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Bay geared up for fantastic Festive Season!

By Marthie Nel

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality is ready to host the many thousands of holiday-makers and visitors who are descending on the City this Festive season, eager to experience an unforgettable seaside holiday.

Keeping them safe is paramount for the Municipality. Lawlessness, traffic transgressions, illegal dumping, drunken driving and drinking on our beaches will be tackled jointly by the Municipality's Metro Police and Traffic Services, working with the South African Police Services and other law enforcement agencies.

Metro Police out in full force
Commented Brigadier Trevor Smith of the Metro Police: "We are ready! We will be maximising our operational teams to ensure that our presence will be seen and felt. Security along our beachfront area will be tightened through public-private partnerships, utilising vehicle, foot and bicycle patrols.

"Residents are reminded that our beaches are alcohol-free zones. Any person caught consuming alcohol will be charged accordingly. Please celebrate responsibly, taking special care of toddlers and children."

Brigadier Smith added some street safety tips:

- Please be alert while walking in the street: never text while you

are walking.

- Keep valuables on your person to a minimum.

- Ensure that your family and friends are always aware of your whereabouts.

- If your vehicle breaks down, try to drive to the nearest petrol or police station before attempting to fix the cause of the breakdown.

Traffic Services on high alert

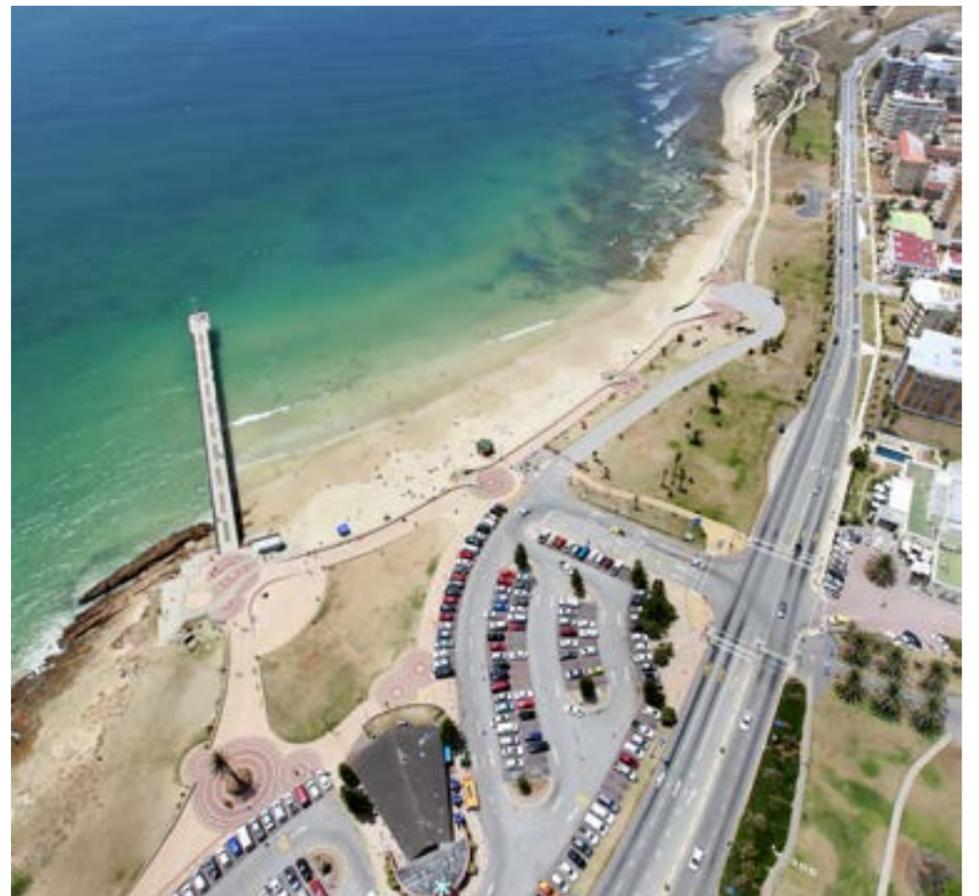
Eric Tiso, Deputy Chief Operations of NMBM Traffic and Licensing Services, shared that his Officers will be out on our roads in full force, running a strict law enforcement campaign until 31 January 2023. Altogether 142 drunken drivers had been arrested (as by 9 December). "No leave allowed! Our Officers are all out there on our roads, manning roadblocks and vehicle checkpoints. We're determined to reduce the annual spike in accidents and fatalities on our roads this Festive Season."

