



It's Christmas .. have a happy time



NATIVITY

From the Nativity play, King and shepherds, Wendy Barton Hobbs, Mari Laurens, Colleen Porter, Ann Wilsenach and Rose East. In front, Averil Bennewith.



In Christmas mood at the Christmas Craft Market in the hall, is Di Pieterse, RAC treasurer.



VILLAGE COCKTAIL PARTY: The catering was fantastic, the table centerpiece beautiful, and the hall crowded. A wonderful party was held by RAC for all residents. Above, Sarie Hall and Nina Lloyd admire the centerpiece, prepared by Dot Linaker. Centre (top) Janet Dalton and Betty Gordon. Bottom, hamper winner Colleen Porter.

Receiving his hamper from the lucky draw is barman for the cocktail party, Bill Brough. He gets a hug from Olive Goll who organised the Collectathon and Hamper-wrapping. **HAPPY CHRISTMAS ALL.**

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The Omelette team wish all readers and advertisers a very Happy Christmas and festive season.

Nature Notes *by Claude Leroy*

The **Narina Trogon** is a stunning bird native to the forests of sub-Saharan Africa. Known for its vibrant plumage, the male Narina Trogon boasts a striking combination of emerald green and crimson red feathers, while the female is more subtly adorned in shades of green and brown. These birds are elusive and often heard before they are seen, with their soft, hooting calls echoing through the dense canopy.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the Narina Trogon is its diet. Unlike many birds, it feeds primarily on insects and small invertebrates, which it catches in mid-air with remarkable agility. This bird is also known for its unique nesting habits, often choosing to nest in tree cavities or abandoned woodpecker holes.

The Narina Trogon holds a special place in African folklore, symbolizing beauty and mystery. Its name, "Narina," is derived from a Khoikhoi word meaning "flower," reflecting its vibrant and captivating appearance. We are fortunate to have these magnificent birds resident in our Village.

BIRD OF THE MONTH



NARINA TROGON

Cicadas are fascinating insects with some unique characteristics:

Distinctive Sound: Male cicadas produce a loud, piercing call by flexing their tymbals, drum-like organs in their abdomens. This sound is amplified by their mostly hollow bodies.

Long Life Cycle: Some cicada species have one of the longest larval development stages in the insect world, living as nymphs for up to seventeen years before reaching adulthood.

Camouflage: Cicadas have bark-like camouflage that helps them blend into their surroundings, making them difficult to spot.

Ecological Role: They play a crucial role in their ecosystem by pruning weak branches, providing natural fertilizer through their decaying bodies, and serving as a food source for various predators.

Unique Wings: The surface of cicada wings is covered with minute waxy cones that create a water-repellent film. Interestingly, these wings can kill bacteria due to nanoscale spikes that tear apart bacterial cells.

Cicadas are different from other insects in that both the nymph and adult forms have a beak (aka rostrum), which they use to suck fluids called xylem from plants. This is how they both eat and drink.

These insects are not only a vital part of the ecosystem but also a marvel of nature's design.



One day around 32,000 years ago, an arctic ground squirrel ate parts of a plant, *silene stenophylla*, including its seed. The squirrel was digesting it when its life ended. Its body was recovered from permafrost and examined. Scientists found the seed and germinated it! This *silene stenophylla* just bloomed – it is 32,000 years old

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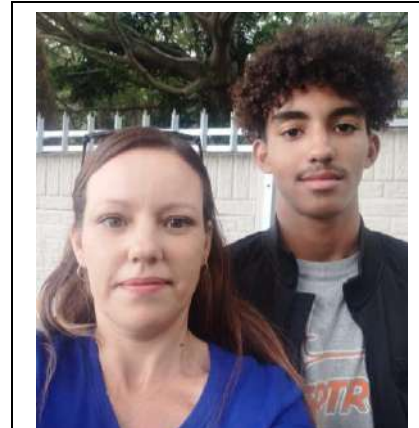
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URV plays role in dramatic beach rescue

Umdoni Retirement Village played a rather surprising role in the rescue of the three teenagers from the sea at Pennington last month. Firstly, hero of the event, 16 year-old Keegan Lowe, is the son of our very own long standing staffer at Maintenance, Tracy-Lee Lowe. Keegan had been at the beach when four youngsters got into trouble. Keegan, without thinking of his own safety, pulled two swimmers safely to shore under his own steam and with only one diving fin on. On returning to the water, to assist the next swimmers, he took the buoy which is permanently at the beach for just such rescue operations. Keegan saved the third swimmer but sadly the fourth was out of sight. His body



Tracy-Lee Lowe and Keegan

washed ashore two days later.

