Beware – malicious dog poisonings in White River

Alex Rose-Innes

Veterinarians in White River have had a couple of long nights trying to save animals after domestic pets have been poisoned by criminals. Families in Curlews, Yaverland and The Oaks (by the rugby field) saw their beloved pets die an agonising death at the hands of the evil doers permeating our society and tainting the little good that is left.

According to Dr Graeme Harman of Casterbridge Vet Hospital, dogs have been rushed to emergency animal hospitals in the area with severe symptoms of poisoning over the past two weeks. He told NewsHorn that a similar poisoning took place which occurred in August 2015 which saw dogs poisoned in the suburbs of White River.

“While the dogs are being targeted in what can only be assumed as new measures to ensure criminals can illegally enter properties to steal, maim or kill, Veterinarians have instructed Hi-Tech and Full Circle security guards, when called by distraught owners, to induce vomiting in any dog they find presenting with symptoms of being poisoned. These guards who are rushing animals to nearby emergency vet hospitals, have been supplied with large feeding syringes with a bolus of Omno or other washing powder to inject into the animal’s mouth immediately. This concoction makes the animal vomit straight away. “We’ve instructed them on the procedure and on what clinical signs to watch out for and what protocols to follow in such emergency cases,” said Harman.

In an effort to ensure as much media coverage possible is obtained, NewsHorn contacted Roelf and Ludie of Radio Lowveld for coming on special informative on-air talk with Dr Harman and role players in the White River Yaverland Community Forum. NewsHorn arranged with Radio Lowveld to host a coverage possible in trying to save animals.

In the meantime, the owner of a Labrador puppy who died gave consent to do an autopsy on the animal in an effort to identify the poison which is different from the compounds used in previous poisonings. Dr Harman suspects it may be arsenic but the full results will only be available later this week.

According to the chairman of the Yaverland Security Group, Andrew Goldenstays, criminals put poison in pilchards which are bought in tins in retail shops and throw it across fences or gates. Also, mince balls and hooves with poison in are thrown into properties. Please take the time to walk around your property and keep a lookout for food which can even have glass shards in it. The sooner the animals are taken to a vet, the more they can do in trying to save its life. If the poison was recently ingested, owners should make the dog vomit immediately as that will clog most of the harmful substance before it gets absorbed into the blood stream. Once absorbed into the bloodstream a large dosage can be lethal. “We try to minimise the effect of the poison with medication as much as possible while we drip and re-hydrate the dog to safeguard the liver,” according to Harman.

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Emergency number for Casterbridge vet - 084 077 8049.

Leeuloop van ‘n ander kleur

Buitelanders het nog altyd geglo leeu simmers vry in Suid-Afrika se strate rond. Met die vyf leeu wat onlangs vir groot opwindings in Komati poort gesorg het nadat hulle uit die Kruger Nasionale Park(KNP)ontsnapp het, kan dit nou met reg as waarheid erken word.

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Komati poort het in die laaste tyd heelwat opwindende oomblikke beleef. Eers was daar die reuse slang in SPAR en toe het die groepie leeu wat vermoedelik uit die tros verjaag is, besoek aan die gewilde grysdrif gebring.

Vier van die wegloop mannetjies is suksesvol gevang, maar die vyfde kalant was ten tye van te perse gaan, steeds soek.

Mpumalanga se Departement van Parke en Toerisme het teen Donderdagmiddag die noodklop na die laaste leeu gestaak. Die is vermoedelik reeds weer op eie stroom terug in die KNP.

Alhoewel die garnaalfeesbeoekers hierdie jaar nie vir Robbie Wessels in levende lyse te sien sal kry nie, het hulle immerswylde liedjie “Leeuloop” intussen op Komati poort waarheid geword.

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Moz borders rife with drug peddling and car smuggling

Alex Rose-Innes

In sheer desperation, local border police are now pulling large rocks at the entry points between South Africa and Mozambique in a bid to stop the scourge of stolen 4x4 vehicles being taken into our neighbouring country.

