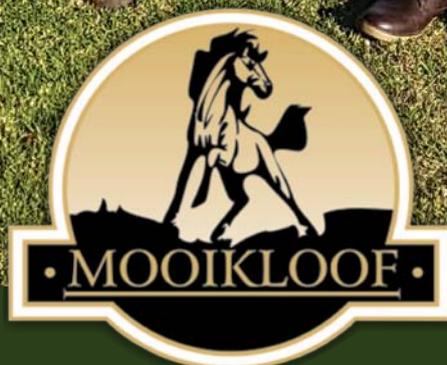


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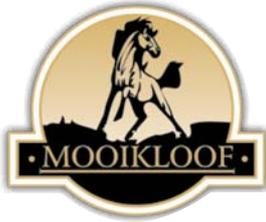
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Inspirational Thoughts

Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:9

'But He answered me, 'My grace is always more than enough for you, and My power finds its full expression through your weakness.'

- God can use the challenges and difficulties we face in life.
- He gives us what we need so that we are able to face any and every situation.
- In fact, when we are at our weakest, His power can find its fullest expression.
- His grace is available to you today, take hold of it.

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for Your grace that is available to me. No matter what I am facing I will look to You and Your mercy and grace to see me through. Amen.

Kind Regards, Pastor Andrew,
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My Pappa

Een van 'n Pa se kosbaarste besittings is vir seker sy kinders. Kinders wat opregte, liefdevolle omgee kinders is. So 'n kind bly nie net jou kind nie, maar word later ook jou vriend. Dit is 'n kind wat jou aanvaar vir wat jy is en wat jou kan vergewe vir jou al jou tekortkominge. Vir 2018 se Mooipraatjies het ek besluit om die kinders self te laat skryf oor hulle pappas. Die 'Gentle Giant' in hulle lewe ~ Jeannette Malan

Pappa se naam: Willie van Rooyen

Ons Pappa is die snaakste mens onder die son. Ons lag ons gereeld vir hom in 'n maagpyn in. Hy is vriendelik, saggeaard, geduldig en altyd positief. Mens kan met hom oor enige iets gesels, hy is altyd oopkop en koelkop. Hy is is die beste pappa in die wêreld!!!

Willie jnr en Melissa van Rooyen

Pappa se naam: Hendrik Malan

My Pappa is sterk, hy tel my op en hy kan my vang al is ek vinnig. Hy laat my lag as hy my boetie terg. Hy gaan eendag vir my 'n renoster vang.

Martin Malan

Pappa se naam: Jannie Cronje

Want... ek is lief vir hom
Want... hy help my met mans goed
waarmee ek hulp nodig het.

Nicholas Cronje

Pappa se naam: Leon Jordaan

My Pa gee om, hy ondersteun my in alles wat ek doen. Hy is hardwerkend en probeer altyd iets nuuts vir hom en vir my leer. Ek kon nie vir 'n beter pa gevra het nie.

Gerard Jordaan

Pappa se naam: Corné Liebenberg

Ek hou van my Pappa, want hy is baie vriendelik, goedhartig, gaaf en liefdevol. Hy help altyd ander mense en hy beteken baie in my en ander mense se lewe. Ek hou van pappa omdat hy my leer van die Here. Hy eet saam met my sjokolade en maak vir my koffie. Ek is baie lief vir pappa.

Ilané Liebenberg

Pappa se naam: Martin Fourie

Ek hou van my Pappa. Hy het altyd 'n grappie gereed vir my. Hy help my baie mooi met my wiskunde.

Elsa Fourie

Pappa se naam: Hendrik Malan

My Pa is baie "cool." Hy het my geleer van comic boeke en kitare. Hy help my om 'n goeie skaakspeler te wees. Hy wys my hoe maklik dit is om wiskunde te doen. Ons ry graag saam fiets. Hy is my Batman!

Hendrik Malan

Pappa se naam: Rudi Allers

Ek hou van Pappa, want hy is groot en sterk. As ons stoei wen hy altyd. Hy is lief vir sport. Ons swem en ry saam fiets. Hy is my hero.

Lihan Allers

Pappa se naam: Martin Fourie

Ek hou baie van my Pappa. Hy is bereid om saam met my tennis te speel al wil sy spiere nie meer so mooi saamwerk nie.

Dekker Fourie

Pappa se naam: Johan Nel

Ek hou van my Pappa, want hy is baie slim en hy werk baie hard. My pappa weet baie van motors af, hy ken die verskillende enjins en weet hoe vinnig kan die motors ry. Hy kan goed skiet en ek het al saam met hom gaan jag. Hy het my geleer om te jag. Ek is baie lief vir my Pappa!

Heinrich Nel

Pappa se naam: Corné Liebenberg

Ek hou van Pappa, want hy speel altyd met my krieket en hy leer my hoe om goed krieket te speel. Ek hou ook van hom omdat hy altyd tyd maak vir my. Hy is baie lief vir my en ek is vreeslik lief vir hom.

Morné Liebenberg

Pappa se naam: Dawie Malan

Ek dink ek het die beste Pa, want daar is net een Pappa Daaf. Hy laat lag van voor die voëltjies begin fluit in die oggend totdat my maagspiere by slapenstyd stokstyf staan. Hy het altyd tyd vir grappies. Ek is trots op my pa. Hy het my leer jag en biltong maak. Hy kan alles die heel beste doen, van ballet-linte aanwerk tot visbakke bou. Hy leer my van mens-wees. Hy laat my elke dag soos 'n prinses voel. Hierdie Vadersdag braai ek wat Lisa is vir my Pappa Daaf.

Lisa Malan

Pappa se naam: Louwerens Swanepoel

Ek hou van my Pappa, want hy is my rolmodel. My pa was verlam en die dokter het gesê hy gaan nooit weer loop nie, maar vandag loop hy voor my oë. Dis vir my lekker as my pappa my in die aande aan die slaap bid. As ek nie wil skool toe gaan nie praat hy my altyd moed in. Ek is baie lief vir my pappa.

