

**Weather Today**



**Eastern Cape** (Eastern Half) Cold with morning frost in places in the north, otherwise fine and cool, becoming partly cloudy from mid-morning. The wind along the coast will be light to moderate north-westerly, becoming moderate to fresh north-easterly from late morning.

Expected Temperatures for Travellers	min	max
Bloemfontein	0	21
Cape Town	09	17
Durban	13	21
George	07	17
Johannesburg	06	19
Kimberley	07	23
Polokwane	06	18
Pretoria	08	20
Upington	16	30

Expected Temperatures Today	min	max
Bhisho	09	19
Cradock	04	19
East London	11	20
Gqeberha	06	19
Graaff-Reinet	09	22
Joubertina	08	20
Kariega	06	19
Komani	05	21
KwaMqoma	09	20
Makhanda	06	19
Maletswai	-3	20
Mthatha	03	21
Ngura	06	19
Plettenberg Bay	10	19
Port Alfred	12	20
Port St Johns	08	22

**Sunrise** 07h05  
**Sunset** 17h25

**Yesterday's Weather**  
Max temp: 17.8°C  
Min temp: 10.9°C  
Discomfort index: 16.4°C  
Barometer: 1026.0 hPa Increasing  
Wind: Southwesterly at 15 knots  
Rain (at 2pm): Nil  
Humidity (at 2pm): 44%  
Sea temperature (at 9am): 18.5°C

**Flight Times**

**SA Air-Link, FlySafair & FlyCemAir**

Arrivals	
4Z913	Johannesburg.....0750
FA150	Cape Town.....0805
FA388	Johannesburg.....0845
4Z915	Johannesburg.....1205
FA240	Johannesburg.....1310
FA142	Cape Town.....1445
FA382	Johannesburg.....1645
5Z240	Cape Town.....1715
4Z917	Johannesburg.....1745
Departures	
4Z914	Johannesburg.....0820
FA151	Cape Town.....0845
FA389	Johannesburg.....0925
4Z916	Johannesburg.....1235
FA241	Johannesburg.....1350
FA142	Cape Town.....1525
FA383	Johannesburg.....1725
5Z241	Cape Town.....1745
4Z918	Johannesburg.....1815

**Shipping**

**Arrived yesterday:** Border to Nqura at 7am  
**In port last night:** LLS Success at G-Berth, SAS Dock 1 at N-Corner, Al Meshiah at I-Berth, El Shaddai at Repair Quay  
**Sailed yesterday:** Santa Alexandria at 8am  
**Due today:** Nil

Moons Phases	First Quarter
July 26	
August 1	Full Moon
August 8	Third Quarter
August 16	New Moon

July Tides	High	Low	High	Low
Tue 25	0751	0112	2030	1358
Wed 26	0849	0252	2136	1453
Thu 27	1014	0410	2302	1615
Fri 28	1155	0546		1754
Sat 29	1314	0704	0023	1915
Sun 30	1412	0801	0133	2015
Mon 31	1501	0848	0228	2106

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# Scenery Park resident spreading hope

**Woman funds soup kitchen out of her own pocket**

**ZAMANDULO MALONDE**

Since the infamous Enyobeni Tavern tragedy in 2022, Scenery Park in East London has carried the stigma of the incident.

While the area is evidently challenged by several social ills, it also houses unsung heroes who spread hope.

One such hero is the single mother of three, Ntombovuyo Bushula, who opens up her home to feed the hungry twice a week.

Taking from her own pocket to buy the ingredients for a hearty meal, Bushula invites the less fortunate to enjoy bread and soup on Mondays and a

home-cooked meal on Fridays. Though she cannot solve every challenge her community faces, Bushula believes that giving the needy hope for their next meal goes a long way.

"As we know, the rate of unemployment is too high," she said.

"I decided to start this soup kitchen as a way to help everyone who needs it.

"I don't discriminate against anyone, young or old.

"I was inspired by a friend of mine who started a soup kitchen in her area. She approached me to join her.

"But it didn't feel right to go do something elsewhere while there is a great need for it in my own area. The airport area is one of the poorest."

Bushula shared her idea with



**SERVING THE COMMUNITY:** Scenery Park's Ntombovuyo Bushula, right and one of her assistants Litha Teyisi feed those in need every Monday and Friday. Picture: SUPPLIED

other women in her neighbourhood, who were keen to assist her. On days when she is at work, Bushula entrusts those women to carry out the project in her home.

She said the women were eager to help because they, too, are unemployed.

"People in this area face a lot of challenges. I just want to bring hope to the hopeless," she

said. "Some people go to bed on empty stomachs and having this soup kitchen means they can at least have hope of a meal on those two days.

"I would like to feed them for at least three days a week but it's not possible right now because I don't have sponsors.

"Mostly I do this all out of my own pocket."

Bushula also runs a sanitary towel and toiletries donation initiative where she collects and donates the items to girls and young women.

This, she said, did not take away from her ability to take care of her own family.

