



## Lowveld learners take part in Rotary's leadership camp

Over the weekend of August 31 to September 3, four of Lowveld Academy's (LA) learners completed the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp, alongside students from other schools in the area. The event took place at the RYLA base camp in Magoebaskloof. The camp aims to challenge students with problem-solving and team-building games, hikes, and workshops that aim to build leadership skills. The LA learners who completed the course are Emily du Toit, Palesa Manamela, Sefuara Mabuza, and Millicent Kupunza.

> Photo: Supplied

# SEWAGE MAKES LIFE MISERABLE

Anwen Mojela

Hoedspruit residents say they have been struggling with overflowing sewage for the last two years with nothing being done to address it.

A resident in Raptors View Wildlife Estate told the Herald that the stench in the estate is unbearable.

"We cannot breathe. We have lived here for four years, and this is the worst it's been. I must have burned a thousand candles to get some relief from the stench."

She said photos she took of the overflow show that the pipes might be damaged.

"The generator also did not kick in this whole weekend with load-shedding."

James Cary, manager of Raptors View, said residents are severely affected by the spillage of sewage.

"It has been ongoing for a long time. When it overflows, it pushes up and flows in to the estate and Southern Cross Schools (SCS).

"It is hard to breathe, and it also attracts mosquitoes," he said.

He said a dam on the estate is also filled with sewage.

"We were told that there was a faulty cable and it would be repaired on Thursday, September 7.

"I passed there around 12:00 but I did not notice any work being done and the sewage was still overflowing," he said.

In July, the Herald reported on the Democratic Alliance (DA) lodging a complaint to the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) over a large sewage spill near the LeBamba fruit and vegetable supermarket in Ward 1.

The DA said that despite numerous oversight visits and complaints to the technical department of the Mopani District Municipality (MDM), no feedback was received and residents and businesses in the area had to deal with the sewage overflowing for more than five months.

"The continuous flow of sewage has caused an unbearable stench and is impacting businesses in the area negatively. The sewage spill further poses a serious health risk," Christine Du Preez, DA Ward 1 councillor said at the time.

MDM is the water authority in the district and is responsible for the maintenance and management of the sewage system in Hoedspruit. "It is failing dismally to fulfill its responsibility," she said.

\* Read the story on page 2 on the sewage and water problems in Kamperpus.

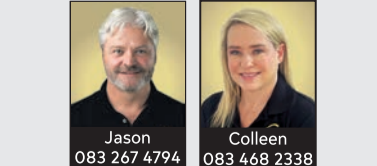
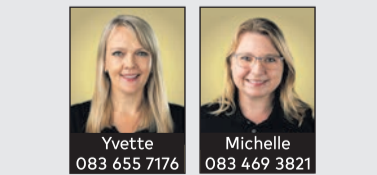
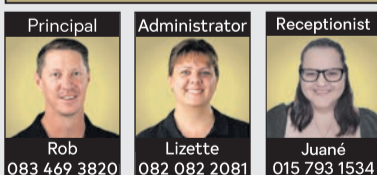


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# No progress on water project after 6 years

**Anwen Mojela**

The Mopani District Municipality (MDM) has been reported to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) by the Freedom Front (FF Plus) for not completing the Kampersrus water supply project.

The FF Plus' councillor in the Maruleng Local Municipality (MLM), Pieter Gerber, has filed a complaint with the HRC after the promised that the Kampersrus water supply project would be completed by June.

He said the project fell through the cracks, even after they met with the mayor of MLM, Tsheko Musolwa, on May 3 to find a way forward.

"In 2010, a large-scale sewage treatment plant and water supply project, the Kampersrus water supply and sewage scheme, was started. Since 2017, the project has been indicated as 98% complete in reports, but the right size transformer has been lacking. During a community meeting in May this year, the mayor and Paradise Shilowa, director for water services at the MDM, informed residents that the installation of the transformer would take place by June. On August 23, a community meeting was organised again

where representatives of the MDM shone in their absence and the mayor could not provide answers," said Gerber.

