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Disgruntled residents of Wentworth take to the streets to protest over lack of employment.

Unemployed residents demand jobs

"Our children are starving; we need jobs to feed them! Give back to your community!" These were the words echoed by hundreds of unemployed youth and South Durban community members as

they marched from the Austerville Community Hall to the Engen refinery last Friday. Protestors were voicing their concerns and disgruntlement at the lack of job opportunities.

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Music maestro enthralls large audiences

A multi-talented singer, music maestro and cultural ambassador is receiving widespread acclaim after lyricist and music directors from India heard him sing in South Africa at a restaurant in Durban. Sribasen Vengetas Naidoo, a resident of Musgrave, attributes his success to his family and late mother for supporting him every step of the way.

The 59-year-old singer and entertainer has been creating a storm in the music industry and can't wait to take his career to greater heights. The sensational singer, who sings in four Indian languages- north and south Indian, Telegu and Malayalam, wants to encourage the youth to stay rooted in their culture. The talented musician who grew up in the Illovo Sugar Estate, started singing from the age of 10. Speaking to the talented artist, he said, "My musical journey began at the Illovo Sugar Estate where my family and friends had always inspired me to follow my heart. I was inspired by my late mum who noticed my talent. I performed at school concerts and soon after pursued a career in singing. Through my mum's encouragement, I am where I am today and want to continue to embrace my culture through music and express music mainly to the youth as my gift to them," he said.



The father of two has released many CD's including Yengal Murugan Sarvesha, Pasam and Khaadala. He has also received the Shree Kavi Arusu Kannadasen Music Award. "I want to use my abilities to help others. Charity is close to my heart and I contribute to various non-profitable organisations such as the hospice. I hope to one day be an international playback singer," he said.

Naidoo explained that the most challenging part of the career is that there are so many competitions in South Africa and everyone is striving to be the number one recording artist in the country.

"Due to financial difficulties, I was not able to pursue my career internationally. I am still working on my self each and everyday and know in my heart I will accomplish all my goals. My message to aspiring youngsters is to reach for the stars and never give up. Nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself. No matter what your age is, learn to play an instrument and keep our culture alive," he said.

In his spare time, Naidoo enjoys singing and martial arts.

● Sribasen Vengetas Naidoo

Merebank Parasakthie Kavady Festival

The Merebank Shree Parasakthie Alayam will be observing their annual Thai Poosum Kavady from January 31, with a flag hoisting ceremony, to February 9 which is the main day of the Kavady Festival. The flag de-hoisting will be on February 10. Devotees wishing to take part in this ever popular prayer are to contact the officials of the temple early to book their kavadies. This will allow the officials to ensure that proper arrangements are in place to have a successful prayer. Families wishing to sponsor meals, milk at the temple or grounds, cash or kind or partake in the Obayams are to contact the following members, Megan Chetty on 083-229-8160, Kevin Pillay on 073-4324-393, Guru Sankaran on 083-7912-585 or the temple on 031-462-3319.

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Alayam to host Thaiposam Kavady Festival

The Shree Siva Subramaniam Alayam invites all devotees and the public to its 20th annual Thaiposam Kavady Festival at 4 Cocos Avenue, Lotus Park in Isipingo. The flag hoisting will take place on January 31, at 6pm. The Thaiposam Kavady will take place on February 9, at 3pm and the public Kavady on February 12, at 7 am. For booking of kavadies, contact the secretary before February 6. For further information call S Chetty (PRO) on 082-321-9594 or T Govender (secretary) on 078-076-2758.

Merewent CPF meeting

The Merewent Community Policing Forum (CPF) will be hosting a public meeting, at the Austerville Community Hall, on January 31, at 6:30pm. The meeting is of great significance as it is to give feedback to the community in light of all the efforts that were made to bring peace and stability into ward 68, especially during the holiday season.

Temple to host AGM

The Clairwood Shree Siva Soobramoniam Temple invites the community to attend an AGM at the Clairwood Shree Siva Soobramoniam Temple in Clairwood, on February 5, at 10am. For more information, call 031-465-0671.



Residents of the community celebrate Pongal.

