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Tongaat Hulett Empowers Young Minds with School Uniform Donations



Learners across nine KwaZulu-Natal North Coast schools are stepping into the new academic year with pride and confidence, thanks to Tongaat Hulett's Back-to-School Campaign. The initiative, supported by local sugar mills, small-scale growers, and tribal councils, provided 250 learners from Amatikulu and Maidstone regions with full school uniforms and shoes. By reducing visible economic differences, the donations foster equality, improve school attendance, and build a culture of learning. Community leaders and principals praised Tongaat Hulett for investing in the dignity and future of rural children, ensuring education remains accessible for disadvantaged families. Seen above Skhonyana Primary School pupils beam with pride after receiving uniforms from Tongaat Hulett

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Through my eyes

by Kasia Yoko

“I’m as far away as you push me.”

Those words have been circling in my head all week. They hold such truth, a bit of a quiet sorrow. They remind me that the space between us and the people we love is not measured in kilometres, but in silence, neglect, and missed opportunities. It is created when we stop noticing, when we stop checking in, when we assume that someone else will take care of it.

The Covid-19 pandemic revealed this to us in a brutal way. We all remember the lockdowns — the empty streets, the masked faces, the aching distance between family members and friends. For many, that experience did not end when the restrictions lifted. A global study published in The Lancet found that

rates of anxiety and depression increased by over 25% in 2020, and we are still living with the aftershocks. Some people slipped into solitude and never truly found their way back. They remain in their own kind of lockdown, not because of government rules, but because of fear, loneliness, or simply a loss of practice in being part of the world.

I think of my own neighbours, of friends who quietly withdrew after Covid, of relatives who no longer come to gatherings because “it’s just easier to stay home.” How many of us have noticed? How many have reached out? Or do we let the distance grow, telling ourselves they must prefer it that way?

The truth is, we all need each other. Human beings are not designed to live in isolation. Our health, both physical and mental, depends on connection. Checking in on someone is not just an act of kindness—it can be life-saving. A phone call, a knock on the door, a shared cup of tea can remind a person that they are still seen, still valued, still worthy of love.

I have often thought about the quiet power we hold in our everyday lives. We underestimate our influence. We think our circle is too small to matter, but in reality, it is within that circle — our family, our friends, our colleagues, our neighbours — that the greatest impact is made. We do not need to

change the whole world; we need only to notice the people right in front of us.

“I’m as far away as you push me.” That line is not just a reminder, it is a warning. If we do not reach out, if we do not close the gap, we risk pushing people into a silence that feels final. But when we do take the time—when we step across the distance and show up—we pull people back into life, into love, into belonging.

The distance is never as wide as it seems. Sometimes, it is only the length of a phone call. Sometimes, it is as small as the space between your hand and a neighbour’s door. All it takes is a choice: to notice, to care, to reach.

Dear Ed,

Re: The right to be happy

“Is it right to be happy in a world that’s broken?” This was Simone de Beauvoir’s question to Albert Camus. She feared that to seek personal joy was to detach from the suffering and injustice around us. But Camus, and those who wrestled with the absurd, understood something sharper: happiness is not denial—it can be defiance. In times of cruelty, corruption,

and despair, joy becomes more than a private feeling. It becomes an act of resistance. Skye Cleary reminds us that “to be human is to be constantly in tension between attempting to control the world around us and to avoid being crushed by it.” If we give in to despair, injustice wins twice—once in action, and again in spirit.

Happiness, when it is not born of ignorance or apathy, but of authentic engagement with life, is a refusal to let broken systems dictate the terms of our existence.

It is saying: you may take my comfort, but you cannot take my light. To laugh, to love, to find beauty despite the wreckage—this is resistance at its most human.

We must rage against injustice, yes. But we must also insist on joy. For in choosing happiness, we remind ourselves and the world that even in the darkest times, the human spirit is not so easily broken.

Yours faithfully,
Wendy Pine

Dear Ed,

Re: RUSA and humanitarian endeavours

Recently Prem Balram, Head of RUSA (Reaction Unit SA) received the prestigious Cross Bravery Award in view of his yeomen services to the community, with outstanding bravado. Well done to my fellow Verulam resident on this accolade, which is both fitting and deserving. RUSA provides sound all round security services in Verulam and surrounding areas, as well as an ambulance service as first responders in accidents and other traumatic issues such as GBV, kidnapping, assault, rape, extortion, murder etc.

Balram and his great team of officers, guards, paramedics, technical and administrative personnel are highly commended for the sterling services rendered to various communities. This head leads by good example and often pilots his helicopter to track down crooks and thugs, including carjackers, in hot pursuit. He regularly assists the police providing invaluable assistance and support. He and his fine team are held in high esteem by the community. Ask 10 locals who would they call first in dire need - SAPS or RUSA - and 11 will say “obviously RUSA”. People

like Balram and RUSA, as well as others such as credible security companies, performing police personnel-as opposed to deadwood and shirkers, NGOs, NPOs, child welfare societies, Gift of the Givers, Doctors Without Borders (MSF-Medicins Sans Frontiers), Jivannadi Mission to the west of King Shaka Airport and Haven of Rest in Tongaat, Red Cross, Red Crescent and Salvation Army etc are a GOD-sent and a big blessing to the communities. They serve as the hands and feet of he LORD showing love, caring, compassionate, empathy, especially to the poor, needy, vulnerable, destitute and downtrodden. Even pets and stray animals have been assisted by RUSA, so diverse are their assistance and efforts.

