

Bouquets *for local businesses*

Here they are, your crème de la crème businesses on the South Coast, according to YOU – the readers of the South Coast Herald.

The Best of South Coast Readers' Choice Awards winners have been named for 2026 and there's much cause for fanfare and celebration. And celebrate we have!

The Herald handed over certificates to the worthy winners at an innovative pop-up red carpet gala meet and greet at the paper's Port Shepstone office last week. Held over two days, the winners-only handover was one of the novel new touches to the 15-year-old competition, which continues to gain momentum year on year.

The Herald management and staff congratulate all winners and runners-up on their success in this year's competition.

Walking the red carpet was but one of this year's innovations. Also for the first time, businesses could be nominated by the public, and where three or more businesses were nominated in a category, that category opened for contention. The success of this approach saw almost 50 more categories added, as voters sought to reward almost every conceivable type of business on the coast. And then, the votes came pouring in.

More than 350,000 votes were cast across both print and online platforms in the final voting phase.

This kept the official competition auditors Chantel Elliot & Co busy, as they ensured an even playing field on behalf of all competing businesses.

"It's a testament to the competition's credentials how eagerly businesses await the outcome each year," said Herald business manager Michelle Izatt. "It seems to get harder every year to ensure the results stay under wraps until our official announcement.

Our readers' overwhelming response shows that local is indeed lekker."

It's not only our local businesses that have had the opportunity to shine but 9 readers who voted were also left smiling, as they won the coveted cash and sponsored prizes up for grabs.

The Herald thanks our readers, prize sponsors, Chantel Elliott and her amazing team and the sublime Ntombi and her team at Feje Restaurant and Events for their impressive set-up at the pop-up red carpet photo booth we hosted over two days last week to present our winners with their certificates.

"My Herald staff have been incredible in presenting this enhanced competition; staging the event for the handover and producing this bumper 48 page feature supplement and the to announce our successful businesses – none of it could happen without their sterling efforts. The 2026 instalment of Best of South Coast has been a rip-roaring success. Now all that remains is for you to turn the pages to see who has clinched the awards!"

EDUCATION, LESSONS & COACHING

Creche / Playschool	
Creston College	1ST
Little Eden Playschool	2ND
Fantasia Nursery School	3RD
Tutor Educational Service	
Crystal Clear Private Tutoring Services	1ST
C S Learning Centre	2ND
Ethan Christian School	3RD
Pre-Primary School	
Port Shepstone Junior Primary	1ST
Hibiscus Pre-Primary	2ND
Suid-Natal Primere Skool	3RD
Primary School	
Hibiscus Primary School	1ST
Izotsha Primary	2ND
Merlewood Primary school	3RD
Driving School	
Sbo & Sanele Driving School	1ST
Pam's Driving Academy	2ND
Patricia's Driving School	3RD
Tertiary Education	
Esayidi TVET College	1ST
Boston City Campus	2ND
Computer College of SA	3RD
High School	
Port Shepstone High School	1ST
Marburg Secondary School	2ND
Hoërskool Suid-Natal	3RD

ENTERTAINMENT, HOSPITALITY & ESTATES

Event Venue	
Clear Water Trails	1ST
Lake Eland	2ND
Blue Marlin Hotel	3RD
Bed & Breakfast	
Lake Eland	1ST
Wild Coast Sun	2ND
San Lameer Hotel	3RD
Residential Estate	
San Lameer Estate	1ST
Hibiscus Retirement Villages	2ND
Bay Hill Estate	3RD
Golf Course	
San Lameer Country Club	1ST
Port Shepstone Country Club	2ND
Selborne Country Club	3RD
Holiday Accommodation (120km Radius)	
Lake Eland	1ST
Wild Coast Sun	2ND
San Lameer Hotel	3RD
Outdoor Activity	
Lake Eland	1ST
Mac Bananas	2ND
Dino Park SA	3RD
Weekend Escape (within 150km)	
Lake Eland	1ST
Wild Coast Sun	2ND
Leopard Rock	3RD
Self-Catering Establishment	
Lake Eland	1ST
Little Creek Cabins	2ND
Mystique 20 - Shelly Beach	3RD

FOOD & DRINK

Coffee Shop	
Coffeekie	1ST
Beaver Creek Coffee Estate	2ND
Xpresso Oribi Plaza	3RD
Family Friendly Restaurant	
The Bell Restaurant	1ST
C-Bali Restaurant	2ND
Lake Eland	3RD
Seafood Shop	
Sheppie Fisheries	1ST
Tightline Shelly Beach	2ND
Fifi's Fresh Fish	3RD
Seafood Restaurant LOCAL	
C-Bali Restaurant	1ST
Fish on the River	2ND
Larry's Family Restaurant	3RD
Seafood Restaurant FRANCHISE	
Ocean Basket South Coast Mall	1ST
John Dorys, Scottburgh	2ND
Fishaways Oribi Plaza	3RD
Burger LOCAL	
C-Bali Restaurant	1ST
Chowdown	2ND
The Shell Shack	3RD
Burger FRANCHISE	
Rocomamas Shelly Beach	1ST
McDonald's Shelly Beach	2ND
Georgio Spur Shelly Beach	3RD
Waffle	
The Waffle House	1ST
Milky Lane - South Coast Mall	2ND
My Happy Place	3RD
Breakfast	
Blue Ocean	1ST
Cafe Munro	2ND
Berry Crafty Café	3RD
Bunny Chow	
Green Chilli Fine Dining Restaurant	1ST
Goundenz Take Outs	2ND
Lake Eland	3RD
Pub & Grill	
The Village Bar & Grill	1ST
Oldies Roadhouse	2ND
Pub & Punter Shelly Beach	3RD
Take-Away	
Big Fresh	1ST
Shell Shack Manaba	2ND
Astron Garage Umtentweni	3RD
Biltong Shop	
Food Lover's Market	1ST
Klein Bosveld Butchery	2ND
Henry's Meat Market	3RD
Pizza Restaurant	
Panarottis Shelly Centre	1ST
Jaxx Restaurant	2ND
Enzo Pizzeria Trattoria	3RD
Pizza Take-Away	
Jaxx Restaurant	1ST
Panarottis Shelly Centre	2ND
Big Fresh	3RD
Indian Cuisine Restaurant	
Green Chilli Fine Dining Restaurant	1ST
Resh's @ The River	2ND
Paparika	3RD
Indian Cuisine Take-Away	
Green Chilli Fine Dining Restaurant	1ST
Indian Delights Sea Park	2ND
Resh's @ The River	3RD

HEALTH BEAUTY & WELLNESS

Gym	
Body Harmony Gym	1ST
Body Zone Gym	2ND
Superbodies Port Shepstone	3RD

Make-up Artist	
Nargis Mua Make Up Artist	1ST
Leandri Hattingh - Hair & Makeup Artist	2ND
Haus Of Glam By Seran	3RD
Massage	
A Touch of Thai	1ST
Lake Eland Spa	2ND
Honeywood forest lodge and spa	3RD
Nail Salon	
Nails by Abenathi	1ST
Nails & Beauty by Shanez	2ND
Touch of Thai	3RD
Hair Salon	
Haus of Glam by Seran	1ST
Glo Hair Nails Beauty	2ND
Hair by Babz	3RD
Beauty & Health Spa	
A Touch of Thai	1ST
Lake Eland Spa	2ND
Nude Hair & Beauty Studio	3RD
Aesthetics / Laser Clinic	
A Touch of Thai	1ST
Calm Escape Aesthetics	2ND
Dr A Wethehill Medical & Aesthetics	3RD

MEDICAL

Ambulance/Emergency Service	
Med-Evac Ambulance Service	1ST
Netcare 911	2ND
Lazer 911 Emergency Medical Service	3RD
Dentist	
DR MT Khan	1ST
Hibicus Dental - Dr. M Aadil Khan	2ND
Dr N Gloria Gigaba	3RD
Optometrist	
Spec-Savers Shelly Beach	1ST
Spec-Saver Port Shepstone	2ND
Shelly Optometrist	3RD
Hospital	
Shelly Beach Hospital	1ST
Hibiscus Hospital Port Shepstone	2ND
Murchison District Hospital	3RD
Pharmacy	
LOCAL	
Fairways Pharmacy	1ST
Oribi Pharmacy	2ND
MD24 Pharmacy	3RD
FRANCHISE	
Dischem South Coast Mall	1ST
Clicks South Coast Mall	2ND
Clicks Shelly Centre	3RD
General Practitione	
Dr K Maharaj	1ST
Dr A K Pillay MD24	2ND
Dr B Sililo	3RD
Audiologist	
Ear Institute - Shelly Beach	1ST
Kirshni Perumal Audiology	2ND
Cindy Botes Audiology	3RD