Dacota Swanepoel

Pappa se naam: Daan Janse van Rensburg

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Vanessa Roebert

Regular readers of our Mooikloof Magazine will be familiar with Pastor Andrew Roebert and his wife Vanessa Roebert as regular contributors of "Inspirational Thoughts." Although we were aware that Vanessa was sick it was still a shock to hear of her passing which deeply saddened us all.

For almost 20 years, Andrew and Vanessa laboured tirelessly to build their ministry ALIVE TO GOD. It turned out to be her life's calling and she fulfilled her task with joy and gratitude. We are certain that Vanessa wouldn't want us to be grieving but rather celebrating the rewarding and blessed life she led. We would like to wish peace and comfort to everyone who is affected by Vanessa's passing and whose life was undoubtedly enriched by her time on earth.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Andrew and their two daughters, Caitlin and Amy. A mother's greatest legacy will be found in the children she raised and we know she was so very proud of them.

*With our deepest and sincere sympathy,
God bless*

*Jeannette Malan
(From the Horse's Mouth)*



***"When you go
through deep waters
I will be with you".
Isaiah 43:2***

Dr Zola Skweyiya

On 11 April 2018, a well-known Mooikloof resident, former Minister and South African High Commissioner, Dr Zola Skweyiya, passed away. Our deepest condolences to Mrs Skweyiya, the children and grandchildren. As South Africans we all mourn his passing but we will be forever grateful for his service to our country. The Skweyiya residence is in Jollify Ring Road.

Mev. Ferreira

'n Vorige voorsitter van die Mooikloof Raad van Direkteure, Mnr Naas Ferreira, se vrou is ook na 'n siekbed oorlede. Hulle is van Java Headstraat. Ons innige meegevoel met Naas, die kinders en kleinkinders.

Mnr Piet Martins

Meer onlangs is Mnr Piet Martins van Royal Chalicesingel skielik oorlede. Ons innige meegevoel met sy vrou Annetta, in hierdie hartseertyd. Mag die mooi herinneringe aan u geliefdes vir u vertroosting bring.

God's Garden

**God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon
the earth,
And saw your tired face.**

**He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.**

**He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.**

**He saw the road was
getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered
"Peace be thine."**

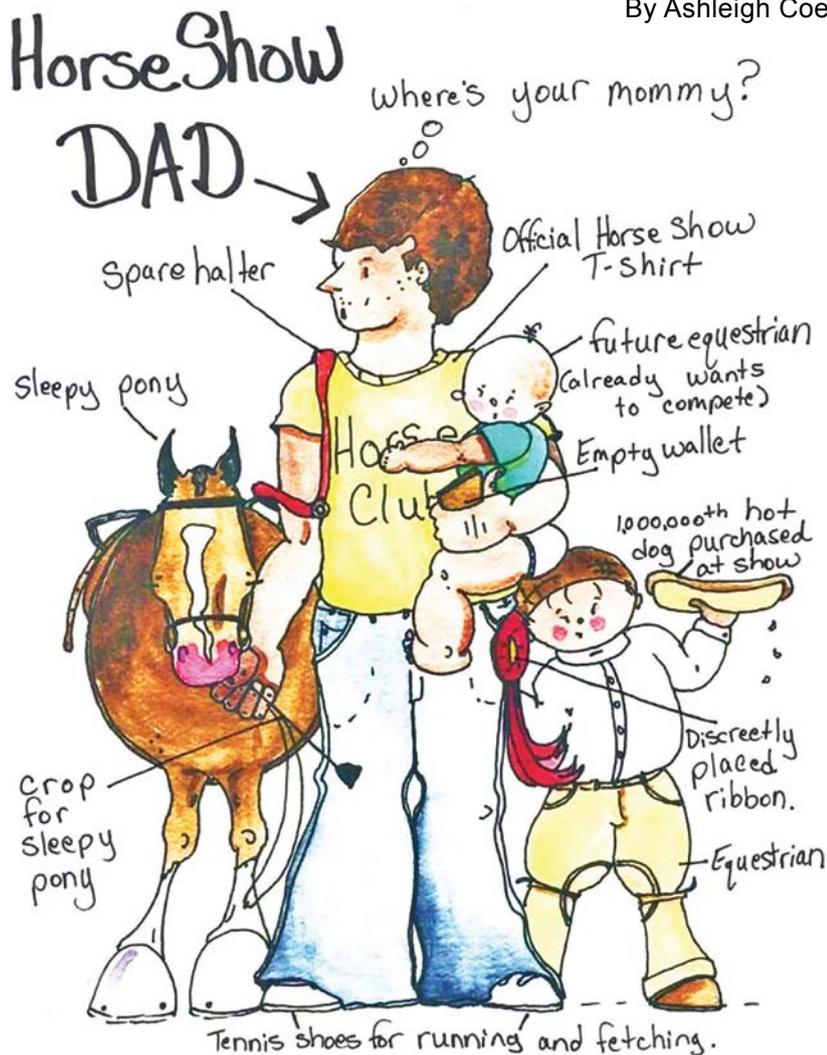
**It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.**

Author: D. W. Mcconway

**Mag God Sy arms om jou hou
as Sy genade daaglik om jou vou.**

News from Gledsmuir Stables

By Ashleigh Coetzee



1. They will, no matter the weather, be wearing a pair of shorts and a short sleeved t-shirt (if it is truly sub-zero in temperature, the Horse-Dad may wear a light jersey).

2. They will either have just emerged from their *bakkie*, or at the very least their *bakkie* will be parked nearby.

3. They may appear to be lost or deep in thought - do not fret, they are usually wondering where their wives and children have disappeared to.

Phew! Now I had two Horse-Dads and their *bakkies*. Before I could finish explaining to them what was wrong with the fridge, they had already had a tactical ops meeting and formulated a plan to fix our little fridge problem.