Meanwhile, the community of Kampersrus has been without water for days.

"The FF Plus requests the HRC to ensure that the project is completed so that the communities of Kampersrus and Schocia can get their basic right to water, as well as a working sewage treatment plant.

"Mopani District Municipality must now be called to account for the violation of residents' basic right to water."

"MDM must now be called to account for the violation of residents' basic right to sufficient water and a clean environment to live in," he added.

On their Facebook page, MLM addressed the issues raised at the meeting in Kampersrus.

"In this meeting, it was confirmed by Gerber that

the borehole which was not operational had been fixed and there are now two boreholes which (are) functional and as such the water challenges are very minimal. With regard to the supply of bulk water it was clarified and confirmed that for the current financial year 2023/24, MDM budgeted R19m to address the water challenges on a permanent basis," it said.

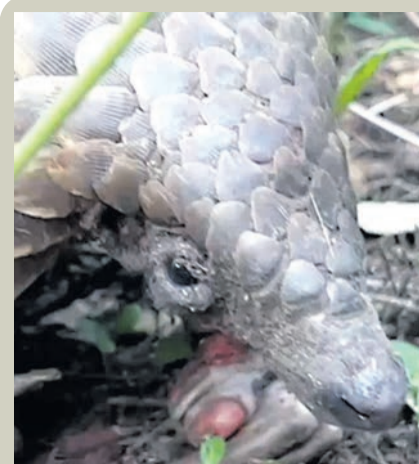
The mayor further indicated that the Kampersrus Community Hall and the speed humps, among other issues, will be finalised soon as they are waiting for the financial year to commence in July.

Regarding the delay in the construction of the Kampersrus internal road, MDM said that the delay was due to permission needed for indigenous to be removed.

"The project will be finalised as soon as the trees are removed and (we are) looking forward to extending it to the Mariepskop Primary School road as per the 2023/24 municipal budget," said the mayor in the Facebook post.

Herald contacted MDM spokesperson, Odas Ngobeni, with regards to the water project.

At the time of going to print, a response was not received. An update will be published once MDM responds.



## Emily nearly ready to return to the wild

**Anwen Mojela**

Emily, a pangolin rescued from the illegal wildlife trade, is slowly recovering from her horrific injuries inflicted by her capturers.

Scales Pangolin Rescue Fund said that upon arrival Emily was unable to walk properly and was aimlessly stumbling around.

"We knew there was something serious wrong and from her melted scales, we knew that she must have been through immense trauma. But nothing could have prepared our team for what we would learn from the CT scan that was ordered in desperation to find out why she refused to feed. She had seven broken ribs with hemorrhaging in a small portion of her lung and a broken tail," said Amy Clark of Scales Pangolin Rescue Fund in a post on Facebook.

She said despite conflicting

opinions and pessimistic, yet realistic, views on her prognosis, their team persevered.


"Emily has surprised us all with her tenacity and will to live.

"It took nine gruelling days of our veterinarian trying everything accompanied by lots of tears for her to feed for the very first time on her own. It took a further three days for her to properly start to feed and forage."

She said Emily has not only recovered from her injuries thanks to the love and care of their teams but also gained back her body weight.

"She is nearly ready to begin her first stage of release in a secure undisclosed wildlife area."

She thanked Umoya Khulula Wildlife Centre, Provot Animal Hospital, Rhino Revolution and Anna's Emergency Wildlife Rescue Fund for the help in Emily's recovery.



### MARULENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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The Municipality SDBIP was approved by the Mayor on the 26 June 2023. All Senior Managers accordingly signed the Performance Agreements for 2023/24. The SDBIP is available at Hoedspruit Library at Maruleng Municipal Offices and Maruleng Thusong Centre and also available at the Municipal website: [www.maruleng.gov.za](http://www.maruleng.gov.za). The Municipal Manager can be contacted at this during office hours: 015 590 1650

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### DISTRICT UPDATES

#### Hitchhikers robbed by motorists giving them lifts

**Tintswalo Shipalana**

The police have warned citizens against hitchhiking after an alarming increase in the number of hitchhiking crimes reported throughout Limpopo in recent weeks.

