

Best of Pmb & Midlands

READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2025

Congratulations to the winners

SUB CATEGORY	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
MEDICAL			
Best Ambulance / Emergency Service	M17 EMS	ER 24	Daymed
Best Emergency Services	Midlands Specialist Private Hospital	Netcare 911	Royal Rehabilitation Hospital
Best Hospital	Midlands Specialist Private Hospital	Medi-Clinic Hospital	Life Hilton Private Hospital
Best Health Care Centre	Mediclinic	Hilton Health Care Centre	Victoria Rd Medical Centre
Best Biokineticist	Ashleigh Hall & Associates Spinecare Centre	Nicki Irvine	
Best Blood Labs	Lancet Laboratories	Ampath	
Best Chiropractor	Dr J. C de Ridder	Dr Mark Kidson	
Best Dentist	Dr Avin Singh	Dr Dasrath	Dental Zone Hilton
Best Dietitian	Amy Burt	Keri Strachan	
Best ENT	Dr M. F. Essa	Dr Mohan	
Best Family Doctor / GP	Dr Shivant Singh	Dr V Mkhize	Dr AS Purmasir
Best General Surgeon	Dr A Ally	Dr TD Pavlov	
Best Gynaecologist	Dr RC Pillay	Dr S Amod	Dr Bhika
Best Occupational Therapist	Greenhough	Tiara Hadden	Marti Simpson
Best Oncologist	Dr H Asmal	Dr Shane Cullis	Dr Pelham Piek
Best Optometrist	Spec Savers Maritzburg Arch	Dr Sanjay Laloo	Neovision Athlone Circle
Best Orthopedic Surgeon	Dr Humza Khan	Dr Ruvyn Frank	Dr Andre Morrish
Best Pediatrician	Dr Doshen Naidoo	Dr R Takoordeen	Dr Jooma
Best Pharmacy	Medport Pharmacy	Newholmes Pharmacy	Royal Pharmacy
Best Physician	Dr Devan Gounder	Yusuf Mahomed	
Best Physiotherapist	Ashwin Jagwanth	Priyen Chengiah Physiotherapy	Shalin Moodley
Best Psychiatrist	Dr P Kassen	Dr Fayed Mohamed	Psych Care
Best Psychologist	Prishika Pillay	Quraisha Baig	Sarah Oconnell
Best Radiologist	Jackpersad and Partners	Fatima Essa - Core Imaging	
Best Speech Therapist	Taskeen Khan	Tam Anderson	
Best Urologist	Dr A. K. Dada	Dr Sanjay Sadhwani	Dr Fritella
EDUCATION			
Best Computer Training	Gamma Education Technologies	Olwazini	
Best Cooking School	Jackie Cameron's School of Food and Wine	Willowton Oil Cooking School	Midlands Hospitality Academy
Best Creche / Playschool	Mini Miracles Northdale	Sunnylea Pre Primary	Top Tots Hilton
Best Dance Studio	The Dance Warehouse	Midlands Dance Theatre Centre	Simply Dance
Best Driving School	Delta Driving School	Hans Driving School	Yash Driving School
Best Educational Service	Maritzburg College	Alexandra High School	Maritzburg Muslim School for Girls
Best Modelling School	Irene's Models	ACE Models Midlands	
Best Music Lessons	Kingsway Music School	Cadence Music School	Drum Connexions
Best Online School	Mancosa	Koa Academy	
Best Pre-Primary School	Epworth Pre-Prep	St Charles College	Jacaranda Pre-Primary
Best Private High School	Epworth High School	St Charles College	Michaelhouse
Best Private Primary School	Epworth Prep School	Cowan House Preparatory School	Nizamia Islamic School
Best Public High School	Pietermaritzburg Girls High School	Heather Secondary School	Raisethorpe Secondary School
Best Public Primary School	Deccan Road Primary School	Allandale Primary School	Athlone Primary
Best Sports Club/Coaching	Odette Van Der Merwe	Golden Horse Pro Shop	Rita Swim School
