

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!

Keeping Nelson Mandela's Legacy Alive



Inspired by this year's Nelson Mandela Day theme, *"It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequality,"* the KwaZulu-Natal Museum in collaboration with the UMsunduzi and Ncome Museums and Umvuzo High School commemorated the special day with a visit to Little Flower Kids Palace Creche to spread some Madiba magic. Staff members from the partnering museums worked hand in hand to brighten up the creche's playground and donated essential items, including food, clothing, and toys, making a meaningful difference in the lives of the children.



The day's activities culminated with netball and soccer games between a joint museum team versus teachers from Umvuzo High School. The games aimed to foster the ongoing partnership between the three institutions, as well as to pay tribute to Madiba's love for sport, emphasising the power of sport to unite, inspire, and spark positive change.



"It's Still In Our Hands To Combat Poverty and Inequality"



KZN Museum Venue Hire

Pringle Hall

Capacity: 200

Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R750

Daily Rate: R2 500

Ingede Theatre

Capacity: 63

Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R650

Daily Rate: R1 750

Enquiries call 033 345 1404 or email reception@nmsa.org.za (T's & C's apply)



Flying the KZN Museum Flag High!

Heritage Symbols & Cultural History Assistant, Sboniso Gcumisa, was recently interviewed on Ukhozi FM, where he shared some insights on the Museum's reading club initiative. Tagging along with was Lethokuhle Zuma (Learner & Poet) from Mafakatini Primary School.

The interview follows his newly published poetry book, titled *A Tour With An Artist: Poetry Anthology*. The anthology provides a profound reflection on the Museum's artefacts and popular displays, allowing readers to "visit the Museum through poetry."

Pre-orders for the poetry book are now available. Secure your copy by calling, **062 955 9060** or send an email to sgcumisa@nmsa.org.za

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

KREST House Book Donation

The Marketing Department closed off Nelson Mandela Month celebrations as they travelled to Ballito to visit a valued friend of the museum, Keli H. A published author and founder of the KREST House, Keli graciously donated several books to the Museum, which included one of her latest works, *The Four Hundred Club*.

This generous donation will significantly contribute to the Museum's educational initiatives, which promote a love for reading and empower minds within our community.

As Nelson Mandela once said, ***"When we read, we are able to travel to many places, meet many people, and understand the world."***



KZN Museum School Tours & Lessons

School Tour Fees

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

Enquiries: 033 345 1404/reception@nmsa.org.za

Lessons Offered

A wide range of curriculum enrichment lectures/talks are available for all grades. Lectures make use of specimens and exhibits and the talks are also enriched by the use of notes and worksheets. Lectures can be designed to suit the educator's/ school's need.

DIPoDIP Team Shines at Entomological Conference



The 24th Conference of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa was recently held in Bloemfontein, South Africa, from 8 to 11 July 2025.

Partners, students, technicians, and collaborators of the DIPoDIP project who attended the conference made a strong impression with a total of 21 contributions. These contributions were shared through both poster presentations and oral talks.

Their enthusiasm and active participation underscored the project's strength and collaborative spirit.



Collections Technician Welcomes former Primary School to the Museum

Under the leadership of its principal, Mr Humbulani D. Sithagu, Tshikosi Primary School takes annual educational excursions in order to equip learners with a more practical learning resource to enhance their CAPS curriculum. Recently, the school, which hails from the deep rural mountainous village of Dzimauli Ha-Rambuđa, Limpopo Province, visited the KwaZulu-Natal Museum as one of their main attractions during their trip to Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

At arrival, a group of 40, including learners, teachers and their School Governing Body (SGB), was warmly welcomed by the museum's fabulous team of tour guides who took them through various galleries, including birds, primates, mammals, invertebrates, marine world, human evolution, hunter-gatherers, African farmers, African art, and the history hall.

What seemed special for them was when they were greeted and joined by one of the museum's archaeologists, Mr Mudzunga Munzhedzi, who happens to be an alumni of the same school, but never had an opportunity to visit a museum and interact with an archaeologist while at the school. Mudzunga gave them a special tour of the archaeology displays.