According to Sgt Maurice Nkhwashu, spokesperson for the police in Tzaneen, victims are robbed of their personal belongings and money by motorists giving them lifts.

In the last weekend of August, there were 18 cases in the province reported within 72 hours.

"In Tzaneen hardly a week goes by without a person reporting that they were

robbed when they were given a lift," he said.

According to him, most of the crimes occur on the R71 road, either travelling to and from Tzaneen, Polokwane, Giyani, Hoedspruit, or Phalaborwa.

He said it is believed that syndicates are responsible for the crimes. They are believed to have people at different hiking spots identifying potential victims.

"These people usually approach the unsuspecting hitchhikers, asking them where they are going and try to find out if they have any valuable items and money with them.

"The syndicates have

developed new ways of robbing people; they now have electronic card vendor machines where they force their victims to make payments into their accounts.

"One victim was forced to apply for a loan for over R100 000 which was approved immediately and paid into the suspect's account. At times the victims are stripped of their clothes."

The vehicles reported to the police are Polos (white, blue, and silver), a BMW, a Honda hatchback, a white Corolla, and an Audi.

Nkhwashu advised commuters to rather use public transport.

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Hlayisani Koza known as Ntombi in one of her designs.

# Xitsonga fashion passion

Anwen Mojela

A Giyani fashionista has turned her passion for fashion into a design business using Xitsonga cultural fabric in a range of unique dresses and shoes.

Hlayisani Koza, known as Ntombi from Dzumeri, says she is a qualified accountant and photographer but could not find employment after graduating from the Tshwane University of Technology in 2020.

"In 2021 I started a photography business to pay for my outstanding tuition fees. The business failed because the supply was higher than the demand."

Undeterred, Hlayisani initiated

a fashion design business, Hlayi's Creative Apparel, in July 2022.

"I've always loved unique clothes since my teenage years and used to change my clothes to my own design. My mom used to complain that I'll ruin clothes," she says.

"My friends admired my designs and started looking for them in stores and I had to explain that it was my own designs."

She says she learned how to make patterns from YouTube, TikTok and other designers.

"I am especially known for my party tutu dresses. But I also alter shoes and flip-flops, earrings, handbags, bikinis, dresses, and kids' jumpsuits. I mostly do clothes with Xitsonga designs because of

the demand in our area."

She says the pricing of her designs is a problem because, in her area, people are disadvantaged.

"They cannot afford designer clothes and due to this, it has not been possible to plow enough money back into the business for new equipment and quality fabrics," she says.

"On September 30, I have a fashion show at Dorrihill in Mageva village, and another one in Malamulele at the end of the year," she says.

Follow her on Facebook and Instagram on Hlayi's Creative Apparel, and Hlayi'sCreativeApparel on TikTok, or WhatsApp her at 072 665 0794.

# Zoë wants to be the top female tennis player

Anwen Mojela

At only 14 years Zoë Venter is the Tzaneen Tennis Club's women's champion.

"I started playing tennis when I was 5 years old, and I have loved it ever since. I play for the Limpopo Tennis team, and I am a reserve for the South African U15 team."

Zoë says she and her dad have played tennis every Sunday afternoon since she was small. "The more we played, the more my love for the game grew," she says.

She trains two to three times a week, goes to the gym, and plays her other sports when she has time. She also excels in hockey and cricket. "It is a challenge to juggle my sports and study

commitments," she says.

She has participated in eleven ProKennex tournaments in Polokwane which she has won, all due to her diligent hard work. "I have also played ten tournaments in other provinces like Gauteng, Mpumalanga, and Free State," she says.

