

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!



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Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition



Another spooktacular Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition!

This year's Halloween festivities at the Museum were nothing short of extraordinary, attracting a large number of Museum patrons. The evening was filled with joy and laughter, with captivating entertainment from Adrian the Magician and an intriguing snake display by Byron Zimmerman from Snakes for Africa.

The audience went all out with their creative and playful costumes, adding to this year's exciting and memorable event experience. The Museum would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated and contributed to the event's success. Your ongoing support and enthusiasm for Museum events are deeply appreciated.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all again for next year's Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition!



Trick o' Treat



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)



Robben Island Spring School Camp

Following a weeklong journey of learning, reflection, and growth at this year's Robben Island Spring School Camp, our team KwaZulu-Natal representatives Namhla Tshabalala, Amanda Pietersen and Lwandolwethu Mncunukelwa made a safe return home.

Relive their journey in pictures and follow along the weekly highlights from this year's camp on the Robben Island Museum Facebook page. See link in comments section to watch the first episode of highlights titled: **Walking Through History**

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4b2t93du>



Unlocking the full potential of our Youth

Raisethorpe Career Expo

The Museums' outreach team continued with its mission of increasing knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the nation's wealth of history and biodiversity, as they attended the inaugural Raisethorpe Secondary School career day.

The day was filled with much excitement as eager students were keen to learn about the various artefacts and specimens on display, which provided the students with the opportunity to engage with Museum staff and gain a deeper understanding of the Museum's primary role as well as the numerous career paths available within the Museum.



KZN Museum School Tours & Lessons

School Tour Fees

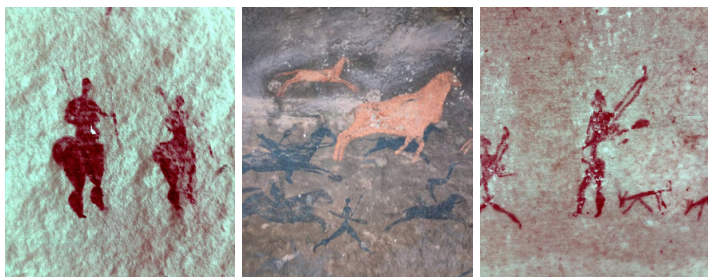
Learners on Tour: R3.00 per learner
One Educator per 20 learners is FREE
Teachers/Adults: R20.00

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.

Collaborative Fieldwork in Underberg



Dr Justine Wintjes and Dr Ghilraen Laue were recently in the Underberg area working on a collaborative project with Stephen Wessels. Wessels' expertise lies in 3D scanning and modelling of cultural heritage. He is part of Global Digital Heritage Africa and is pursuing his PhD in Digital Heritage at the University of Cape Town, focusing on rock art.



This fieldwork revisits sites previously featured in two of our earlier web stories, [Bamboo Mountain 1](#) and [Bamboo Mountain 2](#), co-written by Dr Wintjes and Dr Laue. The current project builds on that earlier research, using advanced digital documentation methods to record and preserve these significant rock art sites for future study and public engagement.

South African Archaeological Society Talk: 3D Scans

Following their collaborative fieldwork in the Underberg, Stephen Wessels gave a fascinating talk at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum titled, “**3D Scanning Rock Art Sites: Digital Preservation and Virtual Restorations.**” The talk focused on how 3D scans serve as digital records that preserve both image and context of Rock Art Sites whose imagery continuously face natural and human-made threats.



KwaZulu-Natal Museum Venue Hire

Mammal Hall Capacity: 300 Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R1 350 Daily Rate: R5 000

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Paving the way for future Archaeologists

Mr. Mudzunga Munzhedzi (Collections Technician) working closely with Vuyolwethu Mtshare, a Grade 11 student from Alexandra High School. Vuyo recently spent three days with our Human Sciences Department as a part of her Life Orientation careers project, which requires her to job shadow an expert in a career field of her choice.

On this particular occasion, Mr. Munzhedzi was pictured taking Vuyo through the object assessment process which is conducted when an artefact is in the process of being loaned out. In her own words, Miss Mtshare, highlighted that out of all the activities she experienced, she enjoyed conducting data logging and spot checking the most. Going forward, she expressed her desire to further her studies in order to pursue a career in archaeology.



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

KZN Museum upcoming events



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum brings you an array of events this November that touch on topics such as natural and cultural history, as well as social issues impacting society.

South African Bird Names: Through time, Language and Usage (book launch): Saturday, 15 November 2025

King Solomon kaDinuzulu Memorial Lecture: Thursday, 20 November 2025

Exhibition & Artist Awards 2025: from 25 - 29 November

KZN Museum Anti-GBVF Sports Tournament: Saturday, 29 November 2025

For more information on these events, kindly visit the Museum website (www.nmsa.org.za) or check out our social media channels.

Save The Date



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