MOTORING

New Car Dealership	
Halfway Toyota Shelly Beach	1ST
Halfway Omoda	2ND
Halfway Ford Port Shepstone	3RD
Car Service Centre	
Halfway Toyota Shelly Beach	1ST
Hibiscus Delta Motors	2ND
Neerang Automotive Repair Centre	3RD
Panelbeaters	
Status Panelbeaters	1ST
Margate Panelbeaters	2ND
NR Panelbeaters	3RD
Automotive Parts & Accessories	
Midas Marburg	1ST
Halfway Toyota Shelly Beach	2ND
Goldwagen Port Shepstone	3RD
Car Wash	
Neerang Automotive Repair Centre	1ST
039 Auto Spa	2ND
Clean 'N Shine Car Wash	3RD
Towing Company	
Call-Tow Towing and Recovery	1ST
B's Towlines	2ND
Natal Recovery	3RD
Tyre Fitment Centr	
Hi-Land Tyres	1ST
Point S Port Shepstone	2ND
Tiger Wheel & Tyre	3RD
Pre-Owned Dealership	
Halfway Toyota Shelly Beach	1ST
Halfway Ford Port Shepstone	2ND
Halwood Motors	3RD
Truck Service Centre	
MAN Truck & Bus Port Shepstone	1ST
Natal Recovery Port Shepstone	2ND
Hino Motors	3RD

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Consumer Goods Manufacturer	
Michael Frey's Fresh Meat	1ST
Marburg Sweets	2ND
Goldenglo	3RD
Manufacturing & Engineering Company	
Coastal Bedding	1ST
Board Express Marburg	2ND
Alan & Son Engineering	3RD

PETS

Pet Shop	
Mega Pets	1ST
Pets Galore	2ND
Checkers South Coast Mall	3RD

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Accounting Firm	
Ravi Lautan And Associates	1ST
Coastal Accounting	2ND
Inkosi Incorporated	3RD
Air-Conditioning Company	
Comfort Cool	1ST
Express Refrigeration	2ND
Mister Cool Air-conditioning	3RD
Attorney/Law Firm	
Barry Botha & Breytenbach Attorneys	1ST
Tomlinson Attorneys	2ND
Van Zyl Retief Incorporated	3RD
Blinds / Curtain Company	
Danie's Blinds	1ST
Favorite Bazaar	2ND
Curtain Master	3RD
Branding & Signage Company	
Lightning Printers and Screens & Signs	1ST
Ultimate Branding Solutions	2ND
Car Plates & Signs	3RD
Building & Construction Company	
Top Dog Construction	1ST
Avanti Coastal Projects	2ND
Bechoos Building & Construction	3RD
Catering, Function Décor Company	
Dr Decor	1ST
It's Party Time	2ND
Kzn Tents & Function Hire	3RD
Cleaning Service	
Qual Chem	1ST
Elq Cleaning Solutions	2ND
Pest Man Pty Ltd	3RD
Funeral Service	
Bechoo's Funeral Services	1ST
Above All Funeral Services	2ND
Bablo Funeral Support	3RD
Electrician	
Justin's Electrical	1ST
Bendigo Electrical	2ND
Hibiscus Coast Electrical	3RD
Insurance Company / Brokers	
Hibiscus Insurance Brokers	1ST
Curnow KZN	2ND
Hollard Insurance Company	3RD
Kitchen Installation Company	
MacSharp Timbers	1ST
Rockaberry	2ND
Kitchen Express	3RD
Photographer	
Jays Studio	1ST
Elite Photography	2ND
Vee Ramsayi Photography	3RD
Plant / Tool Hire Company	
Coastal Hire	1ST
Izotsha Plant Hire	2ND
TLB Plant Hire	3RD
Plumbing Company	
Bazely Wholesale Hardware	1ST
DLS Plumbing	2ND
KZN Plumbing	3RD
Tile & Flooring Company	
CTM Port Shepstone	1ST
Il Lusso Ceramics	2ND
Amos Hardware & Lifestyle Centre - PS	3RD
Pool Company	
Pool Proud	1ST
Pool Wize	2ND
Pool Prof	3RD
Security Company	
Lazer 911 Security	1ST
Wolf Security	2ND
Gladiator Security Services	3RD
Retirement / Frail Care Home	
Mbango Valley Association	1ST
Hibiscus Retirement Village	2ND
The Vales	3RD
Estate Agency	
Pam Golding Shelly Beach	1ST
Pam Golding Port Shepstone	2ND
Just Property Living - Uvongo	3RD
Courier Service	
The Courier Guy - Margate	1ST
PostNet Port Shepstone	2ND
PostNet Shelly Beach	3RD

Web & Graphic Design Company	
Ultimate Branding Solutions	1ST
Gabi Hill	2ND
4 Way Business Solutions	3RD
BANK	
Capitec Shelly Beach	1ST
FNB Port Shepstone	2ND
FNB Shelly Beach	3RD
Security Installers	
Lazer 911 Security	1ST
Wolf Security	2ND
Mi7 National Group	3RD
Pest Control Company	
Pest Kill	1ST
Pest Control Margate	2ND
Superkil Pest Control	3RD
Glass / Aluminium Fitment Company	
KG Glass	1ST
Majuba Glass and Aluminium	2ND
PG Glass Shelly Beach	3RD

SHOPPING

Butchery	
Michael Frey's Fresh Meat	1ST
Ok Foods Fairways	2ND
Al-Barr Halaal Meatmarket	3RD
Bed Store	
Luckys Discount Centre	1ST
Multi Furniture and Appliances	2ND
Just Beds	3RD
Cellphone Store	
MTN Oslo Beach	1ST
MTN Shelly Beach	2ND
Vodacom South Coast Mall	3RD
Clothing Store LOCAL	
Grab Factory Shop Port Shepstone	1ST
Grab Factory Shop Marburg	2ND
Holiday Makers	3RD
Clothing Store FRANCHISE	
Clothing Junction	1ST
Ackermans South Coast Mall	2ND
Edgars Shelly Centre	3RD
Computer Electronics Store	
Incredible Connection South Coast Mall	1ST
Key Computers	2ND
Iqbal Electronics	3RD
Fresh Produce Store LOCAL	
Big Fresh Marburg	1ST
OK Foods Fairways	2ND
Mac Banana Farm Stall	3RD
Fresh Produce Store FRANCHISE	
Food Lover's Market South Coast Mall	1ST
Fresh Food Market Scottburgh	2ND
Woolworths Shelly Beach	3RD
Electrical & Lighting Store	
Amos Hardware Margate	1ST
MB Electrical	2ND
Great Value Shopping Centre	3RD
Fuel Filling Station	
BP Fairways	1ST
Shell Garage Manaba	2ND
Shell Oribi	3RD

