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World Environment Day with Miss Earth South Africa Team

The Miss Earth South Africa leads tree planting and vegetable garden project in Celebration of World Environment Day last week. "Our goal is to plant more than just trees and vegetables; we're planting seeds of hope, knowledge, and responsibility," said Ella Bella Leite, Director of Miss Earth South Africa Leadership and Empowerment Programme. "Together with our partners, we're showing learners what it means to care for the earth and for each other. It's about People and Planet. This garden is an example of how environmental action and social impact go together, reminding us of all that by investing in the youth and their home, we are able to nurture a better future for everyone." Seen above Cathay Pacific joins the Miss Earth South Africa as they celebrate World Environment Day

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Through My Eyes

by Kasia Yoko



A Letter to the Woman at the ginger stall at the Verulam Market

We didn't know each other, but in the heat and hum of the Verulam Market, with the scent of fresh ginger rising between us, something gentle passed between strangers. Not a product. Not a purchase. But something older—shared knowledge, a rhythm of remembering, a mother's voice echoing through a method passed down. This isn't just about food. It never is.

Sometimes, we come to the market for ingredients and leave with something far more nourishing—connection. Wisdom. A reminder that the best recipes aren't written on cards or found online. They live in moments. In people. In open hearts, and open hands.

This is a thank-you letter to one of those moments.

Dear Sister at the Ginger Stall,

We didn't exchange names. But you knew mine.

You said, "You're the one from The Bugle, aren't you?" And just like that, we weren't strangers anymore. We stood side by side, surrounded by fat knobs of ginger that looked like root-fisted stories from underground. Earthy. Fiery. Ancient.

You were buying loads of it—more ginger than I've ever seen in one auntie's hands. You told me your method: "Chop it with turmeric. Store it in a jar in the fridge. It saves time, baby. When I cook, it's all ready. You just scoop."

There was no pretension, no

influencer's script, just you: a working woman with food-slicked fingers and a system that made sense.

And I thought—this is the real recipe exchange. Not the ones in lifestyle glossies or curated reels. But moments like these. Market aisles. Open hearts. Ginger-stained secrets handed over with kindness and no agenda.

We started talking spices, but it became so much more.

You told me how your mother used to cure everything with ginger tea and



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prayer. How your children now ask for store-bought ginger shots, "like the ones in Woolies." You laughed, but there was a quiet ache behind your smile. I saw it. I recognised it.

Maybe we are all trying to preserve something—tradition, time, ourselves.

And maybe that's the magic of markets like Verulam. There, the world feels less broken. Cultures cross-pollinate without ceremony. A Hindu uncle sells halal chicken. A Zulu gogo recommends Thai basil. A Polish girl like me, raised in South Africa's warm dust, finds belonging between bunches of dhanias and dried chilli.

I walked away that day with a kilo of ginger, but what I really took home was your rhythm. Your way. Your warm reminder that the best recipes are passed from hand to hand, not through algorithms.

Thank you for that.

Next time I make tea—with ginger and turmeric chopped your way—I'll think of you. Not as the woman at the market, but as the quiet teacher who reminded me that flavour isn't found in perfection. It's found in the people we meet, and the time we take to listen.

With turmeric-stained love,
Kasia Yoko

Author's Note:

I am a lifelong lover of local markets, and a collector of stories hidden between bunches of dhanias, tamarind, and turmeric. My writing celebrates the quiet magic found in everyday encounters. Follow me on Facebook, Insagram and Tiktok

Dear Editor,

Re: Gas Motor Show: Less Car Culture, More Chaos

I attended the Gas Motor Show 2025 in Durban this past weekend — an event advertised as a thrilling, family-friendly celebration of car culture. With a hefty R300 ticket price, expectations were high. What we got instead was a spectacle for all the wrong reasons.

The headline making the rounds — "Massive Fight Breaks Out" — is misleading. A more accurate title would be: "Drunk Guy Punches Woman in the Face While Security Nowhere to Be Found." That's not just disappointing — it's dangerous.

Let's talk honestly. The motor show has drifted far from its roots. The roar of engines

and passion for builds has been replaced by ego, booze, and chaos. It's less about petrol heads, more about posing, partying, and posturing. The so-called "after-parties" seem to be the main draw now — and that's exactly where the trouble starts.

Why was there no visible security presence during the fight? Why was alcohol so freely available when we know what it fuels? It's no wonder our stadiums and car shows struggle to reach full capacity — many families avoid them for precisely this reason.

Gas Motor Show — you can do better. Bring back the real culture, the real fans, and make it safe again. Ban the booze. Scrap the after-parties. Bring back the soul.