By their actions, Balram and his team have resulted in many lives being saved and crooks, criminals and fraudsters being convicted with lengthy prison sentences imposed, including life.

May GOD bless all of the abovementioned persons and organisations in their humanitarian endeavours and philanthropy? This helps to make the world a better place and alleviates the plight of millions locally and internationally. Please keep up the good work.

Simon T Dehal
Verulam

Dear Ed,

Re: Umhlanga as a “Wild West hell”

The recent depiction of Umhlanga as a “Wild West hell” is misleading, reckless, and damaging to a community that has worked tirelessly to build itself into one of South Africa’s premier business and tourism destinations. Sensationalist labels do not solve problems — they only tarnish reputations, undermine investor confidence, and jeopardise livelihoods.

No one disputes that Umhlanga, like all thriving urban centres, faces challenges. Issues of drug activity and prostitution are indeed a growing concern. But these require clear-headed, collaborative solutions — not careless sound bites designed for political mileage or social media outrage. To reduce an entire precinct to a caricature ignores the undeniable progress and investment that continue to transform Umhlanga into a beacon of growth and opportunity.

The Oceans precinct, along with Umhlanga’s established commercial and hospitality sectors, represents billions in investment, thousands of

jobs, and a critical hub for tourism and retail. International hotel groups, global luxury brands, and local businesses remain committed to the region precisely because Umhlanga offers world-class infrastructure and remains one of the safest, cleanest, and best-managed urban improvement precincts in the country.

It is irresponsible for public representatives and community leaders to indulge in exaggerated portrayals that threaten what has been painstakingly achieved. We owe it to the people of Umhlanga — residents, workers, business owners, and visitors alike — to deal with crime and social ills in a manner that strengthens, not sabotages, the fabric of our economy and society.

Constructive dialogue, accountability, and joint action are the way forward. Umhlanga is not a “Wild West.” It is a community that faces challenges, yes, but also continues to offer unmatched opportunity, safety, and lifestyle. Let us address the issues without destroying the reputation that sustains us all.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur Penning

Dear Ed,

Re: Social media scams and white-collar fraud on the rise in South Africa

As a concerned reader, I am deeply alarmed by the sharp rise in social media scams and white-collar fraud in South Africa. It seems that almost every week brings news of another person or business falling victim to deceitful schemes—ranging from fake investment opportunities and phishing attacks to identity theft and sophisticated online cons. The emotional and financial toll on victims is immense; many lose their life savings, while others are left shaken and wary of trusting even legitimate opportunities.

What is particularly worrying is how calculated these fraudsters have become. They exploit trust, use convincing fake profiles, and manipulate emotions to lure unsuspecting

victims. The result is a climate of fear and suspicion, where people hesitate to engage online or pursue genuine opportunities. The solution begins with awareness and vigilance. South Africans must scrutinize every online offer, confirm the authenticity of communications, and report suspicious activity immediately. But beyond individual action, there is a pressing need for stronger law enforcement and public education campaigns to stem this growing tide of financial crime. We cannot afford to remain passive. Fraud undermines our economy, erodes trust, and leaves lasting scars on its victims. It is time for communities, businesses, and authorities to act decisively and work together to protect citizens from these relentless criminals.

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By Tomas Yoko

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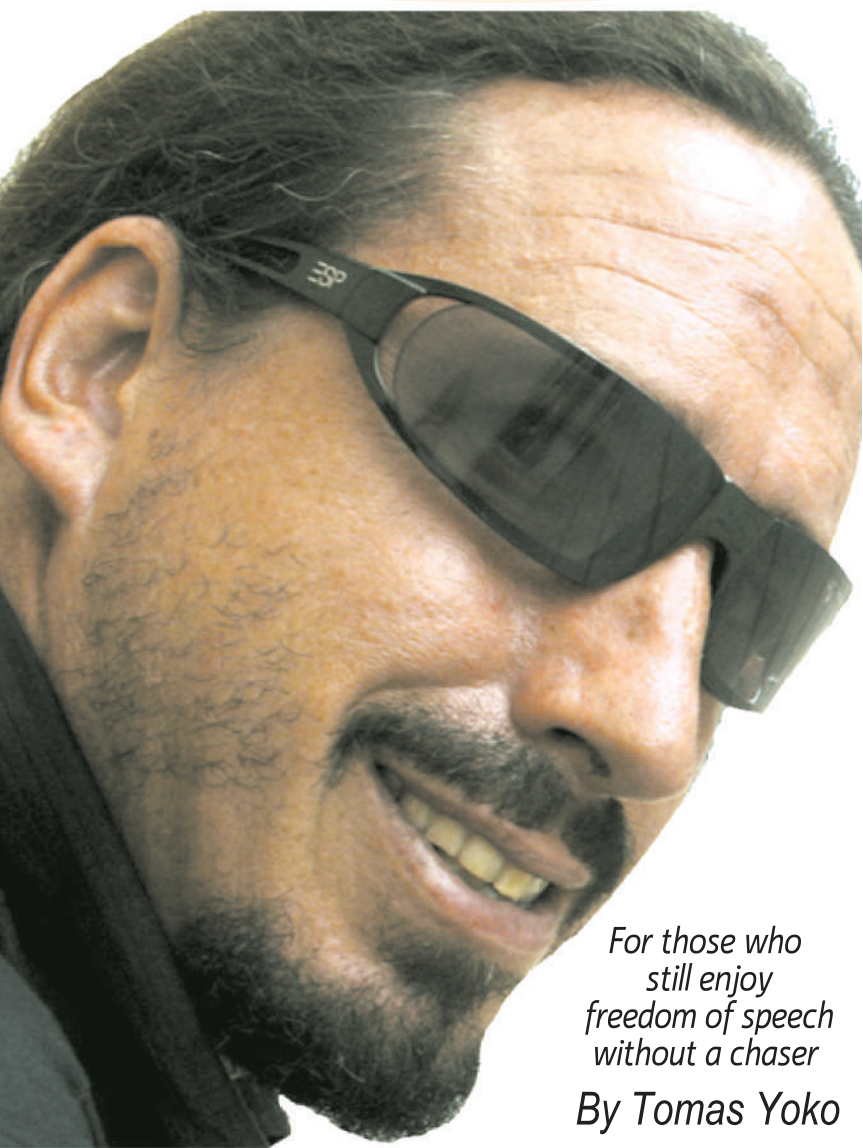