Officer Tiso offered some road safety tips for motorists:

- Submit your vehicle for a free roadworthy check on 19, 20 and 21 December at the Sidwell Roadworthy Section (08:00 - 15:30). And check your spare wheel before you go away.

- Keep spare bulbs for headlights and indicators, including rear lights, in your car.

- Drink lots of water on long trips to force you to take more



Nelson Mandela Bay's key tourist attraction is its long expanse of golden, unspoiled beaches

breaks, which will refresh you.

- Involved in an accident and there are no injuries? Don't argue with the other driver! Just exchange ID numbers or take a picture of his/her driver's licence, get his/her address and cell number – and report the accident at the nearest police station.

- Always display your triangle if you have a puncture.

Witness NMBM Traffic vehicles being abused? Officer Tiso asked

that pictures of the abuse be taken and forwarded to him at etiso@mandelametro.gov.za.

"We won't tolerate any wrongdoing by our men and women in blue uniforms!"

"Be careful, responsible and alert on our busy roads over the Festive Season. Don't drink and drive, and please cooperate with Traffic Officers – their main concern is your safety!"

Up close and personal with Mayor Retief Odendaal

By Nceba Dladla

“I wish all the residents of the Bay a blessed and joyous Festive Season. Everything of the best for 2023. A warm Bay welcome also to our thousands of visitors. Enjoy our beautiful beaches, stay safe and make memories.”

He’s been at the helm as our First Citizen for 11 weeks only, but Mayor Retief Odendaal has already turned heads by his hands-on approach, whether picking up litter in the streets, fixing broken chairs in the Council Chambers or galvanising programmes and teams for an all-out onslaught against litter and decay. He’s a man on a mission, determined to get the Bay working again and restore civic pride in the City.

Born and bred in Nelson Mandela Bay, Mayor Odendaal matriculated at Otto Du Plessis High School before he pursued an LLB degree at the Nelson Mandela University. Qualified as an attorney, the young Retief in 2009 opened a law firm, which is still operational. It was in 2009 that his life took a turn when he was first elected a Councillor.

“I have been in Council for over a decade now, first as Leader of the Opposition and then as Member of the NMBM Mayoral Committee for Finance; before I moved to the Provincial Legislature to serve in the Finance Portfolio,” the Executive Mayor said, adding that his Coalition partners agreed that he be allowed to also serve as MMC for Finance – the area of his knowledge and experience.

What is your vision for the City, Mr Mayor?

“We have so much going for us: beautiful beaches, fantastic,



Restoring civic pride: Executive Mayor Cllr Retief Odendaal

friendly people of a fascinating mix of cultures, beautiful architecture, quality educational institutions, clean air and a gorgeous coastal quality of life. We have relatively nominal traffic with manageable commuting times, airport connectivity and a reliable internet infrastructure.

“But signs of decay, neglect and dirt have begun to scar the face of our City. Nelson Mandela Bay must be restored to a clean, safe, beautiful, working City.

“We cannot do this alone: we need our communities’ help. On 5 November, the multi-party coalition government and I launched a Civic Movement to fix some immediate and visible problems in the Bay, called #GetNMBWorkingAgain, to achieve just that. It’s a wonderful concept: the Municipality and local communities join in tackling a different problem every month - right where residents live or work. It will also help municipal teams to catch up with service delivery backlogs. I am overwhelmed by the response from all communities.

“Please join us in fixing our City. Together, we can do it!

What are your main priorities in taking over the reins of the City?

“It is critical to bring political and administrative stability back to Nelson Mandela Bay. My team and I are striving to provide transparent governance and fight corruption through accountability and consequence management.

“Our main service delivery priorities are to secure our water supply, mitigate the impact of loadshedding, protect and refurbish our critical infrastructure, deliver basic services across all communities, enforce our by-laws, and partner with businesses to grow our economy.

“We have made big strides already, but should have made greater inroads. I like things to move quickly. I am overjoyed at the feedback from residents of all communities that they have already noticed a change in the City.”

The water crisis?

“We need long-term solutions to secure the City’s water supply. We will be drafting a new Water Master Plan that speaks to fixing the City’s water reticulation system over the next decade. Delays in drought mitigation projects need to be resolved, and a resolution is needed for the proposed desalination plant. We will also be lobbying national government to begin the roll-out of further water augmentation projects.

