RESTAURANT

FRI. 8AM TO 5PM
SAT. 8AM TO 8PM
13/6: STALLS 9H- 15H
SUN. CLOSED

Ebenhart's Restaurant, Voortrekker Rd, Calitzdorp

BREAD & CO
EST. 2017
HOMEMADE

Friday 5:30 to 8pm
Delectable Prawn pasta dinner with vegetarian option available
Dessert of the day
Free glass of wine R220
(we are not licenced please bring your own bottle)

Bookings Required
Tanya 0824555352

53 Wesoever Road
Calitzdorp

BREAD & CO
EST. 2017
HOMEMADE

Saturday 5:30 to 8pm
Sirloin steak with pepper sauce or Chicken Marbella
Dessert of the day
Served with a glass of wine R220
(We are not licenced so bring your own bottle) bookings required
Tanya 082 455 5352

53 WESOEWER ROAD
CALITZDORP

Including other events venues: Axe Hill Winery • Kraaldorn brewing CO • Karoo Life • Under the pepper tree • TTT Cellars / Vineyard Kithen • Museum • Elnatan • Peter Bayly • Kruis Rivier Gallery • Café @ the rose • De krans • Boplaas • Calitzdorp Cellar • Zamani Grill • Chris van Niekerk Gallery • The Station

EVENT VENUES

Karoorwater - Function Venue



Karoorwater
• GUEST FARM •

Host Your Special Event at Karoorwater

Rustic charm in the heart of the Klein Karoo

- Ideal for weddings, birthday celebrations, year-end functions & corporate events
- Up to 80 guests for a sit-down meal
- Complete in-house catering available
- Ample parking
- Accommodation options available, including a honeymoon suite
- Choose between self-catering or fully catered accommodation

Enquire today to plan your event

Clients arrange their own DJ and sound equipment.

The graphic includes several small images: a wooden deck overlooking a river, a rustic interior with a fireplace, a dining area, and a buffet table.

🎉 Host Your Special Event at Karoorwater
Looking for a venue with rustic charm, beautiful surroundings, and true Klein Karoo hospitality? Karoorwater Guest Farm offers the ideal setting for weddings, birthday celebrations, year-end functions, and corporate events — with space for up to 80 guests for a sit-down meal. Surrounded by peaceful landscapes, warm wooden interiors, and relaxed Karoo character, it's a venue that feels welcoming from the moment your guests arrive.

- 🌟 Ideal for special celebrations
 - 🍽️ Complete in-house catering available
 - 🚗 Ample parking
 - 🏠 Accommodation options available, including a honeymoon suite
 - 🌿 Choose between self-catering chalets or camping
- Whether you're planning something intimate, festive, or professional, Karoorwater offers a memorable setting in the heart of the Klein Karoo.
- 📞 Enquire today to start planning your event.

www.karoorwater.co.za
[#Karoorwater](#) [#KleinKaroo](#) [#FunctionVenue](#)
[#KarooWeddings](#) [#YearEndFunction](#) [#CorporateEvents](#)
[#BirthdayVenue](#) [#Route62](#) [#KarooHospitality](#)

Calitzdorp Station



Weddings & Venues

Looking for a setting with soul? The Calitzdorp Station is the perfect backdrop for unforgettable moments. Whether you're planning a wedding, hosting a private function, or setting the stage for a special event, our venue space offers rustic charm, scenic views, and plenty of Karoo magic. We cater to intimate gatherings and large celebrations alike — with catering, accommodation, and atmosphere all in one place. At The Calitzdorp Station, you're not just a guest — you're part of the story. Come for the food, the drinks, the stay... and leave with memories that stick.

Contact: Henriëtte (072 560 9085)

Calitzdorp Community Chest/Gemeenskapkas

The **Calitzdorp Community Chest** still has jars of our delicious **Apricot Jam** available for R60—perfect for those chilly winter breakfasts! This isn't just jam; it's spreadable sunshine. It's pure joy in a jar. If you think it's just for toast, your imagination needs a wake-up call.

- Slap it onto a warm scone.
- Smother it over hot malva pudding.
- Swirl it into boring porridge to give it a personality.
- Spread it as sticky glaze to rescue your Sunday roast chicken or glazing your crispy pork chops.
- Stuff it into homemade muffins for a sweet surprise.
- Dollop it onto a stack of pancakes.