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For those who
still enjoy
freedom of speech
without a chaser
By Tomas Yoko

The Epstein client list has done the gentlemanly thing and disappeared. Poof. Gone. Like a magician's rabbit, except nobody's clapping. Imagine if your local traffic fine "vanished" the same way — you'd still get hunted down with more precision than Interpol. But if the names involve billionaires, politicians, and princes? Best not disturb the filing cabinet.

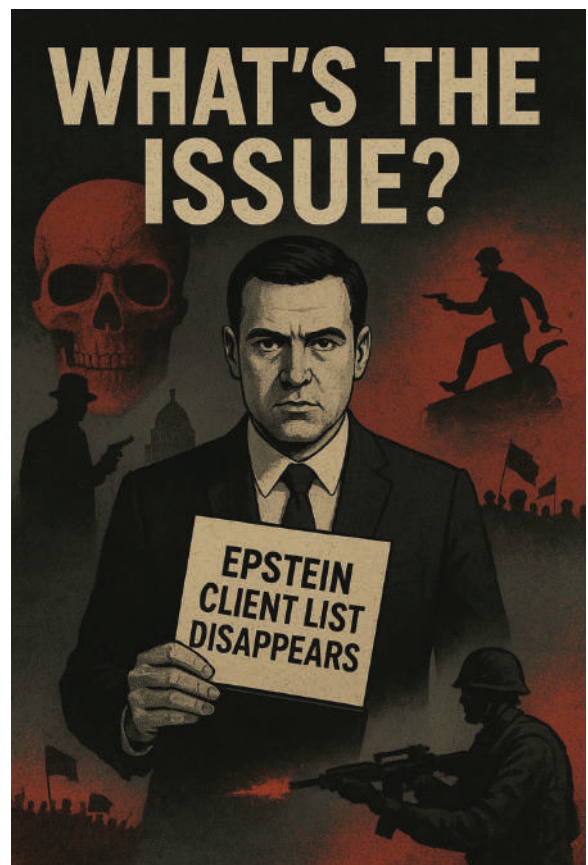
Meanwhile, SAPS continues its award-winning audition as extras in The Godfather: South African Edition. Political killings pile up, and the Manguzi police debacle seems to show that the only thing our "protectors" are protecting is their own cut of the action. Let's be honest: South Africa isn't run by a government — it's managed by a mafia cabal. At least the real mafia understood concepts like loyalty and honour. And before we get too smug, Germany just had its own brush with democracy-by-assassination during their elections, with seven politicians 'dying suddenly', proving that political bullets don't stop at borders. It seems the ballot box is now guarded by hit men worldwide.

Ukraine? Quiet. Too quiet. Except for the occasional drone that's always "Russian", until it isn't. Poland even tried to pull the Article 4 alarm, but the panic deflated quicker than a cheap blow up lilo. So transparent. NATO is looking more and more like that gym membership nobody uses anymore, outdated, overpriced, irrelevant and run by old men who last saw action at the buffet table.

In England, Tommy Robinson's parade revealed a simmering

nationalism the media insists is a mirage. They are going to have to do more than just wave a few flags if they want to get rid of that Keir Starmer. And in America, the assassination of Charlie Kirk isn't just tragic — it's symptomatic. Divide-and-rule has gone from strategy to sport, and the referees are too busy selling tickets to notice the blood on the field. The more the authorities explain it away the more questions arise. It seems like a great awakening has begun, and some politicians are tangled up in this as well. You can't make this stuff up.

The revolution next door to China might give some sleepless nights, but relax, the adults are in charge. The war mongers have their sights set firmly on Taiwan as their next



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"killing field" with oh so much money to be made there.

If there is anything I can warn you against it is the digital ID and the digital world. As AI encroaches, the World's first AI Government Minister will apparently join the Albanian cabinet of Prime Minister



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KZN Women in Business is turning 30 and you're invited to join the milestone celebration. This is more than a dinner; it's an evening of glamour, laughter, and lots of fun. Hosted by the fabulous Keri Miller from Radio PlayZN, the party promises VIP vibes, chic cocktails, great food, and lots of fun.