According to Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nquakula, South African borders, especially the two between Kwa-Zulu Natal and Komatipoort to Mozambique present enormous challenges. Kwa-Zulu Natal can be reached from the Jeppes Reef border from Mpumalanga’s side via Swaziland. These borders are currently guarded by mobile and foot patrols, the SA border patrol police and Department of Home Affairs officials.

Asked about the rocks placed on the road, Mapisa-Nquakula told parliament that it was “necessary to find alternative ways of stopping criminals.” All these 4x4 vehicles are stolen in South Africa. These borders are also providing access to drug mules of which three were the latest to be caught on the Kwa-Zulu-Swaziland side with drugs to the value of more than R100 million. The police were tipped off and the men were accosted at the Golela border. The drugs, 145 bags of heroin were confiscated.

According to Mapisa-Nquakula said in a statement that it is necessary to find “smarter” ways of border control and that cameras and sensors may be added to increase security instead of merely relying on fencing to keep criminal activities at bay.

During the same period, two men believed to be vehicle smugglers were also stopped at Ndumo, near the Mozambican border in northern KwaZulu-Natal. After a shootout with the police, the men died in the ensuing car chase after they lost control of their vehicle. Records showed that the white double cab Toyota was earlier stolen in Mpumalanga.

Lately, reports of hijacking syndicates smuggling stolen cars across the border between northern KwaZulu-Natal and Mozambique, have increased alarmingly.

Mpumalanga show launch raises the bar even further

Alex Rose-Innes

If the recent Show launch was anything to go by, the Lowveld is in for a treat with the Mpumalanga Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife and Tourism Show to be held from 31 August to 3 September 2017 at the magnificent Mbombela Stadium in the city.

Writer Martin, Bryan and Karenzed Ring and their excellent staff had, despite the rigours of arranging a show of this magnitude, put on an excellent display at the launch where governmental and business dignitaries did the Madiba shuffle to everyone’s delight. It was truly an eye opener to see what happens when those with the same vision, regardless of colour or creed, take hands to build Mpumalanga as the province of choice and Mbombela as the City of Excellence.

Not only is the King family pulling out all the stops for the Show, but are investing their own money, energy and dreams into uplifting the local previously disadvantaged communities with various drives and providing much needed jobs.

Premier DD Mabuza has come on board with his executive members and made it very clear that this show will indeed put Mbombela and the province itself on the global map. Dignitaries and exhibitors from various overseas countries will be at the Show where it is hoped future mutually beneficial business ties will be forged.

The organisers are in the process of finalising the allocation of space to exhibitors of which a minimum of 300 are expected. One of the most interesting will be the Finish exhibition with Finland erecting a full village to showcase their forestry industry.

There is still limited space available for the Ladies Glen Tent and those in the beauty industry should grab this never-before opportunity to introduce their unique products, talents and services to the Lowveld’s beautiful women. For the jocks there will be a special motor and car event and this also provides a plethora of opportunities to stockists of outdoor equipment and gear, gadgets and music equipment and of course, hunting products.

And with their love for wildlife and tourism, the organisers will specially create space for these industries. Especially NGO’s and animal shelters and orphanages can only benefit from the publicity to raise awareness and funding for their projects.

The organisers are currently funding most of the show’s costs and R40 000 alone is needed to prepare the polo field. Sponsors are welcomed to ensure that this first for the Lowveld is as top of the range as all else. Contact Werner on 076 718 2544 for any of the above.

Phosa pulls no punches at Freedom rally

Nelspruit businessman and respected ANC stalwart, Mathews Phosa has after once again calling on President Zuma to resign, made it clear that the country’s democracy is under severe threat.

Speaking at a Freedom Day gathering he told crowds that South Africa is on the verge of a dictatorship and that the day actually held “very little to celebrate.”

In a no hold barred speech he fearingly referred to the “Szoomvold shebeen” – the home of the Guptas in Gauteng and lashed out at those he called “economic rapists.”

"Where previously I had remained silent out of loyalty to my beloved ANC, I now have to acknowledge that this is not the ANC that I know and I love. And thousands of others, have dedicated our lives. And so I must, and I will continue to stand out. Silence is connivance.”