The Clairwood Tamil institute celebrates Pongal

The Clairwood Tamil Institution celebrated its annual Pongal Festival, recently. For many years, the Clairwood Tamil Institute has been observing and celebrating Pongal in a very traditional and cultural manner. The community and general public was invited to join in the celebrations. The

venue was decorated with huge colourful kolums and was set in a cultural theme. The day started with a Yagam prayer to bring about a sense of spirituality and give thanks to God for the nature and nourishments he has provided. The boiling over of the Pongal and other traditional activities

took precedence and everyone carried a clay pot filled with Pongal to be offered to Mother Shakthi on a procession to the Muruga Alayam in Jacobs Road. This procession was led by musicians and drummers and there were bhajans. The women performed their tradition kolatum, a stick dance and various educational talks were given by youth co-ordinator, Vaijeshwari Reddy, on the significance of Pongal.

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Angry mothers stand together to their fight for employment.

Protestors take to the streets

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The peaceful legal march was led by the Wentworth for Peace and Job Creations committee. The unemployed armed with their CV's stopped at various large companies, demanding they be considered for permanent jobs and not just not shutdowns. Speaking to the Rising Sun, committee chairman and a voice for the community, Michael 'Blacks' Koster aired their grievances. "The South Durban area is one of the richest hubs with massive refineries such as Sapref and Engen, but yet we still have the highest unemployment rate. Why can't these companies employ our locals instead of bringing people from other provinces. Our people have their documents, they are just as capable. Our people are ill and dying from the pollution that these businesses are causing, so why not give back to the ones whose lives



Engen's Acting Public Affairs Manager, Paul Makhanya, signs a memorandum stating the grievances of the unemployed community.

you are endangering. Our people are only being called when it is shutdown time, that is not fair. We will not allow them to discard our people like they are nothing. We will have our voices heard. We handed out a memorandum calling for a sit down meeting to address our issues. We will be heard. Enough is enough." Disgruntled residents also voiced their concerns regarding the situation. Vanessa Green who

lives a road away from the Engen Refinery said, "We are not shutdown workers. I am a qualified safety officer and have a diploma in Production Management. We are tired, it is time we take a stand for the future of our children and grandchildren. They need to look at us first before bringing people from other places." Maryce Camp said, "I did a pipe-fit-

ting course through the Engen and till today I cant get a job within the refinery. This is nepotism, it is not what you know, it is who you know." A memorandum was accepted by Engen's acting public affairs manager, Paul Makhanya, who said a response would be given back to the committee in about a month.



The scene of the accident.

Child (7) killed in South Coast Road collision

A seven-year-old boy was killed while a four-year-old boy was left critically injured following an accident at the corner of South Coast Road and Blamey Road, on January 24.

Rescue Care paramedics and Durban Search and Rescue arrived at the scene to find that a taxi and a car had collided in a T-bone format in the junction. The two children who were seated in the back seat of the car were found in a critical condition.

Advanced Life Support paramedics worked to stabilise them at the scene. The seven-year-old went into cardiac arrest and despite paramedics' attempt at resuscitation, the injuries sustained were too severe and he passed away. The younger child was placed on a manual ventilator at the scene

and rushed to a nearby hospital for the urgent care that he required. A passenger from the

taxi and a pedestrian were also injured in the accident and transported to hospital for

further care. However, the pedestrian succumbed to their injuries at the hospital.

Suspected drug dens raided by police

An intelligence-driven operation yielded positive results for the local police force and the National Mobile Train Unit after they pounced on suspected drug dealers in Umlazi on Tuesday night. According to reports, three suspects were arrested at different locations. In addition to this, a total of 87 capsules of whoonga were recovered. The arrested suspects, aged between 23 and 29, will appear in court soon. Police officers will continue with such sting operations across the province to tackle the issue of drugs. The police once again would like to thank members of the community for providing police with valuable information.