The celebration takes place on 23 October 2025, from 6pm onwards, at Elephant & Co., on the rooftop of the Pavilion Shopping Centre. Guests can enjoy a welcome drink, a beautifully curated three-course dinner, and a ladies-only evening of fun and friendship. The dress code is black with a splash of colour, and seats are R520 per person. Be sure to RSVP by 15 October 2025 to secure your spot.

This ladies-only event also features fun goodie bags and spot prizes, making it the ultimate girls' night out. Celebrating three decades of

connecting, supporting, and developing women in business across KwaZulu-Natal, KZNWIB has grown from a small network to one

KZN Women in Business Invite You to Their 30th Birthday Bash

of the province's longest standing businesswomen's organisations. From small business owners to corporate CEOs, the organisation continues to foster relationships, exchange knowledge, and help women grow their businesses. "KZN Women in Business is a support structure for women and a forum for building networks, exchanging business knowledge, and ultimately helping our members grow their businesses," says Chairperson Tilanie Grote.

As a non-profit, all profits are donated to a nominated charity each year, with committee members generously contributing their time and expertise.

Let's raise a glass to 30 years of achievements, friendships, and future opportunities. Celebrate this momentous milestone with KZN Women in Business and enjoy an evening of fun, friendship, and celebration.

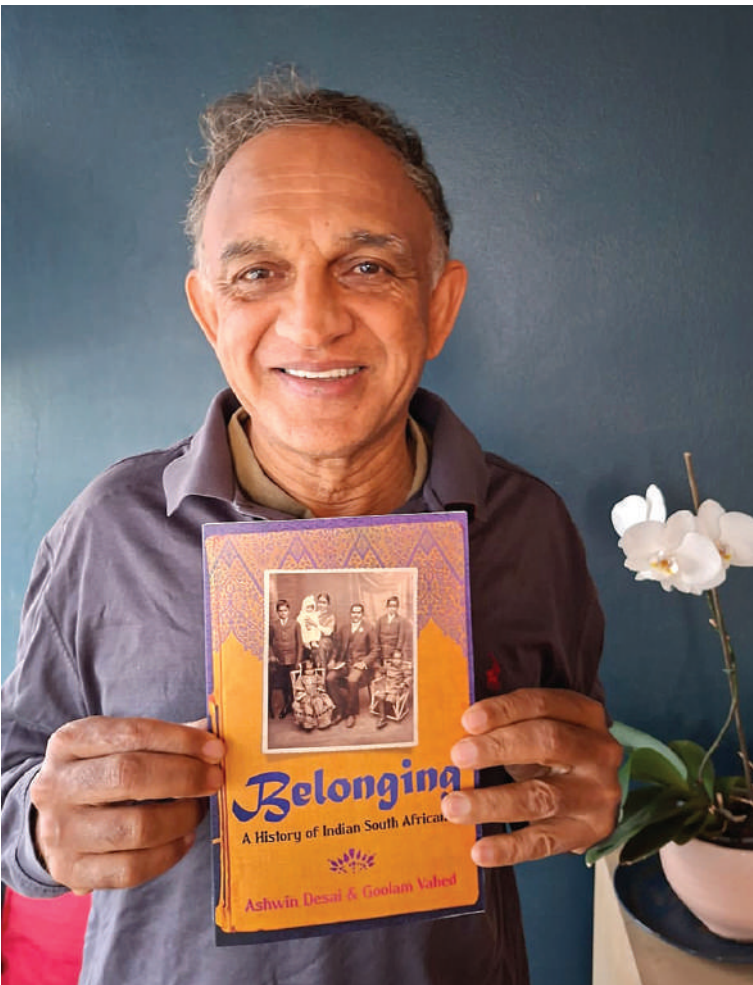
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Ready to celebrate KZN Women in Business' 30th birthday are Tilanie Grote (Chairperson), Fiona McCarthy (Radio PlayZN She.EO), Keri Miller (Co-founder & Co-She.EO of Radio PlayZN, and Host for the 30th Birthday Dinner Celebration) and Tanya Fleischer (KZNWIB Vice-Chairperson)

Belonging by Ashwin Desai and Goolam Vahed: The History of Indian South Africans

By Prof. Ashwin Desai



Prof. Ashwin Desai with his latest book, *Belonging*, which will be launched at Ike's Books, 48a Florida Road on Thursday 2nd October at 5.30 for 6pm. Rsvp – ikesbooks@iafrica.com

Across oceans and centuries, this sweeping narrative shuttles between the corridors of the Colonial Office in London, the contested streets of Durban, and the changing power dynamics inside of the British Raj.

The first boatload of indentured Indians arrived in Natal in 1860. Thousands were to follow. In haunting detail the book captures the plight of these labourers as

negotiated inclusions and exclusions on many fronts and within various power relationships, form the subject of the following pages.

Sensitive to shifting political terrains, the book weaves together seismic events – the independence of India, the coming

well as the vicious onslaught faced by the merchant class for daring to outpace their colonial rivals. At its core are the untold struggles of Indian South Africans as they confronted the ever-present threat of repatriation.