The buoy at the beach was donated to the Pennington Conservancy by URV RAC some time ago. Chairman of Hibiscus Retirement Villages, Grahame Cilliers, wrote a letter to Tracy-Lee, acknowledging her son's courage.

"Having had access the recent South Coast Herald article regarding your son Keegan's heroic deeds, I just wanted to take this opportunity to compliment Keegan for his courage, community commitment and humanitarian values, to place himself at such risk and successfully save the teenagers from a potential disaster.

"You must be so proud of him, as are we, as part of the local community. Please convey the Board's thanks and compliments to him for his efforts. Well done!"

Umdoni ResCom chairman, John Cooke, echoed the Board's sentiments.

"Thank you Keegan, your honourable actions deserve every accolade," said John, who added his appreciation to RAC for the donation of the buoy as a forward-thinking contribution to the Pennington community and visitors alike.

Compliments of the Season

As we look back over 2024, we are filled with gratitude for all of our clients and their unwavering support.

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Christmas Sunset Proms

Our Umdoni Village Singing Group will be holding joyful Christmas Sunset Proms with Christmas carols and songs.

**When : Sunday 22 December
Where: Swimming pool car park
Time: 6pm**

All are most welcome, including children.

Bring chairs, snacks and drinks. Festive dress-up and decorated golf carts optional.



Christmas message from ResCom and Care Group



Christmas is a season of warmth and togetherness, where caring and sharing take centre stage.

It reminds us of the joy found in giving, whether through thoughtful gifts, kind words, or simply our time. Sharing during this season goes beyond material things; it's about opening our hearts to those in need, spreading kindness, and fostering connections. Acts of care—like helping a neighbour or supporting a charity—reflect the spirit of the season and remind us of our shared humanity. In giving selflessly, we find a deeper sense of fulfilment, making Christmas not just a festive celebration, but a season of love.

However not everyone is blessed with caring and sharing, some have lost a loved one, some are estranged from their family, some are depressed, amongst many other reasons why Christmas is not a happy time. It is at a time like this we are reminded of the caring community of which each of us plays an important part.

This caring “safety net” for which URV is well known, comprises friends, neighbours, FLAGs, the Comfort Group and Care Centre. Should you have concerns regarding yourself, a neighbour or friend, please reach out to anyone within the safety net for support. The nursing staff in the Care Centre are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and Matron Lorraine has an open door policy for any concerns. Please always remember to respect the wishes and confidentiality of the resident and their family, do not be quick to judge as for every concern there is a context, of which we might know little.

ResCom, and the Comfort Group would like to wish you all a joyous, caring Christmas filled with little acts of kindness.

John Cooke for ResCom

and

Penny Orton for The Comfort Group

It was a festive feeling at the 100 Club double draw



It was a full house at the bowling club for the last 100 Club draw of the year – a double draw, as there is no draw now until the end of January. Malcolm Parry, left is pictured with MC for the evening, Ed Matthews and RAC chair, Jess Bird. Centre, Wendy Barton-Hobbs collects winnings for her husband, Ian. Right, Mike Harvey and Billy Smith, also collect winnings on behalf of their absent wives, Lorraine and Anne. Next draw is the last Friday in January 2025, at the bowling club.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ANDREW CROOKS CE

As the festive season approaches, we reflect on the blessings we continue to receive and all the special moments made or shared throughout the year. We also remember lost loved ones and take time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves.

We also take this opportunity to celebrate our dedicated staff and the warmth of community, the value of friendship and the joy of togetherness that make our villages truly special. Thank you for being part of our wonderful community!