Learner's Resource Centre (Internet Café)

Operating times

Weekdays: 8h00 - 16h00
Saturdays: 9h00 - 16h00
Sundays: 10h00 - 15h00

Services

Internet Access: R10 per hour
Copies: R0.50 per page
Printouts: R1.00 per page

Services

Scanning: R3.00 1st page thereafter
R1.00 per page

Aspiring Archaeologist Gains Hands-on Experience at the KZN Museum

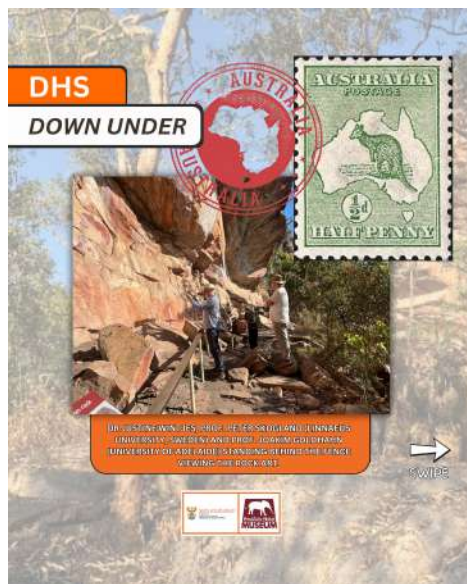


Meet Sinathi Bhengu, an aspiring archaeologist and Grade 11 learner from The Wykeham Collegiate.

Sinathi recently spent two days with our Department of Human Sciences, job shadowing Dr. Ghilraen Laue as part of her Grade 11 Life Orientation work experience programme, aimed to provide valuable hands-on experience for pupils to gain a realistic understanding of specific careers and the workplace environment.

During her 2-day visit, Sinathi worked on various tasks, one of which was helping with sorting items in the collections room. This task allowed her to get a glimpse of what our researchers get up to when they are not in the field or writing research papers. It also offered her some insight into the diverse items our researchers work on and the Museum's extensive collections.

Getting to Know Kakadu National Park



Before the WAC-10 conference in Australia, Drs Justine Wintjes and Ghilraen Laue of the Human Sciences Department, KwaZulu-Natal Museum, were invited to join Prof. Joakim Goldhahn, University of Adelaide, for four days of fieldwork in Kakadu National Park and Arnhem Land.

For the last ten years, Prof Goldhahn has worked closely with Indigenous communities—mainly in western Arnhem Land and Kakadu National Park—on research projects that explore the effects of colonialism, contact rock art, and the stories of well-known Indigenous rock art artists. Prof. Peter Skogland of Linnaeus University, Sweden, also joined the pair.

KwaZulu-Natal Museum Venue Hire

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

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Winter holiday fun at the KwaZulu Natal Museum



Movie @ The Museum

The inaugural Movie @ The Museum event was met with great enthusiasm, with families flocking to the KZN Museum.

The movie day aims to provide KZN Museum patrons with an engaging and relaxed atmosphere where visitors, young and old, can enjoy an educational yet entertaining film screening aligned with the Museum's educational themes.

The inaugural event saw the screening of the Bee Movie, a popular and kid-friendly movie that highlights the important role of bees in our ecosystem.

We look forward to hosting more movie days/nights at the Museum.

Winter Holiday Programme



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum's winter holiday programme delivered yet another fun-filled educational experience. Over the course of five days, the programme provided engaging, hands-on activities for the little ones that blended education with imagination, and explored various topics linked to the Museum's galleries. Highlights included creating eagle artworks inspired by the Birds of Prey Gallery and crafting child-friendly San Hunter-Gatherer bows and arrows reminiscent of the San Hunter-Gatherers, along with many other activities.

The programme not only entertained but sparked curiosity and creativity in every child who attended, making it a memorable winter break experience. We look forward to welcoming you to the next edition of the KZN Museum Holiday Programme.

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OPENING TIMES

Weekdays - 9:00 to 16:00
Saturdays - 9:00 to 16:00
Sundays - 10:00 to 15:00
Holidays - 9:00 to 16:00

ENTRANCE CHARGES

Adults: R 20.00 (Over 17 years)
Children: R 10.00 (4-17years)
Scholars: R 3.00 (On tour) per child
Pensioners & Toddlers: FREE