Off went the Horse-Dads in their *bakkie*, down to our office where they not only emptied our (very full) spare fridge, but also loaded it onto their *bakkie* and brought it up to our catering kitchen without even breaking a sweat!

The day had officially been saved by our Horse-Dads!

Happy Father's Day to our Horse-Dads

The year is nearing its halfway mark and grocery stores across the country have already put up their Father's Day gift displays, reminding us that Father's Day is on the 17th of June this year and your dad really does need a new pair of "I love my daddy" socks...

We are so grateful for the wonderful Horse-Dads at our yard. I have many stories of Horse-Dads braving the horse world, waking up at 4am to tow horses to shows, watching riding lessons after a long day at work and pretending to be interested in the latest "stirrup iron" fashion trends, but a fairly recent Horse-Dad story truly stands out.

One chilly show morning in May, we realised that the refrigerator in our catering kitchen was out of order - uh oh! No cold drinks for the masses!

I calmed myself down to a mild panic and did what any reasonable stable manager would do in the situation - I stood smack in the middle of our warm-up arena and stared blankly at the offending fridge. It was then, at 06:45 on that chilly show morning, that I spotted Horse-Dads Johann Landman and Lappies Labuschagne.

Now, in their natural habitat, Horse-Dads are quite easy to spot:

Our show had started and our two Horse-Dads joined the rest of the pack to watch their children compete.

Speaking of Horse-Dads watching and supporting their children when they compete, Horse-Dad Lappies' daughter, Karolien Labuschagne has just won the Gauteng Endurance Child Rider of the Year Award! Now, I don't know all that much about endurance, but I do know that it involves some VERY early mornings to box your daughter's horses!

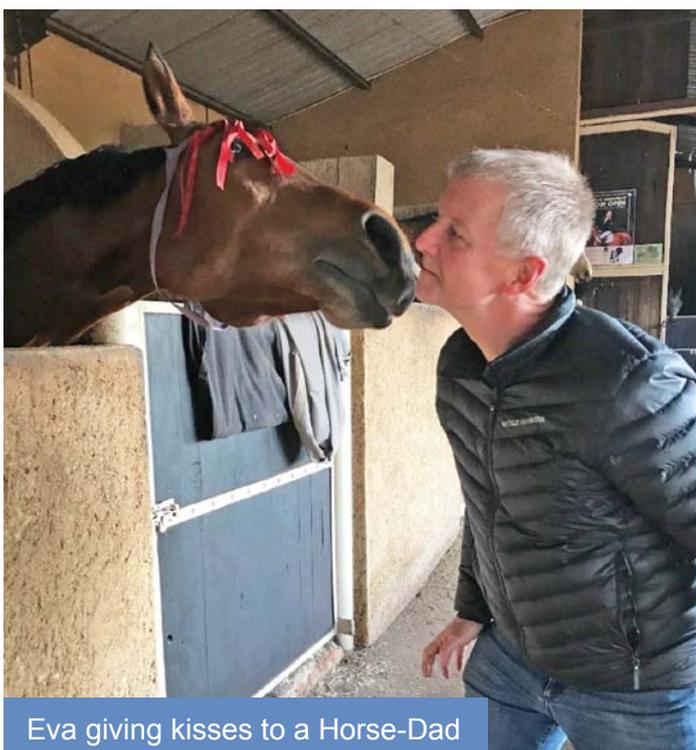
Where would we be without our DAKAR racing/joberg2C finishing/Marathon running/Businessman/Doctor/Braai Master/Credit-Card Swiping/Horsebox towing super-dads?



Hennie Maas fixing his daughter's outfit just before she goes into the ring



Clinton Kuypers with his daughter's horse, Jupiter



Eva giving kisses to a Horse-Dad



A big smile from Karolien Labuschagne, holding her Gauteng Endurance Child Rider of the Year Award!

Colour me happy!

By Debbie Walton



Iceland Poppies

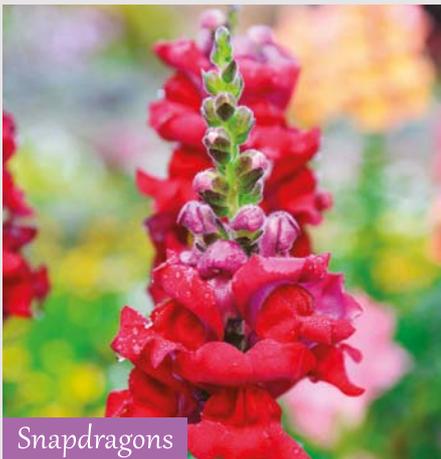
Iceland poppies are easy-to-grow in full sun and will flower all winter and spring if you nip out very first flowers and continually deadhead thereafter. They are available in bright and pastel shades of red, pink, yellow, orange, cream and white, as well as bicoloured varieties. They combine beautifully with most winter flowering annuals and make a fantastic backdrop for spring flowering bulbs.

Whilst black and shades of grey are all the rage in home décor, bright and beautiful colours make our gardens that much more exquisite – and there's no reason not to have colour in your gardens in winter, either.



Primulas

Primulas remain firm favourites for the shade with their masses of delicate flowers in delightful shades of lilac, purple, pink, carmine-red and white. They are beautiful in window boxes, hanging baskets and pots; and their delicate flowers make a striking edging plant; putting on a brilliant show if displayed in massed flowerbeds. Combined with spring flowering bulbs they will give you months and months of pleasure.



Snapdragons

Snapdragons love full sun and are available in dwarf, tall and even trailing varieties; and are available in nearly every flower colour, or bicolour, including red, bronze, yellow, orange, pink, purple, cream and white. They are wonderful as a mixed flower border and the dwarf varieties make excellent edging plants. Plant them in window boxes, hanging baskets and containers of all sizes.