Some of her achievements in these tournaments include winning a Grand Prix tournament in Mbombela.

"My dream is to play professionally. My tennis coach is Reenen Bergmann who has helped me to get where I am today," she says.

"For now, I am a Gr 9 learner at Merensky Agricultural Academy, but one day I will be the best female tennis player in the world," she concludes.



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The layout of the solar panels on the roof at Unicorn Preparatory School. > Photos: Supplied

# Unicorn switches to solar

**Anwen Mojela**

Unicorn Preparatory School in Tzaneen on Wednesday, August 30 switched to solar energy while on load-shedding.

Ian Houston, the headmaster of Unicorn Preparatory School, expressed his delight during the 'switch-on' ceremony.

The infrastructure committee (a subcommittee of the board of governors) did extensive research under the guidance and expertise of an engineering consultant, Rob Allen.

"My children went to Unicorn Preparatory School, so I have a long association with the school. When the board approached me for my opinion on switching to solar energy, I knew it was a good idea and was extremely excited to get involved on a pro bono basis.

"Initial research was done on how many solar panels and batteries would be needed and then we designed a model to meet those needs," said Allen.

The headmaster and the school are grateful to Allen for the time and effort he put into getting this project

off the ground and to fruition.

This is one of the many projects that Allen has assisted the school with, and Unicorn Preparatory School would not have the infrastructure it does today without his assistance. The 'switch-on' was attended by members of the Unicorn Preparatory School's management team, members of the board of governors, and Allen and his solar specialists who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Unicorn Preparatory School is one of the first schools in Limpopo to have started to go off the grid.



Installation of the solar system at Unicorn Preparatory School.



The committee of the board of governors and management of Unicorn Preparatory School. From left are Rob Allen, Ernst Human, Rodney Cooper, Johan Thiar, Lohann Oosthuizen, Callie Pohl, Marmari Pieterse, Ian Houston, Yasmeen Moosa, Amanda Bonniwell, Rodney Moore, Annerie Vorster and Isabel Iveson.

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**16 SEPTEMBER**



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**15 SEPTEMBER - BOWLS NIGHT**

Presented by the Tzaneen Chamber of Commerce at the Duiwelskloof Bowls Club from 17:00 at R800 for members and R1000 for nonmembers. Call Renske at 083 280 9723 for more information.

**15 SEPTEMBER - ROLKEM**

Held at Twigs coffee shop in Tzaneen from 10:30. Contact 060 926 9847 to reserve a seat.

**16 SEPTEMBER - MARKET DAY**

Relaunch of Paint Pot Phalaborwa. To book a stall, WhatsApp Anita at 083 988 9286.

**16 SEPTEMBER**



**SAVF TZANEENLENTELOOP**

Aangebied ter nagedagtenis van Ilza Roelofse by Krabbefontein in Magoebaskloof. Volg een van drie staproetes met 'n noenontbyt daarna. Kaartjies vanaf R500 pp of R700 vir 'n paartjie. Kontak Trudi Schwartz per WhatsApp by 083 579 4580.

**15 SEPTEMBER**



**Mooizicht Wine Club**

Pizza and wine evening held at Fairview Hotel from 18:00 at R200 pp. Contact Angie on 082 900 5166 or email marketing@fairviewhotel.co.za

**23 SEPTEMBER**



**Wagtersfees**

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**30 SEPTEMBER**



**Walk for Wildlife**

5km walk from 17:30 presented by Scales Conservation Fund at the Thirsty Giraffe Pub & Grill in Hoedspruit. Tickets are available at scales.org.za at R60 for adults and R30 for children.

**16 SEPTEMBER - RHINOS RUGBY & NETBALL ACADEMY OPEN DAY**

Held at Mariepskop Sports Ground from 08:00-10:00. Fun and skills development for U6 to 9 rugby and U6 to 13 netball. Email hdsrhinorugby@gmail.com or call 076 679 4729 for more information.