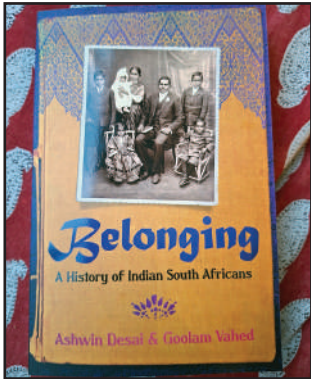
Rather than laying down straight lines of march from the past into the future, thus presenting 'a triumphant and seamlessly progressive rhythm', this book tracks the 'paradoxes and reversals', ambiguities, forks in the road and convolutions that people experienced. As we scoured the archives, pored over commissions of inquiry, read the diaries of white settlers, and examined the proceedings of court cases, and as we examined how white antagonism was codified into laws of segregation and calls for the repatriation of Indians grew shriller, we were humbled by the power of the human spirit. Lives were disrupted and ruptured, homes lost, talents strangled, dignities trampled on. Lodged within the stereotypes of many of the peoples with whom Indians wished to unite in nationhood was a view that Indians were alien, exotic, dangerous, at once too competitive and too backward. The very fragility of their presence in South Africa evoked among them a fierce desire to belong.

How this sense of belonging developed in the Indian community in the face of huge challenges as well as opportunities, and how they

of apartheid and the threat once more of mass expulsions – with the texture of everyday life. The granting of citizenship in 1961 is accompanied by mass relocations as the Group Areas Act rips communities from their roots. Yet, out of this despair, barren townships on the edges of cities are turned into places of hope.

In the final chapters, the fall of apartheid offers a moment of transcendence. Yet it also asks: what does it mean, at last, to belong? It is a fascinating story of the global and the local, of resistance and collaboration, and undefeated optimism.

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Edible Napkin Holders



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"When food delights the senses, it nourishes far more than the body."

We live in a world drowning in disposables. Most of us recycle, but few stop to calculate our true carbon footprint. Here's a clever idea that's as beautiful as it is sustainable: edible napkin holders.

All it takes is flour, water, yeast, a sprinkle of seeds, and — yes — the humble toilet roll inner (don't panic, it's only the mold!).

You'll need about 300 g of risen bread dough, ready for the oven. I won't share a dough recipe here because if you're a baker, you already have your trusted one. And if you're not, your local grocer sells ready-made bread dough that works perfectly.

Here's how it's done:



1. Wrap empty toilet roll inners tightly in baking paper, making sure to pleat the paper securely so no dough sticks.
2. Roll strips of dough and wrap them around the covered cylinders.
3. Sprinkle with sesame, poppy, or sunflower seeds for a

festive touch.

4. Bake until golden brown and crisp.

Once cooled, slide off the baking paper and you'll have sturdy, edible napkin holders—practical, playful, and utterly delicious.

This isn't my original creation; I stumbled across the idea on social media. But it deserves celebrating. And as the festive season

draws near, why wait for a grand dinner party? Invite a friend over for a humble bowl of soup, set the table with love, gratitude—and your freshly baked napkin holders.

Because sometimes the simplest ideas bring the greatest joy.

GAC Emzoom – Big on Style, Compact Package, and a Finalist's Flair

By Tomas Yoko



The GAC GS3 Emzoom R Style was well tested and I was the one found wanting. A thrilling match of motor and gearbox on a capable chassis, crammed with tech and a modern approach to the interior consideration

Every so often, a car pulls up and you just know it's going to cause a stir. The GAC GS3 Emzoom R Style is exactly that kind of car and is one of the deserved finalists in the SAGMJ Car of the Year competition. And after spending time behind the wheel, I can confirm: the buzz is real.

From the first glance, the Emzoom is unapologetically bold. This is no wallflower crossover—it's a sharply-styled, compact SUV with a front-end design that cuts through air and convention alike. The striking LED lighting, front and rear, adds an unmistakable signature, giving it serious presence both day and night.

However the GAC Emzoom's appeal isn't skin-deep. I drove it through town and along some open stretches, and what stood out was just how smooth and responsive the acceleration is. The 1.5 litre petrol engine delivered a feisty 130 kilowatts and 270 newton meters of torque, coupled to the

7WDCT – seven speed auto gearbox, the reported fuel figures are 6.2 litres per 100km. With that the Emzoom carries a sporty confidence that makes everyday driving feel engaging. It handles well too—settled, composed, and light on its feet. For urbanites with an eye for design and a right foot that likes to stay mildly interested, it hits a sweet spot.

Inside the cabin is modern, smartly laid out, and fully stocked with tech you actually want to use, think slick digital screens and a 360 degree camera view, intuitive controls, wireless cell phone charging bays and thoughtful touches that suggest GAC has done its homework.

This is a compact SUV that doesn't just play in the segment—it raises the game. A finalist in the Car of the Year competition? Absolutely. It's also a statement of intent from GAC, and a sign that this new player in South Africa didn't come to mess around.

Spotlight on local talent as uShaka Marine World opens auditions



Previous Entertainment Audition winners

Durban's favourite marine theme park is once again turning its spotlight on local talent. uShaka Marine World has announced that auditions are now open for the 4th Annual Entertainment Auditions, giving aspiring musicians, DJs, and dancers a chance to showcase their skills and earn a year-long performance contract.