“I appeal to residents and

visitors not to be seduced by the heat and the relaxed holiday atmosphere and to continue to use water sparingly. The City’s water crisis continues as we experience our seventh consecutive year of below-average rainfall in 2022.”

Restoring the City as a sports tourism destination is vital:

“We need to secure Blue Flag status for our beaches, address vandalism, and develop incentives to lure back sports events. We will also invest in our libraries and heritage programmes that showcase our diverse heritage and culture,” said Mayor Odendaal.

“We are under no illusion: much work needs to be done, and many critical interventions are needed to turn this Metro of ours around. We understand that our residents are frustrated and have lost faith in the Municipality and its leadership.

“We are working to change that. It will take time and significant challenges will have to be overcome, but we are all committed to get this beautiful City of ours working.

“I encourage residents not to wait for government to bring change: we need to work together, all of us, to get the City moving.”

Mayor Odendaal also manages the City’s Budget and Treasury portfolio. “A top priority is to review capital and grant funding spend and appoint independent experts to advise in this regard. We also need to review the City’s collection rate and restore it to 90%.

“We are determined to restore life to the Assistance To The Poor Programme (ATTP). We used to assist 110 000 households when I was MMC for Finance in 2018; but now only 42 000 households are benefiting. The poor didn’t get any less poor! We’ve lost 60% of poor households, because the Municipality couldn’t get its house in order. Fixing this will go a long way to removing the need for indigent Metro residents to tamper with their electricity.

“I appeal to our residents to keep the hope, keep the faith, and work with us. Enjoy your Festive Season, and keep safe on our roads: our safety and security officials will be out in full force across our communities.”



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Festive Season: “Ihlobo in the Bay”

Entertainment for you and the family this December

By Esethu Madlwabinga

It’s summer in the Bay! The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality will host a range of festivals to entertain the residents of the Bay through its “Ihlobo in the Bay” programme. With the world recovering from the catastrophic COVID-19 pandemic, which almost crippled the global economy, the Municipality has now decided to bring back the festive vibe and host a number of festivals, including:

- The Willows Dam picnic (Uitenhage): 23 December 2022.
- The Ebuleni Festival: Saturday, 30 December 2022.

These events will take place over the course of the festive season and into the new year of 2023.

The events will bring many benefits to our City, especially by attracting tourists from all over the country.

Not only will they enjoy our beautiful beaches and our tourist destination spots, but they will



also grow the local economy through their spending. In addition, local artists will be empowered through the exposure

that they will enjoy during the festival.

But, mostly, the Municipality simply wants residents to enjoy

themselves and have a world-class Ihlobo experience.

** Enjoy our golden unspoiled beaches and the entertainment!*

Vistas and spectacular scenery await you along NMBM hiking trails

By Pumla Koltana

Festive stress? Escape into nature along the hiking trails maintained by the Municipality in and around the City. The hikes are suitable for all ages and fitness levels and on average take 3.5 hours to complete. Read more about the trails on the municipal website (www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za)

Maitland Nature Reserve Trail:

Dense forest, abundant birdlife and a variety of small animals such as the blue duiker await you in the

Maitland Nature Reserve. Follow the N2 towards Jeffrey’s Bay, take the Seaview off-ramp, and turn left into Seaview Road. Continue and turn right into De Stades Road. Follow the road till you turn left into Maitland Road, pass the Thunzi Bush Lodge, and the Maitland Nature Reserve will be on your right.

Van Stadens Wildflower Nature Reserve Hiking Trail:

Explore fynbos, indigenous flora and succulents in one of the oldest nature reserves in the country. Follow the road from the N2 Van Stadens turn-off. Turn left, and on your right-hand side you will see the gates to the Van Stadens

Nature Reserve.

Sacramento Hiking Trail:

This popular 8 km round trip coastal trail offers attractive seascapes and spectacular dune vegetation.

It’s at Schoenmakerskop: follow Victoria Drive all the way to the end.

What to bring along:

- Packed lunch
- Stout walking shoes or tekkies
- Water bottle (juice or water)
- A hat and sunblock
- A jacket (for the changing weather patterns; it becomes windy on the trails).
- Some of the hikes may not be suitable for very young children.



Spend your money wisely this Festive Season - and beat the January blues!