**16 SEPTEMBER - ROLKEM-WERKSWINKEL**

Aangebied deur die VLU Tzaneen vanaf 09:00 by Evangelies Gereformeerde Kerk in Adshadestraat teen R250 pp. Skakel Adri by 071 872 4143.

**23 SEPTEMBER - JENNIFER JONES & STRAIGHT DUO JAZZ BAND**

Held at The Hangar in Haenertsburg at R350 pp from 19:00. Includes platter and glass of wine. Book with Louise at 071 768 0459.

**23-25 SEPTEMBER - SPRING CRAFT MARKET**

Held in Haenertsburg Village Hall. Call Pinny 084 556 2760.

**23 SEPTEMBER - ACTION CRICKET DAY TOURNAMENT**

Held at the Scales Sports Arena in Hoedspruit. Entry is R200 per player for a team of six people. Contact 078 993 5678.

**23-24 SEPTEMBER - HAENERTSBURG SPRING FESTIVAL**

For more information contact Kurt on 083 326 5836 or Kim on 083 640 4070.

**27 SEPTEMBER - 65-PLUSERS-ONTHAAL**

Aangebied deur die NG Kerk Wolkberg. Skakel Elsa van der Westhuizen by 084 588 5542.

**30 SEPTEMBER - UNVEILED HEARTS**

Presented by Awaken Ladies Ministry at Edens Gate in Magoebaskloof from 09:00 at R250 pp lunch included.

Guest speaker, Michelle Laubscher. Email awaken@shofaronline.org for more information.

**30 SEPTEMBER - THE MARKET AT HIGHGROVE**

Held in Tzaneen at Highgrove Lodge. Stall available. Call Paula at 082 258 4596.

**30 SEPTEMBER - PHALABORWA SPRING CARNIVAL**

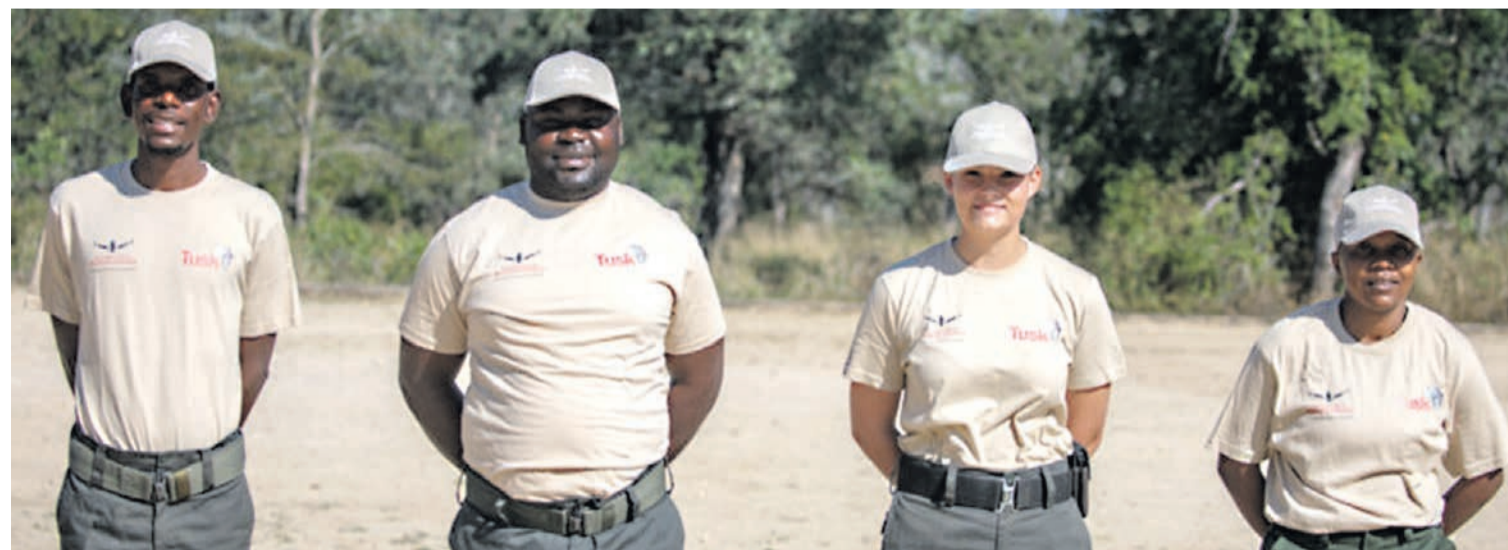
To be held at the Impala Park Stadium from 16:00. Tickets are available at www.ticketpros.co.za. For more information contact 015 004 0432.