For many young performers, this stage has become a launchpad. The annual auditions have grown into a celebration of creativity, offering artists the chance not only to entertain visitors but also to build their confidence and careers.

"This annual event is about creating opportunities, celebrating local talent, and giving performers the platform to shine," says uShaka's PR and Events Manager, Thandeka Magomola.

Auditions will roll out across three weekends in October: bands and solo artists on 11–12 October, DJs on 18–19 October, and Zulu dancers on 25–26 October. All events will take place at uShaka Marine World.

Performers will be judged by industry professionals, with adjudication supported by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC), ensuring a fair and transparent process.

Registration is free and open to all qualifying artists, with entries closing on 30 September. Those keen to take part must complete the online entry form via uShaka's official website.

More than just an audition, the programme reflects the city's vibrant cultural heartbeat and uShaka's commitment to supporting homegrown talent.

Full details are available at www.ushakamarineworld.co.za.

KZN Top Business Women 2025: Nominations Now Open

The search for KwaZulu-Natal's most inspiring women in business has begun. Nominations are officially open for the KZN Top Business Women 2025 initiative, which is now in its sixth year and has grown into one of the province's most prestigious platforms for recognising female achievement.

Powered by the Women of Africa Group, Morar Incorporated, and Absa, with support from DRG, the programme shines a spotlight on women who are reshaping business and society.

Grant Adlam, CEO of KZN Top Business, said the calibre of partners underscored the importance of the initiative. "We are delighted to have Morar Incorporated, Absa, the Women of Africa Group and DRG supporting us this year," he said.

For Absa, the partnership is about more than sponsorship. Lesedi Metsoamere, Absa KZN Regional Executive for Private Banking, explained: "Every entrepreneur has a unique story, and we want to say that we see you. Your story matters. Supporting these women is a way of recognising their role in building resilient communities and vibrant markets."

Visibility is also at the heart of the Women of Africa Group's involvement. Group CEO Advocate Pria Hassan said, "For too long many women have remained behind the limelight. This platform allows them to showcase their ventures, their talents, and their impact."

Morar Incorporated CEO Jennifer Reddy highlighted last year's results. "We saw what a difference it made in the lives of the 40 women showcased. That inspiration motivated us to continue our support," she said.

Participation is open across all sectors, from entrepreneurs and SMEs to senior executives. Each nominee will be profiled through interviews, photography, and digital platforms, with their stories captured in a coffee table book.

The journey culminates on 13 November at a gala dinner at the Radisson Blu Hotel Durban Umhlanga, where 40 women will be honoured for their contributions. For more information visit www.kzntopbusiness.com.



Seen above from left to right: Lesedi Metsoamere, Absa KZN Regional Executive for Private Banking; Advocate Pria Hassan, Group CEO Women of Africa Group; Jennifer Reddy, CEO Morar Incorporated and Grant Adlam, CEO KZN Top Business

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By:
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Buying or selling property on the North Coast is a major life event. But amidst the excitement, it's essential to navigate the legal landscape with care. A well-understood sales agreement is your shield against potential headaches. Here are seven critical aspects to consider before you sign:

Funds First: *The Financial Foundation:* Start by scrutinizing the clauses outlining deposit amounts, payment schedules, and how funds are secured. Clarity here protects both buyer and seller, ensuring transfer progresses smoothly. Any vagueness can lead to disputes or even derail the deal.

Offer Strength: *More Than Just Price:* A high offer is tempting, but a buyer's financial stability matters just as much. An offer hinging on a large mortgage (small deposit) is riskier than one with a substantial deposit. A bigger deposit signals financial strength, increasing the likelihood of loan approval. Sellers, weigh these factors carefully!

Know Your Players: *Who's Really Signing?* Ensure all parties involved—buyers, sellers, representatives—are clearly identified. More importantly, confirm their authority to sign.

* **Individuals:** Verify marital status (ANC or COP). If COP, both spouses must sign.

* **Entities:** Require a signed resolution from directors, trustees, authorising the signatory to represent the company or trust. For trusts, verify it's established with an IT registration number.

Breach Control: *Planning for Hiccups:* A solid contract anticipates problems. The "breach clause" outlines what happens if a party fails to fulfil their obligations. It details the remedies for the non-breaching party: canceling the agreement, claiming damages, or demanding specific performance.

Marketing Muscle: *Keeping Options Open:* If the offer depends on conditions like mortgage approval or selling another property, the "continued marketing" clause becomes vital. This allows the seller to keep marketing the property, safeguarding against a non-performing buyer tying it up.

Occupation Caution: *Tread Carefully:* Moving in before the final transfer can be tricky. Ideally, aim for occupation upon registration. The purchaser should have all funds secured, costs paid, and transfer documents signed before consideration is given to occupation, prior to registration of transfer to reduce risks.

Details Matter: *The Fine Print That Protects:* Be precise about what's included in the sale: fixtures, fittings, appliances. The Fixtures and Fittings Annexure and the Property Condition Report are vital. The condition report provides an essential record of the property's state.

For movables (furniture), use a separate "movables agreement," complete with a detailed inventory and inspection report. Mixing movables with the property contract can create complications.