By Robyn Rensburg

With the Municipality's revenue collection rate at a mere 64.5% in October 2022, the Municipality faces the real risk of not being able to fund its service delivery programmes or secure funding for important projects, such as its drought related water projects. Additionally, the decrease in cashflow into the institution will affect its ability to pay creditors.

To collect more revenue into its coffers, the institution has adopted a very strict approach to account holders that have continuously defaulted on their payments without making any arrangements with the Municipality.

Residents have a responsibility to pay their municipal accounts to ensure that their services are not suspended. Should residents not be able to pay the full amount reflected on their monthly bill, they must visit their nearest Customer Care Centre so that payment arrangements can be made.

It's the festive season, and the long-awaited annual bonuses have arrived. It's very easy to get tempted by the many must-have "nice things" and special festive deals on offer. While purchasing these items may bring a temporary high and feeling of gratification, not using your money wisely comes with a heavy cost, also to your peace of mind and mental health. Spending your annual bonus more wisely will be very rewarding in the long run.

This is how you can make your bonus work for you:

1. Pay down debt:

Start by using a portion of your bonus to pay off your urgent financial obligations, such as credit cards and personal loans that carry high interest rates. This will save you money in the long run, as you will skip paying all the interest you would initially have paid.

2. Set up an emergency fund:

It's always a good decision to put money away for a 'rainy day'. This can be used for unexpected once-off expenses, e.g. critical car repairs.

3. Education policies / investments:

Boost your children's education fund with a portion of your bonus.

4. Boosting your retirement annuity:

Most South Africans are unable to maintain the same lifestyle after they retire. Boosting your additional retirement fund before the end of the tax year in February will have the added benefit of saving some income tax.

5. Reward yourself:

It's important to reward yourself and your family after a long year of hard work. However, before you start spending, it's important to carefully consider how much you can/or should be spending.

Ten to fifteen percent of your bonus is considered a fair amount.

11 EASY WAYS TO PAY YOUR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT

CHOOSE THE ONE THAT SERVES YOUR NEEDS!

1. Easy Pay Outlets:

- Pick & Pay
- Shoprite
- Checkers
- Selected SPARS
- Boxer
- Woolworths
- Pep Stores

2. Any ABSA Bank Branch:

- Current Account: 40-7953-3842
- Branch Code: 632005

3. IVR (Pay-by-Phone):

Register on the municipal website at www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za

4. Internet (EFT)

5. ATM:

List 'NMBM' as your beneficiary

6. Pay at any Post Office Branch

7. Pay by way of Debit Order or Stop Order

Please note that payments made via the above platforms take **four (4) days** to be allocated to your municipal account and that these payments must therefore be made four (4) days before the account due date. If this is not done, interest will be charged for late payment and set off from prepaid electricity purchases will start the day after the account due date.

8. Munelek Building (Electricity Department) - Harrower Road

9. Sidwell Traffic Department

10. Pay at any of the following municipal Customer Care Centres:

- Mfanasekhaya Gqobose Building, Govan Mbeki Avenue
- Korsten - Durban Road (opposite Livingstone Hospital)
- New Brighton, Ntshakisa Road
- Uitenhage Town Hall
- KwaNobuhle, Ponana Tini Road (next to Fire Station)

11. Debit or credit card

Payments made at the last three (3) platforms above (municipal offices) will be allocated to your municipal account on the **same date** as payment made.



Long queues now history at NMBM Licensing Services

By Marthie Nel & Zihle Mdanyana

Tired of the long queues for car licenses at our Traffic Offices? Tired of waiting for an appointment for a Learner’s or Driver’s Licence test?

The newly appointed municipal Manager: Licensing Services, Officer Pat Gounder, has hit the ground running and is determined to eliminate waiting and the hated queues. In an interview with *Bay News*, Officer Gounder shared his plans for transforming the service provided to Bay motorists.

“Truth is, we’re understaffed. In November, we conducted interviews to fill the vacant position of Examiner of Drivers Licences. Altogether 13 vacant posts in the Licensing Services Department will be filled early in 2023. This will open up many more slots to accommodate motorists via the online prebooking system. This follows the introduction in 2021, together with the Eastern Province Department of Transport and the Road Traffic Management Corporation, of an online prebooking system for appointments for drivers and learners’ licences and the renewal of drivers’ licences and Professional Drivers’ Permits. This saw a dramatic decrease in waiting periods, eliminating the hated long queues. I am determined to shorten waiting periods further and improve the communication between the public and ourselves.”

You acted for three years in this position before your recent appointment?