Sincerely,
Edward, Motorhead,
Durban

Dear Ed,

Re: Inept NPA Head and NPA Office

Following the grave miscarriage of justice recently re the Omotoso case, the NPA now has further egg on its shameful face with M Choluta's -ex PA of former Free State Premier A Mageshule's — extradition from the US now being deemed to be unlawful and she is now free.

Much of the ineptitude and gross shoddiness of the underperforming NPA is a sad reflection of the Head's S Batohi, the Director of Public Prosecutions, ineptitude and ineffectiveness. She is in the same inferior league of the ex Public Protector B Mkwebane, who was booted out of office due to her gross ineptitude and incompetence.

The new DPP will be appointed in

2026.Why is S Batohi not shown the door immediately due to her ongoing failure to deliver? Is it because she is an ANC crony and lackey?

Please President C Ramaphosa save our beloved country from continuing to be a laughing stock, especially in the international arena. You must make relevant appointments to senior public offices with competence, merit, credibility and integrity being key minimum requirements.

Shame on the relevant parliamentary portfolio committee for accepting the half-baked responses and other hogwash of the DPP in various sittings. Like her, most committee members too are buffoons and are doing the country a great disservice. Surely enough is enough!

Simon T Dehal
Verulam

Dear Ed,

Re: Municipal Budgets

Pre-budget approval, there had been much discussions and deliberations in 2025. Now that the budget in each municipality has been approved, as part of the IDP, little or nothing will be heard on this crucial subject. Sadly many people have short memories. Many are gluttons for punishment.

However, ratepayers, citizens in general and business and industry must never forget the actions and omissions cited below of municipal councils, primarily eThekweni, iLembe and KwaDukuza.

All talk of the budget being pro poor was simply hogwash. People who are already cash strapped in this unfavourable economic climate will be further adversely affected, primarily financially, due to steep increases in miscellaneous rates and diverse tariffs. Life is now more costly and miserable.

Mandatory public consultations have been a sheer waste of time and money

as the meaningful inputs of the public have been ignored/not heeded

Lies, empty promises and false hope had been made by many shameless fork-tongued politicians

The next local government elections take place in 2026.Please electorate stop being complacent, arise from slumber and avoid apathy and stand up for your constitutional rights. Use wisdom and discernment in making your votes. Learn from past lessons and experiences. Each vote is important and can change the present landscape of corruption, nepotism and incompetence. In this way people will no longer be taken for a ride and competent, credible, honest and people - serving politicians will be ushered into office for the benefit of our dear country. Remember ulala usala — you snooze, you lose. Voters arise en masse in 2026 for a new beginning of hope, development and most importantly timeous and effective service delivery. Viva Mzansi viva!

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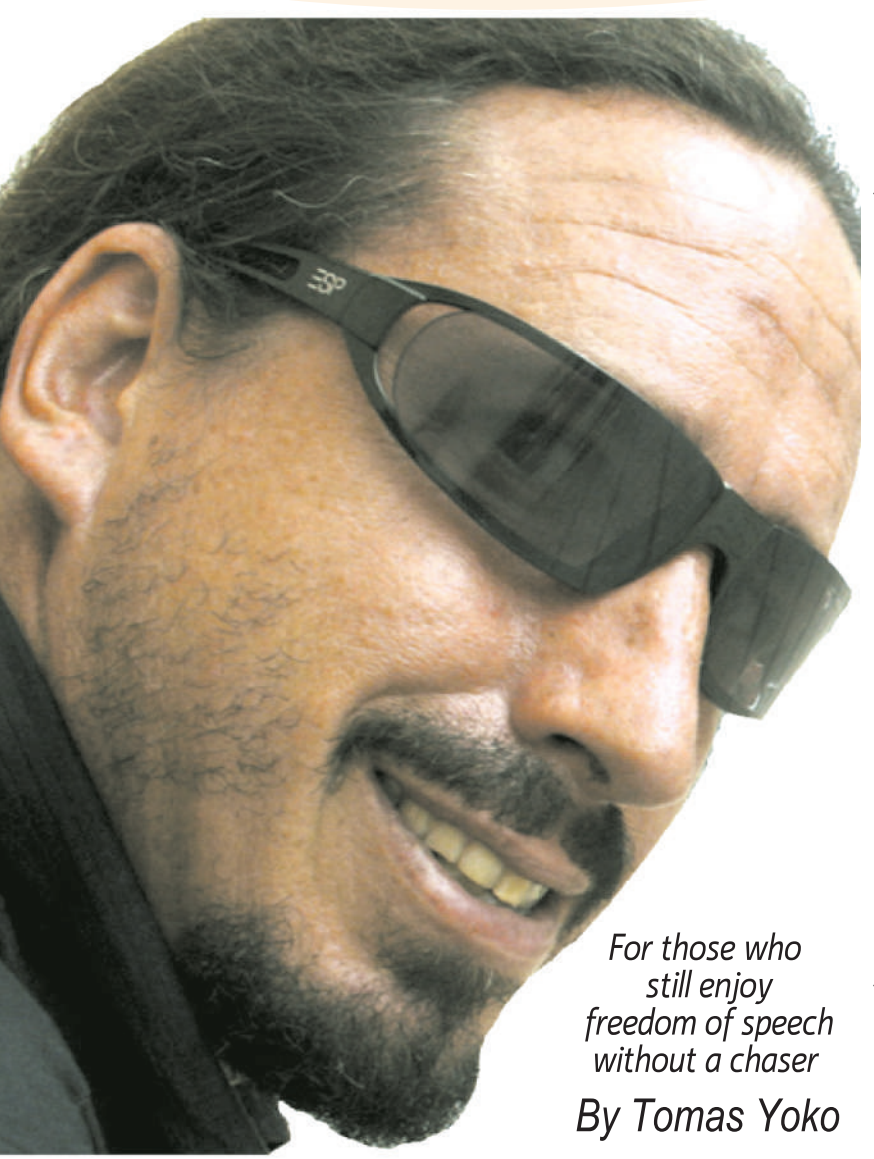