Best Swim School	Odette's Swim School	Rita's Swim School	Daisy's Swim School
Best Tertiary Education Institute	University of Kwazulu Natal	UNISA	Durban University of Technology PMB
ENTERTAINMENT			
Best Art Gallery	Tathum Art Gallery	The Platform Gallery Lions River	
Best Bed and Breakfast	Golden Horse Hotel	Aintree Lodge	Pleasant Places by Sanaandi
Best Boutique Hotel	Bali & Eva	Haisley Hotel Hilton	Pleasant Places by Sanaandi
Best Conference Centre	Golden Horse Casino	Fern Hill Hotel	Redlands Hotel
Best Estate	Intaba Game Estate	Mount Verde Estate	Greenleaf Estate
Best Event Venue	Golden Horse Casin	Ekhay'elkhulu	St Ives Lodge and Venue
Best Golf Course	VCC (Victoria Country Club)	Maritzburg Golf Club	Gowrie
Best Holiday Accommodation	Golden Horse Casino Hotel	The Old Mushroom Farm	ATKV Drakensville
Best Kids Party Venue	Padel PMB VCC	Ohana Claridge PMB	
Best Kids Play Centre	Botanical Zoo	The Magic Company – Golden Horse	Le Petit Playhouse – PMB
Best Market	Shongweni Market	We Heart Hilton at the Quarry Centre	Femz Pop Up Markets
Best Outdoor Activity	Botanical Gardens	Karkloof Canopy Tours	Pietermaritzburg Model Engineers Society
Best Place for a Family Outing	Piggly Wiggly	Hollywoodbets Scottsville Racecourse	Pietermaritzburg Model Engineering Society
Best Theatre	Cinecentre Liberty Midlands Mall	Playhouse 5 – The Old Mushroom Farm	
Best Weekend Escape (within 150km)	Brahman Hills	Tala Private Game Reserve	Granny Mouse's Cottage
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FOOD AND DRINKS			
Best Asian Restaurant	Taste of Thai	Friend House Cascades	Asian Fusion
Best Bakery/Patisserie	Miguel's Bakery	KC's Butter Biscuits and Confectionary	Save Hyper Pmb
Best Biltong	Ashburton Butchery	Bluff Meat Supply Victoria Road Pmb	Save Hyper Victoria Rd
Best Bistro	Garlington Bistro	The Breakroom Hilton	Pepere Café
Best Breakfast	Sagewood	Spur Cascades	Boulder Creek Spur
Best Bunny Chow	Thithar Restaurant	Woodlander	Swaadish
Best Burger	Rocomamas	Burger King	Woodhouse Grill @ Quality Car Wash
Best Business Lunch	Nandos Scottsville	Maritzburg Golf Club	Leez Kitchen
Best Chinese Restaurant	Friend House	Taste of Thai	My Sharwama
Best Cocktails	The Hedgehog	Pinacolada	Mixology Masters
Best Coffee Shop	Next Coffee Shop	Coffeberry Cascades	Mug and Bean Mall
Best Curry Restaurant	Curry Court	Willowton Palace Pmb	Asian Fusion
Best Deli	Save Hyper - PMB	Hlophe Meatboyz	Bottega
Best Doughnut	Krispy Crème	Miguels Bakery	Save Hyper- Pmb
Best Family Friendly Restaurant	Spur Cascades Pietermaritzburg	Blueberry Café	Woodstone Howick
Best Fine Dining	Fire&Vine	Olive and Oil	Highgate Wine Estate
Best Food Market	Save Hyper PMB	Pick N Pay (Athlone Circle Branch)	Willowton Night Market
Best Food Truck	Chip N Dip	Willowton Food Truck	The Curbside Kitchen
Best Ice-Cream	Wedgewood Nougat	Milky Lane	Polar Ice Cream
Best Indian Restaurant	Thithar Restaurant	The Curry Court	Coconut Grove
Best Local Brand Restaurant	Coffeberry Café	The Hedgehog - Bar & Kitchen	Woodstone Restaurant & Wine Bar
Best Mexican Restaurant	Mochachos	Kota 2 Nice	