He continued to say, “I have realised that the gains made immediately after democracy cannot by any stretch of the imagination be credited to the current leadership of the ANC. The Flourishing of South Africa immediately post-democracy happened under a leadership who has been systematically cast out and rejected by most of the current leadership. The majority of their voices have been excluded or silenced in pursuit not only of state capture but also of the ANC capture in the relentless, despicable rush to cut and to self-and family-enrichment.

Phosa called the “new, uncivilised breed of politicians” self-serving with no decency and honour and without any commitment to ubuntu. The current ANC is but a mere shadow of its former glorious self, ” Phosa said.

“Instead, under the current dispensation, the Bill of Rights and the other provisions of the Constitution are routinely trampled on, disregarded and disrespected – by no less than the president himself. Human freedoms, dignity, inclusivity and the rule of law in the current South Africa are a mockery. Only our courts, and particularly our supreme courts, Supreme Court of Appeals and the Constitutional Court, continue to offer a valiant defence of our embattled democracy and we the citizens cling desperately to that last avenue of redress. The ANC leadership, supported by a fake-news propagandist campaign, conceived, implemented and funded by the Gupta family, is hell-bent on dividing rather than unifying our country; on excluding rather than including; and of vilifying its own citizens in pursuit of an agenda that is completely self-serving and hugely destructive,” he said.

“In the last few weeks, in the face of massive public expression of anger, disgust and concern at the state of affairs in our country, what has been the response of the ruling party? They have responded by blaming everyone else, they blame white monopoly capital, racism, tribalism, other minorities, xenophobia, and subversive malcontents.”

Phosa made no bones about the fact that he supported countrywide mobilisation of the masses to protest the “immoral and corrupt leadership leading us. This junk state is not what we fought for. This is not what South Africans are about. Of one thing I am absolutely certain. We South Africans are not stupid. They know what to do, what choices to make when the crunch comes.”
AfriForum pak anti-Christengroep in hof

Alex Rose-Innes

AfriForum het die afgelope Maandag hul saak in die hof gestel nadat anti-christelike fundamentaliste reeds in 2009 hul stem teen godsdiensgebruike in skole dik begin maak het. Die organisasie het in die saak tussen die Federasie van Beheerliggame van Suid-Afrikaanse Skole (Fedsas) en die Organisasie vir Godsdiensonderrig en Demokrasie (OGD) ingetree.

Hierdie saak volg na die debakel in 2014 toe ses van die land se bekendste skole deur die OGD voor die hof gedaag is na aanleiding van dié skole in Gauteng en Kaap provinsie se godsdienstige etos as deel van hul onderrig. Fedsas verteenwoordig nou die ses skole in die saak terwyl AfriForum met reghulpkostes die saak ondersteun.

AfriForum het reeds in 2015 ‘n veldtog vir die behoud van godsdiens in skole ter ondersteuning en bewusmaking vir die hofsaak van stapel gestuur. Verskeie bekendes het ook daarby betrokke geraak en duisende kilometers te voet en per fiets afgelei om geld vir die hofsaak in te samel.

Are foreigners bringing malaria to Mpumalanga?

Alex Rose-Innes

With many cases of malaria been reported in the province, the question is being asked if those from bordering countries and other provinces are not responsible for the increase in this disease? Figures for the past months are significantly higher than for the corresponding period last year and especially rural areas around Mbombela are affected. Of the 586 cases reported for the past two months, 294 were in Acornhoek and at least 80 of the overall figure for Mpumalanga were foreigners from Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Investigation into these incidences will be undertaken by the Department of Health and additional response personnel are tackling the situation which will include spraying homes in the affected areas. The MEC for Health in Mpumalanga, Gillion Mashego considers this an outbreak, but has ensured residents of the province and visitors to Mpumalanga that the situation is under control.

Parents beware of new App on your kid’s phones

Alex Rose-Innes

Social media just got more dangerous and parents are warned to monitor their children’s phones for a new application (app) called Blue Whale. The Film and Publication Board (FPB) told the media that it is expected to hit South African shores soon and may be called “A Silent House”; “A Sea of Whale” and “Wake me up at 4:20am”, requesting youngsters to perform certain duties starting with self-mutilation and finally to commit suicide by jumping of a tall building.

Although the game app is currently not available on the local market, it can still be shared peer to peer. Parents and guardians are urged to monitor their children’s devices and report any such content to the FPB.