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For those who
still enjoy
freedom of speech
without a chaser
By Tomas Yoko

Wow, what a month it has been filled with doom, decadence and diplomatic delusion. This week, we're lighting candles at the altar of St. Sanity—because God knows the world needs a few miracles.

Trump Declares World Peace, just like that, Donald the Peacemaker logs into Truth Social, types a few lines, and ends a war. Trump declared, with all the subtlety of a karaoke machine in a monastery, that Iran and Israel have agreed to a ceasefire. "Please do not violate it," he wrote, as though breaking up a playground brawl and warning little Mahmoud and Bibi to behave or go sit in the naughty corner.

No matter that Bibi's response was to drop a poo pile of bombs just to complicate the matter. "They don't know what the %\$#@ they're doing," was Donald's next comment. Tehran's "final missiles" were more of a squirt gun salute than an actual threat. The markets swooned anyway. Oil dropped faster than a Kardashian marriage, and Wall Street popped champagne like peace had broken out across the planet.

A ceasefire brokered via social media—this is what happens when geopolitics is outsourced to influencers. But hey, if Trump can get two ancient enemies to hold fire while barely spelling "ceasefire" correctly, maybe next week he'll solve climate change in a TikTok dance.

A man allegedly suffered a deadly brain inflammation after one Covid jab, and suddenly we're back in 2021, only now with extra hysteria and fewer facts. Experts have warned that vaccines may trigger autoimmune encephalitis—may, like I may become Pope if I just dress the part and start waving at crowds.

But the real issue isn't the science,



it's trust. We live in an era where people trust memes more than doctors, and where "I did my own research" means watching three YouTube videos between vape hits.

Meanwhile in Britain, Prime Minister Two-Tier-Keir Starmer, the Sabotage Whisperer, has apparently lost control, not of his cabinet, but of the streets. Acts of political sabotage, like defacing statues, smashing shops, and gluing oneself to traffic lights, are increasingly tolerated under the holy umbrella of "progress." As are grooming gangs and illegal immigrants.

You can graffiti Churchill, shut down half of London for a protest, or chain yourself to a sausage truck, and you'll be called brave, not batty. Why? Because the powers that be confuse lawlessness with liberty. Me thinks

on purpose.

Back here at home, our SAPS released their quarterly crime stats—and conveniently forgot to include data on violence against women and children. Whoops. In a country where a woman is murdered every three hours, this isn't just an oversight. It's a betrayal. The state loves to talk tough about gender-based violence—until it's time to show the numbers. Then it's crickets.

Why leave out the data? Because numbers don't lie. But when the truth is too brutal, our institutions opt for silence dressed as bureaucracy. "It's still being collated," they say, while women are still being buried.

Until next time, stay sane, stay sharp, and if someone offers you a ceasefire on social media, read the fine print.

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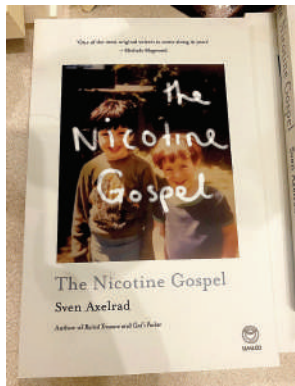
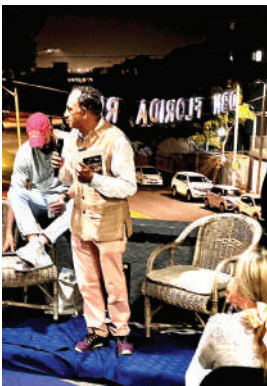
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The crowd? Fabulous. Overdressed, underdressed, and one man who looked like he may have wandered in from a French arthouse film. I spotted at least three pairs of Birkenstocks and a woman in a full-length velvet cape — so you know it was serious.



