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READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2025
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For 123 years, Bekker Brink & Brink Inc has provided legal services to Ermelo and surrounding towns. The firm continues to offer a broad range of legal services. The directors are Mr Pierre Beukes, who joined in 1992 and became a director in 1997, and Mrs Lizelle Heine, who joined in 2006 and became a director in 2016. The firm specialises in conveyancing, property transfers, bond registrations, notarial work, commercial matters, litigation, debt collection and dispute resolution. It also handles family law, estate planning and administration. For professional legal assistance, contact 017 811 2003 or visit www.bekkerbrink.co.za.

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Best Nail Tech

Founded in 2015, Blaq Shique Beauty Studio offers professional, personalised beauty treatments, with a focus on quality, creativity and client care. Blaq Shique specialises in acrylic and gel nails, manicures, pedicures and custom nail art. Industry recognition, including nominations for the Best of Ermelo Readers' Choice Awards, reflects continued client support. Located at 20C De Clercq Street, the studio is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 08:00 to 17:00, with public holiday and mobile appointments available by arrangement. For more information, contact Milani Mnguni on 065 959 4272

WINNERS FEATURE

A Best of Ermelo event to remember

Wayne van der Walt

The inaugural Best of Ermelo Readers' Choice Awards held on July 9 was about celebrating local excellence, but it was also about creating an experience that reflected the quality of the people and businesses being recognised.

Highvelder extends its sincere appreciation to African Sky Hotels - Ermelo Inn for playing such a significant role in making the event a success. The venue, hospitality and overall experience received glowing feedback from guests, with the atmosphere, food and service all singled out for praise. VIP guests who stayed at African Sky were equally complimentary about their accommodation and the hospitality

they received.

From the first arrival to the final farewell, African Sky helped create an occasion that felt special and well considered, providing a fitting setting for Ermelo's first Readers' Choice Awards.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Merino Mall for its generous support of the inaugural awards. Its contribution played an important part in allowing Highvelder to deliver an event of the standard its winners, finalists and guests deserved.

The quality of the presentation, the attention to detail and the polished finish of the event were all part of creating something that felt worthy of celebrating Ermelo's best. Merino Mall's support helped make that possible and allowed the awards

to be presented with the care and professionalism that such an occasion demanded. More importantly, the support from both sponsors helped turn an awards programme into a genuine celebration of the Ermelo community - one that brought people together and left guests with an experience they were happy to talk about afterwards.

A special thank you also goes to PureJoy for sponsoring the water for the event, helping ensure guests were well catered for throughout the proceedings.

Highvelder extends its sincere appreciation to African Sky Hotels - Ermelo Inn, Merino Mall and PureJoy for their generous support and for helping make the inaugural Best of Ermelo Readers' Choice Awards a memorable success.



Guests gather at Highvelder's Best of Ermelo Readers' Choice Awards ceremony, where the celebrations and recognition of local favourites took centre stage.

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Since opening its doors in 2017, JJ Car Keys and Diagnostics has built a reputation for reliable, affordable service and quality workmanship. Owner Jovan Nel started the business after being retrenched, taking a leap of faith to serve the community while spending more time with his family. With more than 15 years' combined experience, all work is completed in-house, offering customers expert service and honest advice for car keys, diagnostics and related automotive needs. Open Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 17:00 and Saturdays from 08:00 to 12:00. Visit Shop 4, 10 Oosthuizen Street, Ermelo, or contact Jovan on 060 605 9840.

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provide effective, modern solutions. Reaching its 25-year milestone is a significant achievement, but for the ACSU team, success is also measured in everyday moments. Seeing a satisfied customer remains one of the company's greatest sources of pride. ACSU operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with after-hours, emergency and on-call services available. Remote, online and mobile services are offered from branches in Ermelo, Bethal, Piet Retief, Carolina, Breyten and Hendrina. Reliability and professional service are among the qualities customers value. Find ACSU on Facebook and Instagram or visit acsu.co.za for more information.

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Prism transforms young lives

Best Special Needs School

Every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. Since opening in Ermelo in 2020, Prism Special Care Centre has worked to make this possible for children with disabilities. What began with a handful of learners has grown into a non-profit organisation supporting 22 children. Prism's team helps each learner develop at their own pace, building confidence, independence and skills to reach their potential. "It is very rewarding to see learners achieve things they were not able to do before," Gerda Smuts said. To support the centre, donate or enquire about enrolment, contact Prism Special Care Centre on 084 427 9730.

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Patient-first pharmacy

Best Pharmacy

Pharmacy at SPAR Orient is focused on more than dispensing medication, offering professional advice, personal attention and accessible healthcare to the Ermelo community. The pharmacy has grown to provide a wider range of healthcare, wellness and convenience services. It is a registered GEMS provider, assisting members with chronic medication and repeat prescriptions, while services are also available to patients with other medical aids. Located at 108 Kerk Street, the pharmacy also assists customers via WhatsApp and other digital platforms.

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Since 1991, Bhika Optometrist at the corner of De Clerq and De Jager streets in Ermelo has focused on professional eye care and making a difference in patients' lives. Bhika offers a comprehensive range of optometric services, with an emphasis on both visual and ocular health. For Bhika Optometrist, eye care extends beyond simply providing spectacles. The practice focuses on patients' overall visual and ocular health, including the early identification of potential eye conditions and referring patients for appropriate care when necessary. One of the practice's proudest aspects is seeing the difference quality eye care can make in people's lives. Every patient interaction has reinforced why the profession was chosen, while the practice

remains focused on providing professional care that meets individual needs. Bhika Optometrist also provides customised optical solutions, spectacle repairs and adjustments, professional consultations and patient education. Prompt service, kindness and professionalism are among the qualities consistently praised by customers. The practice also supports local community initiatives and charities and offers loyalty programmes, specials and promotions. Bhika Optometrist is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:00 and Saturdays from 08:30 to 13:00. After-hours services are also available. For more information, customers can find Bhika Optometrist on social media or contact them on 017 819 1258.

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A reason to smile in Ermelo

Best Dental Care

For more than four decades, Dr CH Pullen has practised dentistry in Ermelo, with Dr Prinsloo joining the practice as an associate in 1991. Together, they have served patients in Ermelo and surrounding areas ever since. Friendly customer service remains a key part of the patient experience and is consistently praised by patients. Located at 10 Ennis Street in Ermelo, the practice is open Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 17:00. Drs CH Pullen & G Prinsloo Dentists can also be found on Facebook. For appointments, call 017 811 4671.

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Christian School marks 37 years

Best Private School

Ermelo Christian School has provided individualised, Christian education for nearly 40 years. Founded in January 1989, the school was established as an alternative to the standard education system. It moved to its current location in 1995. The school's approach centres on Christian values and lifestyle education, with learners progressing according to their individual abilities. The school operates from 07:25 to 14:00. More information is available at ermelochristianschool.org.za or on Facebook. Contact the school on 017 819 4060 or 073 850 2252.

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DRS. CHRIS PULLEN & GEORGE PRINSLOO
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