Call **Deon** (082 466 0486), **Gerry** (082 767 1282) or **Annamarie** (082 799 7855) to secure your jar, and be sure to ask them about a bulk discount for 12+ bottles! Hoard it for the apocalypse (no judgment here).

We are always looking for new members to **join the Community Chest family**—we truly need your hands and hearts to keep making a difference. Let's continue to make an impact, together.

God bless, from all of us at the Calitzdorp Community Chest!



WHAT HAPPENED IN AND AROUND TOWN

PERSVERKLARING

Angela Kotze en Frederico Fortuin vier Klein Karoo-trots met nuwe cover van “Ek Like Jou”.

Plaaslike musikante Angela Kotze (Calitzdorp) en Frederico Fortuin (Oudtshoorn) het onlangs hul unieke weergawe van die gewilde lied “Ek Like Jou” deur M.I.A. en Da V.G. vrygestel — en die reaksie was onverwags.

Die cover-video, wat onder andere by die pragtige Calitzdorpdam verfilm is, het reeds meer as 70 000 kyke op TikTok behaal, saam met honderde likes en shares van regoor die land.

Die video vier nie net die musiek nie, maar wys ook die natuurskoon en unieke karakter van Calitzdorp en die Klein Karoo. “Nie net kry ek as musikant lekker exposure nie, maar ons wys ook hoe mooi ons pragtige dorp regtig is,” sê Angela.

Die volledige video is nou beskikbaar op YouTube.

Met die sukses van die cover sien aanhangers reeds uit na meer projekte van die twee kunstenaars.



Three groups participating in the Calitzdorp Camino, who braved our recent storms, enjoyed brunch at the Gallery.

Kruisrivier Gallery & Roger Young Studio



Die bekendstelling van **Boplaas** Andre Esterhuizen 10 YO Rum by Boplaas proelokaal @ Hart&Bosch was 'n groot sukses.

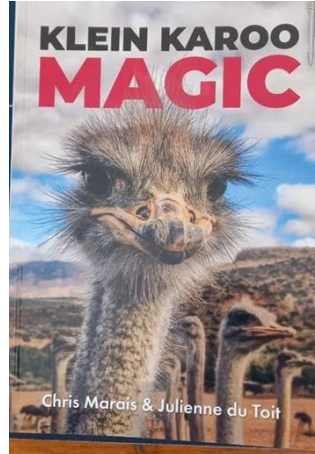
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Bykans 30 mans was deel van 'n suksesvolle mannedag gehou onder die beskerming van die Calitzdorp GPF 'n Opregte en deurdringende boodskap was in die harte van manne geplaas met n onderneming om dit in die nabye toekoms te herhaal

Calitzdorp Museum



Klein Karoo Magic - is a book with a twinkle in its eye. Come with us on this journey and share in the fun. Pretty chuffed for Colleen and myself to be mentioned in the latest book by Chris and Julienne, Klein Karoo Magic. It was an absolute pleasure hosting them at Gasteria Grange, showing them around Calitzdorp, and sharing the heritage and stories of our town and surrounding area.

Thanks to them for our signed copy.

karoospace.co.za

To order your copy email: julie@karoospace.co.za

Gasteria Grange

SALES AND SERVICES



Calitzdorp Meubelvervoer

House Office Piano Car Carrier

Verhuis Die Klein Karoo Tuin Roete Kaapstad Noord Kaap Johannesburg Durban Oos Kaap..

VERHUIS LANDWYD MET GEMOEDSRUS

Kontak Rita: +27 72 564 5576
Email: meubelvervoer@scwreless.co.za

CALITZDORP TOURISM

WHERE TO EAT & DRINK

- KAROOWATER Cell nr: 076 382 3477
- KAROOBOOM BRAAI RESTAURANT Tel nr: 044 007 0034 / 087 808 088 Cell Nr: 079 620 1441
- RETREAT @ GROENFONTEIN Cell nr: 083 628 9394 (WhatsApp only)
- KRUISRIVIER GALLERY COFFEE SHOP Cell nr: 083 318 9901 whatsapp only Tel: 044 213 3296
- PORTWINE GUEST HOUSE Cell nr: 082 551 7793
- TUINATELJEE Cell nr: 072 963 5673(W)/ 076 842 9212
- DE KRANS DELI & BISTRO Tel nr: 044 213 3314
- SALIE GRILL HOUSE & PIZZERIA Cell nr: 079 902 3790
- KONKA Cell nr: 082 787 5789
- CALI FOOD CARTEL Cell nr: 072 179 0327
- DIE BOSVARKIE Cell nr: 081 473 3232
- CALITZDORP MORNING MARKET: 082 492 5126 (Arthur) & 072 749 6238 (Tanya)
- ZAMANI GRILL Cell nr: 083 881 9334