Pansies and Violas

Pansies and Violas are timeless winter and spring flowering favourites for full sun and come in a staggering range of bright or pastel shades. They are perfect planted in hanging baskets and containers of all kinds and combine beautifully with spring flowering bulbs for a brilliant display.

Alyssum remains one of the most popular bedding plants for full sun because it is low maintenance and long flowering. Its honey scented flower spikes are available in lovely shades of pink, rose, purple, mauve, white and yellow. Alyssum mixes beautifully with other flowering plants in hanging baskets, window boxes and all manner of containers; and makes a great border plant.



Alyssum



Bokbaai vygie

Bokbaai vygies thrive in very hot beds in full sun and are unrivalled for their multitude of dazzling, brightly coloured flowers. They are hardy, rockery and border plants and if planted en masse, make a striking groundcover. They are perfect to use in hanging baskets and containers of all kinds in hot areas; like sunny patios and driveways.

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Dear Lord, we are grateful because you are a Faithfull God you Promised to be with us always, and you kept your promise buy giving us strength, courage, love and comfort. Today we take hold of your powerful hand, and each promise according to Your Word. We declare that you are God our refuge and strength. Even when we don't see it we will never be alone because You are always with us.

Pastor Anita van den Berg
 Global Supernatural Ministries

IMMUNE-BOOSTING FOODS



By Ajita Ratanjee, Registered Dietician

We are at the brink of winter and some coughs and sniffles are looming around. It is no fun when getting hit by the cold or flu. Having good health can definitely assist in keeping the flu away.

Some foods are high in antioxidants and flu-fighting nutrients. Including them in your dietary plan can help give your system the immune boost it needs. Many herbs and spices also have inflammatory and immune-boosting properties.

It is always so easy to add mushrooms to a dish.



TOP 6 FOODS TO IMPROVE IMMUNITY THIS WINTER

GARLIC



The absorption of zinc is essential in your body. Garlic contains sulphur which can actually assist your body with zinc absorption. Garlic is also a powerful antioxidant; it can significantly lower the risk of catching a cold and shorten the duration of most colds.

MUSHROOMS

Mushrooms are one of the few natural food sources that contain vitamin D, which is critical for your body's immune system. They are high in selenium, niacin and riboflavin (B vitamins) that boost immunity.

Vitamin C



RED PEPPER

Citrus, like oranges, are well-known to be high in vitamin C. Red peppers are also rich in vitamin C. This is a great nutrient that helps fight off the flu. Red peppers can easily be added to stews and soups.



TUMERIC

This is the well-known vibrant orange-yellow spice that is a great anti-inflammatory. The spice has become so popular that you can have a turmeric coffee or use some curcumin supplements. (Meriva is available at BioHouse)



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FENNEL

Fennel has a variety of soothing effects that can help relieve you of your flu-like symptoms. Studies have shown that fennel acts as a soothing mechanism for those suffering from conjunctivitis, diarrhea, fevers, and stomach aches due to its abundance of phytochemicals that act as antioxidants.

The research also notes that fennel contains flavonoids that act as anti-inflammatory agents.

YOGHURT

Just add berries!

Yoghurt is filled with good bacteria. These are necessary to keep gut health optimal. A huge part of our immunity lies in our gut. Make sure you choose yoghurts without sugar.



Water plays a crucial role in preventing flu as well, so stay well hydrated. Keep a note of the amount of caffeine you consume, have a glass of water for every cup of coffee you have. This will help keep your water intake up.

One more habit that keeps the flu away: regular exercise. Take your walks or continue your gym program, it will keep you fit and healthy and free of the flu over winter.

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"A racing, riding and touring event across our magnificent country and it is about sharing the passion for mountain bike riding with those who love riding".

By Sue Tremeer

On a cool, heavily clouded and misty morning, approximately 750 committed and competent, mountain bike riders, both male and female, gathered at the start of this long and arduous off-road, nine-day long mountain bike race, on a designated field of the Karan Beef farm, south of Heidelberg.

The sole purpose of this race is to ride the off-roads less travelled and trails, some never travelled. It is a racing, riding and touring event across our magnificent country and it is about sharing the passion for mountain bike riding with those who love riding.

From the creators of South Africa's two favourite mountain bike stage races, namely the Berg & Bush and Sani2c, comes a ride set to capture the imagination of passionate mountain bikers across the country and the world.

The race starts south of Johannesburg and finishes nine days later at Scottburgh on the KwaZulu Natal South Coast. Part race, part adventure, joBerg2c takes competitors through the country, from the heat and dust of

the big city to the cool crisp air of the sea, via spectacular mountain passes.

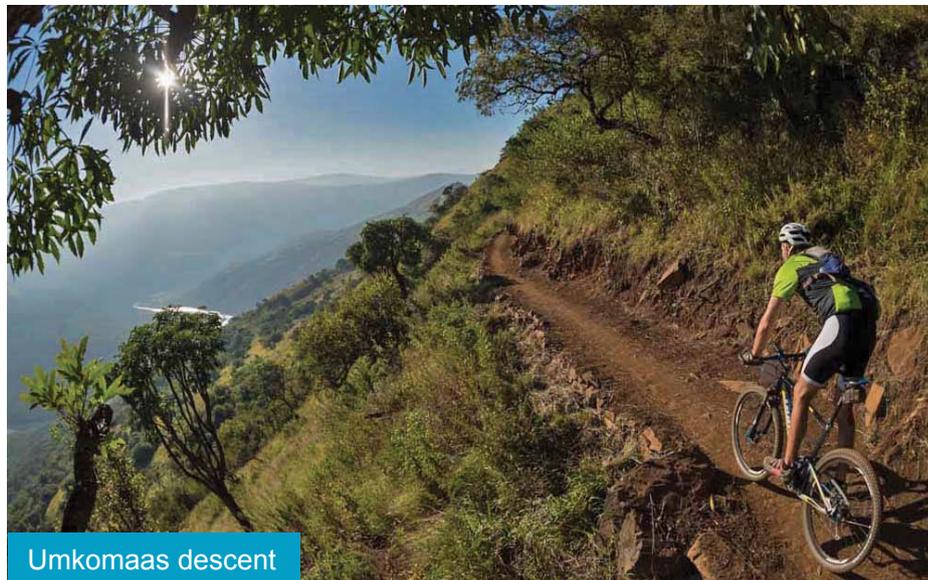
This race is a community-driven formula that uplifts the communities it passes through and gives them a fool-proof way to raise money for their schools, churches and charities. Every organisation who works on joBerg2c will be paid.