According to psychologists, the game is targeting vulnerable teenagers. The designer of the app, 21-year old Russian Philipp Budeikin said he designed it to “rid the world of biological waste and was cleansing society.”
Komatipoort skop wintersport op ‘n hoë noot af

Alex Rose-Innes

Komatipoort Akademie se laerskool leerders het die wintersport seisoen op ‘n hoë noot afgeskop met rugby en netbalwedstryde teen Penryn College van Nelspruit. Alhoewel daar by tye die knie gebuig moes word teen die gedugte Penryn spanne, het vele Komatipoort spanne as oorwinnaars uit die stryd getree en het elke spanlid hulle uitstekend van hulle taak gekwyt en goeie spannees was aan die orde van die dag.

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Suksevolle babbelers van links, Lana Bezuidenhout, Luandi Fourie en Zimri Leuvennink.

Well done to Helen Combrink who won three out of five games at the Curro Age Tournament. She put in a great effort and is on the way to becoming a grandmaster.

Ubuntu word werklikheid by ouetehuis
Vlammies reik uit na gemeenskap

Jeugmentors van Hoërskool Berghylam het onlangs as deel van Ubuntu-uitreik die seniors van die Herfsakker Outehuis in Nelspruit besoek. Ubuntu, soos uitgeleef deur Nelson Mandela, is een van Vlammies se kernwaardes en gemeenskapsdiens aktiwiteite is hoog op die skool se agenda.

Verskeie projekte is al ondersteun en die besoek aan Herfsakker is slegs een van die wyses waarop die gemeenskap gedien word.

Tydens die Jeugmentors se besoek aan die silweroues het die jonges en die veel oueres mekaar se geselskap geniet en is daar gelag en geukier vir ’n valé. Hegte bande is gesme as die jeugmentors is opgewonde om te kan sê dat hul elkeen ’n ekstra oma en oupa by gekry het.
Mother’s Day was celebrated on Sunday and saw the mainstay of a child’s life being fêted and spoilt for at least one day of the year.

Colleen Kotze, principal of Accelerated Academy in White River with her two daughters.

The recent Bundu Lodge Lifestyle Market was once again a big success. The Dust 4x4 series gave local enthusiasts the opportunity to show their driving skills, the food stalls ensured no one went hungry and it was a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to spend the day outdoors with good weather playing along.

Motivational speaker and hero Joey Evans was the guest of honour at the dinner where he shared his unique brand of positivity and the epic story of his life with guests.

Well done to Bundu Lodge for providing locals and visitors with a well organised and enjoyable day!

Bundu Lodge Lifestyle Market a huge success

The Lifestyle Market which was held at Bundy Lodge.

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The Mpumalanga leg of the Dust 4x4 series saw some good maneuvering (Photos: Deneys Nieuwoudt)

No market is complete without friends and good music.

Toys for Dad

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Moz could become major global gas provider

Alex Rose-Innes

A consortium of global role players may well turn Mozambique into one of the largest natural gas providers in the world. A final investments decision is to be taken soon and will see Italy, China, Portugal, South Korea and local company, Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos take hands in this mega venture.

According to a spokesperson for the Turkish government and involves the building of 5000 homes for the middle-upper income buyer in the capital.

Construction is expected to commence in September 2018 with 500 homes to be built annually, depending on the amount of application received from prospective buyers.

Two to three-bedroom apartment buildings will be erected over 17 hectares and could cost no more than US$ 100 000. The construction company is hoping that the Mozambican government will provide support in the form of tax exemptions and reduction of customs fees for the import of construction equipment.

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Moz property market growing

Alex Rose-Innes

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Ndebele’s new TV station to strengthen their roots

Alex Rose-Innes

Mpusmalanga’s Ndebele peoples could soon, thanks to the establishment of a television station outside Tshwane recently, may soon have their own channel with programmes in their own language. This was announced during the recent 57th commemoration of the late Ndebele king Silamba in Komjekejeke near Walmasthal outside Pretoria by Ndebele King Makhosoke II. The king told the crowd that the television station may go live as soon as June this year.