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Indian nationals celebrate Republic Day

Rajasthani dancers from India were the highlight of the 68th annual Republic Day celebrations held at India House in Morningside, last Thursday. The dancers, together with a host of other local entertainers, performed at the annual event which was hosted by the consul general of India, Dr Shashank Vikram. The occasion, which marks the 68th anniversary of India's constitution, started off with the unfurling of India's national flag which was done by the consul general and delegates. Vikram also read out the annual address delivered by the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee in India. This was followed by several cultural dances



Former presidential spokesman, Mac Maharaj, Gandhi's granddaughter, Ela Gandhi, deputy mayor, Fawzia Peer, IFP leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Dr Shashank Vikram.



Consul general of India, Dr Shashank Vikram, with performers at the Republic Day celebrations.

by local dance groups of the Indian Cultural Centre. In the afternoon, a separate function was held at the prestigious Kendra Hall which saw about 500 people from across the religious, cultural and political spectrum. Some of the dignitaries included were struggle icon and Robben Islander, Mac Maharaj, Prince Man-

gosuthu Buthelezi, MEC for Human Settlement, Ravi Pillay, Ela Gandhi and deputy mayor, Fawzia Peer. During the evening celebration, there were also speeches and dances. The keynote address was delivered by MEC for Human Settlement. The function culminated with a sumptuous dinner.

Merebank Sai Centre events

The Merebank Sai Centre is a spiritual organisation and follows the teachings and ideals of its Guru Bhagwan Shri Sathya Sai Baba. The Merebank Sai Centre currently holds activities at its ashram at 19 Punjab Circle.

Some of the activities coordinated by the Merebank Sai Centre are:

- Bhajan practice held on a Monday from 7pm to 8:30pm.

- Satsangs held every Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm
- Balvikas held every Fridays at St Mary's School from 6:15am to 7:30pm. This is spiritual education provided free of charge to the children in the community. Children from six years can attend.

- Education in Human Values (EHV) Classes held every Wednesday in Clairwood from 5pm to 6pm.

Community Service Group invites public to prayer

The Community Service Group invites the community of all faiths, religious or cultural groups to participate or render their services at a weekly prayer service held at the ashram in Punjab Circle in Merebank, every Thursday, from 7pm to 8pm. In addition, All Souls Day, is honoured every month on the last Thursday. All Souls Day is an opportunity for people to remember their late loved ones. Families, groups or individuals come together

to sing or praise in worship in whatever names or form, irrespective of religion or cultural practices. It is a platform of showing gratitude and honouring loved ones. The families are given the opportunity to bring offerings or provide snacks or even supper or arrange their own group to render service by prior arrangement. For further information, contact Paul Naidoo on 082-781-5178.

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Isipingo residents together with Cllr Sunil Brijmohan who said they always had rights to the municipal land.



Dylan and Kreolin Govender, together with their father, Seelan, show the gates that were broken which enclose the land they claim will utilize for fish farming.

Controversy surrounds municipal land

Following the outcry of Isipingo residents, who claim plots of municipal land situated on Wanda Cele Drive is being occupied by illegal businesses for subsistence farming last week, the businesses have struck back claiming they are not illegal occupants and will not be bullied into leaving.

Trouble brewed on Monday morning following a meeting with Ward 90 councillor, Sunil Brijmohan and the Isipingo Farming Committee, where matters were meant to be resolved. Over 200 residents, armed with equipment, began breaking down the gates and fences to the plots of land which they claim is not being utilised for farming.

The Rising Sun who were at the scene spoke to the relevant parties with regards to the issues at hand. One of the business owners, Ashwin Manilal said, "For the past nine years, we have occupied this land. We were given this land by the

former councillor, Freddy Maistry, and thereafter went to the eThekweni Municipality where we received a letter stating we can occupy the land. The matter was then taken to High Court and has yet to be resolved. Residents ask us why we haven't started the farming, but we are waiting for electricity and water to be connected which is also what we are fighting for."

Another committee member, Sunil Dutt Ramadhar said, "During the meeting with the councillor, we asked him what he intended to do with the property and whether he has a mandate to remove us from the land. An argument ensued and threats were made between him and our members so the matter was unresolved at that point. To our disbelief, on Monday morning we see people arrive in bakkie loads and with a pay-loader. They started trashing our businesses. It is unfair, who gives them a right to just take over. We have worked

hard to build our businesses and keep this land clean all these years. They cannot just come and take over." Brothers, Dylan and Kreolin Govender, were also left distraught after the fences and gates to their land which they claim were given to them were destroyed. "We are also poor and have trouble finding jobs. We need to make a living as well. We intend on doing fish farming as soon as we get electricity and water. There is plenty of vacant land, we have told them to clean it up and utilise it. We can all work together, not damage each other. Why do they want to take over?," said Dylan.

