

KWAZULU-NATAL MUSEUM

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!

FREEDOM DAY 32 YEARS ON!

KZN Museum Inspires Youths to be
Active Citizens.

IEC Voter Education.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROMOTING LITERACY

Mkhatshana Career Expo

World Book & Copyright Day Celebrations.

NEWS FROM OUR RESEARCH DEPTS.

Latest Fieldwork from DHS

Precious Collection Received by DNS Malacology Division

Freedom Day: "Freedom and the Rule of Law: Thirty Years of Democratic Citizenship"



In celebration of Freedom Day, the KwaZulu-Natal Museum, in partnership with the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) created a space for meaningful dialogue, bringing together students from DUT, TVET Colleges and organised youth groups to reflect on one of the pillars of true freedom, access to education.

At the centre of the event was a thought-provoking discussion unpacking the realities of free education, the ongoing challenges faced by students with financial support from NSFAS, and how exercising the right to vote can help address these challenges and shape a better South Africa for all.

Through meaningful conversations and active citizenship, we are reminded that freedom is not only about the past we honour but also about the future we shape.

PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING SOUTH AFRICA'S DEMOCRATIC GAINS

IEC Voter Registration Drive

In the build-up to Freedom Day celebrations and with the Local Government Elections just around the corner, the IEC, along with the KZN Museum, held a voter registration drive.

The drive aimed to raise awareness of the importance of exercising one's right to vote and educate potential voters on the voting/election process. Ensuring that individuals are knowledgeable and can effectively exercise their right to vote.



KZN Museum Venue Hire

Pringle Hall

Capacity: 200

Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R750

Daily Rate: R2 500

Ingede Theatre

Capacity: 63

Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R650

Daily Rate: R1 750

Enquiries call 033 345 1404 or email reception@nmsa.org.za (T's & C's apply)

TERM 2 LESSONS

SOCIAL SCIENCES

GRADE

FOUR
FIVE
SIX
SEVEN

TOPIC

LEARNING FROM LEADERS
THE FIRST FARMERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
EXPLORERS FROM EUROPE FIND SOUTHERN AFRICA
1. TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE
2. VOLCANOES, EARTHQUAKES, AND FLOODS



NATURAL SCIENCES

GRADE

FOUR
FIVE
SIX
SEVEN

TOPIC

MATTER AND MATERIALS
MATTER AND MATERIALS
1 SOLIDS, LIQUIDS AND GASES
2 MIXTURES
1 SOLIDS, LIQUIDS AND GASES
2 ACID, BASES AND NEUTRALS
3 SEPARATING MIXTURES



HISTORY

GRADE

Eight
Eleven
Twelve

TOPIC

WORLD WAR 1 (1914 - 1918)
APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA (1940s - 1960s)
1. CIVIL RESISTANCE 1970 - 1980: SOUTH AFRICA
2. THE COMING OF DEMOCRACY TO SA AND COMING TO TERMS WITH THE PAST



WORLD BOOK & COPYRIGHT DAY

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum once again joined the global community in promoting literacy and education, as we commemorated World Book & Copyright Day.

Members of the public came together to share in the joy of reading and celebrate the power of books during the Museum's book fair, where they were able to choose any book of their liking, at no cost.

A heartfelt thank you to the Alex Library, Ragmah Bourne and everyone who generously donated books towards the Museum's book donation drive

Your contributions and support had an immense impact on the success of the Museum's book fair. Thank you, we truly appreciate it.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT****Mkhatshana Career Expo**

Enlightening young minds and broadening their career aspirations as we attended the Mkhatshana Career Expo in the Harry Gwala District.

The initiative, which has been held for the past 10 years, aims to assist learners from rural areas gain vital information about different career paths available across various fields. Learners were provided the opportunity to engage and interact with exhibitors to gain a better understanding of the respective careers being showcased, and how they can use this knowledge to make good career choices as they prepare to shape their own futures.

KZN Museum School Tours & Lessons**School Tour Fees**

Learners on Tour: R3.00 per learner
One Educator per 20 learners is FREE
Teachers/Adults: R20.00

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.

A NEVER-ENDING JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY!



EXPLORE. ENGAGE. LEARN

ADULTS R20 | CHILDREN (4-17YRS) R10 | TODDLERS & PENSIONERS FREE

OPEN: MON-SAT: 9h00-16h00 | SUNDAYS: 10h00-15h00



Mollusc Collection Finds New Home at KZN Museum



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum has successfully received and transferred an important mollusc collection from the McGregor Museum, marking a significant step in strengthening South Africa's natural history resources.