Best Pizza	Romans Pizza	Debonairs	Nextaly Pizza
Best Portuguese Restaurant	Mozambik, Athlone, PMB	Atasca	Mozambik Howick
Best Pub	Waxxy O'Connor	The Hedgehog Bar & Kitchen	Crossways
Best Romantic Restaurant	Fire&Vine	Jimmys Killer Prawns	The Heghog
Best Seafood Restaurant	Ocean Basket	John Dorys Liberty Midlands Mall	John Dorys Golden Horse
Best Seafood Shop	Oceans Basket	Jimmys Killer Prawns	JP's Fish & Chips
Best Sushi	Zen Sushi	Sakki-Me Sushi	Jacks Grill
Best Takeaway	Chicken Licken	Treats for You	Romans Pizza
Best Waffle	Next Café	Milky Lane Howick	Chocolate Heaven
HEALTH AND BEAUTY			
Best Aesthetics/Laser Clinic	Lazerlicious	Senses Wellness Spa and Clinic	Ash Laser Clinic
Best Barber	033 Barbers	United Agents Hairdressers	Cut Above
Best Beauty Products Shop	Sorbet	Focus (Raisethorpe)	Glamorous Aesthetic Skin & Laser Clinic
Best Beauty Spa	Senses Wellness Institute Pietermaritzburg	Livwell Spa	Lazerlicious
Best Gym	Virgin Active Cascades	Planet Fitness	Virgin Active Victoria Rd
Best Hair Salon	Salon KD	Blu Gel	Caryn Timms
Best Health Spa	The Vine	Brookdale Spa	Faarzan
Best IV Bar	My Health Medical Clinic	Balsam and Myrrh IV and Aesthetic Lounge	Belloubora Health and Wellness
Best Make-up Artist	Studio Crown	Anastasia Makeup	Lungile Z Makeup Artist
Best Massage Therapist	Chris Thai Pmb	Beautique	Natural Health Centre
Best Nail Salon	The Nail Garden	Oh LA LA	The Nail Studio
Best Tattoo Parlour	Night Owl Tattoos	Fine Line Tattoo	Firefinch
MOTORING			
Best 4x4 Accessories & Fitment Centre	Mike's Mechanics	Safarico 4x4	
Best Automotive Parts & Accessories	Goldwagen	Midas Victoria Road	SA Parts Zone
Best Breakdown Service	PMB Towing	Durans Towing	Altaaf Motors
Best Car Dealership	BMW Pietermaritzburg	Barons	Toyota Pietermaritzburg
Best Car Service Centre	Bosch	Mccarthy Toyota	Imtech Auto Centre
Best Car Wash	BP Garage Carwash in Scottsville	Grace Car Wash	South Road Car Wash
Best Panel Beaters	Peter Baxter	Ernies Panel Beaters 2 May St Pietermaritzburg	Auto Panel Shop
Best Truck Dealership	Garden City Commercials	Key Isuzu Trucking	
Best Tyre Fitment Centre	HI-Q Tyre and Tube - Greyling Street	Supaquik Pietermaritzburg	Tyremart Pietermaritzburg
Best Used Car Dealership	VW Barons PMB	Motorid	Crescent Car Sales
Best Vehicle Security and Electronics	Alex Electrical	Audio Active	Status Auto Tech
PETS			
Best Pet Grooming Parlour	Chasevalley Vet and Grooming Parlour	Groomingdales	Doggone Clean Parlour
Best Pet Store/Products	Checkers Pet Science	Absolute Pets Athlone Branch	Village Feeds
Best Veterinarian	Veterinary House Hospital PMB	Longmarket Vet	Chase Valley Vets
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
Best Accounting / Auditing Firm	Colenbrander Inc	VHA Accounting Solutions	Thusi Holdings
Best Airconditioning Company	Midlands Airconditioning	Mag Tech Airconditioning and Refrigeration	Thermonamix
Best Architect	Logan Pillay	Phinduze Architectural Designs	Hansrod
Best Attorney / Law Firm	J-Leslie Smith	PGPS Attorneys	Siva Chetty
Best Blinds Installer	Venetian Blinds	Southern Shutters	