"I love doing things for other people.

"I was raised by my grandmother who taught us the value of sharing whatever we have

with the next person.

"There were always a lot of kids at my grandmother's house and we all ate from the same plate."

Bushula's neighbour, Gcina Solombela, said the initiative provided much-needed relief to struggling families in Scenery Park.

"This has made a huge difference to the lives of people in this area," Solombela said.

"People come out in their numbers to queue here for a meal and that just shows how much they needed someone to do this for them.

"One lady who came here shared with me how she turned her five kids back because she was embarrassed to come as a family of six to queue for food, so this really is needed here."

## VIP protection unit officers appear masked in court

**KHANYISILE NGCOBO**

The efforts of eight VIP protection officers linked to an assault incident on the N1 to block the media from recording court proceedings and showing their faces as permission was granted in the public interest.

The officers made a brief appearance in the Randburg magistrate's court on Monday morning. They were arrested and processed at the Sandton police station on Sunday.

The matter kicked off with a media application from various media houses to record proceedings, which the state raised no objection to.

The state also indicated it was ready to proceed with the bail application and revealed the raft of charges against the eight. They are:

- Four counts of pointing a firearm;
- Two counts of malicious damage to property;
- One count of reckless and negligent driving;
- Three counts of assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm;
- One count of attempting to defeat the administration of justice, and;
- Assault by way of threats.

The defence objected to the media's application, citing security concerns due to the men being attached to the protection service of Deputy President Paul Mashatile.

"They may reveal things of national interest," one of the legal representatives for the accused said.

Another reason raised by the defence was that showing the men's faces may result in them being recognised.

Magistrate Hlengiwe Mkhabisi said while she understood the concerns raised by the defence, it was in the public interest to allow media coverage of the

case. This was so communities could be "educated on court processes".

Mkhabisi ruled the officers could keep their face masks on during proceedings and barred the media from filming her.

The case is expected to resume after a lunch break.

An investigation was opened after a video depicting a vicious attack went viral on social media.

It showed officers assaulting three unarmed men who were in a VW Polo, en route from Johannesburg to Pretoria.

One of the victims, 25-year-old infantryman L'vaughn Fisher, has acquired legal representation and intends to sue the police for R1m. The two other men are military trainees.

The SA National Defence Union said the victims recounted how a black SUV appeared next to their vehicle, with one of the occupants allegedly pointing a firearm at the victims' vehicle.

The vehicle was subsequently boxed in by more SUVs and forced, in formation, to the left side of the N1 highway. They alleged the occupants of the SUVs exited their vehicles, surrounded the victims' vehicle and attempted to smash the windshield.

When this was not successful, the assailants smashed the back window and assaulted the occupants. - TimesLIVE

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**ALL THE FUN OF THE RUN:** Icons Journey marathon founder Prince Bandile Vuluthuba Sangoni, centre, hands over a shirt to President Cyril Ramaphosa while premier Oscar Mabuyane looks on. Picture: LULAMILÉ FENI

## 400km marathon honouring Mandela is under way

**LULAMILÉ FENI**

The eight-day 400km Icon Journey Marathon which wends its way from Dikeni to Mthatha, started on Sunday and will end at the Nelson Mandela Museum on July 30.

The route of the charity race traces the path taken by Mandela and other icons from Fort Hare University to Mthatha via Fort Beaufort, Whittlesea, Cofimvaba, Ngcobo, Clarkeburg, Mghekezweni to Mthatha.

It aims to raise funds for needy children.

Sport, arts, & culture MEC Nonceba Kotsiwe addressed a fundraising dinner saying, "To be an internationally acclaimed icon demands a certain way of living, one that is virtuous and value-based.

"This race is dedicated to tracing the path traversed by a leader who dedicated his life to the pursuit of social justice,

equality, reconciliation, unity and democracy.

"These values set Madiba apart from the rest.

"He dedicated his life to the total liberation and emancipation of the oppressed, irrespective of age, gender, or race.

"In this annual multisports event, I call on all of us to try emulating the values Madiba lived by."

She said the race traced the route of his life, where he was born, went to school, grew up and was buried.

It includes the birthplaces of other SA icons and freedom fighters including Chris Hani, Walter Sisulu, Dr AB Xuma, Albertina Sisulu, King Sabata Dalindyebo and General Bantu Holomisa.

The Icon's Journey marathon was founded in 2018 by Nkosi Bandile Vuluthuba Sangoni of Qokolweni in Mthatha.

The route can be done on foot or by cycling.

Sangoni said in the first three years the marathon had benefited 4,000 schoolchildren with shoes, bicycles, and sanitary pads.

The department injected R450,000 towards the logistics of the marathon, Absa contributed R810,000 in logistics and prize money, the OR Tambo district municipality contributed R50,000 and the Nelson Mandela Museum donated R250,000 in logistics.

The provincial health department made an ambulance available to cover the route.