Florist	
Pam's Florist	1ST
Port Shepstone Flower Wholesalers	2ND
Big Fresh	3RD
Hardware Store	
Amos Hardware Margate	1ST
Bazley Wholesale Hardware - Marburg	2ND
Build it South Coast	3RD
Home Appliance Store	
Game Store	1ST
House & Home South Coast Mall	2ND
Lucky's Discount Center	3RD
Home Décor Store LOCAL	
Il Lusso Ceramics	1ST
Luckys Discount Centre	2ND
Multi Furniture & Appliances Port Shepstone	3RD
Home Décor Store FRANCHISE	
Mr Price Home South Coast Mall	1ST
Pep Home Oribi Plaza	2ND
Pep Home Shelly Centre	3RD
Furniture Store LOCAL	
Luckys Discount Centre	1ST
Multi Furniture and Appliances Margate	2ND
Multi Furniture and Appliances Port Shepstone	3RD
Furniture Store FRANCHISE	
House & Home South Coast Mall	1ST
OK Furniture Margate	2ND
Lewis Stores	3RD
Jewellery Store	
Haskins Jewellers	1ST
Lovisa	2ND
American Swiss Shelly Beach	3RD
Liquor Store LOCAL	
Blue Bottle Liquors Seapark	1ST
Blue Bottle Liquors SouthPort	2ND
Blue Bottle Liquors Munster	3RD
Liquor Store FRANCHISE	
TOPS at Spar Harbourview	1ST
Checkers Hibiscus Mall	2ND
TOPS at SPAR Shelly Beach	3RD
Nursery/Garden Centre	
Amos Hardware Margate	1ST
Builders Express South Coast Mall	2ND
Froggy Pond Nursery	3RD
Pawn Store / Gold Exchange	
Cash Crusaders Port Shepstone	1ST
Cash Crusaders Scottburgh	2ND
Cash Crusaders Shelly Beach	3RD
Second Hand Goods Shop	
Cash Crusaders Shelly Beach	1ST
Cash Crusaders Port Shepstone	2ND
Hidden Treasure Charity Store	3RD
Shoe Store	
Brandzz	1ST
His Place Mens Boutique	2ND
Holiday Makers	3RD
Shopping Centre/Mall	
Shelly Centre	1ST
South Coast Mall	2ND

Port Shepstone Mall	3RD
Supermarket LOCAL	
Big Fresh	1ST
OK Foods Fairways	2ND
Bargain Express Manaba	3RD
Supermarket FRANCHISE	
Checkers South Coast Mall	1ST
Manaba Kwikspar	2ND
Shelly Beach Spar	3RD
Vape Outlets	
Smokers Dream	1ST
Vape King	2ND
Sir Vape South Coast	3RD
Water & Filtration	
Oasis Water	1ST
Port Shepstone Irrigation Supplies	2ND
Future Water	3RD
Stationery Store, Arts & Crafts	
Ramsgate Stationers	1ST
Scrap-a-Story	2ND
Waltons Port Shepstone	3RD
Clothing Store for Him LOCAL	
Cassim's the Manshop	1ST
His Place South Coast Mall	2ND
Brandzz Port Shepstone	3RD
Clothing Store for Him FRANCHISE	
Woolworths - Shelly Centre	1ST
HUB Shelly Centre	2ND
Jet Margate	3RD
Clothing Store for Her LOCAL	
Holiday Makers	1ST
Grab Factory Shop Shelly Beach	2ND
Not Sheep Boutique	3RD
Clothing Store for Her FRANCHISE	
Mr Price Shelly Beach	1ST
Miladys South Coast Mall	2ND
Woolworths - Shelly Centre	3RD
John Sheekey Packaging	1ST
Docs Plastic & General (Pty) Ltd	2ND
PSP Packaging Marburg	3RD
Paint Shop	
Amos Hardware Margate	1ST
Bazley Wholesale Hardware Port Shepstone	2ND
Build it South Coast	3RD



Best of South Coast
READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2026

Halfway™ SHELLY BEACH

A WINNING THANK YOU FROM HALFWAY TOYOTA!

TOYOTA LEAD THE WAY

We are deeply honoured to be voted your favourites in the Best of South Coast awards! Because of your incredible support, we took home honours in four key categories:

Winner: New Car Dealer
Winner: Pre-Owned Car Dealer
Winner: Service Centre
Runner-Up: Auto Parts Category
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Awards keep coming for popular dealership

Best New Car Dealership -1st
Best Pre-Owned - 1st
Best Car Service Centre - 1st
Best Automotive Parts and Accessories - 2nd

Halfway Toyota Shelly Beach has done it again, winning the Best New Car Dealership for the eighth time.

This year, the dealership also won Best Pre-Owned, Best Car Service Centre, and finished runner-up in the Best Automotive Parts and Accessories categories.

As always, Dealer Principal (DP) Stephen Jones is quick to give credit to his entire team for their excellent work and commitment to the company.

Stephen is a third-generation DP, following in the footsteps of his father Brian and late grandfather Arthur.

The dealership has a long and proud history on the South Coast, dating back nearly 50 years, from its early days in Port Shepstone to its growth over time, which now sees it based in Shelly Beach.

Its ethos has always been contributing to society in ways beyond vehicles, servicing and parts. Stephen has maintained the family culture of giving back to the region through community events, charities and schools and aims to continue doing so.

He thanked all Toyota's customers and staff for ensuring the company's continued success.



Halfway Toyota Shelly Beach staff celebrate their numerous awards.

Celebrating five Best of South Coast wins

Best Bed & Breakfast - 1st
Best Holiday Accommodation (120km radius) - 1st
Best Outdoor Activity - 1st
Best Weekend Escape (within 150km) - 1st
Best Self-catering Establishment - 1st
Best Beauty and Health Spa - 2nd/
Best Event Venue - 2nd/Best Massage - 2nd
Best Bunny Chow - 3rd
Best Family Friendly Restaurant - 3rd

Lake Eland Game Reserve is proud to celebrate an outstanding achievement in the 2026 Best of the South Coast Readers' Choice Awards, taking first place in five categories, with three second places and two third places.

Situated in the magnificent Oribi Gorge, Lake Eland Game Reserve has become one of the KZN South Coast's favourite destinations for adventure, accommodation, family outings, functions and relaxing escapes into nature.

This year, Lake Eland was voted Best Bed & Breakfast, Best Holiday Accommodation (within a 120km radius), Best Outdoor Activity, Best Weekend Escape (within 150km), and Best Self-Catering Establishment.

The reserve also achieved second place for Best Massage, Best Event Venue and Best Health & Beauty Spa, as well as third place for Best Bunny Chow and Best Family-Friendly Restaurant.

For the Lake Eland team, these awards are particularly meaningful because they are based on the votes and support of the public.

Set across approximately 2 500 hectares, Lake Eland offers visitors the opportunity to experience wildlife, spectacular landscapes and adventure in one destination.

Guests can enjoy self-drive game viewing, walking and mountain-bike trails, horse riding, fishing, 4x4 routes and the reserve's famous suspension bridge overlooking the breathtaking Oribi Gorge.

For those looking for an adrenaline rush, Lake Eland is also home to its spectacular 4.5km Zip Line Tour, featuring 14 slides and unforgettable views across the gorge.



There are several stunning and scenic accommodation options to choose from.

But Lake Eland is about more than attractions and scenery. It is about the people who arrive every morning ready to welcome guests, prepare meals, maintain accommodation, guide activities and ensure visitors leave with special memories.

"We are extremely proud of these awards, but they belong to our entire Lake Eland family. Our staff work incredibly hard, often behind the scenes, to create the experience our guests enjoy. We thank every member of our team for their dedication."

Lake Eland extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who voted.

Your continued support, visits, recommendations and encouragement make achievements like these possible.

From all of us at Lake Eland Game Reserve – thank you for choosing us, supporting local tourism and allowing us to continue sharing this very special part of the South Coast with you.



This adventure destination is picture perfect.



The family-friendly restaurant is always a favourite.

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GAME RESERVE

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Best of South Coast
READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2026

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FIRST PLACE

- Best Bed & Breakfast
- Best Holiday Accommodation (within 120 km)
- Best Outdoor Activity
- Best Weekend Escape (within 150 km)
- Best Self-Catering Establishment

AND WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE ALSO RECEIVED

SECOND PLACE

- Best Massage
- Best Event Venue
- Best Health & Beauty Spa

THIRD PLACE

- Best Bunny Chow
- Best Family-Friendly Restaurant



From all of us at Lake Eland Game Reserve – THANK YOU!

These awards belong to our incredible staff, our loyal guests and the South Coast community who continue to support us. From unforgettable weekends and family getaways to adventure, accommodation, weddings, great food and relaxation – Lake Eland is proudly South Coast.

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Building communities, one store at a time

Best Electrical and Lighting Store: Amos Hardware Margate - 1st
Best Hardware Store: Amos Hardware Margate - 1stBest Nursery Garden Centre: Amos Hardware Margate - 1st
Best Paint Shop: Amos Hardware Margate - 1st
Best Home Décor Store: Illusso Ceramics - 1st
Best Tile and Flooring Company: Illusso Ceramics - 2nd
Best Tile and Flooring Company: Amos Lifestyle Centre Port Shepstone - 3rd



The team at Amos Hardware Margate is ready to welcome customers.