Best Branding & Signage Company	Duzi Signs	LT Printers	PMB Drawing & Survey Centre (Pty) Ltd
Best Building & Construction Company	PMB Fence & Wall	Gonal Construction cc	SD Buthelezi Construction
Best Building Material / Tool Supplier	Build It	Paint n Hardware	Dynamic Builders
Best Business Consulting Company	Xcelerate Financial Services	Jeremy Diedricks	1st Class Virtual Assistance
Best Catering Company	Save Hyper Pietermaritzburg	Inzuza Catering	Capitol Caterers
Best Cleaning Service	Jackson's	The Cleaning Crew	Cleanrite Hilton
Best Community Upliftment Organisation	The Child and Family Welfare Society of Pietermaritzburg	Funda Nenja	Life Changer
Best Courier Service	The Courier Guy	Courier Guy Howick	RAM

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
Best Electrician	Imraan Essack	Tagz Electrical	M.A.C Electrical
Best Engineering & Manufacturing Company	Shelving SA	Donnelly's Engineering	Amani Steel Pty Ltd
Best Estate Agency	RE/MAX MIDLANDS	Natal Property Consultants	Harcourts Hilton
Best Estate Agent	RE/MAX Midlands - Zamo Mkhonza	Kumeshan Naidoo	Remax - Samantha Moore
Best Financial Planning / Brokers	Hereford Group (Liberty) - Alvin Rungasamy	Harvard House	Newstone Financial Planning
Best Function Décor	Muirheads Hiring	KZN Function and Deco	Functions We Do
Best Funeral Service	Sibiya	Imbali Funeral Furnishers	Oakleigh Funeral Home
Best Garden Services	Cutting Edge Pietermaritzburg	Isidingo Tree Felling	MH Garden Service
Best Glass Fitment Centre	PG Glass	Raven Glass	Emergency Glass Replacement Raisethorpe
Best Home Maintenance Contractor	'@ Home Renovations	A-Z Repairs and Services	Weenies Home Improvement
Best Insurance Brokers	Brokersure	Niresh Gayadin Brokers	G Govender - Old Mutual
Best Interior Design/er	Tracey Kelly Design	Dustin Interiors	Upstyled by Thandeka
Best Internet Service Provider	Cartridge Smart	Callryt	Flix101
Best Kitchen Installation Company	Cut Right Kitchens	Built in Cupboard Centre	Magic Interiors
Best Locksmith	City Lock Smiths	Lock and Key Solutions	Speedy Locksmith
Best Marketing Agency	Ninety Five Agency	The Marketing Xperience	Idea Marketing Agency
Best Moving Company	Yash Transport	Vukani Afrika Transport	Mvemnyama Transport
Best Painting Company	Wilcote KZN Midlands	Dynamic Builders Supply	
Best Pest Control Company	Inspect A Pest	Pops Pest Control	Flick Pest Control PMB
Best Photographer	Nhlonipho Zondi (Ant-Eye)	Sunil Rakuban	Nathaniel Naidoo Photography
Best Plant / Tool Hire Company	Talisman	Amandla Rubble Removal	
Best Plumbing Company	PMB Plumbing and Gas	Hutton'S Plumbing	Pipes and Plumbers
Best Plumbing Supplies Company	On Tap	Plumblink Scottsville	
Best Printing and Design Company	Postnet - Athlone	Mioffice	LT Printers
Best Roofing Company	Wilcote KZN Midlands	GSM	Belloubora Construction
Best Security Company	Mi7 National Security	Njoms Security Serviices	AET
Best Security Equipment and Installers	Titan Technology	JEE Gate Automation	
Best Sewing Business	Sechaba Sewing Machines	Che Couture	Eve's Wear
Best Solar Company	DSE Electrical	Full Circuit Solar & Electrical	HPS Solar