**30 SEPTEMBER - HOEDSPRUIT HIGH GOLF DAY**

Held at Drakensig Golf Club. Call Deidre 073 922 7107.

**30 SEPTEMBER - MR & MISS PHALABORWA**

Held at Green School lapa from 11:00. Registration starts at 09:30. Call or WhatsApp 079 783 9799 or 076 266 7839.



The team from South African Wildlife Colleges. From left are Clive Ngomane, Excellent Ubisi, Kirah Blake, and Tebogo Malapane. > Photo: Supplied

**EDITOR'S CHOICE**

**Rangers are ready for this wildlife challenge**

**Anwen Mojela**

Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC) is hosting the Wildlife Ranger Challenge (WRC) on Saturday, September 16.

"The ranger teams will be arriving on Friday, September 15 with many staying on until the morning of September 17 so that they can also attend the Game Rangers Association of Africa (GRAA) awards on the Saturday evening.

"The run takes place along the roads in and around the college, within the Greater Kruger National Park. The event is part of an incredible yearly campaign, organised

by Tusk Trust and supported by the Game Rangers Association of Africa," said Jeanné Poultney, executive manager of marketing, fundraising and media relations.

The challenge is aimed at raising awareness and much-needed funds for ranger teams across the continent.

"This year the college will act as the regional hub for teams in our area. Official teams will be running with backpacks filled with rice (as per weights required) which will be donated to local communities in need.

"There are nine official ranger teams participating and each team is made up of

four rangers as per the below teams.

There is also an unofficial team selected from the Welverdiend Running Club that will be running in support of our rangers, together with selected individual runners," she said.

The teams that will be participating are KNP Special Rangers, KNP Marula South, KNP Marula North, KNP Xanatsene South, KNP Xanatsene North, SAWC, Sabie Sand Wildtuin, Black Mambas and GRAA.

Go to www.wildliferangerchallenge.org or contact Jeanné Poultney on 0157937300 or 082 458 2845 for more information about the Wildlife Ranger Challenge.



Brother and sister, Troy and Lilly Otto.

## Siblings turn snares into jewelery

**Anwen Mojela**

A brother and sister duo are transforming snares recovered from poaching activities into handmade jewelery.

Lilly and Troy Otto, founders of Down To The Wire, say they grew up in the Lowveld and are passionate about conservation.

“Four years ago, Troy came up with the idea of spreading awareness on poaching by transforming materials used to kill in a way to save wildlife.

“We rework snares into handcrafted jewelery and other items. The funds generated from sales of these items go towards the treatment costs to rescue and save animals affected by snares,” said Lilly.

She said that there are many anti-poaching units and private reserve teams that spend endless hours out in the bush removing snares from wildlife areas.

“These teams generously donate the snares to Down To The Wire as they serve no other purpose once removed from the bush.”

She said their creations can be worn as a

symbol of hope.

“Bracelets, necklaces, earrings, bookmarks, and keychains are a few examples of what we create. We also create custom pieces based on a client’s needs.”

She said they have a skilled production team and have gained a lot of experience over the past four years.

“Our motto for working with wire is when at first you don’t succeed, try again,” she said.