Salie Grill House & Pizzeria

Salie
• RESTAURANT •
☎ 079 902 3790

WOOD-FIRED
PIZZAS

available on
FRIDAY
12 JUNE
&
SATURDAY
13 JUNE
FROM 13:00

Calitzdorp Expressed Festival

This advertisement features a warm, golden-toned background with a wood-fired pizza in the foreground, a wine glass with a heart-shaped etching, and a bottle of wine. A fireplace with a fire is visible in the background. The text is arranged in a decorative, hand-drawn style with hearts and flourishes.

Salie
• RESTAURANT •
☎ 079 902 3790

DELICIOUS
BREAKFAST

Good food • Warm vibes • Great mornings

Served Daily
FROM 8 AM

Fuel your day
THE SALIE WAY

This advertisement features a breakfast meal including two sunny-side-up eggs, bacon, mushrooms, tomatoes, and a bowl of beans on a white plate. A glass of champagne and a cup of coffee are also visible. The background is decorated with dried grasses and a sun icon.

Salie
• RESTAURANT •
☎ 079 902 3790

OUR
Secret
Cellar
Karoo
DINNER

ON SATURDAY
13 JUNE
FROM 18:30

is fully booked.
THANK YOU.

Calitzdorp Expressed Festival

This advertisement features a wine glass with a heart-shaped etching, a bottle of wine, and a lit candle. The background is a soft, bokeh light effect. The text is arranged in a decorative, hand-drawn style with hearts and flourishes.

Salie
• RESTAURANT •
☎ 079 902 3790

LIMITED
SEATS
AVAILABLE
for our
FIRE AND
Wine
DINNER

ON FRIDAY
12 JUNE
FROM 18:30

Calitzdorp Expressed Festival

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Calitzdorp Tourism

WHERE TO STAY

ACCOMMODATION	PHONE	EMAIL
@19 Queen Street	072 020 6306/ 072 818 8404	info@19queenstreet.co.za
Almond Valley Manor & Cottages	044 001 0073 or 076 027 0586	bookings@almondvalley.co.za
Bosvarkie	081 473 3232	cherylrdev@gmail.com
Calitzdorp Country House	082 346 3232 or 082 073 7709	info@cchouse.co.za
Calitzdorp Station	071 044 0071 / 072 560 9085	admin@thestation-calitzdorp.co.za
Celebratio Guest Farm	082 335 6059/ 082 802 7138	marita@celebratio.co.za
Daniel's Kraal Farm	082 354 1182 or 083 600 4453	celia@haywardsafaris.com
De Wawielhuis	0645147539	dewawielhuis@yahoo.com
Die Dorpshuis	072 020 6306/ 072 818 8404	info@dorpshuis.co.za
Die Poort	044 213 3992 or 072 621 6666/ 084 705 6651	info@diepoort.com
Die Stoep	082 539 2551	sally.claasen@gmail.com
Du'SwaRoo Cottage	082 570 9955	pat@duswaroo.co.za
Fish Eagle Eco Caravan Park	060 368 1484	
Gamkaberg Nature Reserve (CN)	044 213 3367 or 082 330 0196	nmouries@capenature.co.za
Groenfontein Accommodation	072 240 2007	wessels.ghw@gmail.com
Insika	074 143 4982 / 083 500 7006	insika.mg@gmail.com
Karoo Mountain River House	072 877 6153 or 0 722390965	klipdas70@gmail.com
Karoorwater GF (and Restaurant)	076 382 3477	admin@karoorwater.co.za
Karoo Life (and Salie Restaurant)	079 902 3790	info@karoolife.co.za
Karoo Nest	079 490 9444	INFO@KAROONEST.CO.ZA
Klaus River Guest Accommodation	0 83 375 3743	alexuya51@gmail.com
Kruisrivier Gallery Apartment	044 213 3100/296 or 083 318 9901 (Whatsapp only)	phyllicostumes@crysp.co.za
Matjiesvlei Cottages	066 221 4452	matjiesvleicottages@gmail.com
Matjiesvlei Guest Farm	044 050 3346 or 073 174 1028	matjiesvlei@telkomsa.net
Oude Huis innie Klein Karoo	083 726 5946/ 072 560 9085	louwferdi@gmail.com
Portwine Guest House (and eatery)	076 564 8535 or 082 551 7793	marlenebosch@outlook.com
Red Stone Hills Guest Farm ***	072 901 5654	info@redstone.co.za
The Retreat at Groenfontein ****	073 026 8529 or 083 628 9394	info@groenfontein.com
The Queen of Calitzdorp ****	044 213 3057 or 060 992 2797	calitzdorp.queen@gmail.com
Thea's Cottage & Willem se Huisie	083 517 9487 or 082 819 9742	verlindejj@gmail.com
The Calitz	072 888 4911	thecalitz@gmail.com
Tula Retreat	072 610 0697	reset@tularetreat@gmail.com
Watersong	083 710 9017	kerstindelarue1@gmail.com
Welgevonden Guest House ***	044 213 3642 or 084 583 3642	welgevon@telkomsa.net