From road crossings to watering points, it is a way for these

communities to raise money and work together and have fun.

The race took riders from Heidelberg to Frankfort for the first night stop, a distance of 116km where they met a boat to take the riders across the swollen Vaal River.

The second night was spent in Retz after a 93km ride. From there the next stop was a challenging Mount Paul, just before dropping



Umkomaas descent

down to the Sterkfontein Dam where the riders crossed the approximately 3km long dam wall; this route was 122km long.

On the fourth day the riders road along mostly single-track to Emseni in KwaZulu Natal, completing 93km.

Day 5 was equally as challenging with an ascent of 2241 metres and a decent of 1757 metres. During this leg of the race the riders climbed the Spionkop Mountain and headed towards the Drakensberg mountains, overnighing at Nottingham Road.

Day 6 was a 98km ride from Nottingham Road ending at Glencairne on the Sani Pass Road.

Day 7 saw the cyclists ride via Sani Pass to Makenzie Club on an 83km ride of treacherous single-track through the Xumeri Indigenous Forest (home to the Cape Parrot) to their overnight stop at Makenzie Club.

Day 8 the riders departed Makenzie Club (Ixopo), where a 99km ride awaited the by now, tired cyclists, with a 1.7km climb and equally long descents to Jolifats (Highflats) in rural KwaZulu Natal.

This route saw many kilometres of challenging single track and river crossings.



Sani Pass Road



Scottburgh



The team celebrate finishing the race

And finally, Day 9 arrived, where the riders made their way through the rolling hills of the interior of the South Coast of KwaZulu Natal to Scottburgh, finishing at Scottburgh Primary School.

The race was of particular interest this year as Mooikloof Estate was represented by two of our residents, namely Mr Lappies Labushagne, our Security Manager, and his teammate, and Mr Brett Tremeer of Mooikloof, and his teammate Mr Carl Marias. Brett and Carl finished 12th in their category.

Congratulations go to all the riders and all of the organisational teams for an exceptionally well-run event.

Bome gee lewe - Mooikloof se inheemse bome

Die Blinkblaar-wag-'n-bietjie

Deur Janie van Heerden



In die veld kan die boom 'n slordige voorkoms hê

Die Blinkblaar-wag-'n-bietjie (*Ziziphus mucronata*), Buffalo Thorn in Engels, is 'n boom wat feitlik oor die hele Suider-Afrika voorkom, behalwe in die Suidwes-Kaap, aan die kus van Namibië, aan die kus van Mosambiek en Suidwes-Botswana. Die boom is slaphangend en op die jong hout is daar gewoonlik aan weerskante van die blaarsteel 'n paar baie skerp dorings, die een krom en die ander reguit. Die glansende groen blare is kenmerkend en die blaarbasis is simmetries met die blaarrand en dis uiters fyn geskulp. Jong blare kan harig wees.

Die krom en reguit dorings haak maklik vas aan kledingstukke as

mens deur die veld loop. Vandaar die beskrywende Afrikaanse naam van die boom. Daar is egter variëteite, soos sommige van die wat groot vrugte dra, wat feitlik doringloos is.

Die bladwisselende bome word nie baie groot nie (tot 8m) en het gewoonlik 'n enkel, kort, dikwels gekromde stam. Jong boompies kan gesnoei word om een regopstaande stam te vorm. Die bas is liggrys tot bruin, glad, en oorlangs gegroef by ouer bome. Die bas breek soms op in klein vierkantige blokkies.

Die blomme is onopsigtelik, klein en stervormig. Dit hang in geelgroen trossies vanuit die basis van die blare en nektar

word vanaf Oktober tot Januarie in oorvloed geproduseer. Daarom is die boom baie aantreklik vir bye en voëls soos suikerbekkies.

Die blomme word gevolg deur gladde, leeragtige, bolronde steenvrugte wat wissel in grootte en van Maart tot Augustus verkleur na rooibruin met rypwording. Dit hang dikwels regdeur die winter nog aan die boom. Bobbejane, ape, vlakvarke en voëls, veral groenvlekduiwe, eet graag die vrugte.

Die vrugte is eetbaar vir die mens, maar nie baie lekker nie. Dit kan fyn gemaal word en as plaasvervanger vir mieliemeel gebruik word. Geroosterde sade kan weer vir koffie gebruik

word. Dit is na bewering tydens die Anglo Boere-oorlog deur die vroue in die konsentrasiekampe gedoen. Die jong blare kan soos spinasie gekook word.

Die plant is gasheer vir die larwes van verskeie vlinders en word derhalwe graag deur insekvetende voëls besoek. Daar word vertel dat die San Boesman die sap van die boom as basis gebruik (het?) om te meng met die larwes van die *Diamhidia nigroonata*, wat as pylgif gedien het.

Die boom is van groot kulturele belang vir die Zoeloes en Swazi's se begrafnisrituele. Die Zoeloes glo dat 'n mens maar onder 'n Blinkblaar-wag-'n-bietjie kan staan tydens 'n donderstorm omdat die boom mens beskerm teen weerlig.

Die Blinkblaar-wag-'n-bietjie is 'n uitstekende, medium grootte tuinboom. In die somer bied dit skadu en lok bye en voëls na die tuin en die glansende blare maak dit 'n baie aantreklike boom. Indien die doringtakke is probleem is, kan dit gesnoei word.