“Yes. It gave me invaluable experience. Possibly my biggest challenge during this period was to establish a new Driving Licence Testing Centre in Motherwell (Thusong Centre). After many challenges and difficulties, the Centre was opened in March 2022. This is the biggest such Centre in the Eastern Cape and serves the entire population of the Metro, and its opening was a milestone.

“My duties are to give technical support to the three NMBM Drivers Licensing Testing Centres, the Vehicle Testing Station, Weighbridge and the Registration Authority. My task is also to root out corruption and improve service delivery, using the latest technology available, and respond to residents’ queries/complaints and requests. I also liaise with industry and commerce, the legal profession, and the Provincial and National Departments of Transport.”

Career highlights?

“In 2009, I was seconded to the 2010 Planning Team to host a successful World Cup Tournament. After the tournament, I was tasked to implement an Events Section in the Traffic Department, as a legacy project. In December 2013, I lead a group of 15 Traffic Officers to Qunu to provide Traffic Services at the late Dr Nelson Mandela’s residence and escort dignitaries from the Umtata Airport.”



Officer Pat Gounder: Committed to transform NMBM Licensing Services and eliminate long queues and waiting periods

What qualities made you succeed in your over 30 years in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality?

“Honesty. Dedication. Commitment. Passion. Perseverance. Motivation. And I cope well under stressful situations.”

• Best wishes in his new position to stalwart Officer Pat Gounder, who is highly respected among colleagues all over the Municipality for his persistence and tenacity, delivering on projects many would balk at.

Contact details of NMBM Driving Licence Testing Centres (DLTCs) Monday - Friday, 07:45 - 16:15 (doors close at 14:30)

KORSTEN DLTC	CONTACT NR	E-MAIL
Senior Examiner	041 - 506 1020	pexaminerp@mandelametro.gov.za
Natis Supervisor	041 - 506 1022	dhuman@mandelametro.gov.za
Card Collection	041 - 506 1100	
Enquiries	041 - 506 1100	

UITENHAGE DLTC	CONTACT NR	E-MAIL
Senior Examiner	041 - 995 2737	pexamineru@mandelametro.gov.za
Natis Supervisor	041 - 995 2706	ccrause@mandelametro.gov.za
Card Collection	041 - 995 2735	
Enquiries	041 - 995 2735	

MOTHERWELL DLTC	CONTACT NR	E-MAIL
Senior Examiner	041-506 3080	tpmex@mandelametro.gov.za
Natis Supervisor	041-506 3071	xngcozela@mandelametro.gov.za
Card Collection	041-506 3077	
Enquiries	041-506 2697	

RTMC - ONLINE BOOKINGS & QUERIES	CONTACT NR	E-MAIL
Online Support	0861 400 800	onlinesupport@rtmc.co.za
Drivers Licence Renewals & Queries	011-266 2169 012-99 95345	dltc_waterfall@rtmc.co.za dltc_ecopark@rtmc.co.za
Driver’s Licence Confirmations		CTC@rtmc.co.za

Sidwell-brandweerstasie: 50 jaar se onbaatsugtige diens aan die gemeenskap!

Deur Andries Thiersen

Ons Stad se oudste werkende brandweerstasie en klaarblyklik een van die besigste in Suid-Afrika het 'n besondere mylpaal op 22 November 2022 gevier: 50 jaar van brandbestryding en lewensredding in Nelson Mandelabaai.

Uitvoerende Burgemeester Retief Odendaal het die formele feesviering by die Brandweerstasie bygewoon en met groot lof van die brandbestryders gepraat:

“Vandag bring ons hulde aan die stasie se lang en trotse geskiedenis van toegewyde diens aan die gemeenskap van die Noordelike Gebiede. Nog 'n tradisie waarvoor hierdie stasie bekend is, is sy noue verbintenis en interaksie met ons gemeenskappe. Brandbestryders is spesiale mense. Daar kan enige oomblik 'n krisis opduik wat blitsvinnige optrede vereis om die lewens van inwoners te red of te voorkom dat 'n brand versprei. Hul werk stel hul eie lewens dikwels in gevaar. Daar is seker geen ander beroep in plaaslike regering wat groter stres of risiko inhou, maar ook groter beloning bring nie.”