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas, filled with love, laughter and cherished memories. May the New Year bring good health, happiness and new opportunities to create even more special moments.

Enjoy, take care!
Warmest regards

Andrew Crooks CE

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Jess Bird

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM RAC

Christmas is a time for sharing love, joy and happiness with family and friends. May love and joy be your gift this Christmas. I wish you all good health, happiness and a very special 2025.

Jess – RAC chairman

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Poet's Corner

A New Experience for an 86-year-old chap By Dennis Beamish

One of the problems affecting older males
Is getting down there to cut your toe nails
I thought I should give my daughter some warning
“Don’t worry dad, we’ll sort that out in the morning”
Turned out she had a foot appointment,
she would take me too
Let’s go and see what they can do
When we got there I nearly went off the rails
Fancy looking place, called Majestic Nails
I was a little reluctant to go in
Val said “pretend you’ve got a thick skin”
When I went in there I wanted to bail
I could see I was the only male
I saw two older ladies, both younger than me
A crowd of young beauties was all I could see
Twenty four treatment units, no sign of any beds
Like a herd of dairy cows entering the sheds
The chairs looked like the ones astronauts
use to go to the moon
All primed up and ready to blast off soon
Once I was seated, thought I was under attack
The backrest vibrated and pummelled my back
An oriental lady started working on my feet
Soaking them in warm water, oh what a treat!
Sorted the instruments that she had brought
Scissors, files, and scalpel ready for the onslaught
All this attention was hard to beat
Massaging even the soles of my feet
(Strange that in London cockneys call them plates of meat)
The lady then massaged my ankles and up to my calf
I wondered if the treatment could be cut in half
What was she up to, I shot her a glance
By the look on her face, was she in a trance?
What was happening around me, I had a look
Customer in the next chair was relaxed reading her book
Next she was filing my heels I called out “Oh No”
That was as far from my nails one can go
At last she reached the cherry on the top
Running out of time she’d soon have to stop
She showed me one hundred shades of nail varnish,
to pick one would be tough
But frankly by then I had just had enough
She trimmed a little off my nails, clever little sneak
I think she wanted to ensure I’d be back next week
I made sure I wasn’t going to be caught
I asked her “Please just cut the damn things short!”
After all that toe-tivating, I refused the paint job!

Happy hamper winner



Theo Kilian receives his hamper at the successful Christmas market.

The quiz had us contemplating our navels

It was the best turnout ever for one of Mike Eley’s quizzes at the end of November, with 20 teams of four and a few onlookers. Now, who would ever know that a chicken’s left leg is more tender than its right?

Tied in first place were the *Mannikins* (Audrey Carr, Tony and Heather Butler and Christine Makepeace), and *The Formidables* (Di and Eden Harrington, Penny Orton and Audrey Russell, on 32-and-a-half). On a count out of five more questions, the *Mannikins* went home with the R240 first prize. Third were the *Can’t Remembers* (Derek and Linda Mack and Don and Judith Tandy).

One question that had us scratching our heads was what the fastest moving thing in sport is. It is a shuttlecock! And it was Col Burnside who made sideburns popular. But these questions had us all contemplating our navels with possibly only one team knowing what omphalophobia is – a fear of your belly button or someone else’s! Where does our quizmaster come from? More important, what does he do when he’s formulating the questions?

Being the last quiz of the year, participants were treated to chocolates on the tables, thank you to Mike and Maggie.

The next quiz will be the last Monday of the month in January, 2025. All welcome. Teams of four but you can come alone, there are often people looking for a fourth. It’s always at 6.30pm for 7pm and the bar is open from 4pm.



Xmas Market was magic

Left: The hall was packed to capacity.



A family affair: snapped at the market, centre Audrey Carr with her daughters, Alison (URV) and Lesley (WRV).



Maureen Eyres at her stall.



Mike Harvey and Val Kamerman – service with a smile.