As Amos Hardware celebrates a decade of success in 2026, it looks back with immense pride on a journey built on growth, service, determination and community.

Amos Hardware first opened its doors in 2016, starting a journey that has seen the business grow from humble beginnings into a trusted name across the South Coast. In 2021, it opened a second store in Port Shepstone, marking an important chapter in its expansion and commitment to bringing quality products and service closer to more communities.

Today, Amos Hardware proudly serves customers across four locations on the South Coast, with every store built around the same values: quality, service, community and putting customers first.

Over the years, it has been privileged to build strong and lasting relationships with customers, suppliers and local communities. Their support, loyalty and continued belief in Amos Hardware have been the driving force behind its success and expansion.

One of the proudest achievements has been the success of the Amos Hardware Margate store, which celebrated its first anniversary in October 2026. Thanks to the overwhelming support and votes from the community, Amos Hardware Margate has achieved outstanding recognition in the Best of the South Coast Readers' Choice Awards.

It is incredibly proud to have been named Best Hardware Store. The Port Shepstone branch has held this title for two years in a row, and this year Margate celebrates this win as well as recognition for: Best Nursery & Garden Centre, Best Paint Shop and Best Lighting & Electrical Store.

These awards are more than just accolades. They reflect commitment to providing quality products, exceptional service and a shopping experience customers can trust. Most importantly, they are a testament to the incredible communities that continue to support the various stores.

A heartfelt thanks to the Amos Hardware Margate team for their dedication, hard work and commitment to upholding the brand and delivering excellence every day.

The newest store in Izingolweni has already made a significant impact, allowing it to reach more customers, improve accessibility and strengthen its presence across the region.

As Amos Hardware celebrates a decade, the vision remains stronger than ever. From small beginnings in 2016 to four locations today, this journey has been built on the support of customers, the dedication of its people, partnership with suppliers, and the communities it proudly serves.

As it looks ahead to the next decade, its commitment remains simple: to bring customers quality products, great value and exceptional service - every day. Here's to the next chapter, and to building it together.

Amos Hardware - We Deliver From Our Store to Your Door.









AMOS HARDWARE

MARGATE

Voted Best

HARDWARE STORE

1 BEST ELECTRICAL & LIGHTING

1 BEST NURSERY & GARDEN

1 BEST PAINT SHOP

Best of South Coast

IL LUSSO CERAMICS

1 BEST HOME & DECOR

2 BEST TILE & FLOORING

Thank you South Coast

Quality at affordable prices

Best Bed Store - 1st
Best Local Furniture Store - 1st
Best Local Home Décor Store -1st
Best Home Appliance Store - 1st

Lucky's Discount Centre is a worthy winner in the Best of the South Coast Readers' Choice Awards, a fitting recognition for a business that has been part of the South Coast community for more than a generation. Originally established as an independent family business in 1986, Lucky's has grown from humble beginnings into a much-loved destination department-style retail store which specialises in quality home and lifestyle goods.

Lucky's has always been about offering quality at affordable prices. They continue this tradition, with the Manaba Beach store carrying an impressive variety under one roof. From furniture, appliances and electronics to outdoor living, braai, fishing and leisure essentials, Lucky's has it all. Its unique appeal lies in combining the range of a large department store with the personal, friendly service provided by helpful staff.



A thumbs up from Seelan Pillay, Norman Chiliza and Leon Govender from Lucky's Discount Centre.



READER VOUCHER WINNER

Anele Gwazi receives a voucher on behalf of her sister, Cynthia Mkhungo, who won tube rides for four people and a private cruise with a bottle of bubbly to the value of R2200, sponsored by Riverside Aqua Sport & Beach Bar, Wild Coast.



Shelly Centre in Shelly Beach.

Stay a while at shoppers' paradise

Best Shopping Centre/Mall - 1st

Shelly Centre, conveniently located in Shelly Beach, is a shoppers' paradise where you can 'stay a while'. Whether it's a small or large shopping trip, or a leisurely browse, Shelly Centre offers a treasure trove of options and delights. Forget the humdrum of daily life, instead immerse yourself in retail therapy (you've earned it!) in a relaxing and friendly environment.

The centre has been providing shopping convenience to both locals and visitors for over four decades. And, with 93 stores from fashion, food, pharmacy and more - including the largest Woolworths on the South Coast - there's no reason to shop elsewhere.

New store additions include Dis-Chem, Crazy Store and Tom Toc, with Jet opening its doors in October.

Furthermore, for added ease, there have been store relocations and some tenants have expanded to offer even more variety.

"We have something for everyone, and with the variety on offer under one roof, shoppers are truly spoilt for choice," said the centre's marketing manager, Tarusha Gounder.

There's even more reason to shop at Shelly Centre, as shoppers can win with the centre's monthly marketing campaigns. It's not time to change your shopping habits, just where you shop.



Manager of Shelly Centre, Marie Sukkels.



Marketing and Promotions Manager, Tarusha Gounder.



Two fans of Santa at a Christmas display.

A Cupcakes of Hope event.



2026 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

best of SOUTH COAST

Best SHOPPING CENTRE

(IN THE SHOPPING CENTRE CATEGORY)

A prestigious achievement made possible by the support of our community.

Shelly Centre is proud and honoured to have been voted Best Shopping Centre – Readers' Choice, an achievement that reflects the continued support, trust and loyalty of the South Coast community.

For more than 40 years, Shelly Centre has been an integral part of the South Coast, serving generations of shoppers and families.

From everyday shopping and dining to community initiatives, events and memorable experiences, the centre has continued to grow alongside the community it proudly serves. As Shelly Centre continues to grow and evolve, we remain committed to enhancing our retail offering and creating an even more exciting shopping experience for our visitors.

We are delighted to welcome Dis-Chem, Rage, Crazy Store, Gold Bar and TomToc to our retail community. In addition, Jet is coming soon, further expanding the variety and convenience available to our shoppers. These exciting additions reflect our ongoing commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the South Coast community.

This recognition is a significant milestone for Shelly Centre, and we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this achievement.

To our valued shoppers and the wider community, thank you for your votes, continued support and loyalty.

To our tenants and retailers, we appreciate your ongoing partnership and commitment to creating a vibrant shopping experience.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, service providers and contractors, whose hard work, professionalism and continued contributions play an essential role in the daily operations and success of the centre.

This award is a reflection of the collective efforts of everyone who forms part of the Shelly Centre community.

As we celebrate this achievement, we remain committed to providing a welcoming and enjoyable shopping environment, supporting our local community and creating meaningful experiences for all who visit.

FOREVER YOUNG PENSIONERS CLUB



ANNUAL CUP CAKES OF HOPE EVENT



MARIMBA BAND AT CENTER COURT



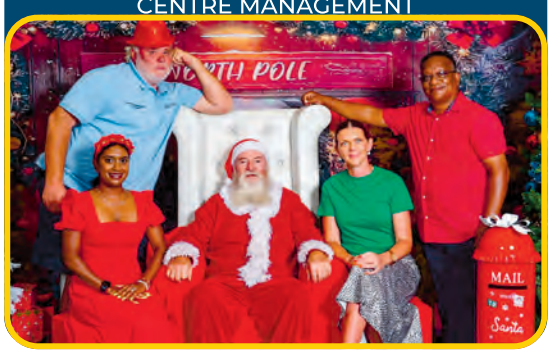
STAFF OF CRAZY STORE



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CHRISTMAS AT SHELLY CENTRE CENTRE MANAGEMENT



CHRISTMAS CAKE DISTRIBUTION TO TENANTS



Thank you to the South Coast community for making **Shelly Centre your Readers' Choice.**

We are truly honoured by this recognition and look forward to continuing to serve you for many years to come.

Stay a While

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Best of South Coast
READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2026

Winners in 3 categories

BEST BUNNY CHOW,
BEST INDIAN CUISINE –TAKE AWAY,
BEST INDIAN CUISINE –RESTAURANT

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WEDNESDAY R130
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THURSDAY R115
⅓ Mutton Bunny

FRIDAY R120
Chicken Breyani with a can of cooldrink

SATURDAY R270
Full tikka Chicken with chips, salad, sauce, two naans and a 2L cooldrink

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No compromise in your time of grief

Best Funeral Services - 1st

Bechoo's Funeral Services is renowned as a pioneer in the funeral industry due to its long-term existence and brilliant service. And yes, we will be in existence for a very, very long time, as we have backup plans for our continuance.

