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TOYOTA KNIGHTS INVESTURE ACCOLADES

Correspondent

The Toyota Knights Investiture is an annual prestigious ceremony hosted by Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM) to honour elite sales professionals, service technicians and dealer staff who exceed performance benchmarks.

It recognises top achievers (Knights) who embody core values like integrity,

customer service and community commitments, often resulting in prestigious accolades.

Some notable recipients of the Toyota Knights award include Dawie Botha from OVK Motors - Toyota Ladybrand. It is his sixth award and is testimony of his dedication, expertise and commitment.



AUCTION

Date: 26 March 2026

Time: 10h00

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Dink 'n Bietjie

Wanneer 'n mens met jousef praat...

Daar is twee soorte mense in die wêreld: dié wat met hulleself praat... en dié wat dit doen maar dink niemand sien dit raak nie. Neem byvoorbeeld die supermark. Jy staan rustig in die gangetjie tussen die rakke en kyk na 'n verskeidenheid pasta-souse wat almal presies dieselfde lyk. Skielik hoor jy iemand sê: "Nou watter een het sy gesê? Tamaties met basiliekruid? Of was dit basiliekruid met tamaties?" Jy kyk rond. Niemand naby nie. Toe besef jy... dis jy. Mens raak so vasgevang in die besluitneming dat jy later hardop begin redeneer: "Vat maar die groot bottel. Dis goedkoper. Ja, maar wat

as niemand daarvan hou nie? Nee wat, vat twee kleintjies." Op daardie oomblik kom 'n ander koper om die draai, kyk jou effens skeef aan en beweeg vinnig aan. Jy doen natuurlik wat enige selfrespekterende mens sou doen — jy maak of jy hoës. Dan is daar die klassieke oomblik op die parkeerterrein. Jy stap doelgerig na waar jy dink jou motor staan, net om voor 'n vreemde bakkie tot stilstand te kom. Nou begin die dialoog: "Dit was definitief hier. Ek weet dit was hier. Het iemand nou my kar gesteel?" Jy druk die afstandbeheer-knoppie paniekbevange... niks. Jy stap in 'n sirkel: "Blou paal... blou paal... ek het by 'n blou paal geparkeer." Daar is natuurlik twintig blou pale in die parkeerterrein van 'n stad. Nog 'n gunstelingtoneel speel hom af by die selfbestelmasjien van 'n bekende hoender-

franchise. 'n Mens stap vol selfvertroue nader, want hoe moeilik kan dit wees? Die skerm sê: Druk hier om te begin. Jy druk. Niks gebeur nie. Nou begin die gesprek: "Ek het gedruk. Ek HET gedruk. Moet 'n mens harder druk?" Nog 'n druk. "Nou hoekom werk hierdie ding nie? Ek wil net hoender hê, nie inskryf vir 'n ingenieursgraad nie." Teen die tyd dat die masjien uiteindelik reageer, praat jy al soos iemand wat in onderhandelings is:

"Goed, een twister. Nee wag, waar is die gewone een? Hoekom is daar soveel opsies?" Intussen staan daar vyf mense agter jou en luister hoe jy jou lewensbesluite met 'n raakskerm bespreek. Maar die mees eerlike gesprekke gebeur seker in die ry by die bank. Veral wanneer iemand voor jou uit die ry klim om

"net gou iets te gaan doen" en dan tien minute later weer presies op sy plek wil inskuif. Dis dan wanneer die selfgesprek 'n bietjie harder raak. - en hier begin jou lyftaal ook al saamspeel. "Ja natuurlik. Net klim weer in. Hoekom nie? Ons staan mos almal hier vir die plesier." Die persoon agter jou knik instemmend, want hy het waarskynlik dieselfde gesprek met homself. En dis die wonderlike ding van mense wat met hulleself praat: uiteindelik besef jy die helfte van die mense rondom jou doen presies dieselfde. Party fluister, party mompel, en party voer volledige debatte. Op die ou einde kan ons seker almal saamstem:

as jy met jousef praat, is dit gewoonlik omdat jy in besonder goeie... en besonder intelligente... geselskap is.

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APPLICATION IN TERMS OF THE MANTSOPA LAND USE & PLANNING BY-LAWS (2015) READ WITH THE SPATIAL PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 16 OF 2013) (SPLUMA)

The Mantsopa Municipality has received the following land use application for consideration:

Application: Rezoning application to Business 1.
 Location: Achtste street across the Seniorita Nhlabathi Hospital.
 Land Description: Remainder of Erf 615, Ladybrand
 Applicant on behalf of Land Owners: Hamer Town Planners Inc (Jan Hamer).

Development Proposal: The objective of this application is to obtain the necessary development rights from the Mantsopa Local Municipality to for the development of a shopping centre.

Copies of the application is available for inspection at the Mantsopa Local Municipality, 38 Joubert Street, Ladybrand, 9745 (Nthabiseng Tsiloane, 051 924 0654, ntsiloane@mantsopa.co.za) during normal office hours or from the applicant (Hamer Town Planners Inc, 061 5145512/ jan@voati.co.za).

Members of the public can submit comments, objection or representations in writing to the Municipal Manager, (Mantsopa Local Municipality, 38 Joubert Street, Ladybrand, 9745) or emailed to ntsiloane@mantsopa.co.za and/or Maryke Froneman (COGTA Technical Advisor) on 086 229 8346 or marykefroneman@gmail.com, not later than 30 days after this notice.