Escape the city for the perfect winter farm stay.

Enjoy slow mornings, crackling fireplaces and beautiful star-filled skies — all while being only about 20 minutes from the nearest town. Breathe in the crisp country air, unwind, and experience the beauty of life on the farm this winter.





❄️ Escape to the Klein Karoo this Winter ❄️

Experience the beauty of a real working farm nestled between Calitzdorp and Oudtshoorn — where peaceful landscapes, farm life, and cosy winter evenings come together for the perfect countryside escape.

Wake up to fresh Karoo air, wide open spaces, and the gentle rhythm of farm life. Spend your days exploring the farm and unwinding beside a crackling fire as the sun sets over the Klein Karoo.

This is more than just accommodation — it's an authentic farm stay experience.

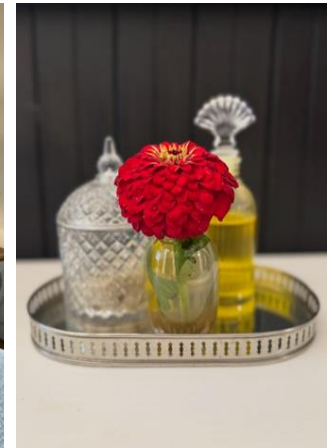
Perfect for couples, families, and anyone needing a proper break from the city.

 Between Calitzdorp & Oudtshoorn
 Bookings can be made on [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or at

<https://www.celebratio.co.za/.../farm-accommodation-route...>

[#WinterEscape](#) [#WorkingFarm](#) [#FarmStay](#) [#KleinKaroo](#)
[#Route62](#) [#Calitzdorp](#) [#Oudtshoorn](#) [#KarooLife](#)
[#CountryEscape](#) [#SouthAfricaTravel](#) [#WinterGetaway](#)

Celebratio Pomegranate Farm



"We take care" is a golden thread through all we do. For our guests, it shows up in the little details. The thoughtful reminders. The silent smile when noticed. It stirs up belonging and tugs your heartstrings to a connection that will linger longer than expected.

Danielskraal Farm

The Calitz



Raindrops, Karoo air, and winter on our doorstep ✨
 Escape the rush and come slow down with us. ⭐



[#karoonaturalbeauty](#)
[#Guesthouse](#) [#thecalitz](#)
[#kleinkaroo](#)
[#GardenRouteaccommodation](#)



The Retreat sure has a twinkle this morning after the rain ✨
 Every leaf, branch, and blade of grass is covered in sparkling raindrops. The valley feels fresh, washed clean, and beautifully alive
 in the soft morning light. 🌿💧
 Rain like this brings such a peaceful feeling, and today, The Retreat is looking especially beautiful.
[#TheRetreatAtGroenfontein](#) [#KleinKaroomagic](#) [#MountainEscape](#) [#swartbergmountains](#)

The Retreat at Groenfontein



Our Thiert House is 90 years old this year! 🍷🍷🍷
 Contact us by calling 044 050 3346, WhatsApp to 073
 174 1028 or email matjiesvlei@telkomsa.net

www.matjiesvlei.co.za
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Matjiesvlei Guest Farm



🦋 🌳
 Find us on Airbnb.