A lovely atmosphere prevailed at the Christmas Craft Market on 30th November. Every table was manned with such a variety of goods, from artwork, to cakes, clothes, pickles and treats. Thanks to Les Perchman for the effort put in organising the market and to the stallholders and all who supported the event. A favourite on the Umdoni calendar



Hamper winners

Because there were so many hampers, the draw took place over three sessions. First, at the 100 Club, the winners being Janet Dalton, Kevin Ayliffe, Judith Tandy, Noelene Venter, Alex Cameron, Linda Harris, and Jean Thomassen. They are pictured with RAC chair Jess Bird.

Hitchup Club Christmas "do" ...



HITCH UP CHRISTMAS LUNCH: 16 members attended the Christmas braai and the ladies provided salads and puds aplenty. It was a lovely round off to 2024.

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Season's greetings to all. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year

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Tony signing copies of his books which were on offer at special prices.

URV hosts international author By Don Tandy

Tony Park is an Australian internationally recognised author who has written non-fiction books as well as 22 novels, which are all thrillers based in Africa.

Tony quit his job in 1996, giving up his career as

a journalist, to follow his dream of being a full-time writer. His first novel, set in the Australian outback during WWII, failed to get published, so he had a second attempt at writing a novel while travelling in Africa in 1998, and this one was accepted by a publisher and released in 2004 as “Far Horizon”. He and his wife, Nicola, spend half of every year living in a private nature reserve near the Kruger National Park, and are avid supporters of several charities concerned with wildlife and people in Africa.

We were fortunate to have Tony give an enthralling talk on the trials and tribulations of getting started as a published author, and on some of the efforts and misfortunes of wildlife conservation, about which he is extremely passionate. We all know about the threats to the African Rhino, but who of us knew that an estimated 200 000 of the gentle solitary pangolin are poached annually, primarily for their scales which are used in traditional Chinese medicine to promote various ailments, including lactation in women.

Congratulations to our octogenarians – they’ve earned their OBEs



Aubrey Williams

Aubrey Williams was born in Durban in 1944, schooled at Durban High School and studied at Natal University to become a civil engineer. He worked for Campbell Bernstein and Irving for 28 years in various roles, primarily in the Durban/Richards Bay area, retiring at age 65. He then carried on working for himself until 2021, after which he decided to retire permanently. A resident of Umdoni Retirement Village since 2022, Aubrey and Dorry have 4 children (South Africa, United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia) and 7 grandchildren. Aubrey is a keen bowler and a regular player at AMBC.

Derick Botha was born in Durban in 1944, where he lived his entire life. Schooled at Malvern Primary then Queensburgh High schools, Derick went on to technical college and qualified as a Pattern Maker. He worked for Nampak for 38 years, working his way up in training and all factory divisions to become technical manager, until he retired in 2000. You can’t keep a good man down, so along with some of his Nampak colleagues, started a new company “Ikhwezi Industries” in 2001, where he worked for a further 15 years before retiring permanently. A resident of URV since 2022, Derick has three sons, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. A keen bowler, fisherman and in his own words, a “Jack-of-all-trades” who could apply his knowledge and abilities to many situations.



Derick Botha, retired in 2000 and started again

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One hundred and forty (and more) Comrades Marathons completed By Don Tandy

The response to the question “How many Comrades Marathons have been completed by villagers?” has highlighted some impressive achievements by Umdoni Villagers.

The tally is;

Bill Brough	22
Eddie Matthews	22
Henry Strever	19
Ivan Bennewith	12
Chris Adendorf	12
Dave Alp	11
Rob Binnekade	10

Adrian Rogers	6
Averil Bennewith	5
Andre Herbst	5
Noel Steyn	5
Billy Adam	4
Stan Sim	3
Dinah Lee	3
Tony Butler	1

For a grand total of 140 – well done ladies and gents. *(Ed’s note: This does not include all our previous residents who competed – remembering particularly, Geoff Bacon, SA long distance champ for many years, and Comrades gold medalist.*

Greetings and New Year Good Wishes to you By James Goble

It has again been a successful year - giving and supporting those villagers who are in need. Thank you all for making this happen through your generous contributions to the **Mike Storm Fund**. Also, thanks to Penny Orton (Comfort Group Convener) and her team of willing residents who tirelessly deliver the "goodies" each week.