However, he made it clear that the younger generation are not living their cultural legacy and tradition and do not study in their mother tongue anymore. He stressed the fact that the new TV station could change that. “Plans are at an advanced stage for the establishment of the TV station. We have submitted applications for approval and if our plans succeed, the station will go live in June this year,” Makhosoke II said.

The king has also established a Ndebele trust fund to assisting pupils, especially from impoverished households, to study Ndebele at the University of Venda in Limpopo following an agreement between the kingdom and the university.

House honours Titus Khoza

Alex Rose-Innes

During the first sitting of the Mpumalanga provincial legislature this month, Fidel Mlombo, member of the provincial Legislature tabled a motion without notice to congratulate Titus Khoza, winner of the the 2017 Design Indaba, Top Rising Stars Emerging Creative competition. This talented 26 year-old is from Mgodzobi and creative director and founder of Urban Tribal Wear.

“Honourable Speaker, I rise to move a motion without notice on behalf of the ANC to congratulate Titus Khoza for being the overall winner of Design Indaba in the category of Emerging Creative People. The 26 year-old from Mgodzobi here in Mpumalanga walked away with R100 000 in an event that was sponsored by Nedbank held at Ariscape in Cape Town. He emerged victorious in a tightly contested competition where 40 emerging creative people pitched their ideas,” said Mlombo.

Khoza said, “Nedbank as a sponsor invited us to come up with sustainable solutions to combat some of the challenges faced by the youth in the country, as the only black South African in the top 5 and first runner-up I won the R100 000 funding, which would be used to purchase a sanitary pad making machine. We would like to work with the Department of Education and Health to further our company’s vision of distributing sanitary pads on a monthly basis to different schools within the province and also supply retailers.”

“I therefore move that this House congratulate Mr Khoza on being the winner of the Design Indaba. We also hope that relevant funding institutions will assist in funding his project,” said member Mlombo as he concluded the motion that received thumbs up from the House.

Urgent - visit your nearest SASSA office for grant review

Despite the problems beseeching social security pay-outs, South African Social Security Agency (Sassa) is urging all those receiving grants to visit their nearest offices for reviewing purposes.

Notifications to this end have already been sent out. This is done to ensure that grants are not cancelled.

This is a legislative mandate requiring social grant beneficiaries to comply with Sassa issuing letters of intent to suspend beneficiaries to addresses supplied and Sassa is not visited, the grants will automatically be cancelled.

Every grant recipient is to be reviewed as they have expiry dates in the social system which has seen Sassa officials jailed earlier this year. Temporary disability grants are not reviewed as they have expiry dates dependent on medical examinations. A beneficiary may reapply for this type of grant.

A permanent disability grant is reviewed once every five years, whilst grants for those fostering children are reviewed when a court order expires. Grant for social relief of distress (SRD) may also be extended upon application. All other social grants are permanent until death of the beneficiary.

More information on 0800-60-10-11, Mondays to Fridays from 08:00 to 16:00.

Public servants commemorated

Workers Day at Tonga

Members of the public service union, PSA celebrated Workers’ Day at Tonga District Hospital, situated in Nikomazi in Mpumalanga. PSA is a non-politically governmental union for public servants. It was a festive affair and the keynote address was delivered by PSA director for Mpumalanga, Frieda Masina. (Photos supplied.)

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New educational collectors cards on their way

The Pick ‘n Pay-SANParks card collection which is the latest fad amongst youngsters, had some errors creep in and wrong information had been printed on some of the cards. Replacement cards are being printed and stores around the country will soon receive the new cards with the correct information.

SANParks Acting Head of Communications, William Mabasa, has already apologised for the errors and ensured collectors that they may exchange their erroneous cards at any store. The South African Super Animals app has already been updated with the correct information.

Mabasa said SANParks receives R1 from every Super Animals album sold and is supporting the campaign for its fun and educational value. The Super Animals cards are a range of 108 cards that can be collected and pasted in a collection album. Pick ‘n Pay customers receive four cards for every R150 spent in store. The campaign runs until 4 June or while stocks last.