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/50763055>

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📷 @wilder.ones

Watersong Farm

WINE NEWS

CALITZDORP WINE ROUTE

Boplaas Winery and Distillery: 044 213 3326

De Krans Wines: 044 213 3314

Calitzdorp Wine Cellar: 044 213 3301

Axe Hill Winery: 083 676 3000

Du'SwaRoo Wine and Olive Farm: 044 213 3055

Peter Bayly Wines: 083 457 5037

TTT Cellar: 082 491 0529 / 082 936 9904

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🍷 Wine o'clock alert! 🍷

📍 Calitzdorp Cellars is a must-visit during the Calitzdorp Expressed Festival, and, bonus, wine tasting tokens are part of your Passport ticket deal. 12 - 14 June

Limited tickets available so book today - you won't be sorry !

📍 <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../357193-calitzdorp.../>

Calitzdorp Expressed

Calitzdorp Cellar

The countdown is on for Calitzdorp Expressed 2026!

We're excited to welcome visitors from near and far for a weekend celebrating wine, food, and the spirit of the Klein Karoo. But that's not all... Keep an eye out for the upcoming release of our **2026 Chenin Blanc: Passage of Time**.

Produced using the carbonic maceration method, this unique wine is our latest expression of innovation and patience in the cellar. Only 320 bottles have been produced.

Be among the first to discover it during Calitzdorp Expressed from 12-14 June 2026!

Some things really are worth waiting for.

📍 Tickets: <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../357193-calitzdorp.../>

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Mon-Sat: 09:00-17:00 | Sun: 10:00-13:00

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TTT Cellars



We are so excited to welcome you to the farm from 13-14 June 2026 for the Calitzdorp Expressed Festival. From music, trail running through the vineyards, cellar tours, to enjoying a wine tasting at the tasting room, there is something for everyone as we celebrate the beauty, hospitality and quality wines of Calitzdorp.

Please see our program below for Saturday 13 June and Sunday 14 June:

* Saturday 13 June *

- Expressed Trail Run – Enjoy a 5km, 10km, or 21km walk/run set against the stunning backdrop of the De Krans vineyards and along the Gamka river. Registration and late entries will take place from 7.30 – 9am. Beautiful finisher medals await all participants, with lots of wine prizes up for grabs. Visit <https://jakhalsevents.co.za> for more information and to enter the race
- Cellar Tours - Enjoy an exciting and insightful wine cellar tour with a wine tasting and food pairings presented by winemaker, Christoff de Wet.

Tour 1: starts at 10am (duration of 2 hours)

Tour 2: starts at 2pm (duration of 2 hours)

Tours are R250 per person with limited space available of 15 people per tour so be sure to book your spot as soon as possible.

- Enjoy live music by Thelma Heyns from 11am – 4pm

Saturday 13 June and Sunday 14 June

- Taste about 20 quality wines from De Krans at the tasting room.

Saturday: 9am – 6pm

Sunday: 9am – 5pm

- Enjoy a breakfast, lunch or cheese platter at the De Krans Bistro with inside and outside seating.

Saturday: 7.30am – 5pm (kitchen closes at 4.30pm)

Sunday: 8am – 5pm (kitchen closes at 4.30pm)

For general enquiries and cellar tour bookings, please contact us at 044 2133 314 or admin@dekrans.co.za.

For Tasting room enquiries, please contact us at 044 2133 314 or tasting@dekrans.co.za

For Bistro enquiries and bookings (please note we will not take bookings for Saturday) please contact us at 078 040 0635 or

bistro@dekrans.co.za

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De Krans

Boplaas Family Vineyard



There's a port for every occasion

Boplaas produces five different styles of Cape port:

Boplaas Cape Ruby

A very popular style, this port is a blend of young, full-bodied and fruity ports aged in oak barrels for between 18-24 months. The wine has a vibrant ruby colour, ripe fruit aromatics and flavours. It is best enjoyed in its youth.