The Nicotine Gospel, Durban Edition

by Kasia Yoko

It's not every day you find yourself packed into a little treasure chest of a bookshop in Durban, shoulder to shoulder with a symphony of bibliophiles, wannabe writers, genuine eccentrics, dangerous thinkers, charming philosophers, and people who still think "lit" means literature. But that's exactly what happened last night at the iconic Ike's Books and Collectables on Florida Road. The occasion? The launch of The Nicotine Gospel — a sharp, strange, smoke-scented little miracle written by the inimitable Sven Axelrad, whose name might be new to your lips now, but won't be for long. Now, if you've never been to Ike's, you must know it's the kind of place where books breathe and the past sits perched on every shelf, winking at you through dusty covers. Jo Rushby, the high priestess of this literary temple, opened her doors and heart to what can only be described as a holy gathering of the word-obsessed. And bless her — she managed to host an evening that felt like the

afterparty of the Great Library of Alexandria. Only with better lighting. And gin. The crowd? Fabulous. Overdressed, underdressed, and one man who looked like he may have wandered in from a French arthouse film. I spotted at least three pairs of Birkenstocks and a woman in a full-length velvet cape — so you know it was serious. And then came Professor Ashwin Desai — ever the disarming assassin with a microphone — delivering a foreword that was equal parts roast and benediction. "If nicotine is the devil," he said, "then this book is the devil's gospel. And you'll love it, because we all secretly want to sin a little more intelligently." I clapped so hard I nearly spilled my Sauvignon Blanc. And what of the book itself? The Nicotine Gospel opens with a line you won't forget: "My dad believed that you could tell everything worth knowing about a person by what cigarettes they smoked." That's how it begins — in 1987, with a bolt of lightning,

a pack of Lucky Strikes, and the death of Nate and Danny's mother. Their eccentric, distant father responds not with therapy or grief counseling but by inventing a bizarre new theology: the Nicotine Gospel. A gospel where a cardboard box of twenty cigarettes is the only scripture you'll ever need. By the end of the night, I'd made three new friends, promised to read six new books, and nearly left with a rare first edition of something I can't afford. (I blame the lighting — Jo makes everything look irresistible.) In a world that scrolls instead of listens, and skims instead of sits still, last night was a reminder that books — and the people who love them — still matter. That Durban still shows up — messy, magnificent, loud, loving — for its artists, its thinkers, and its oddballs. Long live the bookshop. Long live the cigarette break. And long live Durban, that strange, smoky, soulful little city by the sea.

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Recipe By Kasia Yoko

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On Day 45 of the 75 Hard Challenge, when every cell is whispering for a cheat, I say: Feed it joyfully. Feed it smart.

These crispy golden nuggets do just that—no compromise on flavour, texture, or crunch. They are vegan-friendly, keto-aligned, and utterly addictive.

Whether it's a lunch box surprise, a padkos essential, or a beachside indulgence with chili dip, this recipe delivers big joy in small bites.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup fresh cooked lentils (green or brown), mashed
 - 2 cups steamed cauliflower, well-drained and mashed
 - 1 big red onion, finely chopped
 - 4 cloves garlic, minced
 - 3 green chili, deseeded and chopped (optional)
 - 1 tsp fresh ginger, grated
 - 1 cup of fresh chopped herbs (coriander and green onion)
 - 2 tbsp psyllium husks (for binding)
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/4 tsp black pepper
 - 1/4 tsp garlic powder
 - 1/4 tsp onion powder
 - 1 tsp smoked paprika
 - 1 tbsp Olive oil
 - 3 tbsp coconut oil

- For Coating:**
- 4 tbsp chickpea flour mixed with 3 tbsp water (a light batter)
 - 1 cup almond flour
 - 2 tbsp sesame seeds (white or black)

- Method:**
1. Sauté the onion, garlic, chili, and ginger in a teaspoon of olive oil until soft and fragrant.
 2. In a large bowl, mix mashed lentils and cauliflower. Add the sautéed aromatics.
 3. Stir in psyllium husks, fresh herbs, salt, pepper, garlic powder, smoked paprika and onion powder. Mix well. Let it sit for 5–10 minutes so the



- psyllium activates and binds the mixture.
4. Shape into small nuggets or patties—whatever your inner artist desires.
 5. Dip each nugget in the chickpea flour batter, then coat in a mix of almond flour and sesame seeds.
 6. Pan-fry in non-stick pan in coconut oil until golden on both sides. Alternatively, bake at 180°C (356°F) for 20–25 minutes, flipping once halfway.
- Serving Suggestions:**
- Serve warm with a mushroom sauce and green salad for a plated main.
 - Pack into beach baskets with a fiery chili dip and lemon wedges.
 - Sneak into lunch boxes with tzatziki or humus.
 - Enjoy cold from the fridge—because yes, they're still that good.

