

# KZN MUSEUM NEWS

*Monthly update on everything that happens in the KZN Museum!*

## Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum held its much anticipated Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition on Friday, 28 October 2022. People from all over KwaZulu-Natal came out in numbers to support the fun, family orientated event.

There were plenty of smiles and excitement around with many of the Museum patrons dressed in their most scariest costumes, as they eagerly awaiting to see what the night had in store for them.

Sure enough Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition delivered the scare factor in leaps and bounds.



## Trick or Treat!?



## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended the event, your continued support is highly appreciated.

If you missed out on this amazing event. don't despair, we'll be sure to make next years edition of Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition even bigger and better.

Follow us on our social media platforms to be kept up to date with all things KZN Museum.



## Passing of former staff member



**Professor Judith Masters  
1956 - 2022**

On the 3rd of October 2022, Professor Judith Masters and her partner Dr Fabien Génin were found bound and murdered at their home in Hogsback, Eastern Cape. Their computers are missing. Both scholars had recently retired from the University of Fort Hare, although they were still active in research and associated with various institutions around the world.

Prior to joining Fort Hare, Judith served as Assistant Director of the KwaZulu-Natal Museum from July 1998 to January 2007. She joined the museum from Wits University where she had acquired her PhD in 1985 under the supervision of Professor Hugh Paterson, who created the innovative Mate-Recognition Concept for defining sexually reproducing species.

Following Paterson's paradigm-shifting example, Judith established herself as the leading South African specialist on tooth-combed primates (lemurs, bushbabies and lorises). Her research covered their evolution, diversity and distribution and her mentors included luminaries such as Stephen Jay Gould (during a two-year post-doc at Harvard University in the USA)

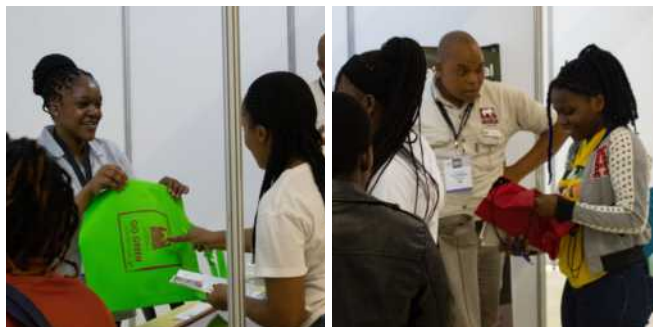
Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/3zfv3pfd>

## DUT WOW Careers Expo

Engaging with future leaders at the DUT World of Work Careers Exhibition 2022.

The World of Work Careers Fair is one of the premier annual events of the Durban University of Technology. The University's talented Students and Graduates get the unique opportunity to be exposed and interact with our Industry Partners and important Stakeholders.

With the purpose for companies to showcase careers and market themselves as employers of choice. Students are able to get an indication of career paths in their companies of choice and work towards this while studying.



## KZN Museum School Tours & Lessons

### School Tour Fees

Learners on Tour: R2.50 per learner  
One Educator per 20 learners is FREE  
Teachers/Adults: R15.00

Enquiries: 033 345 1404/reception@nmsa.org.za

### Lessons Offered

A wide range of curriculum enrichment lectures/talks are available for all grades. Lectures make use of specimens and exhibits and the talks are also enriched by the use of notes and worksheets. Lectures can be designed to suit the educator's/ school's need.

## Imisundu iwuvundisa kanjani umhlabathi



Imisundu njenga ihlala emhlabathini kusho ukuthi nokubaluleka kwayo kuse mhlabathini. Imisundu idla umhlabathi ihlanganise namacembe asefile awela phansi kanye nezilwanyazana ezisemhlabathini nakumacembe ezifana nama bacteria, nematodes, protozoans kanye ne fungi.

Eziswini zemisundu kunama bacteria okuyiwonye alekelela ukugaya loko abakudlile bese kuphuma sekudibene konke sekuyinto ehlangene. Lokuhlangana komhlabathi kanye namacembe kwenza ukuthi lomsoco obuvaleleke kumacembe asefile ube usudibana nomhabathi kwenzeka umquba osezingeni eliphezulu. Lomhlabathi osuwumquba ke bawushiya ngaphezulu komhlabathi noma bawushiye ngaphakathi kwimigudu yabo abahlala kuyo, loku kuncike ekutheni umhlobo bani womsundu ngoba phela abazalwa emndenini owodwa!

Imisundu ayizwani namakhaza ngakho ke ebusika bayadla kakhulu bese beyazigoqa balale kuze kuthwase ihlobo kube nezimvula kube ima bevuka, baqale bephithizele. Lapha esithombeni siyabona umsundu uzigoqile wazenza ibhola, ulele njenga ukanjena, uyoze uziqaque mase kuqale izimvula.

## Coral Reef Resilience

When looking at the sand on a beach, one might not realise that it can contain many different types of shells: from the larger shells of invertebrate molluscs to the tiny shells of microscopic single-celled organisms called foraminifera.