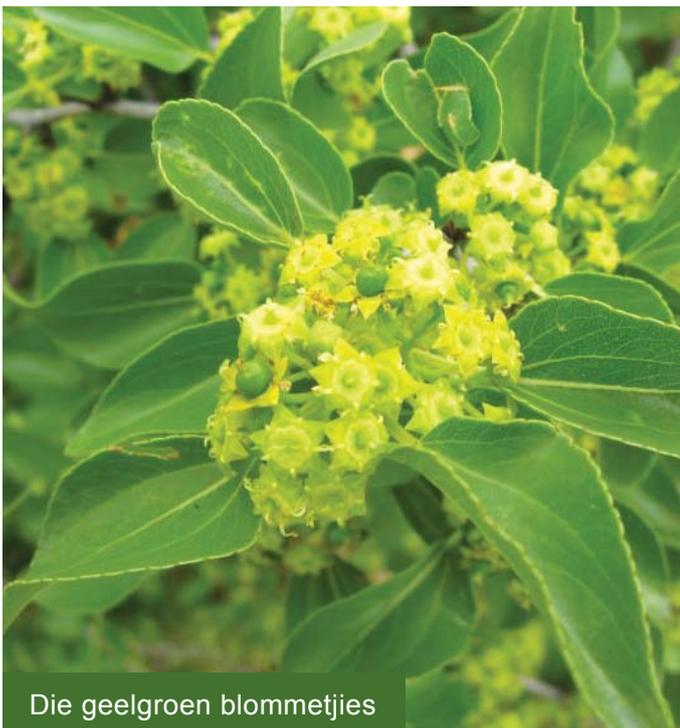
Die Blinkblaar-wag-'n-bietjie is as Suid-Afrika se Algemene Boom van die jaar vir 2017 aangewys.



'n Ouer boom met 'n alleenstaande, regop stam



Die reguit en krom dorinkies kan duidelik gesien word



Die geelgroen blommetjies



Die rooibrui vruggies

Ek het 'n voëltjie hoor fluit.....

Deur Janie van Heerden

Die Mikstertbyevanger

Die Mikstertbyevanger (*Dicrurus adsimilis*) is 'n algemene standvoël wat in die meeste dele van Suider-Afrika voorkom. In Engels staan die voël bekend as die Fork-tailed Drongo.

Die voël is 23 tot 26 cm lank en weeg 38 tot 55 gram - effens kleiner as 'n Tortelduif. Dis 'n glansende swart voël waarvan die vlerkpunte soms deurskynend is. Die langerige, diep gevurkte stert is baie kenmerkend. Die vorm van die stert kan verander tydens vertering. Die oë is helderrooi en die korterige, dik bek is ook swart.

Die voëls kom in 'n verskeidenheid boomryke habitats voor maar vermy die binnekant van woude asook oop habitats sonder enige bome. Hulle is gewoonlik alleen of in pare maar versamel soms in klein swermpies.

Die Afrikaanse koekoek, 'n broeiparasiet, gebruik hierdie voël eksklusief as broeigasheer vir sy kleintjies.

Dis 'n vrypostige, soms aggressiewe voël wat groter voëls, selfs roofvoëls, sal pla om hulle kos af te neem. Die Mikstertbyevanger vang maklik vlieënde insekte, soos bye, in vlug of raap kos op wat ander diere laat val. Hulle leer vinnig by kampeer- en piekniekplekke om stukkies brood te vang wat vir hulle gegooi word.

Die Mikstertbyevanger maak verskeie skraap-en fluitgeluide en is baie bedrewe in die namaak van ander voëls soos die Witkoluil. Dit maak egter nie net ander voëls na nie maar sal selfs die gevaarloop van 'n meerkat namaak sodat die meerkatte weghardloop en die Mikstertbyevanger dan die kos wat hulle laat val, kan opraap.

Die Mikstertbyevanger kan sowat 30 roepe namaak waarvan die meerkat en Witkoluil maar twee is. Selfs die Glansspreeu en Katlagter val vir hierdie uitgeslape voël.



Die glansende swart vere met die ligter vlerkpunte is hier duidelik



Die rooi oog en swart bek is opvallend



Onvolwasse voëls se borsvere is dikwels witterig of gekartel

Alle voëls wat in hierdie reeks beskryf word, is in Mooikloof gesien.

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AND THEY KEEP COMING

BY ALAN ROSENMEYER



MotorMatters

It's hard to believe that another month has passed and there is no sign of any slowing down in the slew of new models being launched onto the South African market.

I am always amazed that when the total sales in SA are taken into account, we are only a tiny number in world terms. Yet, every manufacturer places emphasis on our market and new cars launched internationally are introduced here almost immediately thereafter. I recall in the past that a model would be launched and it could take 2 or 3 years before it reached our shores. Now, it's within months at the longest.

The motor industry also contributes to the economy through local manufacture and the export of vehicles built here. I applaud the companies that continue to invest vast sums of money to start or increase production in our country.

There are a few new plants currently being established and Mahindra are about to start local production. I will be visiting this plant in the next few weeks but congratulate them in advance. Motor manufacture, in spite of robots, will always be labour-intensive and any job creation is to be celebrated.

The past month has seen a number of launches and this month

we feature the GTS versions of the Boxster and Cayman in the Porsche 718 range.

In other motoring news, the latest fuel price increase has seen the highest pump prices ever in South Africa. As always, this causes a knock-on effect on inflation generally and, although international oil prices are still increasing, the recent increase in fuel taxes and levies only exacerbates the situation.

Before you panic though, the quickest and easiest fuel saving tip is simply to ensure that your car is regularly serviced and tuned. We tend to forget the effect that this can have on fuel consumption.