“We believe that no matter the animal’s endangered status or size, every animal deserves a second chance.

“It is our contribution in finding alternative ways to turn what once was so destructive into hope,” she said.

“Funds raised are made available to a select group of wildlife veterinarians who have dedicated their lives to making a difference within wildlife conservation, to cover costs of treatment and rehabilitation,” concluded Lilly.

Lilly can be contacted at 064 505 6539 and Troy at 076 322 0165.



Bracelets made from snares.



Some of the snares donated to them.



## Drakies dominate in reading and creative writing

Drakensig Primary School’s top academic performers participated in the Department of Education’s reading and creative writing competition last Thursday. Constance Mahlele in Gr1 obtained third place for reading aloud, Reamogetswe Ditsepu, Gr1, third place for creative writing, Orineya Mushanganyisi, Gr 1, second place for reading aloud, Vukosi Ubisi, Gr 2, second place for creative writing, Ngoako Moroko, Gr 2, third place reading aloud and Orifha Ramaliba, Gr 3, second place for creative writing. With them are teacher Nthabiseng Mamafa who accompanied the learners on the day. Alyssia Borchert was absent when the photo was taken. She obtained a second place for reading aloud. > Photo: Supplied

### SCHOOLS IN BRIEF

## Carlo excels in Business Studies

Carlo Dos Santos, a Gr 12 learner at Lowveld Academy, was honoured for his achievement in Business Studies during the second term exams on September 8. Carlo achieved a 94% mark and was congratulated by Thermo Rakgoale on behalf of the Mopani West education district. Rakgoale commented that his accomplishments reflect not only his intelligence but also his determination and perseverance.

Carlo Dos Santos, Thermo Rakgoale, and his Business Studies teacher, Claudia Smith.



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#### Requirements:

- FGASA Level 2
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- First Aid
- PdP
- Advanced Rifle Handling
- Experience working in a 5-star establishment

Salary is negotiable and dependant on qualifications and track record. This is a live-in position with benefits.

If you are interested in more details contact Henriette on: 082 886 8114 or e-mail your CV to: henriette@inzalolodge.co.za

#### Vacancy: Sous / Snr Sous Chef

Inzalo Safari Lodge is recruiting for a Sous Chef to take up a leadership position in our kitchen. If you are an energetic and passionate Chef that is looking for an environment where you can apply your creative flair, this position is for you.

#### Requirements:

- Formal Chef Qualification
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- Good skills across the kitchen management value chain i.e. menu and recipe development, hot and cold chef skills, hygiene, stock and staff management

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Defending the wicket. > Photos: Runé Eloff

# ACADEMY IS READY FOR CLUB LEAGUE

The Hoedspruit Sports Academy (HSA) first cricket team took on a team from the University of Venda in their sixth warm-up game as they prepare for the 2023 Limpopo clubs' league.

"We won the toss and elected to bat first. We faced quite a strong bowling lineup from the University of Venda but were able to put on a total of 192 runs with Dewald Dumon making 35 runs, Courtney Jamnik with 21 runs, and Duncan Mwale with 20 runs," said Mickey Buyst, head coach

and founder of HSA.

HSA was able to defend the total of 192 and was able to bowl out the University of Venda for 68 runs with Courtney Jamnik taking five wickets and with that the man of the match. HSA won the game by 124 runs.

"We have a few more matches coming up before we start our Limpopo league campaign.

"We look forward to Hoedspruit locals coming out to support us along the way."

Last weekend, on

September 3, HSA played against The Oaks.

HSA won the toss and batted first.

"It was a bit of a rough start with a score of 95 for the loss of nine wickets and then Ashley Braaf came in to bat and created a bit of stability and we were able to put on a total of 199 by the end of our batting innings. Ashley Braaf put on a total of 51 runs off 38 balls. HSA was able to defend that total by restricting The Oaks to 187 runs. HSA won the game by 12 runs," he said.



Hoedspruit Sports Academy team.

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