By understanding these key points, you'll be well-equipped to navigate the North Coast property market with confidence, transforming your transaction from a potential minefield into a resounding success. Experience matters when it comes to contracting, and this is where your choice of estate agent can make all the difference. Deal with an agent or agency that has many years of contracting experience.

LEGAL TALK

by Fawzia Khan



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A father who abandoned his child declared unworthy to inherit from his deceased child's estate

A father who abandoned his child can in certain instances be prevented from inheriting from that child's intestate estate, provided the court is satisfied that it is in the child's best interest to exclude the parent due to the abandonment and based on the common law doctrine of unworthiness.

The court will need to assess whether the father's actions were so detrimental to the child that they forfeited his right to inherit, especially if the mother or another caregiver fulfilled the primary parental role.

A woman "J" approached the court to declare that father of her late son was not to be regarded as a parent for purposes of her son's estate and that she be declared to be the sole parent. Her late son was 29 years old and one of the first victims of the Covid pandemic.

The court heard that he was raised by his mother and her extended family and later his mother's life partner took the role as his de facto father. He was the result of a brief relationship between his parents when his mother was 18 years old. Since his birth his father "A" disappeared from his life.

The father made a few sporadic payments of maintenance in the first

year of the child's life but later stopped altogether and then exited the son's life completely thereafter. At the time of his death, the son had no spouse or life partner, no children and left an estate of approximately R716 000.

When a person dies without leaving a will, the Intestate Succession Act ["ISA"] will then dictate who is entitled to inherit from the deceased's estate and these are blood relatives. Under the ISA the son's estate would have to be equally divided between the surviving parents [being J and A]. On 21 August 2025, the court delivered its judgment.

The court looked at the word "parents" in both the Children's Act and in the Intestate Succession Act and said that whilst the Children's Act was based on normative parental roles and was all about what was best for the child, the Intestate Succession Act was aimed to identify a blood relative to see who was entitled to receive from the estate's assets and not at who was less or more deserving of inheritance.

Despite this position, the court also referred to the common law doctrine of indignus, based on the maxim "de bloedige hand erf niet" ("the bloody hand does not

inherit"), where an heir who was responsible for the death of the deceased, was not allowed to inherit. The court used the principle of indignus to determine whether the father was unworthy to inherit. It said the principle of indignus included other instances of unworthiness, beyond the killing the deceased, such as seriously wounding the deceased, or acting fraudulently in respect of the inheritance – often being complicit in an attempt to defraud heirs by forging a will. The judge was at pains to differentiate a complete and utter abandonment by a parent throughout the child's life, to what he termed "lesser forms of abandonment".

Even though the judge noted some hesitancy to apply the concept of indignus, he concluded that the circumstances justified using this doctrine of indignus to exclude the father from inheriting from his late son's estate and declared the mother to be the sole parent of the deceased child.

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CMH Ford Ballito At It Again

CMH Ford Ballito displayed their signature community support with their Title Sponsorship of the Bloom Special Needs Therapy and School's Annual Golf Day.

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"Our annual Bloom golf day fundraising event 2025 went off without a hitch! We have such an incredible community who came out in full force, to support our incredible school! We are so grateful to our title sponsor CMH Ford Ballito for being the title sponsor for this event and

we hope to partner with them more so going forward. We had a full course of golfers, the weather was beautiful and we had 190 guests for a three course meal dinner function at the Simbithi Country club whereby we auctioned off various items to raise funds for Bloom Special Needs Therapy and School. It was a very successful fundraiser and we couldn't have done it without the backing of all of our sponsors, especially our title sponsor, CMH Ford Ballito, a huge thank you from the Bloom Team!" said spokesperson for the school Debbie Nicholson.



Bloom Special Needs Therapy and School's Annual Golf Day

Safeguarding South Africa's cultural capital amid rising art theft

South Africa's vibrant and diverse art scene is gaining in value, both culturally and financially. But with this growth comes an escalating threat: art theft. Once rare, it has become a calculated risk with far-reaching consequences, ranging from meticulously planned heists to opportunistic snatches and even thefts motivated by the scrap value of recyclable metals.

According to Gail Bosch, Product Head at specialist insurer iTOO Artinsure, this evolving threat demands a sophisticated, multi-layered response that balances security, provenance and public access. "As professionals in the art insurance space, we must move beyond reactive coverage and toward proactive risk intelligence. This requires taking into account the changing nature of art theft in South Africa and the critical role niche insurance plays in protecting our creative legacy," she says.

The numbers are sobering. In 2025 alone, Pringle Bay saw seven sculptures worth over R1 million stolen in a targeted operation. In Pretoria, 31 works by nine leading artists were lost during a brazen hijacking. Public collections fare no better—years of neglect and corruption at the Johannesburg Art Gallery have left hundreds of millions of rands' worth of art missing.

Bosch notes that theft falls into three main categories. Targeted theft, often involving insider knowledge, is exemplified by the Pringle Bay heist. Opportunistic theft arises during break-ins where thieves may not grasp an artwork's true value, leading to damage or destruction. Then there is theft for recyclable materials, where



Gail Bosch, Product Head at specialist insurer iTOO Artinsure

sculptures of bronze or copper are destroyed for scrap—an irretrievable cultural loss.