Bechoo started the one-stop service many years ago when there were just five other service providers. Some have retired, expired and/or could not provide as we have. Bechoo's service is original and was the first to provide a stress-free service, allowing families to grieve while arrangements are done by us.

There is no compromise in our service as we deliver whatever is promised or requested with compassion, dignity, respect, honesty and integrity.

We offer caring support with understanding in your time of need; honour your loved ones with respect and grace; value your cultural, religious and personal wishes; and funeral packages are tailored to meet all your requirements.

Bechoo's provides honest, reliable and transparent services at all times.

Expect great professionalism with experienced and structured funeral arrangements. There are mandatory charges for cremation or grave fees, hall hire, flowers, prayer goods, and décor. Coffins and caskets vary in price depending on quality. The cost of groceries is about the same, but we are cheaper, as the preparation of meals and delivery is done personally.

Bechoo's service fees are always negotiable, and remember - Bechoo himself will provide a quotation; we do not have agents or representatives.

We are always compassionate about our service to you. Bechoo's has just invested in the most modern and ultimately designed hearse to offer you the best service. We also ensure appropriate funeral procession songs/mantras are played from our hearses, and not emergency-type sirens.

Our funeral policy premiums are most competitive for the service we offer. As a giveaway for your confidence in our service, we have an unbelievable special offer on our policies for new clients. We also have family and extended family packages tailored to suit your budget. Visit our offices for more about this offer, or we can visit you by appointment.

Engage with us for a unique, quality and memorable service. We stand by our motto "Your Grief is Our Concern".

Thanks to the Almighty God and voters for entrusting us as the Best Funeral Service provider.



Bechoo's Funeral Services team (from left) Karl Anderson, Nkosinathi Dumisa, Thandi Dumisa, Ashee Chetty, Tyren Bechoo, Ashok Bechoo and Leila Bechoo.









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THE ULTIMATE DESIGN FOR HEARSES
TO GIVE YOU THE BEST SERVICE



Best of South Coast
READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2026
CHAMPION
2-YEAR WINNERS
BACK-TO-BACK

THANK YOU

We are deeply honoured and humbled to announce that BECHOO'S FUNERAL SERVICES has been voted the **BEST FUNERAL SERVICE** provider in the community for 2026.

To everyone who took their time to cast their vote, we extend our most sincere gratitude. This recognition means the world to our team, but most importantly, it reinforces our commitment to you.

Serving a family during their deepest moments of grief is a sacred trust, one we do not take for granted. This award also belongs to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes, and to you, our community, for allowing us to walk alongside you when it matters most.

Thank you for your continued trust, confidence and support.

We pledge to continue serving you with the highest level of dignity, compassion, honesty and integrity.



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Dr Gloria Gigaba (seated) with (from left) Thembisile Zulu, Nompilo Hadebe, Zukiwe Gwengu and Ntombikayise Gigaba.

Dentist provides quality care

Best Dentist - 3rd

General dentist Dr Gloria Gigaba opened her first surgery in 2017 after working in the public sector for more than 12 years.

The practice provides extractions, cleaning, tooth fillings, root canal treatment, dentures, crowns and bridges.

A second surgery was opened in 2025. This is a basic surgery with no state-of-the-art equipment to reduce costs for those who are unable to pay standard fees.

Importantly, Dr Gigaba and the team don't compromise on hygiene and infection control in the surgery. As attested to by client reviews, everyone who seeks Dr Gigaba's dental service is treated with warmth, patience and kindness.

The team works well with clinicians Dr Raisa Mohammed and Andisa Madikizela.

Luxury at factory prices

Best Local Clothing Store: Grab Factory Shop Port Shepstone - 1st
Grab Factory Shop Marburg - 2nd
Best Local Clothing Store for her
Grab Factory Shop Shelly Beach - 2nd

Grab Factory Shop thanks every customer who shops and tells a friend about the store.

When Grab started, the mission was simple: Quality linen, fashion, and homeware shouldn't be unaffordable. Everyone should be able to live well, sleep well and play well with luxury at factory prices.

This award belongs to the dedicated team and loyal customers.

The newly revamped Shelly Beach and Marburg branches are now open.

A new interactive website is launching soon - order on WhatsApp for delivery.

Daily updates are provided on WhatsApp groups, Facebook and Instagram.

Grab promises to continue giving customers the best quality at the best prices.



Shop for quality items at Grab Factory Shop.



Best Car Wash - 1st/ Best Car Service Centre - 3rd

Neerang Automotive Repair Centre is your go-to automotive repair centre for professional, honest, and reliable service. Trust them to keep your car safe and road-ready. Chat with the owner, Neeran Govender, about your vehicle.







Enjoy your holiday or weekend break in a self-catering unit.

Enjoy nature at its finest

Best Self-Catering - 2nd

Surrounded by subtropical gardens, Little Creek Gardens in Palm Beach is a family-run self-catering accommodation facility, about 800m from the beach (8 minute walk).

It's a home away from home, where you can enjoy nature at its finest, but it is close to local amenities, and you can pop to Margate or Port Edward in 10 minutes.

With the constant hustle and bustle of life, Little Creek Cabins offers that escape everyone needs now and again - whether it's a romantic weekend break, quality time with family and friends, or a short fishing trip.

As the self-catering units are separate buildings, guests have privacy while enjoying the communal gardens. A big attraction is the little stream that runs through the property, bringing nature to your doorstep.

The property is a preferred pitstop for vervet monkeys, which visit in the mornings and afternoons, as well as duikers, which occasionally wander through the property.

Each self-catering unit is fully equipped to enjoy your holiday or weekend break. Streaming services are available via superb free Wi-Fi.

While each unit has its own braai facilities, a communal braai area is available for extended families or visitors.

A communal splash pool can be used all year round.

As a family-run establishment, the aim is to ensure guests have a memorable time. Furthermore, rates remain the same year-round, encouraging guests to book multiple times. Little Creek Cabins also scores 9/10 in guest reviews on Booking.com, all thanks to the wonderful guests.

Your curtain and blind specialists

Best Blinds and Curtains - 3rd

Curtain Master is celebrating third place in the Best of South Coast awards, with heartfelt thanks to the community for its support.

Situated in Marburg next to BP Garage, Curtain Master specialises in custom-made curtains and blinds for homes and businesses across the KZN South Coast.