Any person who cannot write can visit the above-mentioned office during office hours where a member of the Municipality will assist with transcribing the comments, objections or representations. Comments submitted after the said date will be considered invalid. A person who submits objections, comments or representations will be notified if a hearing will be held in respect of the application.

Closing dates for public participation: 24 April 2026

AANSOEK IN TERME VAN DIE MANTSOPA-VERORDENINGE OP GRONDGEBRUIK EN BEPLANNING (2015) SAAMGELEES MET DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN BESTUUR VAN GRONDGEBRUIK (WET 16 VAN 2013) (SPLUMA)

Die Mantsopa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit het die onderstaande grondgebruiksaansoek ontvang vir oorweging:

Aansoek: Hersonerings na Besigheid 1.
 Ligging: Achtstestraat oorkant die Seniorita Nhlabathi Hospitaal.
 Grond Beskrywing: Restant van Erf 615, Ladybrand.
 Aansoeker namens Grondeienaars: Hamer Town Planners Inc. (Jan Hamer)

Ontwikkelingsvoorstel: Die doel van die aansoek is om die nodige ontwikkelingsregte van die Mantsopa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit te verkry vir die ontwikkeling van 'n winkelsentrum.

Afskrifte van die aansoek is beskikbaar gedurende normale kantoorure ter insae by die kantoor van die Mantsopa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, 38 Joubert Street, Ladybrand, 9745 (Nthabiseng Tsiloane, 051 924 06547, ntsiloane@mantsopa.co.za) of by die aansoeker (Hamer Town Planners Inc, 061 5145512/ jan@voati.co.za).

Lede van die publiek kan kommentaar of besware skriftelik indien by die Munisipale Bestuurder, (Mantsopa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, 38 Joubert Street, Ladybrand, 9745) of 'n epos na ntsiloane@mantsopa.co.za en/of Maryke Froneman (COGTA Tegnieuse Adviseur) by 086 229 8346 of marykefroneman@gmail.com, nie later as 30 dae na hierdie kennisgewing nie.

Enige persoon kommentaar of besware skriftelik indien wat nie kan skryf nie, kan bogenoemde kantoor gedurende kantoorure besoek, waar 'n lid van die munisipaliteit sal bystaan. Kommentaar wat na die genoemde datum ingedien word, word as ongeldig geag. Enige persoon wat kommentaar of besware skriftelik ingedienhet, sal in kennis gestel word indien 'n verhoor rakende die aansoek sal plaasvind.

Sluitingsdatum vir publieke deelname: 24 April 2026

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Community Calendar

Sunset Bowls

Ladybrand Bowling Club every Wednesday from 17h30 (all welcome)

Club A.G.M.

Ladybrand Golf Club 25 Mar 2025 @ 18h30

Schools Close

27 Mar 2026

Ladybrand Business League

Ladybrand Golf Club 11 Apr 2026 @ 11h00

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BUBBLE BREAD

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Ingredients:

- 500g SPAR cake wheat flour
- 15ml rosemary
- 5ml SPAR sugar
- 5ml SPAR salt
- 10g dry yeast
- 250ml lukewarm water
- 125ml caramelised onion preserve
- SPAR Freshline salad leaves
- 200g SPAR Marksbury Brie Cheese, sliced
- 2 SPAR Freshline pears, sliced
- SPAR Extra Virgin olive oil, to drizzle



Method:

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Combine the flour, herbs, sugar, salt and yeast. Make a well in the centre and stir in enough water to create a doughy consistency. Knead well for 5 minutes. Divide the dough in half and roll out on a well-floured surface, until thin and oval in shape. Place each oval in the oven for 5 to 8 minutes, until crisp and bubbly. Spread with caramelised onion. Scatter salad leaves onto the bubble bread and then add the cheese and pears. Drizzle with olive oil and lemon juice. Serve with freshly ground black pepper and salt.

Weekend Weather

Friday
March 20



Sunny

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Saturday
March 21



Rain

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Sunday
March 22



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NOTICE

Notice of the **Annual General Meeting of Ladybrand Sports Club** to be held on **Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 18:30**

Any proposals or motions concerning changes to the Constitution must reach the secretary in writing and properly signed, before **18 March 2026**

Any discussion under the heading **General Matters** must reach the secretary before **18 March 2026**

All nominations for new committee must be handed to the secretary before **18 March 2026**

Only Paid up members are authorized to nominate and are able to vote



Copies of the Minutes of the last AGM will be posted on the notice board



LITTLE WARRIORS SPORTS DAY AT YESHUA PRE-SCHOOL

Correspondent

The weather was perfect, the playground was ready, the children were eager - and finally, the long-awaited Little Warriors Sports Day arrived! What an incredible day it was.

Children were divided into the red, blue, green, and yellow teams. They had so much fun cheering on their friends in events, ranging from simple running races to sack races, duck walking and even scooter races.

Of course, no sports day would be complete without parents and teachers joining in the fun! Parents were cheered on by their children and fellow families, creating a wonderful atmosphere

of laughter and encouragement.

The highlight of the day was the tug-of-war: the red and blue teams (with their parents) versus the green and yellow teams (with their parents). After much pulling back and forth, the red and blue team finally conquered their opponents!

At the end of the day, everyone was treated to refreshing watermelon. Food orders were ready, and families could relax under the shade of trees and umbrellas. Parents and our Little Warriors alike enjoyed a day filled with fun and laughter.

Although Yeshua Pre-school is a small school, everybody has an incredible

spirit and there is wonderful support from the parents. Thank you to all the incredible parents. Truly, Yeshua Pre-school is the place to be!



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