"Accidental damage remains the most common insurance claim," Bosch adds, "but theft and natural perils inflict the most devastating losses. These events not only strip institutions and collectors of irreplaceable assets but also undermine public trust in systems meant to protect heritage."

Specialist insurance provides more than compensation. Agreed Value Policies ensure full reimbursement based on expert appraisal. Transit and Exhibition Cover protects pieces in their most vulnerable moments. Restoration support and risk advisory services help safeguard collections before disaster strikes.

"Certain items are simply not replaceable. The loss of such collectables could mean the loss of heritage for our country," Bosch concludes.

Art is more than an asset—it is South Africa's identity, history and imagination. Protecting it means protecting legacy.

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The Audi Q8 45 TDI Black Edition is what happens when German engineers decide an SUV should have more presence than most political leaders, but with considerably better manners. Cloaked in Mythos Black Metallic, it looks like it should come with a security detail, however it does come with a 2 967 cc V6 diesel engine delivering 183 kW and a bulging 600 Nm of torque. The Q8 is refined power, the kind that made overtaking on those steep hills feel less like a manoeuvre and more like a courtesy.

Performance? 0–100 km/h in 5.6 seconds, though you'll be so cocooned in Valcona leather and ambient lighting you might miss the fireworks. On a recent jaunt to the ice-cold Midlands, the Q8 proved that luxury isn't just for showrooms: the heated seats turned into guilty pleasures, keeping us toasty enough to leave the sunroof wide open. Think frosty breath in the air, crackling laughter inside, and the sort of smug contentment usually reserved for cat owners.

Inside the new Q8 is more cocktail lounge than cabin, sport seats with rhombus-pattern embossing, adaptive cruise control, and enough driver assist features to make even the most inattentive driver appear saintly. Luggage space? 605 litres with the seats up, or enough for weekend bags, boots, and both sets of golf clubs.

The Audi Q8 is less about owning a car and more about curating a lifestyle. It doesn't just get you there — it gets you there in such style that everyone else suddenly feels underdressed.



By: Tomas Yoko

ROAD REPORT: GWM Tank 300

Every so often, a test drive feels less like work and more like a small adventure. That was certainly the case when I pointed the nose of the new GWM Tank 300 toward the soft white sands of KwaZulu-Natal's coastal dunes. A setting that has humbled more than a few pretenders quickly revealed what this square-jawed newcomer is truly made of.

The dunes, shifting and powdery beneath the wheels, are the perfect proving ground. With a flick through the drive mode selector, the Tank 300 transformed from civilised cruiser into a sand-surfing specialist. Power delivery was smooth yet forceful, the turbocharged petrol engine breathing easily, never strained, always ready to dig in and push forward.

There's a certain reassurance in the way it tackles terrain—effortlessly cresting ridges, holding steady on descents, and refusing to wallow even when I deliberately provoked it. The 4x4 system and clever electronics work in seamless harmony, letting you concentrate on the view while the Tank does the thinking beneath you.

On the road back to Durban, it was equally composed. The cabin's refinement—plush seating, commanding visibility, tech at your fingertips—means it doubles as a family SUV just as well as it plays dune-conqueror.

The Tank 300, then, is more than a newcomer. It's a declaration from GWM: bold, capable, and unashamedly confident. For me, it was a drive that blended exploration with ease—proof that toughness need not come at the expense of comfort.

In the sands of KZN, the Tank 300 didn't just survive. It thrived. And that's the sort of performance worth writing home about.

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KZN North Coast Demands Justice for Opal

- Opal the orangutan has lived alone in a cage for 45 years at Natal Zoological Gardens.
- If an independent vet agrees to examine Opal – she could be relocated to a sanctuary to live her last days.
- Activists say she is depressed, dejected, and living in bleak conditions.

The community is standing with Ban Animal Trading (BAT) to demand an independent veterinary assessment for Opal. This is the first step to determine if she can finally leave her barren cage and live with dignity in a sanctuary.

"Opal's eyes reflect a profound despair no being should ever know," says BAT. "Together we can give her the justice she deserves."

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There's people-moving – and then there's Ford Tourneo Custom people-moving. And right now, CMH Ford Ballito is raising the bar with the arrival of the dynamic Tourneo Custom Sport and the luxurious Titanium X. Both new short-wheelbase derivatives pack the versatility the Tourneo is known for, but add a level of style and sophistication that makes them the standouts of the segment.

The Sport brings athletic flair, complete with a honeycomb grille, bold body kit, 17-inch alloys (with 19s optional) and those trademark racing stripes. Inside, passengers are treated to partial leather trim, premium finishes, and Ford's latest 13-inch SYNC®4 infotainment system. For the style-conscious family or adventurous professional, this is the people-mover with attitude.

On the other end of the spectrum sits the Titanium X – Ford's new halo product. Think Matrix LED headlamps, multi-spoke 19-inch alloys, powered seating, a 360-degree camera, and a cabin that oozes premium refinement. Perfect for exclusive events, VIP transfers, or family weekends away in comfort and style.

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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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BOAT TRIPS

There are also boat trips to venture out to sea to watch the shark safety gear off Durban's Golden Mile. Boat trips lasting for an estimated two hours, leave Wilson's Wharf at 06:30 and they include opportunistic viewing of marine life including seabirds and get to see the beautiful, magnificent Moses Mabhida Stadium.

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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