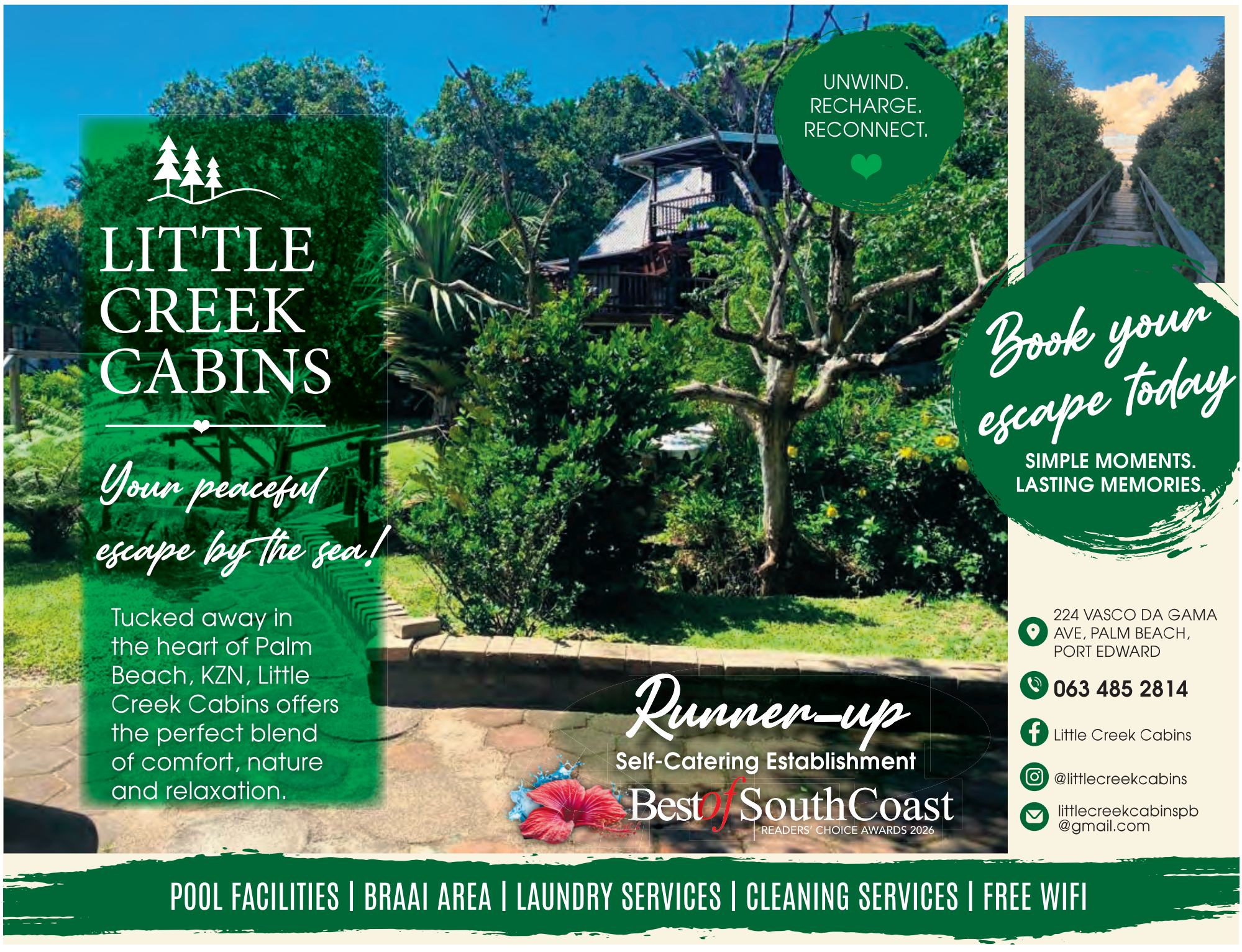
Explore fabrics, colours and styles to suit your space, alongside shutters, wallpaper, headboards, upholstery and flooring. Motorised curtains and blinds add everyday convenience and effortless control of light and privacy.

From expert advice and measuring to professional installation and repairs, the team helps bring your ideas to life. Visit the showroom, browse https://www.curtainmaster.co.za/ or arrange a visit to your property. Free quotations, advice and measurements are available.



Sifiso Xolo of Curtain Master is ready to assist.





Let them bring your brand to life

Best Branding and Signage Company - 1st

Lightning Printers & Screens and Signs has secured the award for the Best Branding and Signage Company for the second consecutive year, cementing its reputation on the KZN lower South Coast.

This back-to-back achievement highlights the team's commitment to exceptional quality and innovative design. Management extends its heartfelt gratitude to their loyal clients for voting them to the top once again. Most importantly, a massive thank you goes to the dedicated staff whose hard work and commitment made this possible.



Lightning Printers & Screens and Signs' professional team.

Pop in for all your paper printing needs, all forms of signage, big and small, screen printing and DTF textile branding, vehicle signage and wrapping, canvas and poster printing, and more. The team will find the right solution to bring your brand to life.



Best Car Service Centre - 2nd

Hibiscus Delta Motors is a trusted commercial automotive and fleet maintenance business based in Marburg, Port Shepstone. Chat with Ashwin Ramdulhari and Donavan Murray about after-sales vehicle service, genuine parts sales, and fleet upkeep.



Best Self-Catering Establishment - 3rd

Experience coastal living at its finest at Mystique No. 20. Tucked away in central Shelly Beach, this beautifully appointed property combines a peaceful beachside escape with city-style convenience. Walk straight onto the sand via secure complex access, or explore the exceptional restaurants, lively local grills, and major shopping malls located just moments away.

Décor to make your event memorable

Best Catering, Function Décor Company - 1st

Devesh Rampersad, owner of Dr Décor in Port Shepstone, is passionate about transforming events into something magical.

The company specialises in décor and catering for birthdays, weddings, baby showers, bridal showers, corporate events, and more.

Dr Décor was established in November 2023, with the purpose of making every client's special occasion memorable.

Hiring a professional not only saves time, it also reduces stress and ensures superior quality food and an attractive set-up for your event.

So, if you are celebrating a special milestone, let Devesh work his magic to make it the talk of the town.



Let Dr Décor provide catering and décor for your next event.





Air con company takes cool to next level

Best Air Conditioning Company - 1st

The South Coast has deep significance for Stephen Herbst, the owner of Comfort Cool, an air conditioning company.

He grew up in the area, schooled at Margate Primary and Port Shepstone High, and completed his trade at Esayidi TVET College.

Comfort Cool initially started as Johan Stoltz Air Conditioning, and Stephen has been at the helm since October 1, 2014.

His vision to own a customer-centric business has been truly realised. Comfort Cool has not only built a footprint in KZN, but has expanded its presence across South Africa and Mozambique.

Honesty and integrity have made the business a household name. Stephen has built on the brand since the early days, and now works with suppliers which align with the same principles as his company.

Comfort Cool supplies all major brands, focuses on residential and commercial air conditioning, and offers a 10-year workmanship guarantee.

Giving back to the community is just as important to Stephen. Over the last few years, the company has worked with the Lower South Coast SPCA, South Coast Hospice and Tidy Towns Shelly Beach to Margate.

"I truly believe in the South Coast. It is underrated and under-marketed. It offers the best value for money, has beautiful beaches, warm weather and even warmer people," said Stephen.

He attributes his success to his amazing staff and his wife, Ellen.



Stephen and Ellen Herbst of Comfort Cool.



Best Jewellery Store - 1st

Haskin Jewellers designs and manufactures bespoke jewellery using the CAD (computer-aided design) jewellery manufacturing software programme. Clients can see the finished product before it is made, ensuring that it is exactly what they need. The store also does retail sales and buys gold, silver and platinum.







READER VOUCHER WINNER

Luntukazi Gazi wins a R1500 voucher from Southcoast Mall.



Best Locally Owned Pharmacy - 2nd

For all your healthcare needs, pop into Oribi Good Health Pharmacy at Oribi Plaza in Port Shepstone. On offer are competitive prices on prescribed medication. You can also get your blood sugar and cholesterol tested. Ready to assist customers are (from left) Narishka Singh, Nozipho Mbotho and Bulelwa Madlala.

Construction firm in top form

Best Construction Company - 1st Top Dog Construction is now arguably a top South Coast brand, winning the Best of South Coast Readers' Choice award for the seventh year in a row.

The construction company was born from humble beginnings in a home garage in Tweni, powered by one small bakkie and a handful of employees 13 years ago.

Today, the company has several large, record-breaking projects under its belt. With its headquarters in Port Shepstone and an office in New Germany, the company prides itself on innovation, quality workmanship and efficient turnaround times across residential, commercial, industrial and civil construction projects.



At the KZN Master Builders Association Awards are (from left) Sihle Pakati (Top Dog Construction), Jean Geyer (Top Dog Construction), Craig Gainsford (Master Builders Association), Warren Fairbrother (Top Dog Construction), Lwandile Mtshengu (Top Dog Construction) and Alfred Bakama.

Security you can trust



Lazer 911 Security's dedicated personnel.

Best Security Company -1st / Best Security Installation Company - 1st

Lazer 911 Security in Port Shepstone brings decades of experience to protecting the community, as it celebrates 40 years in business.

Working in close partnership with the Saps, local authorities and crime watch groups, it deploys dedicated personnel, specialised equipment and patrol vehicles to deliver comprehensive security solutions.

Beyond clients' customised electronic monitoring and armed response, it offers free 24-hour emergency assistance to the entire community - regardless of whether residents are paying clients.

The company's core philosophy focuses on proactive crime reduction, rapid problem resolution, and building long-term relationships through tailored, dependable safety services.



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Heartfelt gratitude to South Coasters

Best Automotive Parts and Accessories - 1st

Super Auto Midas Marburg is deeply honoured to be named the winner in the BOSC Best Automotive Parts and Accessories category on the South Coast for 2026.

