

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!



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KZN Museum Pays Tribute to King Solomon kaDinuzulu



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum had the honour of hosting members of the Zulu Royal Household as the institution hosted a memorial lecture, paying tribute to King Solomon kaDinuzulu.

This important occasion offered a chance to celebrate and reflect on King Solomon kaDinuzulu's life and leadership. A true visionary of his time, as remarked by Dr. Mxolisi Dlamuka (CEO of the KZN Amafa and Research Institute) during his keynote speech. Through his courage and commitment to unity, King Solomon kaDinuzulu guided the Zulu nation through times of transition and successfully laid the foundation for a united and resilient Zulu nation.

May the enduring legacy of King Solomon kaDinuzulu continue to inspire meaningful discussions about our identity and the values we cherish.



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)

GBV Artist Awards & Exhibition

The first ARTIVIST AWARDS AND EXHIBITION was held from 25 November - 29 November 2025 at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg, commemorating 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence and Femicide.

During the week, artists showcased their talent through art and activism. The topic of **Accelerate Action Against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide** through art and activism was focused on encouraging awareness, education, conversation, reflection and healing. Through art, brushstrokes become bridges, verses become vessels, and action and movement become memory.

Well done to the winners of each Category, namely :

Best Visual Art Award - Natasha Brendette James
 Best Poetry Award- Simphiwe Dube
 Best Storytelling Award- Mayuri Jugmohan
 Best Music and Performing Arts Award - Senelisiwe Mzobe.
 Best Henna Artist Award- Arisha Ramdan
 Best Activist Award- Zekhethelo Thwala.

**365 Days to End Gender-Based Violence & Femicide****KZN Museum Anti-GBVF Sports Tournament**

Uniting against Gender-Based Violence & Femicide through the power of sports! The KwaZulu-Natal Museum, in collaboration with the uMsunduzi Museum, held the 4th edition of the Anti-GBVF Sports Tournament on Saturday, 29 November.

The initiative, which aims to raise awareness and give back to organisations making a difference in communities affected by GBVF, saw a collective of private and government institutions come together and take a stand in a show of solidarity, and raise funds for Nikithemba Foundation. Nikithemba Foundation is a Pietermaritzburg-based non-profit organisation that works with youths from disadvantaged backgrounds on various programs, including Gender-Based Violence awareness and education, amongst many others.

Thank you to everyone who joined in support of this event, as well as to all our partners and sponsors who contributed to making a difference in the fight against Gender-Based Violence & Femicide.

**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.



Digital Arts Honours Exhibition

The University of KwaZulu-Natal held its Digital Arts Honours Exhibition at the KZN Museum on Sunday, 23 November. The turnout was superb and the energy in the gallery made for a great start to the week-long showcase, which runs until 30 November.

Guests enjoyed an impressive mix of 2D and 3D animation, comics, digital installations, photography, and 3D graphics created by this year's Honours students. For many of them, it's the first time sharing their work with the public, and the support meant a great deal.

A special thank you to Diane Hay for her insightful opening address. Her experience in film, visual culture, and support for emerging creatives brought valuable insight to the opening and set the perfect tone for the exhibition.



KZN Museum Wellness Day at the Gardens

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum staff recently took a "*Shot'Left*" to the Botanical Gardens and enjoyed a rejuvenating Wellness Day.

The day was filled with exhilarating activities and plenty of laughter all around as members of staff embraced the beauty of nature and the power of connection. Moments like these remind us that a healthy team is a happy team, and that nurturing wellness and camaraderie outside the office helps us grow stronger together inside it.



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

Collaborative Fieldwork in Underberg



Dr Annie Antonites, Curator of Archaeozoology and Large Mammals at the Ditsong National Museum of Natural History, gave an interesting talk on an exciting art-and-science project, transforming natural history museums into vibrant spaces for shared learning and creativity

The Co-Mammal Hub initiative tackles global biodiversity challenges and seeks creative solutions to refresh outdated museum displays. It encourages public learning and engagement through "chat" sessions and "co-create" workshops, where participants are actively involved in the design of new and interactive displays.

This new approach has resulted in incredible creativity, meaningful conversations, and a renewed sense of ownership in conservation

ArchSoc Talk on the Early Iron Age Animal Resources and Trade in the Kruger National Park

ArchSoc Talks made a return to the KZN Museum yesterday as Dr. Annie Antonites gave a presentation on Early Iron Age Animal Resources and Trade in the Kruger National Park. The talk touched on how recent archaeological discoveries at the Lataba sites near Kruger National Park are reshaping what researchers thought they knew about Early Iron Age communities.



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 upcoming events



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

15 - 19 December
9am - 11 am daily
Activities are suitable for kids 5-13 years of age

15 December	16 December	17 December	18 December	19 December
Mini mural painting	Recycling Bins	Hand pulling crafts	Hand Drums	Christmas Movie Day
R 35 per child per day	R 35 per child per day	R 35 per child per day	R 35 per child per day	R 20 per person

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets - be sure to click on the days you would like to book for, or call Nozipho on 033-3451404 for more information. Space is limited.

 

It's that time once again! Join us for some festive cheer as we bring you our annual Christmas Holiday Programme. The KZN Museum Holiday Program runs from 15-19 December 2025, with exciting and creative activities each day.

- 15 Dec: Mini mural painting inspired by the Chief Albert Luthuli Bridge
- 16 Dec: Create your own mini recycling bin in our Marine Gallery
- 17 Dec: Animal tracking craft featuring the Big Five
- 18 Dec: Hand drum making in the Sounds of Africa Gallery
- 19 Dec: Christmas Movie Day (R20 per person)

Secure your spot early, bookings are now open on Webtickets!

- : R35 per child per day • Minimum 40 children per day (Holiday Programme 15-18 December)
- : R20 per person Christmas Movie Day (19 December)
- : <https://tinyurl.com/4kekypfh>
- : Popcorn and drinks on sale for movie day
- : 237 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg

Mark Your Calendars and Avoid any Disappointment this Festive Season



FESTIVE TRADING TIMES

24 - 26 DEC: MUSEUM CLOSED
27 - 30 DEC: MUSEUM OPEN
31 DEC - 02 JAN: MUSEUM CLOSED
03 JAN: MUSEUM OPEN

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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