Kasia's Note:

I used to chase carbs. Now I chase creativity. The more I put into crafting flavourful meals, the less I crave the quick-fix cheats. These nuggets are nourishment with personality—a crunchy celebration of wellness, flavour, and a challenge well met.

LIQUOR TRADERS SLAM SMOKING BILL

By Kasia Yoko

As South Africa continues to refine its public health policies, it must also consider the very real, very practical implications for small business owners trying to survive in a constrained economy. The road to reform should not run over the backs of the country's most vulnerable entrepreneurs.

South African liquor traders have raised the alarm over proposed new smoking legislation, warning that it could devastate small taverns, shisa nyamas, and bars—especially in township communities.

The draft Tobacco Products and Electronic Delivery Systems Control Bill, currently being processed by the Department of Health, aims to further tighten tobacco laws. Among the proposals are bans on display advertising, standardised packaging for cigarettes, and stricter controls on e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

But for many in the hospitality industry, the most disruptive change would be the new rules on where patrons are allowed to smoke.

Under the Bill, smoking would be banned entirely inside public venues, including taverns and restaurants. Designated smoking areas would have to be located a minimum distance from windows, ventilation systems, and entrances—a distance rumoured to be up to 10 metres.

For township liquor traders, this is a step too far.

“This provision is totally unworkable,” said the Gauteng

Liquor Traders Association (GLTA) in a strongly worded statement. “The minister has discretion over the exact distance, but even at five metres, the vast majority of our members will not be able to comply without extensive and expensive renovations.”

According to the GLTA, many township taverns already adjusted their operations after previous amendments to the smoking laws, with up to 25% of indoor space being sectioned off for smokers.

“Now we’re told that’s not good enough. We must send patrons outside—beyond windows, doors, ventilation points. In a township setting, where space is tight and buildings are close together, that simply isn’t possible,” the association said.

Liquor traders argue that the new rules are not just impractical—they are unfairly punitive to small, black-owned township businesses that lack the



Township Liquor Traders Slam New Smoking Law as ‘Unworkable’

space or capital to comply.

“Once again, it’s the township trader who is asked to carry the burden,” said a Soweto-based tavern owner. “We’ve followed the rules. We’ve invested in our businesses. And now we’re being told to tear it all down and start again.”

The Department of Health has not yet confirmed the final regulations or whether the proposed 10-metre distance will be enforced. But for township entrepreneurs trying to run viable, law-abiding businesses, the message is already clear: smoke, and you’re out.

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Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 published in Government Notice No. R326 (as amended) in terms of Sections 24 (5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998) of Scenic Route Trading 463 cc intention to amend the existing Environmental Authorisation granted for the Scenic Route Mixed-Use Development (EA Ref: EIA/6309).

Scenic Route Trading 463 cc was granted an EA on the 13th of December 2006 to establish a mixed-use development which encompasses 75 units, a medium-density stand and a limited commercial stand. The proposed development is approximately 8ha in extent and is located on Rem 24 (of 21) of the Farm Compensation, No. 868, Salt Rock within the KwaDukuza Local Municipality, iLembe District Municipality, KZN. The geographical co-ordinates of the site are as follows: (Central Point) 29°30'4.30" S, 31°12'47.76" E.

The Part 2 amendment process intends on amending the Approved layout of the proposed development and include the following: A retail centre with additional space for future retail stores, two Office Blocks, a two-storey Medical Suite Development, a Conference Centre, a High Density Residential Development (comprising of 191 two-bed Apartments and 12 three-bed Apartments), and a clubhouse.

In respect of the above, Wallace and Green (Pty) Ltd intends to submit a Part 2 Amendment Application on behalf of the applicant to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development and Tourism (EDTEA) to obtain an Environmental Authorisation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the public participation process, you are invited to review and comment on the Draft Amendment Report. The Draft Amendment Report will be available for a 30-day period from 27 June 2025 to 26 July 2025. You may download a copy of the report from Wallace and Green's website: www.wallaceandgreen.co.za. A hardcopy of the Draft Amendment Report will also be made available at the Salt Rock library.

Contact Details: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register by submitting their name, contact information and interest in the project to the Environmental consultants below. Further information may be obtained, and comments may be submitted using these same contact details.

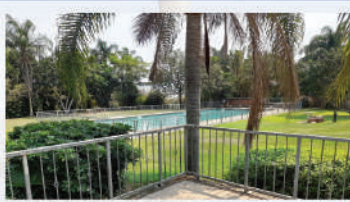
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Property Talk

By:
Andreas Wassenaar

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How's the property market doing? Most leading estate agents get asked this question a few times a day. We know that some key fundamental economic indicators drive a real estate market, with interest rates, disposable income to debt ratio and confidence at the top of the list.