Kwetternes hou suksesvolle gholfdag

Kwetternes Kleuterskool in Komatiport se gholfdag by Kambaku Golfklub was ‘n reuse sukses danksy die goedhartigheid van verskeie ondernemings en die gemeenskap in die Onderberg. Dit was ‘n dag vol pret en plesier met baie pryse op die spel. Kwetternes Kleuterskool is ‘n nie-winsgewende gemeenskapsskool met ‘n Christelik Afrikaanse basis wat verteenwoordig in die gemeenskap ongeag ras of inkomste. Die skool is afhanklik van eksterne fondse om elke jaar te oorleef en hul jaarlikse gholfdag lever ‘n belangrike bydra tot hierdie fondse.

Major plans for God’s Window

A 51m glass elevator, the first of its kind in Africa, is to be added to the iconic God’s Window in Mpumalanga to further enhance the unique beauty of this area. This tourism project will be a bonus to the already magnificent area near Graskop which is part of the Panorama Route.

Well-known businessman and president of the Kruger Lowveld Chamber of Business & Tourism (KLCBT) Oupa Pilane, in conjunction with James Sheard and Campbell Scott of the Long Tom Toboggan and Skyway Trails will be responsible for the construction of the elevator. The cost of the elevator will amount to R40 million and offer 360 degree views of the gorge and waterfall on its trip down the gorge. Construction will also include additional lookout points, a designated play zone for children, bars, shops and a restaurant.

An elevated forest walkway will be built at the bottom of the gorge, enhanced by two suspension bridges crossing the river and will include interpretation boards to educate visitors on the environment.

The project is expected to be finished during the last semester of 2017. A second phase which will feature a 40-bed boutique hotel is also planned.
The Uplands Penryn derby is always a toughly contested affair. Overall we were happy with the results. Our highlights would be the manner in which we were hosted by Penryn and the spirit of competition between the schools on the playing field. As toughly contested as the games are, the strong bonds between the pupils from the different school are evident the moment the games are over. There is a lot of pride to be played for in an event of this nature and players from both teams gave it their all. Penryn and Uplands are fierce competitors and value the strong relationship between the two schools.

As the Penryn headmaster referred to in his speech while hosting the Uplands staff, we firmly believe that we are better schools for it. We look forward to hosting Penryn at the Uplands Festival weekend at the end of May.” – Heidi Rea.

Also see gallery photos online.
PUMAS win big in Gauteng

Alex Rose-Innes

As part of SuperSport’s efforts at taking the game back to its roots, round four of the SuperSport Rugby Challenge saw the Steval Pumas playing against the Windhoek Draught Welwitschias in Johannesburg over the past weekend.

Our boys scored a few excellent tries - Ryan Nell (1), Franskies Herme (1), Ruanwelyn Isebell (2), Kobus Marais (1), Carel Greeff (1), Emile Tupperman (1), Dewyn Williams (1), Brian Shabanga (1), Sias Ebersohn (1), with Kobus Marais converting three tries and Sias Ebersohn another four to end the game on 64-8 for the Steval Pumas.

Brian Shabanga won man of the match.

Selati Marathon keeps growing

Mel Preddy

Early morning wind, rain and cold, shivering athletes and hot coffee. Jumping castles and slide towers, cheerful kids and loud music, frantic queues for late entries and finally the thunderous clap of the starter’s cannon. The annual Selati Marathon, hosted by RCL Foods in Malalane on Saturday, May 13th, had it all.

Serious runners came for the well-known and challenging official 31 and 14km routes through the same fields and along the Kruger Park fences. This year did not disappoint those looking for a unique experience, and the knowledge that Komatipoort and its Just escaped Kruger lions were within treading distance certainly added spice. A series of very well supported and enthusiastic water point teams looking after those welfare with song, dance and liquid refreshment. At the end of it all there were Selati “goody bags” and grandprizes all building on a runner’s experience to be had nowhere else.

This 20th Selati race set a benchmark with a record 1715 entrants and 1450 runners. Taking into account the near 1400 youngsters and fun runners taking on the 3 and 5km routes, this represented a surprising increase on the 2016 race.

As a sister race to the Selati, the Boulders Marathon is scheduled for later this year and is run between Mars and Kapama dams. Although shorter, it is a challenging route and organised by the same competent team.

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