

KWAZULU-NATAL MUSEUM

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!

AFRICA MONTH

Spotlight on the Griqua way of life

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY AND BIODIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATIONS

*Inspiring Action Locally for Global Impact
Utilising Technology to Preserve Ancient
Rock Art.*

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEW EXHIBITIONS

*Night at the Museum: World Cup Edition
Winter Holiday Programme
New Temporary Space Exhibition*



**Image from the KZN Museum's Human Evolution Display*

Highlighting Griqua histories during Africa Month Celebrations



This year's Africa Day celebration at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum featured a focused reflection on Griqua culture, heritage, and experiences of dispossession under colonialism and Apartheid.

The event highlighted the importance of preserving and sharing Griqua histories, with particular attention to identity, land, and cultural continuity in the context of historical disruption. The discussions aimed to deepen public understanding of South Africa's layered past while creating space for meaningful dialogue and learning.



Two of the KZN Museum's Council members, Troy Meyers and Chaivaque Pienaar, presented insightful talks as part of the programme, with their contributions complemented by additional speakers, who offered a range of perspectives on Griqua heritage and its relevance in contemporary South Africa.

"Increase knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the nation's wealth of history and biodiversity."



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

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In-House Biodiversity Day

Celebrating International Biodiversity Day at the museum was a truly inspiring experience as we welcomed learners from Nhlambamasoka Primary School, Nonzila Primary School, Ekwandeni Primary School, Thembelihle Primary School, Piet Retief, Caluza, Maria Memorial, Khethindlelenhle Primary School, Georgedale, Tshelimnyama Primary School, Nobanda Primary School, and Rockview College.

The day was filled with education, exploration, and meaningful conversations about the importance of protecting our environment and preserving biodiversity for future generations. Through interactive activities, engaging presentations, and exciting competitions, learners were encouraged to become active stewards of nature and conservation.

Congratulations to the competition winners: 🏆

- 🥇 1st Place — Nobanda Primary School
- 🥈 2nd Place — Georgedale Primary School
- 🥉 3rd Place — Maria Memorial

Acting Locally for Global Impact

SANBI Biodiversity Day Outreach

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum joined in the global Biodiversity Day celebrations by attending an outreach event at Siyanda Secondary School, hosted by the South African National Biodiversity Institute Pietermaritzburg.

In keeping with the day's theme, "Acting Locally for Global Impact," the event aimed to inspire young learners to take action to promote and preserve biodiversity in their communities.

Researchers Dr Kirsten Williams and Mr Matabaro Ziganira from the Museum's Natural Sciences Department were on hand to engage with Grade 10 and 11 learners, providing a deeper understanding of biodiversity and how the research conducted at the Museum helps sustain it.



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.



SLEEPOVER *@ the Museum!*

CALLING ALL SCHOOLS AND CLUBS! GIVE YOUR LEARNERS OR MEMBERS AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE WITH OUR MUSEUM SLEEP OVER!

Who Can Join?

- Primary schools and organised clubs (Scouts, sports groups, church groups, etc.)
- Ages 8 -18 years
- Groups of 40–100 learners/club members

The night is packed with exciting activities like guided tours, crafts, animal tracking, scavenger hunts, and storytelling. After a night of fun, enjoy breakfast before departure.



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AKHONA LUKHOZI

Contact Akhona for the booking form and more details!

Details:

Only R150 per participant

Bookings need to be made at least 3 weeks in advance for Fridays & Saturdays

(Booking & Indemnity Forms required).

Meals to be provided by schools or clubs.

Sleeping arrangements in different galleries, with appropriate supervision (Mixed gender groups require mixed chaperones)

Additional activities (e.g., snake demonstration, magic show) available on request—rates adjusted for add-ons





MUT Career Expo

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum attended the Mangosuthu University of Technology's career expo on the 14th and 15th of May. This annual event brings students and graduates together with industry representatives from various institutions to discuss employment opportunities.

The relaxed environment allows students to gain valuable first-hand information and insights into the industries in which they aspire to build a career.

We thank the university for affording the Museum this opportunity to engage with students and showcase the career roles that help preserve our natural and cultural heritage

Maritzburg College Market Day & Career Focus



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

International Museum Day Rock Art Talk

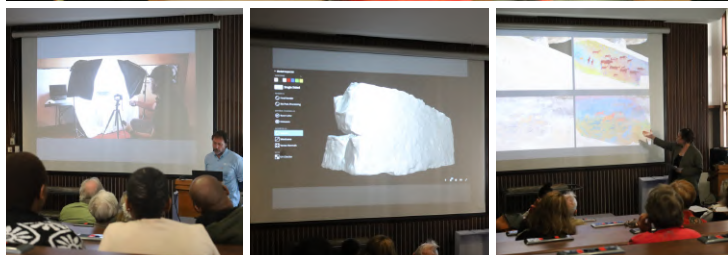


This morning's Rock Art Talk, titled "*From Museum to Mountain: The Journey Back of Rock Art*" showcased how museums play a significant role in preservation and connecting the past with the future, perfectly embodying this year's International Museum Day theme "*Museums Uniting a Divided World*".

This insightful talk explored the latest research by Dr Ghilraen Laue, Dr Justine Wintjes and Stephen Wessels, illustrating how archival detective work, field visits, photography, and 3D modelling are helping to trace the histories of displaced artworks and, through the use of these techniques and technologies, can be virtually returned to their original rock shelters.