While we know that consumer confidence plunged to a multi-year low in the first quarter of 2025, to -20 from -6 in the prior quarter, which translated directly into fewer property transactions over the period, the latest FNB property report does reveal some good news. The FNB Home Price Index indicated growth of 2,2% (y-on-y) in April 2025 – the highest growth for over two years. Demand and supply drive prices.

This indicates a possible recovery in demand. If supply is constrained, you can have a scenario of increasing prices even with similar demand. A destination such as the V&A Waterfront Apartments is a great example, with demand almost always outstripping the constrained supply. For most of our areas in KZN, supply keeps growing, especially on the North Coast as new mega-estates come on stream.

There is a strong economic case to be made that our interest rates should be significantly lower, given that CPI inflation over the last three months has been recorded as being below 3% and our PPI inflation being 0,5% showing little to no upward pressure from producer prices.

South Africa's real interest rates are very high at 7,25%, which places it at the 6th highest real interest rate within the global G20 group. Good examples of strong, vibrant economies show real interest rates of 4,5% (USA), 4,25% (UK), 3,85% (Australia), 3% (China) and 2,15% (Euro Area).

Imagine what a 3% drop in our real interest rate would do for economic growth and property demand. Countries we don't want to compare ourselves to in any way within this G20 group are Brazil (15% real rates), Russia (20%), Argentina (29%) and Turkey (46%), which has the highest.

The damage to economic growth that high interest rates impose is well documented. For property practitioners, the impact is experienced first-hand as it raises the cost of home ownership and restricts demand. For property developers, high interest rates can be especially detrimental.

For those who were around in August 1998 when our interest rates peaked at 25,5% you will remember how the property development sector came to a grinding halt – not a single brick was being laid. Fortunately, South Africans have not had to deal with those historically high rates since then.

With the risk of a longer and larger-scale Middle East war being diverted for now and oil supply being unaffected at this stage, with Brent Crude Oil pricing around US\$69 our North Coast property market can be expected to improve over the second half of 2025.

LEGAL TALK

by Fawzia Khan



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A restraint of trade has been breached. What now? What must either side prove to the court?

When a restraint of trade has been signed between the employer and employee, what does each of them need to prove to the court, in order to be successful. From the employee's perspective, he/she will need to prove that the restraint of trade, which was signed, was unreasonable.

The employer on the other hand does not need to prove that the breach of the restraint has resulted in suffering actual harm. It will simply need to show that potentially its trade secrets or business connections could be exploited and that there was secret information to which the employee had access to which the employee could transmit to the new employer should he desire to do so.

In a recent case at the Gauteng High Court, these were the very issues, which were played out. An employee who was commenced employment in March 2022 as a technician in the Point of Sales solutions in the food industry, signed a restraint of trade where he undertook that for a period of 12 months and within a radius of 300km of the employer's business, he would not compete directly or indirectly with the employer's business, nor would he render the services or products which the employer provided in the marketplace. In addition he signed a confidentiality agreement not to use or disclose any confidential information of the employer for his personal benefit or that of any third party.

In April 2025 he resigned from that company and in May 2025 took up employment with a direct competitor. The former employer then immediately approached the high court citing a violation of the restraint of trade and confidentiality agreement, which he signed.

It said that the employee had access to its sensitive trade secrets, which could damage the competitive

position of the employer and there were "protocols" which were not publicly available and were known only to a few of its employees in the company, one of whom was the employee.

The employee conceded that he was working for a direct competitor but said that enforcing the restraint would mean he would become unemployable and by implication that it was unreasonable. He said the point of sale industry was the only one in which he had held employment and knew no other industry, saying he held no post-school qualifications, was 27 years of age with a Grade 12 school qualification. He challenged the restraint saying that at the time he signed it, he was not on an equal bargaining footing with his employer.

Whilst the court accepted the employee's position that it should not be rendered unemployable, it said that the employee did not provide sufficient proof that he would become unemployable. The court said it was not necessary for the employer to prove actual harm and that it only needed to show that potentially its trade secrets or business connections could be exploited and that there was secret information to which the employee had access to and theoretically could transmit that to the new employer should he desire to do so.

However the court found the 300kms radius to be unreasonable and reduced the range of the restraint to a 100kms radius. On the rest of the employer's claim, the court took the view that the employee failed to provide sufficient proof that the scope and duration of 12 months of the restraint were unreasonable and granted the employer the right to enforce its restraint of trade against its former employee.

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Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid

The Future is Now

By: Tomas Yoko



Toyota's legendary dependability, combined with cutting-edge hybrid technology

There's something deeply reassuring about the Toyota badge – it represents decades of unwavering reliability that South Africans have come to trust implicitly. The new Corolla Cross Hybrid elevates this legacy into the future, delivering an ownership experience that's nothing short of inspiring.