Management and staff at Super Auto Midas acknowledge and thank their customers for their ongoing commitment and support. "Your votes validate our ongoing commitment to exceptional customer service, integrity, and top-tier quality," said Kishal Reddy. As the Super Auto Midas Group approaches a remarkable 55 years in business in 2027, they proudly celebrate the visionary leadership of owners Steven Reddy and son, Kishal, along with the relentless dedication of their entire staff.

The celebration continues following an extraordinary performance at the National Midas Gala Awards, where the group secured three major honours:

- KZN Regional Franchise of the Year 2026 - Super Auto Midas Kokstad
- 2nd Place National Franchise of the Year 2026 - Super Auto Midas Kokstad
- NAPA Member of the Year 2026 (Category A) - Super Auto Spares

"These prestigious accolades reflect the passion, hard work, and drive of our incredible team. To our loyal customers and vibrant local community, thank you for making this success possible. We look forward to continuing to serve you with excellence," said Kishal Reddy.



Winning Best Automotive Parts and Accessories is Super Auto Midas Marburg. The sales team are (back, from left) Richie Moodley, Johan Derksen, Lucky Mavundla, Sheldon Ramdin, Atish Bisumbar, Genard Greeves, Kaycee Chetty, Sabelo Moyeni and Dean Pillay, with Ramona Moses, Kido Ragasamy, Yvonne Bhengu and Dheraj Krishanchand in front.



Best Building and Construction Company - 3rd

For all building and maintenance, contact Bechoos Building and Construction for a quotation. The company specialises in residential, commercial, and industrial projects.

curtain master







Hasib Altaf Patel, yard manager at Bazley Wholesale Hardware.

Helping you build better

Best Plumbing Company - 1st/ Best Hardware Store - 2nd

Every brick laid, every wall raised, every project completed - there's a little bit of Bazley Wholesale Hardware in the journey.

To the incredible customers, builders, DIY enthusiasts and loyal supporters - thank you!

Thank you for choosing Bazley Hardware, for your projects, for supporting the business and for being part of the growing family. Your support means more than words could say.

You don't just walk through the doors as customers; you become part of the Bazley story. And Bazley wouldn't be where it is today without you.

Here's to bigger dreams, stronger foundations and building even better things together.



Reader voucher winner

All smiles from Simon Nxosana, the winner of a R1500 voucher from Multi Furniture.

Your trusted name in blinds

Best Blinds/Curtain Company - 1st

When dedication, hard work and genuine care for customers become the foundation of a business, recognition is truly special.

For Danie van der Merwe, owner of Danie's Blinds in Uvongo, being named the Best of South Coast in the Best Blinds category is a proud milestone in a journey that began 17 years ago.

Through hard work and commitment, Danie's Blinds has grown into a trusted, well-established name in the business.

As the sole owner, he is personally involved in every aspect of his work. With extensive knowledge of the industry, Danie offers professional, practical advice based on customers' individual requirements.

His personal approach has helped build a strong and loyal customer base over the years, with many satisfied customers recommending Danie's Blinds. "I am extremely grateful and honoured to receive this award. My customers are the heart of my business, and without their support and recommendations, Danie's Blinds would not be where it is today."



Danie van der Merwe, owner of Danie's Blinds in Uvongo.





Student bags national honours



Best Make-up Artist - 1st

Nargis Mua Make-up Artist specialises in bridal, special occasion, personal make-up lessons and permanent eyebrow make-up. Nargis Brothwell loved creating this stunning look for the gorgeous Payal Naidoo.

Best Tertiary Education - 1st

Esayidi TVET College celebrates Sibusisiwe Mdletye, who secured second place in the general business category at the national finals of the Inspire Education SA Intercollege Entrepreneurship competition.

Sibusisiwe received R30 000 to grow her entrepreneurial venture further.

The road to the national stage started with aspiring TVETPreneurs from all six Esayidi campuses competing in the internal rounds to advance to the KZN round.

At regionals, Esayidi secured first place in both the general business and trade business categories to represent KZN at nationals.

Sibusisiwe's achievement is a testament to the incredible entrepreneurial potential that exists within TVET colleges.

Thanks were extended to Allan Gray Makers for the platform for TVETpreneurs to showcase their business ideas, and Esayidi's coordinators, lecturers, mentors and Entrepreneurship Hub team for preparing students at every stage of the competition.

Furthermore, the message at the 2026 National TVET Month Launch was loud and clear that the future of work is here, and it's wearing overalls, carrying a toolkit, and coding with confidence.

The event was launched by the Minister of Higher Education, Buti Manamela, at the Ugu Sports and Leisure Centre under the theme: 'The inclusive home of occupational excellence, driving the skills revolution'. It proved one thing - TVETs are no longer the alternative; they are the institution of choice.

The day ended with an official exhibition walkabout. Forty exhibition stands showcased innovation in action, from robotics at Esayidi TVET College to mechanical engineering, civil engineering, plumbing, electrical installation, artisan crafts and digital skills.



Congratulating Sibusisiwe Mdletye (second, from left) on her achievement are CC Migochi, Nolthando Cele, Phumlani Mzobe, Jobina Mark, Thabo Migochi and Mdumseni Mbeje.



READER VOUCHER WINNER

Robert Matthee is the winner of a weekend on the 'Baby Blue' Houseboat valued at R3200, sponsored by Riverside Aqua Sport & Beach Bar, Wild Coast.

Winner - Best Tertiary Education 2025 & 2026

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Our diverse programmes cover everything from cutting-edge Robotics and essential digital skills to vital engineering fields like Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Plumbing, Electrical Installation, and master artisan crafts.

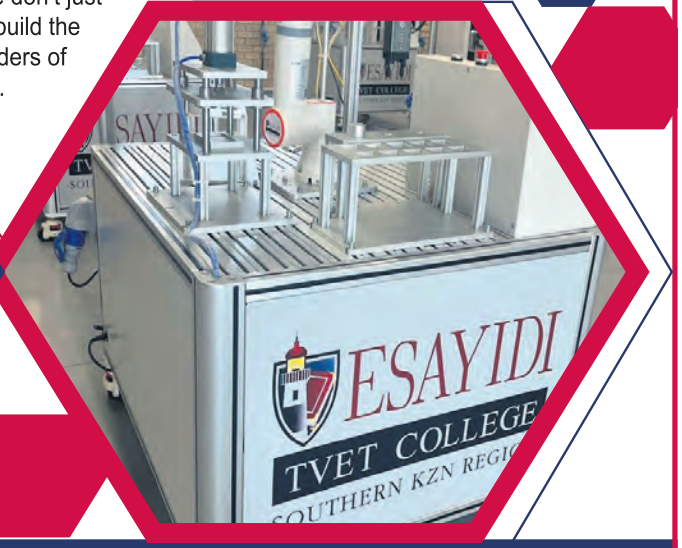
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Education for the best start in life



Enjoying a water play activity at Creston College Preschool are (from left) Leia Davey, Shivail Singh, Courtney Koekman and Phupho Ermachu.

Best Creche/ Playschool - 1st

Being voted 'Best preschool on the South Coast' reflects Creston College's commitment to giving children the very best start.

The preschool in Oslo Beach, Port Shepstone, provides high-quality early childhood development for children from three years to Grade R.

Children benefit from small class sizes, experienced teachers, specialised Curro-developed programmes and outstanding facilities designed for young learners.

These include Buzz in a Box, Out of the Blocks and Finding Thabo.

Families are invited to visit, meet the team and discover why many parents choose this award-winning preschool.



Winners, Ashok Bechoo and Ashnee Chetty from Bechoo's Funeral Services.

Reader voucher winner



Sifiso Cele is the lucky winner of a R400 Orcas meal voucher in the Best of South Coast Readers' Choice Awards 2026.



Let Jays Studio capture your precious moments.

Capturing memories since 1986

Best Photography - 1st

For 40 years, Jays Studio has proudly served the South Coast, capturing special moments and providing quality photography and printing services which customers can trust.

Built on quality, integrity and personal service, the studio continues to grow and innovate while staying true to what matters most - its customers and community.

From generations of families to schools, businesses and special occasions, thank you for choosing Jays Studio to be part of your memories.

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With his winner's certificate is Stephen Herbst of Comfort Cool.



Krishnee Govender of Mr Price is thrilled with the win.



Claudette Pillay with a bounty of certificates for Amos Hardware.