I am passionate about road safety and the recent statistics from the Easter period made for extremely depressing reading. No single person can change the world and prevent the carnage but each one of us can take personal responsibility and ensure that we do everything to drive safely and obey the laws of the road.

Let us all demand that the authorities change their emphasis from cash collecting to ensuring law and order and our safety on the roads. What has happened to the concept of the daily road-blocks actually impounding patently unsafe vehicles and removing them from our roads?



Alan Rosenmeyer



In the meantime, sit back and enjoy this month's feature. We'd love to receive your comments and feedback. Please email alanr@motormatters.net.



Porsche Boxster 718 GTS

Porsche unleashes GTS versions of the 718 Boxster and Cayman

The letters GTS are very significant in Porsche history and have been added to some very special models in the past.

Currently, Porsche are adding a GTS variant to every model in the range and I was privileged to be invited to sample the new Boxster and Cayman versions.

The launch experience was divided into a road drive and the opportunity to sample the cars on Kyalami race track. Beginning with the road drive, I now understand why Porsche likes to describe their cars as everyday sports cars. They really are easy and comfortable to drive on the road. They even feel quite content to potter along in traffic whilst never forgetting to remind you of the potential waiting under your right foot.

The 7-speed PDK dual clutch automatic transmission has to be one of the smoothest I have ever experienced in daily use. Driven in anger, the shifts are still seamless but you do experience the urgency at the same time.

On the road, the cars include every luxury so you never miss any of your comforts, but even here, a little prod sends you shooting through

the tiniest gap with no hesitation. We had the opportunity to drive both the coupe and the convertible versions on both road and track. Driving the Boxster with the top down (is there any other way?) showed no evidence whatsoever of "scuttle shake" that convertibles suffered from in days of old. Even on the track, there was no difference that I could detect in the handling of the two versions. I cannot say that the convertible blew my hat off for the simple reason that I do compromise and switch to a cap when I drive convertibles!

However, on the track is where the slumbering beast can be awakened immediately. As if standard mode is not enough, a 90 degree twist of a little knob unleashes sport mode, with the next twist moving it up to sport+. These changes alter gearshift mapping, exhaust flow and even balance and ride.

Then there's the bonus of the little overboost button for short bursts of extra boost. Kyalami's

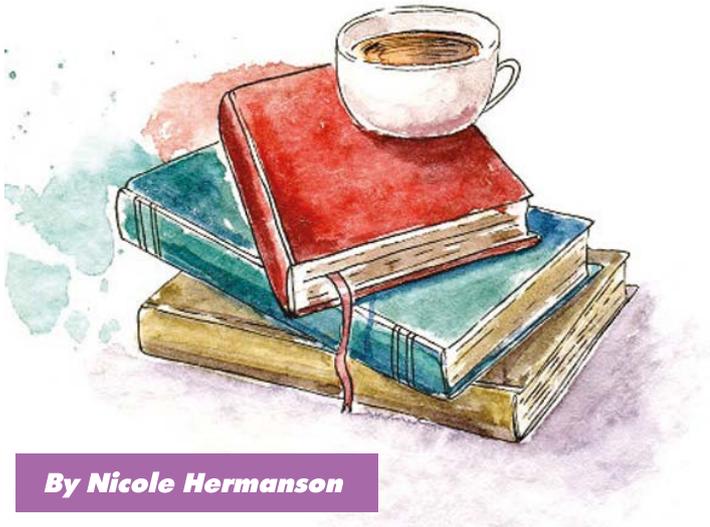
main straight was designed for this button.

Both versions are exceptional around Kyalami race track, with the GTS's 269kW and 430Nm having that little bit extra over the standard models. The GTS also includes many extras as standard to more than justify the price premium over the basic models, with the Cayman GTS selling for R1 122 000 and the Boxster GTS for R1 137 000.

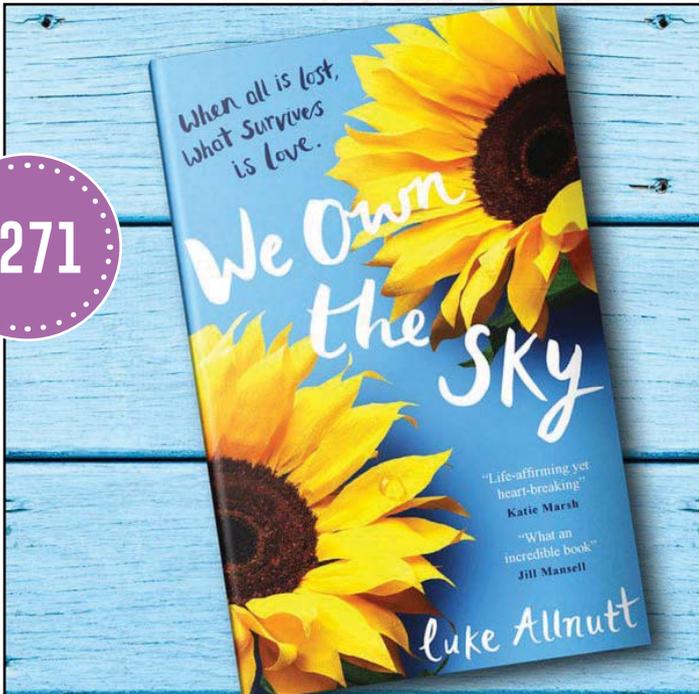
After a great launch day, I can't wait to get my hands on a full test car.