This achievement was made possible through the generous support of the Natural Science Collections Facility (NSCF), which funded the relocation costs. Their contribution underscores the importance of investing in the preservation and accessibility of scientific collections.

The acquired specimens, representing years of dedicated collecting, hold valuable taxonomic, ecological, and historical information. Now housed within one of the largest mollusc collections in the Southern Hemisphere, they will benefit from enhanced curation, improved accessibility, and integration into ongoing research.

The collection is now ready to be catalogued and incorporated into the KwaZulu-Natal Museum's database, to support research in systematics, biodiversity, and conservation.

This successful collaboration reflects the importance of institutional partnerships in safeguarding natural heritage. The KwaZulu-Natal Museum extends sincere appreciation to both the McGregor Museum and the NSCF for their roles in ensuring the long-term preservation and scientific use of this important collection.

FIELDWORK IN THE WATERBERG RESUMES



Dr Ghilraen Laue and Dimakatso Thloaele officially returned this week to the Waterberg, joining Professor Lyn Wadley, Dr Bongi Zwane and Dr Rosa Moll as they continue their important fieldwork at the excavation site. Follow along by clicking on the link below.

Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/4jy8s7jw>

Learner's Resource Centre (Internet Café)

Operating times

Weekdays: 8h00 - 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

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Internet access - R10 per hour

Printing (Black & White) - R1 per page

Photocopies (Black & White) - R0.50c per page

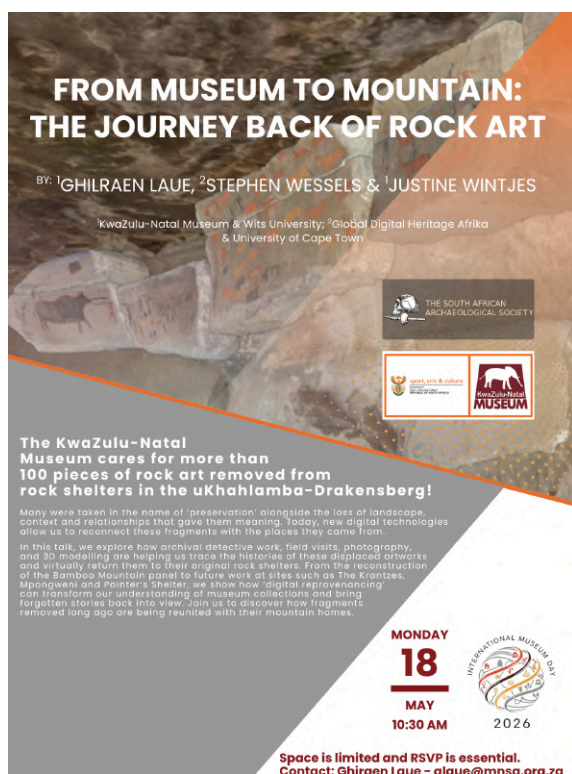
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The Museums Learners Resource Centre offers affordable and reliable internet access to cater to your professional and personal needs.



International Museum Day Talk on Rock Art



Join us this International Museum Day for a special Africa Month talk by Dr Ghilraen Laue, Dr Justine Wintjes and Stephen Wessels, titled *"From Museum to Mountain: The Journey Back of Rock Art."*

This insightful talk explores how archival detective work, field visits, photography, and 3D modelling are helping to trace the histories of displaced artworks and virtually return them to their original rock shelters. RSVP is essential. To book your spot, email Dr Ghilraen Laue at glaue@nmsa.org.za.

Date: 18 May 2026

Time: 10h30

Venue: 237 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg (KZN Museum, Ingede Theatre)

RSVP: [Dr Ghilraen Laue at \[glaue@nmsa.org.za\]\(mailto:glaue@nmsa.org.za\)](mailto:Dr%20Ghilraen%20Laue%20at%20glaue%40nmsa.org.za)

BAFANA BAFANA FEVER GRIPS THE KZN MUSEUM

World Cup Exhibition on the way!

Bafana Bafana Fridays have taken full effect at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum! As we gear up to cheer on South Africa in the upcoming FIFA World Cup, be on the lookout for new and exciting interactive exhibitions/activations themed around the World Cup, currently being developed by our Exhibitions Department.

Watch this space!

Image of Museum frontline staff in the upcoming soccer exhibition.



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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 20.00 (Over 17 years)
Children: R 10.00 (4-17 years)
Scholars: R 3.00 (On tour) per child
Pensioners & Toddlers: FREE

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