

SUNSHINE COAST

THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

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150km of pristine coastline

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Malaria-free Big 5 Game Reserves

Over 400 Bird Species

Exciting Outdoor Adventures

Most sunshine hours in South Africa

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CALENDAR

- Bathurst Book Fair Bathurst Arms Open Mic Vince Maduda Chill Out Sunday
- Matt Vend & the Tender Tens LIVE at Bathurst Arms
- **Graze Wine Tasting**
- Royal St Andrews Hotel Variety PAHS Barn Dance
- Mother's Day check out our FB pages for more info Shaw Park Family Fun Day
- 11-14 Annual Salt Water Masters Fishing Comp
- Farmers Market at The Red Apple
- Beach Volleyball at West Beach 19 The Elevators LIVE at the Bathurst Arms
- Alexandria Charity Golf Day -21 In aid of Huis Dias

And Bathurst Farmers Market every Sunday!

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The Sunshine Coast, Eastern Cape, is so named because we enjoy the most sunshine hours in South Africa-about 320 out of 365 days a year, making this an ideal winter vacation hotspot!

At the recent World Travel Market show in Cape Town, tour operators clearly have their eye on the Eastern Cape. and expressed a great deal of interest in the Sunshine Coast, as the more traditional markets such as Cape Town, Kruger Park and the Garden Route have become over subscribed. Sunshine Coast Tourism exhibited at the show in a collaborative marketing effort under the East Cape Parks and Tourism banner as well as the Sarah Baartman 7 Wonders brand. More than 400 buyers took part in this show, along with just over 500 exhibitors.

A relaxing break from the hustle and bustle to the warm and welcoming coastal regions will revitalize you. Enjoy spectacular sunrise and sunsets over the Indian Ocean, explore our many scenic hikes, or simply relax and unwind. Did you know that the Sunshine Coast is host to several Big 5 Game Reserves, all malaria free!

Whatever your preferences, there is something for Check out our website for more information on what to do and see, and special events.



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Eastern Cape - South Africa

Kariega Game Reserve is a familyowned and operated Big 5 private safari reserve located in South Africa's Eastern Cape. The reserve is situated along the **Garden Route**, making it the perfect South African safari destination to compliment a Cape Town visit and a trip along the country's beautiful coast.

This malaria-free game lodge incorporates 10,000 hectares of pristine African wilderness, as well as two abundant rivers - the Kariega and the Bushmans rivers. The reserve offers five safari lodges to suit all needs. Experience close up game viewing of the Big 5 - lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard - as well as multitudes of other South African wildlife from the comfort of an open game drive vehicle.

Contact Details:

Office hours are 8am-5pm weekdays

Private bookings

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"Giving is a natural response of love"

We recently came across this wonderful story and had to share this story of true generosity.

Mark Ferguson, son of Sir Alex Ferguson (former Manchester United football manager) together with his wife Fiona and hour sons have purchased a section of rich biodiverse land and donated it to expand wildlife conservation. This land will be incorporated into Kariega Game Reserve's protected wilderness. The donation will ensure the conservation of approximately 25 km of the Bushman's River tidal estuary, range expansion and additional carrying capacity for elephant, white and black rhino, as well the opportunity for the reintroduction of additional apex predators such as the endangered cheetah.

This is not just good news for the Kariega but also for the Eastern Cape conservation landscape as continuous efforts are made to connect reserves and open up wildlife corridors to aid the conservation of our native species.

The generosity of the Fergusons is highly appreciated and will go a long way in assisting those on the ground to make changes that will benefit not only our wildlife but also the people who live alongside the reserve and our planet. Congratulations to the Kariega Game Reserve on their expansion!

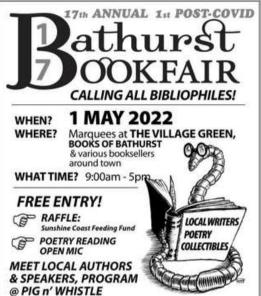


The Ferguson family Images courtesy of Kariega Game Reserve.

Bushmans River Habitat Expansion

Bathurst Bookfair: 1 May 2022

Kiddies corner at the Village Green: Mary & the Alpacas All-day venue: Pig n Whistle lounge, Kowie Road, Bathurst village



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9.30 Adventures (and misadventures) in self-publishing. Monty Roodt, author of the Bernie Bernard series of crime novels and Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Rhodes University, with Frank Nunan of Write-On Publishing.

10.30 Written in SA. Eish! Eastern Cape authors unpack what makes local stories so lekker. Author, poet, and English professor Dan Wylie chairs a panel discussion with authors Vivian de Klerk (Serpent Crescent; Not to Mention) and RU Creative Writing Masters graduate Zodwa Mtirara (Thorn of the Rose; Inggumbo Yomthondo Kukuzika Kohlanga).

11.00 Mary Riley, author of Pablo & Pepito, reads her book to young readers and introduces them to the two alpaca heroes of her story.

11.30 Veld Stories -- Confessions of a Failed Journalist. Veteran travel writer and former Getawayeditor David Bristow spins a good few yarns.

12.30 Uncovering an unsung hero: pioneer bridge builder Joseph Newey East London engineer Dennis Walters (Bridging the Eastern Cape) on some of the challenges faced by Eastern Cape pioneer bridge builder Joseph Newey.

2.00 Bringing history to life – a journey through the Eastern Cape. Dean Allen (Frontier Land: Exploring the Eastern Cape; Empire, War & Cricket in SA) has fallen in love with our dorps and brings a fresh eye to fascinate and enthrall with his stories.

3.00 A virtual West Coast spring wildflower tour Author and freelance photojournalist Marion Whitehead (Visitors Guide: Flower Route; SA's Favourite Passes & Poorts) gives tips for planning your next visit to the greatest wildflower show on earth.

4.00 Round the Bend Poetry event Crystal Warren and Marike Beyers of Amazwi SA Museum of Literature and fellow Modjadji poet Jeannie McKeown, all from Makhanda, kick off the event with readings from their work. Veteran economics journalist Reg Rumney changes hats to launch From a Family Album (And Some Poetic Jokes), a collection of eclectic verse. Followed by an open mic poetry event. Charge your glasses, sit back and enjoy sharing some inspiration!





ADULTS ONLY



We are extremely excited to announce that on the 7th of May the Royal St Andrews will be hosting an amazing evening of great entertainment showcasing local talent!!! Opera, Dance, poetry and floral art display are all going to make an appearance and promises an unforgettable show!

Enjoy a mouthwatering buffet dinner served whilst performers serve up an array of spectacular delights!

Tickets Available at KNA from 01 April 2022

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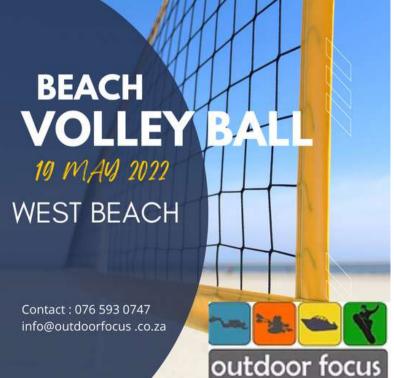




Every Saturday in Port Alfred









10-12 June 2022

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Eastern Cape

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