Karusa Wines & Craft Brewery



We have great online specials and hot winter deals...go to www.karusa.co.za/shop/
Our 50% off selected red wines are still available from the cellar door- visit us for a scrumptious pizza and stock up.



Cheers!

Peter Bayly Wines

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Kraaldoorn Brewing Co.

More Grace Farm, Groenfontein, Calitzdorp
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Kraaldoorn Brewing Co. is a craft brewery located at More Grace Farm, Groenfontein, near Calitzdorp, and it is open by appointment or on selected dates. To arrange a visit, you can contact them at +27 72 240 2007 or +27 82 491 0529.

De Krans Wines

044 213 3314



Bistro: 10:00 – 16:00

Tasting room: 09:00 – 16:30 (Mon-Sat),

09:00 – 16:00 (Sun)

Open on all holidays excluding Christmas day and Good Friday.

Calitzdorp Wine Cellar

044 213 3301



Join us for a wine tasting

Monday – Friday: 09:00 am – 17:00 pm

Saturday: 09:00 am – 14:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am – 14:00 pm

Public Holidays: 09:00 am – 17:00 pm

TTT Cellar

082 491 0529 / 082 936 9904



Open: Mon – Sun 09:00 – 17:00

Boplaas Winery and Distillery

044 213 3326



Open: Mon – Fri 09:00 – 17:00, Sat 09:00 – 16:00, Sun 10:00 – 15:00,

Public

holidays 09:00 – 17:00

Axe Hill Winery



Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 5pm

Closed Public Holidays

Outside of these hours and during harvest, visits most welcome by appointment

Contact Mike Neebe

083 676 3000

Peter Bayly Wines

083 457 5037



Contact Peter and Yvonne for tastings and sales

Mon – Sun 09:00 – 17:00



Du'SwaRoo Wine and Olive Farm

044 213 3055



Open: Mon – Sat 10:00 – 16:00
(closed Good Friday and Christmas day)

Thanks to all our visitors during the festive season for their support and for going out of their way to visit us. May 2025 be prosperous to all of us!

Kraaldoorn Brewing Co.



Craft Beer & Wine
More Grace Farm, Groenfontein

**OPEN BY APPOINTMENT
OR ON SELECTED DATES**

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Calitzdorp Plant Chat

80. Calitzdorp's contribution to botany

Calitzdorp is well-known for its location within a botanical wonderland, a world of amazing succulents surrounded by thicket in the valleys, fynbos on the mountains and, over the Outeniquas, lush evergreen forests. But what plants bear the names of the town and its surrounds or, what plants are known only from the Calitzdorp district?

First, a reminder that, in Latin, the word ending *-ensis* signifies geographical location. Therefore *capensis* is a geographical word meaning from the Cape. So let's look for *calitzdorpensis*; from Calitzdorp. The closest one is the vygie ***Delosperma calitzdorpensis*** which is known only from around Calitzdorp and nowhere else. ***Euphorbia ferox* subsp. *calitzdorpensis*** is somewhat more widely distributed in the Klein Karoo – however the small succulent ***Huernia guttata* subsp. *calitzdorpensis*** that only occurs in the Calitzdorp district is, sadly, no longer recognized as distinct.

And there are plants that do not bear the town's name but are, however, very strongly linked to Calitzdorp. Most notable of these is ***Gasteria koenii*** which was discovered by our very own Kevin Koen in the high inaccessible slopes at the head of the Smitsriver valley – and it has never been found elsewhere.

Then we have the Rooiberg which I always regard as being in Calitzdorp's backyard. Most famous of these plants is the daisy ***Anderbergia rooibergensis*** which is known only from five collections on the highest reaches of the Rooiberg towards Bailey Peak. More widespread, and extending onto the Gamkaberg, are the dwarf asparagus, ***Asparagus oliveri***, and the member of the protea family, ***Paranomus roodebergensis*** – roodeberg being an original Dutch name for the mountain – both Calitzdorp district specials.