Burgemeester Odendaal sluit af: “Namens die Burgemeesterskomitee en Stadsraad salueer ek die



Manne van staal ... brandbestryders wat die Munisipaliteit reeds 40 jaar lank dien, en waarvan meeste by die Sidwell-brandweerstasie werksaam was. Van links: Nilton Whiteboy; Alvin Wildeman, Achmat Ellie, Burtie Bentley en Wayne Hendricks

toewyding, onbaatsugtige diens en harde werk van elke persoon wat by hierdie brandweerstasie diens doen, beide gestorwe en huidige lede. Ons is ontsetend trots op julle. Wat 'n ongelooflike geskiedenis van toewyding en onselfsugtige diens!”

Die Burgemeesterskomiteelid vir Veiligheid en Sekuriteit, Raadslid Lawrence Troon, het die offisiere ook geluggewens en die stasie

nóg 50 jaar van uitstekende diens toegewens.

Sombere hulde is gebring aan die stasie se gevalle helde deur die lui van 'n klok, waarna die Burgemeester en Raadslid Troon vyf beampies van die Sidwell-brandweerstasie, wat elk 40 jaar of langer diens het, geluggewens het.

Die Waarnemende Brandweerhoof Wayne Hendricks het gesê: “Dit is 'n groot voorreg

om die Munisipaliteit vir al hierdie jare te kon dien. Ek is die personeel van die Sidwell-brandweerstasie ewig dankbaar vir hul toewyding. Ons sal voortgaan om net die beste diens aan die gemeenskap van die Nelson Mandelabaai Metro te lewer.”

Die stasie het as deel van sy feesviering geskenksakkies onder die leerlinge van die Happydale Spesiale Skool in Algoapark uitgedeel.

Practical fire/safety tips from **NMBM Fire Services**

Remember your family/children are **YOUR** responsibility – **take care!**

1. Ensure that you have more than one escape route should your house be on fire - keys to all doors must be immediately available.
2. If you do not have a fire extinguisher, please get one.
3. Ensure that all braai fires are extinguished properly.
4. Check that all your electrical wiring and of your appliances are in a good condition (not frayed or worn)
5. Know the Fire Department's number: 041 585 1555 and the Ambulance number: 10177 - SAPS 10111.
6. Ensure that your property is clear of rubble and not overgrown, to limit the risk of a fire.
7. If you are a business owner, ensure your property complies with all safety regulations (Contact the Fire Department at 041 508 5566 for assistance).
8. Ensure that matches and lighters are kept away from children.
9. If your clothes catch fire, STOP, DROP and ROLL to extinguish the flames (cover your face with hands). **Do not** run - it will only fan the flames!
10. Never leave candles unattended (especially near children) and place them in a holder.
11. If there is a fire in the home and it is filled with smoke, stay as low as possible on the ground as the smoke will rise and the fresh air will be at the bottom.
12. If you are a smoker, never throw your cigarette butt away; first properly extinguish it.

Holidays at the Art Museum

By Emma O'Brien

Exhibitions

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum is located in St George's Park, on the corner of Rink Street and Park Drive. It is home to a comprehensive collection of South African art and craft and specialises in the art of the Eastern Cape Province. Our three exhibitions halls are re-hung throughout the year to accommodate our collection as well as our programme of special exhibitions.

"We are open for visitors on all weekdays over the festive season: 9:00 – 16:00. We love sharing our wonderful collection with the public and this holiday season we have four exciting new exhibitions on show," shared Emma O'Brien, Assistant Director of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum.

"The exhibition, *The Art Museum is a Meeting Place*, celebrates our unique collection. On show is a selection of Eastern Cape and South African art, with a small selection from our international collection made up of British Modern art, Chinese artifacts and attire, and Indian miniatures.

"Come and view *Images of The City: 1790s to Present*. The exhibition displays artistic impressions of the city in the mediums of paintings, print and photographs.

"If you are looking for a very special Christmas gift for a loved one, come and support local art on sale at our annual *Who's Who*



Young local artist Vuyisani Ngwadla in front of his painting (acrylic on canvas) titled *What Evil? Who Evil? Where Evil? - it's for sale!*

and *What's New* exhibition. Local artists are invited to be their own curator and select a work created in the last two years to be put on display at the Art Museum."

"The exhibition is full of people and reflects our experiences over the last two years," commented Louise Luders, Opening Speaker of the exhibition and Chairperson of the Friends of the Art Museum.

An exhibition of art by talented youth from Missionvale is also on display. During the last two years, the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum refocused its education programme to support outreach programmes.