Behind the wheel, the 1.8-litre hybrid system reveals Toyota's engineering mastery. The synergy between petrol engine and electric motor creates a seamless power delivery that's both responsive and whisper-quiet. Real-world testing achieved remarkable fuel consumption of just 4.3 litres per/ 100 kilometres in Eco mode, figures that will change your relationship with the fuel pump. In an era of rising fuel costs, this hybrid technology isn't just environmentally conscious; it's economically liberating.

The cabin exudes premium quality that challenges expectations. Soft-touch surfaces, intuitive controls, and thoughtful storage solutions create an environment where every journey feels refined. The generous cabin space folds down

to provide oodles of practicality, but never compromises on luxury, while the rear climate vents demonstrate Toyota's attention to passenger comfort.

What truly sets the Corolla Cross Hybrid apart is its hybrid system's intelligence. The transition between electric and petrol power is imperceptible, delivering optimal efficiency without sacrificing performance. The hybrid variant offers superior responsiveness compared to its non-hybrid counterpart, proving that efficiency and engagement aren't mutually exclusive.

For South African families seeking the perfect balance of luxury, reliability, and environmental responsibility, the Corolla Cross Hybrid represents more than transportation – it's a statement of values. Toyota's legendary dependability, combined with cutting-edge hybrid technology and premium appointments, creates an ownership experience that inspires confidence every time you press that ignition button.

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GAC Emkoo

When Premium Meets Pragmatic

By: Tomas Yoko

After extensive time behind the wheel of the new GAC Emkoo, I can confidently say this medium SUV is redefining expectations in South Africa's competitive marketplace.

The Emkoo impresses with sophisticated design. The distinctive V-shaped grille and "lightsabre-inspired" LED taillights demonstrate contemporary styling that's thoughtful, not generic.

GAC's 1.5-litre TGDI MegaWave turbo engine delivers an inspiring 130kW with 270Nm through a smooth 7WDCT dual-clutch transmission. Power delivery is refined, with undetectable gear changes. Highway cruising was effortless, the adaptive cruise control and lane keep assist added confidence as did the heads-up display, all while maintaining respectable fuel efficiency numbers.

The cabin rivals established premium brands, featuring high-quality materials, advanced infotainment, and comprehensive safety features. Every surface feels considered, demonstrating genuine attention to luxury details.

GAC's commitment to customer confidence is exceptional. Their lifetime engine warranty – unlimited years and mileage for original owners when serviced at authorised centres – demonstrates serious long-term commitment to South African customers.

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For discerning buyers seeking premium features without premium pricing, the GAC Emkoo deserves serious consideration. It's proof that excellence isn't defined by geography – it's earned through engineering integrity and customer commitment. Contact Anusha from GAC Umhlanga for a chance to test drive the Emkoo on 079 622 4576 or visit GAC Umhlanga at 2 Sunset Close, Umhlanga Ridge.



Resplendent with considerate design, comprehensive features and then some, the GAC Emkoo will surprise you with excellence, drive it



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Road Report: GWM P-Series P300 4X4 - Redefining Bakkie Luxury

By: Tomas Yoko

South Africans have an enduring love affair with bakkies, and the new GWM P-Series P300 understands this passion perfectly. After extensive testing across diverse terrain, I can confidently say this bakkie delivers everything the South African market demands – and more.

The P300's heart is its impressive 2.4-litre turbo diesel engine, producing 135kW and a substantial 480Nm of torque. Paired with an intelligent 9-speed automatic transmission, this powertrain delivers effortless acceleration whether you're loaded with cargo or conquering weekend adventures. The refinement is remarkable – this feels more premium sedan than workhorse bakkie.

What truly sets the P300 apart

is its luxurious cabin environment. Gone are the days when choosing a bakkie meant sacrificing comfort. The SUV-like interior features soft-touch finishes, elegant bronze dash inserts, and cross-stitch pattern side panels that rival premium passenger vehicles. The 9-inch touchscreen comes standard with voice recognition, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and wireless charging – technology that keeps you connected wherever the road leads.

The build quality is exceptional, addressing traditional concerns about Chinese manufacturing, through meticulous attention to detail and robust construction. This bakkie handles our notorious potholes and challenging 4X4 terrain with confidence, while the payload

capacity ensures it remains a serious work tool.

For South African motorists seeking the perfect balance between utility and luxury, the P300 delivers. Whether you're a farmer needing reliable load-hauling capability, a tradesman requiring dependable transport, or an adventure enthusiast craving weekend escapes, this bakkie adapts seamlessly.

The P300 proves that choosing a bakkie no longer means compromising on comfort, technology, or refinement. It's luxury with purpose – exactly what discerning South African drivers deserve. Want one? Contact Mbulelo from GWM Umhlanga on 072 306 9168 and treat yourself to luxury.