Thank you to our loyal supporters, being Seelan (our veggie man) and The Village Pantry (Sonja - our egg supplier) who always come to the party, supplying the weekly vegetables/fruit and eggs.

During the year, our supplier of the chicken pieces, Food Lovers, closed. Instead of chicken, I managed to source fish from Adcan. This was well received. I will be checking out the new Fresh Food Market in the New Year.

We were able to once again hand out the usual July and December (Christmas) Pick 'n Pay gift vouchers. It is with thanks to The Village Eagles golfers for their donation, which helped the coffers. A number of the golfers are URV residents - Thank you.

To mention, Seelan, he sponsors a portion of the veg and fruit costs. He also packs them individually for us. Should you not already support Seelan, please consider doing so. He gets the fresh produce direct from the market in Durban. He goes through twice a week, leaving at 2am.

During this December/January, if you are travelling, please keep safe and if you are staying at home, enjoy family/friends time together.

Best regards.

James Goble and also Gill –THE MIKE STORM FUND

What a lotta lotta

Delighted with their win, Jerry Davey and Keith Findlay each took home R2,300.



Jerry and Keith scoop the lotto jackpot

The AMBC lotto had not been won for several weeks, hence there was R4,600 up for grabs on Friday 13th! Certainly lucky for some. On the numbers 1, 2 and 3, the winners were Keith Findlay and Jerry Davey, who shared the money. A lovely pre-Christmas bonus. The lotto is drawn every Friday night at the bowling club. You have to select three numbers, and it’s R5 a line. Great fun.



Care Centre Christmas colouring in fun: From left, 101-year-old Elise Abrams with Rosemary Boonzaier; Middle, Anne Tennant with Mavis Kitchin, and far right, Anne Goosen show off their beautiful Christmas pictures. *Merry Christmas.*

Residents’ Benefit bequests are a help to all at URV

There has been a positive response to previous Omelette posts, suggesting that donations and bequests to the village could be made to the Residents’ Benefit Fund, which falls under the greater Hibiscus umbrella. The Hibiscus NGO number would apply when nominating bequests to the RBF. This was noted at the Quarterly Trustees’ meeting. Further information would be made to villagers via the Flags and suitably placed notices.

Lifting, and moving incapacitated patients in a gentle way is greatly assisted by using a Sara Stedy Compact, which also provides support to core muscle and eases the burden on Frail Care Staff. One unit has been sponsored by RAC, and after two weeks, helped to restore walking ability! A second unit will be sponsored by the Retirement Benefit. Fund.

Help is available to ANY resident in need, via the Comfort Group. In confidence, contact Penny Orton, 9628.

Something on your mind ... Letters are welcome

Boxes are at coffee shop and library or email umdoniomelette@gmail.com. You may use a *nom de plume*. The next issue deadline 20th January, 2025.

Maureen says, she’ll be back

A big thank you to Umdoni residents for all their love, messages, prayers and phone calls. This touched me deeply and I know this helped to pull me through this terrible ordeal. “I am alive”, and will soon be back to normal.

Maureen Lottering

Erratum

In the Last Omelette you included my ‘poem’, COUNTRY BUMPKIN FEELS LIKE A PUMPKIN.

When I read it in the Omelette it didn’t sound right. When I dictated it to my “typist” I left out the middle section in error. If anyone would like to read the full poem, I will be back in Umdoni in early February. I can give you a copy then.

Ag sorry. **Pampoen Beamish**

To all readers and advertisers, thank you for your support since 2022. It has been a pleasure working with you all. I wish Bill Ferrar as much enjoyment as editor of The Omelette, as I had . On behalf of The Omelette team, I wish all a Happy Christmas Season.

Heather Butler

Bowlers and villagers are thanked for their support



To all our Bowlers and villagers, we thank you for your support on both the bowling greens and the bowling club. Congratulations to all our bowlers who excelled this year and kept the AMBC flag flying high.