Best Tile & Flooring Company	Tile It	Top Carpets & Floors Leicester Floors	
Best Travel Agency	Howick Travel	Save Travel Pmb	Royal Travel
Best Upholstery Company	Jake's Upholstery	Lenny's Auto Trimmers (claybourne Street)	Missy Dillon
Best Videographer/Videography Company	Wethu Photography	Shanta D Productions	Von Lea Advertising
Best Web & Graphic Design Company	R & A Digital Marketing Agency	Web Design Hosting	Orion Horizon
SHOPPING			
Best Baby Goods Store	Babies R Us Midlands Mall	Baby City Invesco Centre	
Best Bed Store	Beds R-Us	Linen and General	Faez Beds
Best Bicycle Store	Hattons Cycles	Greg Minaar Cycles Pietermaritzburg	Richies Cycles
Best Bookstore	Exclusive Books	Bargain Books	Bible Center Pietermaritzburg
Best Butchery	Bluff Meat Supply	Derby Butcher	Save Hyper
Best Cellphone Store	iStore	Vodafone Liberty Mall	Telkom
Best Clothing Store for Her	Asmall's	Foschini	Truworthis
Best Clothing Store for Him	Eddies Clothing	Ghela Outfitters	Californian Outfitters
Best Computer/Electronics Store	Incredible Connection	Cash Crusaders PMB	Computer World Parklane
Best Convenience Store	Save Hyper	Woolworths Cascades	Mills Spar
Best Fabric Store	Deluxe Fabrics	Fabric Gallery PMB	Fabric Flair
Best Factory Shop	Moosas	Foodpak	Velliicious Leather Shoes and Bags
Best Fashion Boutique	Blacksoil	Sdoo Clothing	
Best Florist	Rams Florist	Izimbali	Boxes and Balloons
Best Fresh Produce Store	Save Hyper Pietermaritzburg	Fresca	Pick n Pay The Avenues
Best Fuel Filling Station	Sasol Raisethorpe	BP Raisethorpe	Caltex Bird Sanctuary
Best Furniture Store	Bawas	Newhome Furnishers	Bradlows
Best Gas Supplier	Afrox	Gas & General	Just Gas
Best Gift and Specialty Store	Janoos Wholesalers	Touchwood Interiors	Exquisite Gifting and Branding
Best Hardware Store	Midlands Building Supply	Galmar	Built It Howick
Best Health Store	Dischem	Microbiotic Health (Cascades Branch)	Salt of the Earth
Best Home Appliance Store	Save Home Appliances	The Culinarium	
Best Home Decor Store	Mr Price Home	Pep Home	Asmall's Curtaining
Best Jewellery Store	SD Pather Jewellers	American Swiss	Grace Jewellers Hayfields
Best Liquor Store	Checkers Liquors	Liberty Liquors PMB	Blue Bottle
Best Nursery/Garden Centre	Blackwoods	Hopewells, Howick	Classic Plants
Best Online Shopping Site	Checkers Sixty60 and Takealot (Tie)	Deluxe Fabrics	
Best Paint Store	Natal Associated Agencies	Allison's Paint	
Best Photography Shop	Da Brian	Wethu Photography	
Best Security Store	Mi7 Security Hyperstore	Regal Security	Capital Fire and Safety Services
Best Shoe Store	Modway Shoes	Shoe Street Brookside Mall	Sole Base Hayfields
Best Shopping Centre / Mall	Liberty Midlands Mall	Cascades Lifestyle Centre	Athlone Circle Mall
Best Specialty Store	Dawoods Electrical	Zebbies Lighting	MYMB Trading
Best Spice Shop	Murchinsons Spice	Gorimas	Spice Box Howick
Best Sporting Goods Store	Poobie Naidoo's	Midlands Sports Shop	
Best Stationery, Arts & Crafts Store	Waltons PMB	Bidvest Waltons PMB	Lotus Stationers
Best Supermarket	Save Hyper	Checkers Brookside Mall	Supersave Supermarket
Best Water and Filtration	Waga Waters	Delta Superette Overport	