One of the 12 charity runners, Africa Tau from Gauteng, pledged to buy Clarkeburg High School tracksuits and to replace the school lights with rechargeable ones, which stay on for five hours when load-shedding hits.

The 2023 edition of the marathon will see 60 pupils invited from various schools to compete in a 7km race for pri-

mary school pupils and a 14km race for those at high school.

Sangoni said support had even been received from overseas.

Lungisa Nomnganga-Hoop, a South African now living in the Republic of Ireland, is one of the sponsors.

"Every year I receive sportswear from GAA Ireland and I donate it to children from underprivileged communities in SA. I have 16 boxes of sportswear which I will donate for this marathon."

Lusindo Joya donated 1,500 soccer kits.

During the fundraising dinner, more than R1.5m was pledged in logistics and prizes.

The races will end at the Nelson Mandela Museum on York Road in Mthatha.

The 103km will start at Clarkeburg, the 35km at Qunu, the 14km at Qokolweni and the 7km will start at Zimbane Bridge.

## Budget leaves Nahoon in the stink

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the issue of the Nahoon River. "We are not there yet, but ... we have made tremendous progress.

"This financial year we undertook a project of dredging, where there was massive unblocking operations of the line.

"We have procured the replacement of a standby generator for R1.6m so that whenever electricity trips, it will kick in and stop the flow to the river."

Theart writes that the "legally binding" river plan commands far more than has been committed. The plan demands:

- An audit review of sewerage infrastructure and a plan to repair and maintain "priority" areas;
- A "contingency" plan to deal with "accidental releases";
- Sewerage pump stations to be provided with backup power and adequate overflow and containment facilities (reservoirs);
- The possibility of redirecting sewage-contaminated storm-water into sumps or holding facilities be considered; and
- Nahoon Estuary to be protected by a sewerage maintenance programme.

Theart writes: "None of these actions have been implemented by the metro since promulgation of the plan in 2016."

Theart explained that after the city council adopted the plan it was now law that its implementation be included in the IDP budget — the estuary management plan is integrated into the national estuarine management protocol promulgated in terms of Nema's Coastal Management Act.

He said despite the forum making its submission to the IDP budget on March 8 — more than four months ago — asking BCM to enact the court orders, nothing appeared in the IDP.

BCM DA councillor Sue Bentley said she had raised the issue at the last committee meeting. "We are expecting a response in August," Bentley said.

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## inbrief

### Driver in hot water over food video

A Gqeberha truck driver has been arrested after dashcam footage captured him stealing food products worth hundreds of thousands of rand from his employer.

Police spokesperson Colonel Priscilla Naidu said the driver, Xolisa Matshotyana, was arrested on suspicion of theft of a company truck loaded with food to the value of R400,000.

Three days later, the warehouse manager, Minawwe Mayekiso, 40, was arrested and charged with theft.

"It is alleged that on July 4, at about 2am, Matshotyana was off duty when he went to the company warehouse in Deal Party and drove off with a loaded truck," Naidu said.

Both suspects appeared in court and the case was remanded to August 28. - HeraldLIVE

### ODD SPOT

## Toyota eyes lunar rover powered by regenerative fuel cell tech

Toyota Motor plans to use regenerative fuel cell technology to power a manned lunar rover, executives said on Friday, raising the prospect of eventually using the moon's water ice as an energy source in the future.

Japan has stepped up its space ambitions under Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

It is participating in Nasa's Artemis programme and plans to have an astronaut at a lunar space station called Gateway as

part of that in the latter half of the 2020s.

Toyota has teamed up with Japan's space agency since 2019 to develop the manned lunar rover — which it dubbed the Lunar Cruiser — that they hope can be put on the moon in 2029.

"In order to conduct long-term and stable research on the surface of the moon, we are aiming to source various items on site over a long period,"

Toyota's head of lunar exploration projects, Ken Yamashita, said.

Nasa expects Japan to provide a lunar rover with a 2029 target launch date as a contribution to the Artemis programme, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said in presentation materials on Friday.

A fuel cell vehicle uses an electric motor like an electric vehicle but draws power from a fuel stack where hydrogen is

separated by a catalyst to produce electricity.

Toyota said its technology would use solar energy and water to produce hydrogen and oxygen through electrolysis during daylight hours, and the fuel cells to supply electricity during the night.

A lunar night lasts about 14 Earth days, so with help of the technology the lunar rover would be able to ride for many days at a stretch even when it is

dark and extremely cold.

The world's largest automaker by sales hopes to secure an order for the manned lunar rover by autumn of next year.

The vehicle is expected to be able to carry two astronauts for 42 days a year on mission and stay in operation for 10 years, it said.

"Our idea is to continue with the lunar rover longer than those 10 years if there's a company or arrangement that can

supply the water needed for that," Yamashita said, adding that clean water would initially have to be sent into space with it.

Toyota is not expecting it will be able to generate water usable for fuel cells from the moon's ice water or be capable of mining it by itself, Yamashita cautioned, saying it would likely rely on other companies or future developments for that. — Reuters

### emergency numbers

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