We share our sorrow with the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one.

To all Bowlers and Villagers we wish you peace, love and happiness during the festive season and a safe, prosperous and healthy 2025.

Fred Hutchins

President - AMBC



Fred Hutchins

CLUB ACTIVITIES OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

There will be no Tabs on 25 December and 1st of January. Tabs will be played on Fridays and Saturdays and the bar will be opening from 16.00. Non bowlers and visitors are welcome to come and try your hand at the game or just come and enjoy a sundowner.

Season's greetings from Eagles Golf president Ed Matthews



Ed Matthews

The committee and members of the Village Eagles Golf Society want to wish everybody a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas. May this period of good cheer fill you with joy, happiness and love. As we begin to say goodbye to another year we send our blessings for a prosperous, healthy and peaceful New Year and extend those wishes to you for the future.

Regards - **Eddie**

Campers enjoy the great outdoors – rain, wind and shine

PENNY PINCHERS RALLY by Charel Marais - We were five caravans from the **Hitch Up Club**, two from Umdoni and four from Widenham who attended the Penny Pinchers Christmas rally at Karridene. In total there were 50 caravans. We had a wonderful time together played games like table cricket, horseshoe games, bingo, miniature golf, chair aerobics, craft, line dancing, a movie evening, a flea market, a Church service and two communal braai's. We had a spit braai for our Christmas lunch in the marquee. Ninety-two in total attended the lunch. The Christmas lunch was outstanding everybody enjoyed it. The weather was not so good, but as campers it did not put us off from enjoying ourselves. Hitchup Club.

A WEEK AT T. O. STRAND IN LEISURE BAY by Carole King. - Steve and I decided to visit the South Coast and we picked T O Strand which had been recommended. A very well run camp with everything spotlessly clean. Their pensioner rate was R1,003 a week, and even cheaper if you stayed longer. We decided to choose a paved site but there are many level, fully grassed ones as well. We visited Beaver Creek coffee farm, MacBananas, the Red Desert (smallest desert in the world), and had lunch one day at Berry Crafty Café at Munster, which we highly recommend. We certainly picked the right week for weather, having rain only for a couple of hours while we were out to lunch. All in all a pleasant time, but a week is plenty for us, as we don't fish or mess about in boats .



From Left: Best Lady Estelle Binnekade, and Patrick Poole best man. Centre: Winners, Dave Jack, Pat Poole and Phillip Bacchus. Harry Podmore was not in attendance, and right, Longest day: Tom Hendren and Dave Whitfield. Fanie de Jager, Roy Auret were not in attendance.

Golfers celebrate Christmas at Umdoni Golf Club By Stan Sim

The Umdoni Park Golf Course was the venue for the last game of the year for the Village Eagles on 3rd December. We had 68 Eagles in attendance. The golf course was in immaculate condition. The lost ball count was 95 and Neville Lloyd and Sarie Hall shared the honours being the closest for their guess. A special thanks to the staff of Umdoni Park for providing us with the privilege of competing at Umdoni. Another special thanks to Pam in the pro shop for registering the golfers which enabled us to get everybody off on time.

Best Lady was Estelle Binnekade on 40 individual points and Patrick Poole took the men's prize, also on 46 points. The winners on the day were Harry Podmore, Pat Poole, Dave Jack and Phillip Bacchus on an alliance score of 100 points. The longest day, and collecting the Stones Trophy, were Tom Hendren, Fanie de Jager, Roy Auret and Dave Whitfield on, on 84 points.

The results were calculated by Stan Sim and Alistair Eyres. Eddie Mathews presented the results and a Christmas message that evening, and we had an entertaining fines session by the master himself, Derek Hodge.



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I am sure all present were more than happy to pay their fine/s. We then proceeded to enjoy our Christmas dinner and dance provided by the Umdoni Golf Club, the food was excellent, the live entertainment by "Just Magic" provided us with a lot of great tunes.

We enjoyed some singing and dancing into the night. On behalf of the committee, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and healthy New Year. Our next game will be held at Umkomaas Golf club on 7th January 2025. See you all there.