Follow this link to watch our video review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNCGDkIIYpc>



By Nicole Hermanson



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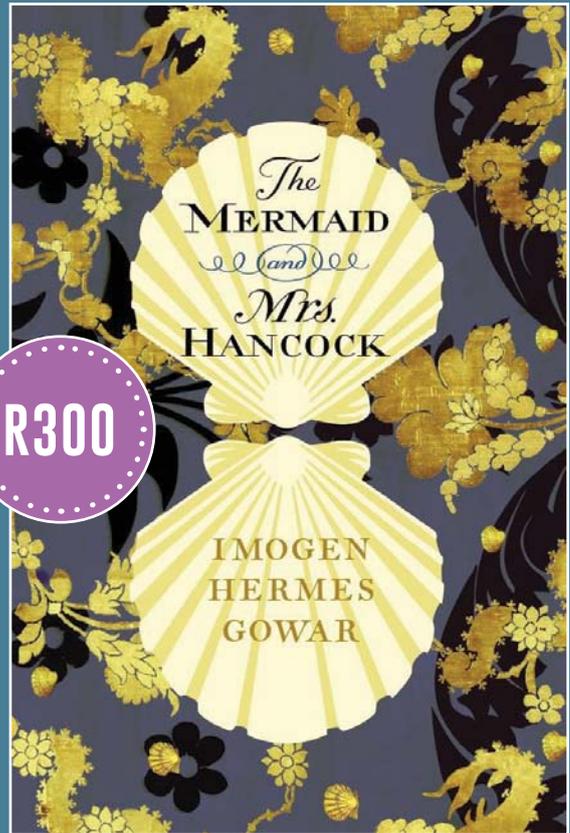
By Luke Allnutt

A story about love, loss and finding hope-against all odds. Rob Coates can't believe his luck. There is Anna, his incredible wife, and most precious of all, Jack, their son, who makes every day an extraordinary adventure. Rob feels like he's won the lottery of life. Or rather-he did. Until the day it all changes when Anna becomes convinced there is something wrong with Jack.

Now Rob sleepwalks through his days, unable to bridge the gulf that separates him from his wife, his son and the business of living. But he's determined to come to terms with what's happened - and find a way back to life, and forgiveness. *We Own the Sky* will resonate with anyone who has ever suffered loss or experienced great love.

Luke Allnutt shows that the journey from hope to despair and back is never as simple as we think, and that even the most thoroughly broken heart can learn to beat again.

R300



THE MERMAID AND MRS HANCOCK

By Imogen Hermes Gowar

This voyage is special. It will change everything... One September evening in 1785, the merchant Jonah Hancock hears urgent knocking on his front door. One of his captains is waiting eagerly on the step. He has sold Jonah's ship for what appears to be a mermaid.

As gossip spreads through the docks, coffee shops, parlours and brothels, everyone wants to see Mr Hancock's marvel. Its arrival spins him out of his ordinary existence and through the doors of high society. At an opulent party, he makes the acquaintance of Angelica Neal, the most desirable woman he has ever laid eyes on... and a courtesan of great accomplishment. This meeting will steer both their lives onto a dangerous new course, on which they will learn that priceless things come at the greatest cost.

Where will their ambitions lead? And will they be able to escape the destructive power mermaids are said to possess? In this spell-binding story of curiosity and obsession, Imogen Hermes Gowar has created an unforgettable jewel of a novel, filled to the brim with intelligence, heart and wit.

By James Clarke



The Insider's Guide to Executive Travel

The late globetrotting US lawyer, sports agent and management consultant, Mark H McCormack, was the consummate air traveller.

Often pictured Mark McCormack coolly striding through some airport exit in the Far East in his white, uncreased tropical suit; his silk tie unstained by airline coffee and his silver hair neatly in place. And there, at the kerb, just as he knew it would be, was his hire car with its obsequious attendant dangling the keys, welcoming him by name and bowing ever so slightly.

In 1995, Mark H McCormack produced a book on how he does it – how he manages to get things just right when he travels. It is called *Hit the Ground Running: The Insider's Guide to Executive Travel* (Jonathan Ball). You begin to hate him soon after chapter 2.

By chapter 4 you find him perfectly insufferable, but you plough on, fascinated that somewhere out there, there's a man who can cut through an airport like a knife through butter and waltz into hotels where the staff shout out his name in ecstasy.

You'll hate him because you know perfectly well that if ever you manage to hit the ground running when your plane lands it will merely mean they forgot to put the steps up against the aircraft door.

"If ever you manage to hit the ground running when your plane lands it will merely mean they forgot to put the steps up against the aircraft door".

McCormack tells you how to get the better of overbooked airlines which say: "Sorry, the flight is full." He books for the same destination on more than one airline. And he tells you how to be comfortable: Never drink something fizzy before take-off – the bubbles enlarge inside you at altitude. You could find yourself floating against the ceiling.

At home he keeps a sort of "busy executive's survival kit" ready-packed at all times. It contains toilet stuff (no, not Harpic) such as ear plugs, sleeping mask, inflatable neck brace for sleeping and two litres of drinking water... I thought this last item was going too far until I read why he does it.

Apparently, some airlines go around the world continually topping up their water tanks with unholy water from the Ganges, water from the Nile from which only the crocodiles have been filtered, and from supplies in developing countries – the water having been passed by Third World health officials, if you see what I mean.

The aircraft's reservoir eventually becomes thin vegetable soup with small creatures frolicking and splashing around in it. In fact if you drink water from an airliner's tanks you are practically guaranteed to hit the ground running.

McCormack tells you what seats to book on different makes of planes, how to ensure you'll have hotel accommodation, how to ensure the head waiter remembers you. He says you should tip him heavily first time. (I would argue it is best to trip him heavily. That way is cheaper and he'll certainly never forget you.)

"A smart traveler will plan every step of the departure, the flight, the arrival at the airport, the trip to the hotel, and the schedule afterwards."

He recommends the best hotel, restaurant, take-away and golf course in each of several cities. How does he do all this? When you read his dedication, you discover his secret. He dedicates the book to "my trusted personal assistants, secretaries and associates" and he then names Laurie Roggenburk, Sarah Woolridge, Fumiko Matsuki, Penny Thompson, Michelle Lane (etc), "who tirelessly work to make sure that I hit the ground running."

That's how – and that's why you hate him. All I have is Threnody Higginbottom, my secretary who files everything under M for Miscellaneous.

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