Dentistry is a calling

Best Dentist - 1st

For the last 21 years, dentist Dr Mohummed Tahir Khan has become known for his gentle approach, calming presence and commitment to putting patients first. "Every patient brings a unique story, and it's a privilege to play even a small part in their well-being," he said. For him, dentistry has never just been a job - it's a calling.

At his Anerley practice, Dr Khan provides general dental services, cosmetic dentistry, crown and bridge work, dentures, paediatric dentistry, and dental implants and restorations. Over the years, he's looked after generations of families - watching young patients grow up and, in some cases, return years later with children of their own.



All smiles are (from left) Avrisha Mahadawu (Practice Manager), Sindisiwe Mbuthu (Dental Assistant) and Dr Mohummed Tahir Khan (Dentist).

Hospital offers compassionate care

Best Hospital - 1st

Shelly Beach Hospital is honoured to be recognised as the Best Hospital on the South Coast for the third consecutive year. This achievement reflects the community's trust and the dedication of its doctors, nurses and staff. It's proud to be the only hospital in the region with a Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory, enabling advanced minimally invasive heart procedures. Shelly Beach Hospital was also the first in the region to perform incisionless brain surgery, as well as the first to perform a mechanical thrombectomy for a stroke patient, removing a blood clot from the brain. In addition, it's the only hospital in the region with an on-site nephrologist.

It thanks the South Coast community for its continued confidence and remains committed to delivering exceptional care with compassion, expertise and dedication.



The team at Shelly Beach Hospital (back, from left) Allan Riley – IT Manager, Paul Grobler – Systems Manager, Mthobisi Nxumalo – Senior Accountant and Ebrahim Vadia - CEO, with Rinesh Ghingai – Technical Manager, Mandy Moonsamy – Administration Manager, Victor Tobo – HR Manager, Lauren Bishop – Executive Assistant and Anna Poley – Nursing Services Manager.

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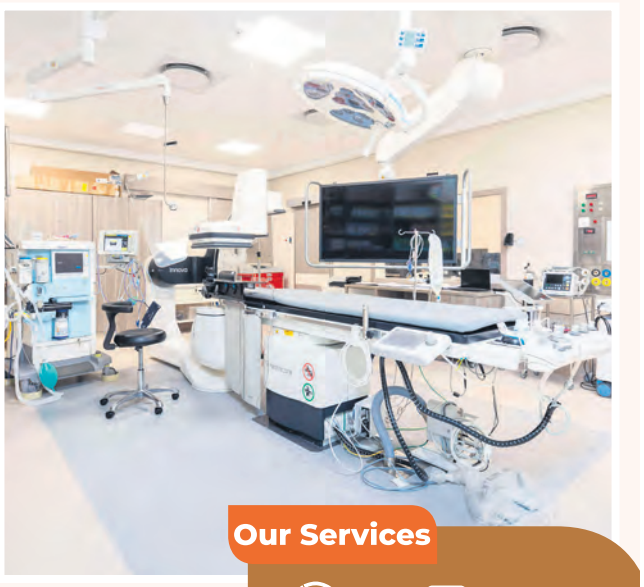
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Pharmacy grows beyond expectations

Best Locally Owned Pharmacy - 1st

Everything is bigger and better at Fairways Pharmacy in Marburg, where Responsible Pharmacist Yusuf Aniff and his amazing team have been providing an essential service to the community for four years.

And there is reason to celebrate: the pharmacy has doubled its floor space from 60m² to 170m², offering a wider variety of products and boasting a larger dispensary.

Now, there are additional over-the-counter medication options, a cosmetic line, a wide vitamin range, USN products, and more.

Soon, an in-house clinic with a nurse will offer medical and health checks, family planning, including baby care.

Also, Dr ZYM Khan has a practice on the premises and is open from 14:00 to 18:00 on weekdays and from 09:00 to 14:00 on Saturdays.

"Everything I have accomplished is thanks to God and my loyal customers, who have placed their trust in me. They have given me the strength to push on, which motivates me to do better," said Yusuf.

With the expansion, the staff complement has increased to 10. As soon as customers step in the door, staff are on hand to assist, as Fairways prides itself on offering a personalised service.

"The growth over the last year has been beyond expectations, and it's a satisfying feeling. However, I couldn't have done it without the support of my family and team," added Yusuf.

Opening hours are 09:00 to 20:00, Monday to Friday and 09:00 to 14:00 on Saturdays.



Meet the team at Fairways Pharmacy (back, from left) Amiradh Rupu, Sethembile Cele, Cameron Chellan Sipho Shezi, with Mpume Hlophe, Fathima Dhoodhat, Yusuf Aniff (Responsible Pharmacist), Preshan Naicker, Susan Alexander and Mpume Cele in front.



The Herald's business manager, Michelle Izatt, congratulates Suren Reddy of BigFresh Supermarket.



Winners, Dheraj Krishinchand and Dean Pillay of Supa Auto Midas Marburg.

Let your pool sparkle

Best Pool Company - 1st

Since 2005, Pool Proud Services in Shelly Beach has been keeping pools sparkling between Hibberdene and Port Edward.

The company started with pool maintenance and servicing, and then moved to building and installing pools.

Today, it also installs jacuzzis and fish ponds. Over the years, the business has grown and expanded to provide solar solutions for clients.

Furthermore, it has built a solid reputation as a great service provider. Owner Shaun Tapson guarantees high-quality products at reasonable prices. Visit the friendly team at the store, which stocks pool chemicals, filters, pumps, and more.



Chat to Ashley Govender and Mondi Mbele at Pool Proud Services.



Ready to serve customers at Sheppie Fisheries are (from left) Remington Cele, Thobani Mpofana, Shylon Manisunker, Sherry Munisunker, Terry Munisunker, Sihle Cele and Chris Manisunker

Stock up on fresh seafood

Best Seafood Shop - 1st

Sheppie Fisheries has been in business for 14 years and is a highly recommended seafood shop located at Shop 9, Marburg Value Centre (along Main Harding Road) in Port Shepstone.

It is locally known as one of the best spots in the area for fresh fish, selected seafood, halaal offal and poultry, duck, venison and vegan products.

It is a go-to spot for residents looking to prepare excellent seafood or acquire ingredients for a classic South Coast braai.

Parking is available, making it a quick and convenient stop alongside your general grocery run. Owners Terry and Sherry Manisunker thank their loyal customers, family and friends who voted for them.



Father and son Rajesh (right) and Dhiven Rambharos toast Blue Bottle Sea Park's win.



Krish Mohan and his son Kavier share in Hi Land Tyres triumph.

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Mbango Valley is a place to call home.

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Best Retirement/Frail Care - 1st Set in beautiful, tranquil surroundings in Rathboneville, Port Shepstone, Mbango Valley Association is more than a retirement village – it is a place to call home, a community to belong to and a lifestyle to enjoy. Established in 1988, Mbango Valley is home to 251 units, ranging from studio apartments to spacious three-bedroom homes, with some offering additional rooms below. The village caters for independent living, assisted living and frail care, allowing residents to remain within a familiar and caring community as their needs change.

Assisted living residents are monitored daily while retaining their independence. Villa Bruno, the village's frail care facility, provides 24-hour nursing care and short-term recuperation in a comfortable, homely environment. Safety and security are a priority, with 68 smart security cameras throughout the property and security guards on duty 24 hours a day.

There is always something to do at Mbango Valley. Residents can enjoy bowls, croquet, indoor bowls, Tai Chi, Zumba, table tennis, dancing, beading, bushwalks and more. Facilities include a library, café, swimming pool, bowls and croquet greens, golf chipping green and billiards club. Monthly braais and the popular weekly "Shebeen" provide opportunities to meet, chat and enjoy time together.

Medical and wellness services are available on site, including a doctor, wound specialist, audiologist and monthly chiropodist visits. A Gracemed Pharmacy depot is also available, while weekly transport to local shopping malls makes everyday errands convenient.

One of Mbango Valley's special features is its beautiful natural surroundings with sightings of guinea fowl, spur-winged geese and duiker, along with a variety of birdlife.



Marie Sukkels (manager) and Tausha Gounder (marketing) celebrate Shelly Centre's success.



Mbango Valley Association's Johann Bester (director) and Shirley Stirling (general manager).



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Yasmin Khan - R5000.



Elenor Hansen - R2000.



Dr Derick De Beer - R1000.

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