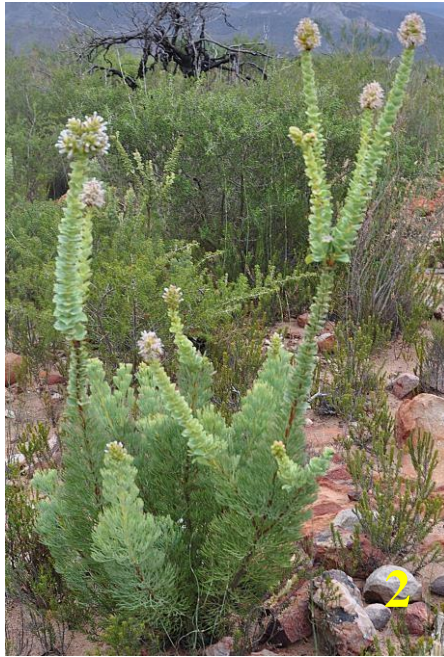
Having reached 80 issues of Calitzdorp Plant Chat, I am taking a break. Subject matter is drying up and I have the work on my pdf. compilation of the Photographic Guide to the Plants of the Little Karoo to keep me occupied for a while yet.

Thanks for following the series and 'Happy Botanizing!'

John Burrows (botartburrows@gmail.com)



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Some Special Calitzdorp Plants

1, *Delosperma calitzdorpensis* (Aizoaceae) on Jakkalskop; 2, *Paranomus roodebergensis* (Proteaceae) on Rooiberg; 3, *Gasteria koenii* (Asphodelaceae), Smitsrivier Gorge (© Ernst van Jaarsveld); 4, *Anderbergia rooibergensis* (Asteraceae), Rooiberg Peak (© Tony Rebelo, iNaturalist); 5, *Asparagus oliveri* (Asparagaceae) on Rooiberg; 6, *Euphorbia ferox* subsp. *calitzdorpensis* (Euphorbiaceae), near Zebra Station.

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 09:00 – 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. 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 = **R200**

14:00 – 17:00 = **R200**

09:00 – 17:00 = **R350**

Ekstras:

- Die self-help koffiestasie sal addisioneel beskikbaar wees teen **R50**. Dit sluit in: kookwater, Ricoffy, Engelse tee, Rooibos tee, melk en suiker.
- Drukwerk (R3 per bladsy, slegs swart ink), eposse stuur (R3 elk), skandering (R3 per bladsy).

ENGLISH

The Calitzdorp Tourism boardroom is available for hire for meetings and private gatherings, during office hours (weekdays 09:00 - 17:00). Excluding public holidays.

Included in venue hire:

Use of venue for selected period with long table and 12 chairs. A Flip Chart with paper and markers. Private entrance. Bathroom facilities are available. **No Wi-Fi available**; please use your own.

Rates for venue (maximum 12 seats):

09:00 – 12:00 = **R200**

14:00 – 17:00 = **R200**

09:00 – 17:00 = **R350**

Extras:

- The self-help coffee station will be additionally available at **R50**. This includes: boiling water, Ricoffy, English tea, Rooibos tea, milk and sugar.
- Printing (R3 per page, black ink only), sending emails (R3 each), scanning (R3 per page).

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10 REASONS TO FALL IN LOVE WITH CALITZDORP

Whether you're seeking adventure, leisure or unspoilt nature, Calitzdorp is a captivating destination that offers unforgettable experiences for every traveller.

1. Wine Lover's Paradise

Set along the longest wine route in the world, Calitzdorp boasts no less than 7 wine cellars.

2. Gateway to Adventure

With 21 mountain passes within a 130 km radius, it's the perfect destination for explorers.

3. Historic Engineering Marvel

Discover the Nel's River Dam, the oldest cement dam of its kind in South Africa.

4. A Monument to Faith

The town's Dutch Reformed Church stands proudly as a National Monument.

5. Tiny but Mighty

Visit St Mark's, the second smallest Anglican chapel in the world.

6. Rare Wildlife Encounters

The Gamkaberg Nature Reserve shelters the endangered Cape Mountain Zebra.

7. World-Class Craftsmanship

Calitzdorp is renowned for its handmade pipes.

8. Natural Wellness

Relax in mineral-rich hot springs just 24 km from town.

9. Geological Wonder

Marvel at the Red Stone Hills, one of only three places on Earth to see these iron-rich formations.

10. A Biodiversity Hotspot

Part of the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve, Calitzdorp is the only place where 3 global biodiversity hotspots converge.

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