With support from the Friends of the Art Museum, the museum was

able to support the Missionvale Legacy Art Programme and assist community youth to interact with practising artists to develop their talent.

The final exhibition currently on display includes multi-medium art, including painting, printmaking and ceramics.

The works displayed in the exhibition are all for sale and even include unique printed t-shirts – ideal gifts!

"Seeing Missionvale youth getting exposure to real art and artists and work with different mediums has been a great experience and very rewarding for me," said Amanda Heshu from the museum.

Art Shop

Our shop boasts a selection of local craft, including traditional attire, jewelry, homeware and other unique items (all ready to provide you with a unique Christmas gift).

Holiday Workshops

We will be hosting Visual Art Holiday workshops for children aged 7-15 years old:

- 19 December 2022: Drawing with torn paper
- 21 December 2022: Make your own block print
- 22 December 2022: Experimenting with paints
- 11 January 2023: Making clay flower bowls
- 12 January 2023: Fabric painting
- 13 January 2023: Beading craft – Making beaded animals

Book A Tour

If you are looking for a unique experience, book a tour of the exhibitions with Emma O'Brien. "I am happy to accommodate small to medium groups on a 45-minute long interactive tour of the exhibitions curated from the permanent collection. You are most most welcome to book a tour with me," invited Emma.

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- 1 Park Drive, Central, Gqeberha, 6001
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11th Umnyhadala Womculo I-Ebubeleni – 30 Disemba 2022

NguNceba Dladla

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Exciting sporting events on the cards in early 2023

Local sport fans in for a treat!

By **Andries Thiersen**

A bumper sporting extravaganza awaits Nelson Mandela Bay early in the new year. Besides the annual The Herald Cycle Tour and International IRONMAN competition, the City will also play host to the home games of the Eastern Cape team in the SA20 cricket tournament.

The Herald Cycle Tour

The 37th edition of the Cycling South Africa sanctioned Herald Cycle Tour will be taking place during February 2023. The 2023 route remains unchanged, with riders tackling some challenging climbs, but also being treated to stunning views along the way.

The Race will once again include a mountain bike (MTB) race on Sunday, 12 February 2023, followed by the road race on Sunday, 19 February 2023 from Pollok Beach, Summerstrand.

The MTB race consists of four main categories cyclists can compete in: the 80 km Extreme Race; the 60 km Adventure Race for physically fit and technically skilled riders; the 30 km Leisure Race for those doing it for fun; and the 30 km Tandem Race if you want someone to cycle with you. Children are also catered for with a 5 km MTB Kiddies Ride, as well as a 500 m Toddlers Dash.

With regard to the road race, cyclists can choose between the 106 km Classic for all amateur cyclists with or without a Cycling South Africa (CSA) licence; the 106 km u23/Elite/Junior for professional cyclists with a CSA domestic racing licence; the 106



The Herald Cycle Tour is known for its spectacular scenery, but the hilly climbs seriously challenge riders

km Veteran Men & Ladies race for veteran cyclists with a CSA membership licence; the 106 km Tandem Race for professional and amateur tandem cyclists; the 55 km Adventure, as well as a 55 km Adventure Race for u17 girls and boys and a 55 km Tandem Race. Junior races in the form of a 2 km Kiddies Ride and a 500 m Toddlers Dash will cater for the kids.

The Junior road races will be taking place on Saturday, 18 February 2023. Those feeling very brave can tackle both disciplines in the form of the Ultimate Quest, the 106 km Classic road race, as well as the 80 km MTB Extreme Race.

Enter online at <https://entries.heraldcycletour.co.za> to be part of this exciting cycling event. The closing date for both MTB and road races is Sunday, 5 February 2023 at midnight.

Isuzu IRONMAN African Championship

To be held on Sunday, 5 March, the 2023 Isuzu IRONMAN African Championship promises to once again deliver when it comes to scenic routes, heart-pumping action and a boisterous crowd cheering on their favourite man or woman of steel!

The IRONMAN weekend will, as usual, consist of the Corporate

Challenge on Saturday, 4 March, while the main attraction, the Isuzu IRONMAN African Championship as well as the Isuzu IRONMAN 70.3 Nelson Mandela Bay will take place the next day, Sunday, 5 March 2023.

The fact that the swim and transition area has been moved back to Hobie Beach will enable spectators to line the iconic pier again, adding to the electric atmosphere at the starting point of the race.

Come cheer on your favourite athlete on Sunday, 5 March 2023 and be part of this annual sporting feast!