You can browse the KZN Museum's Human Sciences Department Sketchfab account to view some of the team's completed 3D models. Click the link below:

: <https://tinyurl.com/58pe9czz>



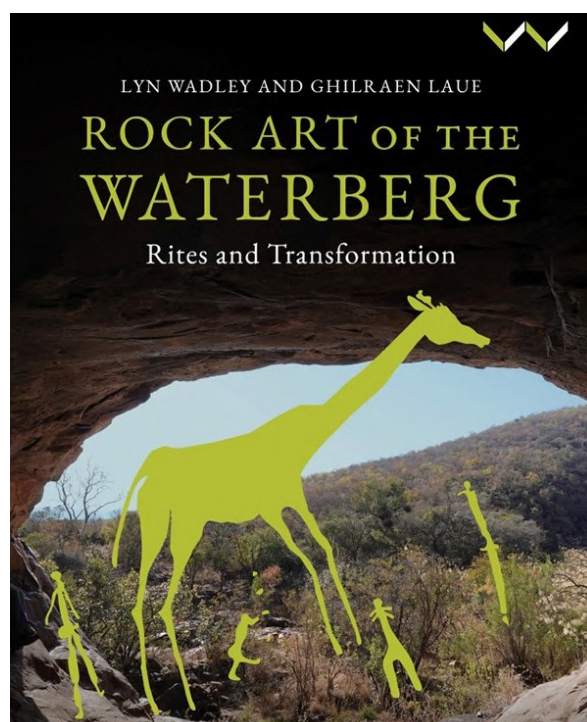
ROCK ART OF THE WATERBERG BOOK LAUNCH

The KZN Museum, in collaboration with the Archaeological Society, held a talk on the 30th of May. In this talk, Dr Laue tackled the rich and complex rock art traditions of the Waterberg in Limpopo province. Her talk drew on her recently published book, together with Lyn Wadley, called *Rock Art of the Waterberg: Rites and Transformation*.

The book is based on years of fieldwork. It explores how Bushman hunter-gatherers, Bantu-speaking farmers, and possibly Khoekhoe herders interacted with one another and engaged with the landscape over the past 2000 years. Ghilraen and Lyn consider how these different communities shared, influenced, and responded to one another's beliefs and ritual practices.

They pay particular attention to initiation ceremonies, altered states of consciousness, transformation, and the spiritual dimensions of hunting.

Enquiries on the book can be sent to Dr Ghilraen Laue at glaue@nmsa.org.za



KwaZulu-Natal Museum Venue Hire

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

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KZN MUSEUM GIFT SHOP



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Upcoming Events at the KZN Museum



Join us on 11 June 2026 for a special **Night at the Museum: World Cup Edition** as we watch Bafana Bafana take on Mexico LIVE on the big screen in a spectacular one-night-only experience! Witness the launch of the new World Cup Exhibition, enjoy live entertainment, music, food stalls, interactive activities, a dedicated kids play area and **stand a chance to WIN** a signed, authentic Adidas Bafana Bafana jersey!

Tickets are available for purchase online via webtickets (<https://tinyurl.com/3aka74cn>) or at your nearest Pick n' Pay store.

Date: Thurs, 11 June 2026
Time: 17h00 until late
Price: R100 per person
Venue: KwaZulu-Natal Museum (237 Jabu Ndlovu Street, PMB)

Children: **Under 12yrs FREE (Proof required)**

Cooler boxes allowed (R50): Paid at the door

Family-friendly event – safe for children and no age restrictions.



Join us for a fun and creative June Holiday Programme filled with hands-on activities, storytelling, science exploration, and imaginative crafts for children.

Day 1: Monday 29 June – Exploration and Creativity (Astronaut Helmet/Mask Craft)

Day 2: Tuesday 30 June – Stories Come Alive Through Art (Storytelling & Book Care activities)

Day 3: Wednesday 1 July – Dreaming Big and Exploring New Worlds (3D Wildlife Trophy Heads)

Day 4: Thursday 2 July – Human Sciences (Recycled Material Fashion Show – Meta Gala edition)

Day 5: Friday 3 July – Fun Learning with Nature and Animals (Mollusca Bingo Game)

Activities are designed to inspire creativity, learning, and curiosity in a fun museum environment. Tickets can be purchased via Webtickets or Pick n' Pay stores.

Ticket link: <https://tinyurl.com/24x23ad6>

Date: 29 June - 3 July

Price: R35 per day per child

Time: 9am - 11am daily

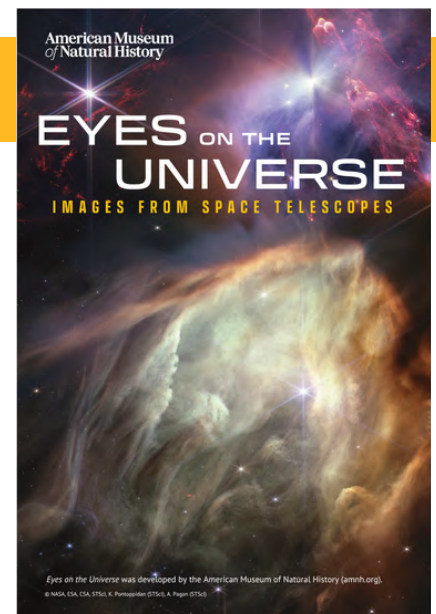
Venue: 237 Jabu Ndlovu Street, PMB

NEW SPACE EXHIBITION

Eyes on the Universe displays dazzling space telescope imagery ranging from observations of our nearby galactic neighbourhood to unprecedented views of the distant universe.

This photo exhibition features images from the Hubble Space Telescope, which launched in 1990, is still in use, and has made more than 1.6 million observations featured in more than 20,000 scientific papers; the Gaia mission, launched in 2013, which has mapped the location, brightness, movement, temperature and chemical composition of two billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy; and the James Webb Space Telescope, which launched in 2021, orbits about a million miles from Earth, and is the largest and most powerful telescope yet placed in space.

Eyes on the Universe is organised by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (amnh.org).



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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

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