Dr Stephanie Stainbank, a member of the KZN Museums Natural Science Department (Malacology), is participating in an international research project that is using the diversity and the geochemistry recorded in these shells to assess the health and functioning of coral reefs. Monitoring the health of these ecosystems is important as it helps to determine how resilient they are to anthropogenic (human) and climatic impacts.

Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/ytcvuvje>

## Deep Dive!



## Learner's Resource Centre (Internet Café)

### Operating times

Weekdays: 9h00 - 16h00  
Saturdays: 9h00 - 16h00  
Sundays: 10h00 - 15h00

### Services

Internet Access: R10 per hour  
Copies: R0.50 per page  
Printouts: R1.00 per page

### Services

Scanning: R3.00 1st page thereafter  
R1.00 per page

## Woodstock Rocks Excavation



Dr Ghilraen Laue, Human Sciences Department, KwaZulu-Natal Museum is currently working on an archaeological excavation directed by Professor Lyn Wadley, Evolutionary Studies Institute, University of the Witwatersrand. She is also joined by Dr Chrissie Sievers, GAES, University of the Witwatersrand and Dr Carolyn Thorp, formerly of the KwaZulu-Natal Museum. The site, Woodstock Rocks, is situated on Kaingo Private Nature Reserve in the Waterberg, Limpopo Province. Over the coming days Ghilraen will be updating us on the progress of the excavation.

## Read up on Ghilraen's Excavation Journey

Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/4tc92j2f>



## KwaZulu-Natal Museum Venue Hire

Pringle Hall	Capacity: 200	Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R350	Daily Rate: R1 500
Ingede Theatre	Capacity: 63	Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R275	Daily Rate: R1 200

Enquiries call 033 345 1407 or email [reception@nmsa.org.za](mailto:reception@nmsa.org.za) (T's & C's apply)

## Celebrating Excellence

In 2019 Pietermaritzburg born, Judy Umraw climbed to the top of Uhuru Peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to shine the spotlight on gender based violence (GBV). Over the years Ms Umraw has aligned herself with initiatives that uplift women and tirelessly draws attention to the scourge that is gender based violence.

The KZN Museum is proud to announce a display in Mrs Umraw's honour which details her 2019 achievement. The temporary display aligns with the KZN Museum's ongoing awareness campaign around gender based violence.

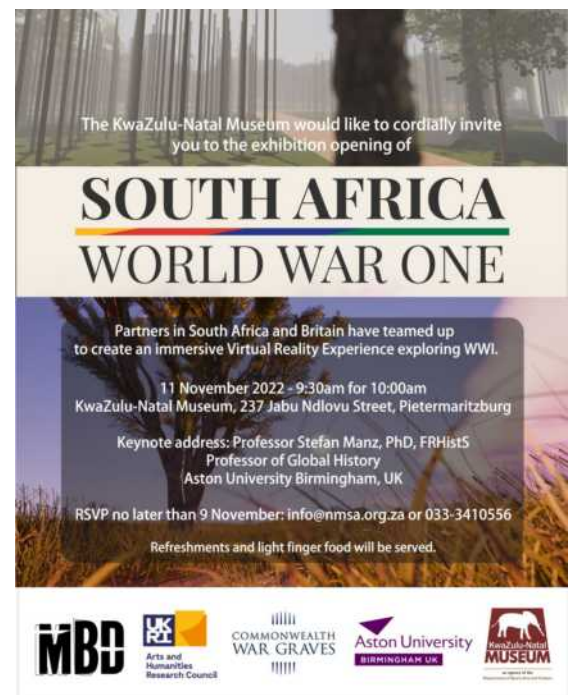
The launch event will be held on the 11 November 2022, at 6pm at the KZN Museum at which point the display will be unveiled.



## Launch of VR SAWW1 Exhibition

SAWW1 tells a broader story: of South Africa's harbour workers; of the country's rich natural resources in funding the war economy; of the fate of its interned civilian 'enemy aliens'; of battlefield experiences – Black, White, Indian and Coloured people – across Africa, Palestine and Europe, and much more. SAWW1 fosters joint commemoration that speaks to all ages and population groups.

KwaZulu-Natal Museum in Pietermaritzburg is providing a long-term home for the outputs, with VR headsets, exhibitions and educational activities. The Team who developed this project will be in South Africa from the 7th to the 11th of November 2022, for anyone interested in booking workshops during the period at the KZN Museum around the WWI content or to get a better understanding of VR (Virtual Reality) and its makings please let us know.



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**OPENING TIMES**  
Weekdays - 9:00 to 16:00  
Saturdays - 9:00 to 16:00  
Sundays - 10:00 to 15:00  
Holidays - 9:00 to 16:00

**ENTRANCE CHARGES**  
Adults : R 15.00 (Over 17 years)  
Children : R 5.00  
Scholars : R 2.50 (On tour) per child  
Pensioners & Toddlers : FREE