Ashok Leyland Drives Into South Africa With Power and Purpose

By Kasia Yoko



From left to right: Tomas Yoko, Rajesh Renganathan, Balachandran Ramachandran Nair, Amjith Gangadharan with Pavankumar Nair

India's powerhouse of commercial transport, Ashok Leyland, has officially rolled into South Africa with a bold launch held at the prestigious Zimbali Lodge. The event, attended by local media as well as Ashok Leyland's global executives, including Rajesh Renganathan, Senior Vice President of International Operations, marked the beginning of a new journey for the brand on African soil.

"South Africa represents a key strategic market for Ashok Leyland. Our models, Dost, Partner, and Phoenix, are engineered for reliability, efficiency, and performance in real-world conditions. We are here to support the country's economic growth by empowering small businesses and large fleets alike." Said Rajesh Renganathan, Senior Vice President of International Operations, Ashok Leyland.

At the centre of the launch were three robust models: the Dost, the Partner, and the Phoenix, each engineered with South African roads and industries in mind. These vehicles are not just machines; they are versatile workhorses, ready to do the heavy lifting for everyone from small business owners to large-scale logistics fleets.

Whether it's transporting construction materials, agricultural produce, or urban deliveries, Ashok Leyland's

range is tailored to empower entrepreneurs and fleet managers alike. The models come standard with a 5-year / 150,000 km warranty and roadside assistance, a game-changer for reliability and peace of mind.

Ashok Leyland is no stranger to big milestones. As the flagship of the Hinduja Group, the company is the second-largest commercial vehicle manufacturer in India and proudly stands as the fourth-largest bus manufacturer in the world. Globally, it exports to over 50 countries, with an expanding footprint across East and West Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.

In Africa, Ashok Leyland has already established operations in Kenya, Nigeria, Egypt, and Ivory Coast, where its durable vehicles have earned a reputation for performance in challenging environments. The company's commitment to "Aapki Jeet. Hamari Jeet" (Your victory is our victory) resonates deeply with South Africa's economic aspirations and the dreams of its hardworking entrepreneurs.

With their arrival, Ashok Leyland is not just launching vehicles, they're offering mobility, opportunity, and support for a continent on the move. As South Africa continues to build, trade, and grow, these trucks may very well become the unsung heroes on the back roads of progress.



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The accolades speak volumes about the Everest's excellence. In 2023, it secured second place overall in the prestigious SAGMJ Car of the Year competition while claiming the top spot in the Adventure SUV category – recognition that validates what we've known all along. This isn't just marketing fluff; it's testament to Ford's commitment to delivering a vehicle that understands our unique driving conditions.

During my week-long test drive of the Everest Platinum, under gruelling conditions, I discovered what sets this SUV apart – it's a remarkable blend of luxury and capability. The bi-turbo diesel engine delivered effortless power whether navigating Durban's hectic traffic or tackling the Drakensberg passes. The seven-seater configuration didn't

compromise on comfort, while features like the panoramic sunroof and premium leather made every journey feel special.

But ownership extends beyond the vehicle itself. My experience with CMH Ford Ballito has been exceptional – their customer-centric approach, world-class facilities, and knowledgeable service team, make owning a Ford genuinely rewarding. From their efficient parts department to their professional sales staff, they understand that great service builds lasting relationships.

For South African motorists seeking a premium SUV that handles our diverse terrain while offering family comfort and proven reliability, the Ford Everest range of models offer an SUV that will add so much to your lifestyle. With Ford's comprehensive factory warranty and service plan, you will have complete peace of mind from day one. The Everest is not just transport; it's your gateway to adventure.

Speak to CMH Ford Ballito about test driving the Everest and you will see what I mean. Call them on 087 723 9278 or visit their state-of-the-art showroom at 35 Moffat Drive, Ballito.

By: Tomas Yoko



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The KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board Maritime Centre of Excellence (KZNSB) was established in 1964, strives to be a leader in environmentally sensitive protection of bathers against sharks and capacity building in the maritime sector.

KZNSB safeguards 37 beaches on the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) coastline with shark safety gear owned and maintained by the KZNSB. The organisation positions itself as "The Only Organisation of Its Kind in the World. The organisation has achieved distinguished accomplishments in its existence, defining the organisations successes towards achieving its' mission.

KZNSB offers a dynamic audio -visual presentation. Although the 26 minutes presentation is designed to entertain, it is also educational, providing information on subjects such as the sensory biology of sharks and their role as top predators in the marine environment. The show is followed by a shark dissection where you can see the internal anatomy of one of the ocean's most feared predators. "SHARK"

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SHARK MUSEUM They get a chance to view the large variety of life-like replicas of sharks, as well as other marine animals.

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