ANC chairman of the Zone, Thulani Ngcobo said, "The land is not a privilege but a basic right to all those who want to make a substantial living. We need the land to be accessible to all especially the unemployed and disadvantaged. The fight here is not against these people but against the laws that

do not allow the poor to grow. The eThekweni Municipality must apply the law of equality. The land needs to be distributed equally to all those who are in need and have an interest to open a business which will allow them to better themselves and their lives."

Cllr Sunil Brijmohan said, "At the meeting which was held between myself and the committee, I had spoken on behalf of the residents who had wanted a share in the land to start the subsistence farming. However, on reporting back to them on what occurred at the meeting, that the people who are currently on the property did not wish to negotiate, they decided to address the situation themselves. The residents decided to take back what should be distributed among all as there is no entitlement or family entitlement. The land should be distributed in accordance to the demographic picture of the ward."

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How is crime affecting you in your area?

The increase in the number of violent crimes has pushed residents and business owners in Merembank to raise awareness on the number of reported criminal activities which have gone unnoticed. Candice George of the Rising Sun Newspapers took to the streets to find out from concerned residents how crime has affected them in the area and what needs to be done to decrease the high statistics.

Annlina Pillay, 33, a sales lady and resident of Merembank, said, "The crime in Merembank has increased over the years. Hijackings and house robberies are a major concern in the area. The police need to do more foot patrols to ensure the safety of all citizens."

Forty-year old, Nicole Khumalo, a resident and police officer, said, "The community is aware of the high criminal activities in the area, but are afraid to intervene and

stand up to drug addicts and drug dealers. The community needs to assist the police in educating youngsters on the dangers of crime."

Salesman and resident of Merembank, Goin Moonsamy, 60, said, "The crime rate is very high in the Merembank area and on several occasions there have been many break-ins and house robberies. We need to take ownership and responsibility to reclaim our streets back."

Adela Singh, 32, a store manager and resident, said, "The community use to love shopping in the centre but due to the high levels of crime in the area, people no longer want to leave their homes. We need more security in the Merembank area with constant patrolling."

Thirty-nine-year old, Reshma Pillay, a res-

ident and stay at home mum, said, "It would be good idea if all the residents got together to hire a security company to patrol our area. We cannot leave the high crime rate to the police to deal with only."

Deven Naidoo, 46, a sales manager, said, "Crime has increased drastically over the past few years. The number of young people involved in drugs increases the rate of crime in our area. We the community need to come together to address this never ending situation."

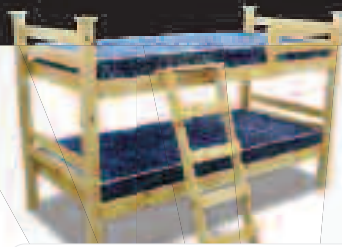
Resident and security guard, Mervin Ganasen, 52, said, "We need extra protection at night to ensure the safety of our young children. Business owners and members of the community need to put a stop to crime. We need a mobile station to help in curbing crime in the area."

Jamie- Lee Abrams, 23, a technician and resident, said, "One of the main reasons for my family and I moving out of the area was due the violent crimes. Crime is out of control and should be taken serious. The police need to step up their game so that we no longer have to live in fear."

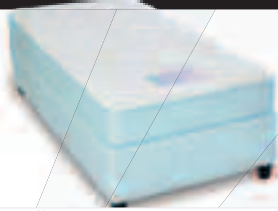
Forty-nine-year old, Gavin de Villiers , a resident of Wentworth and tiler, said, " I think crime in the community is due the high level of drugs. There are too many drug dens and dealers selling drugs to innocent children and destroying their future."

Abdul Kader, 52, an electrician and resident, said, "I was victim to crime and it has to stop. People work very hard for their valuables and should not be robbed for it. One should not have to lose their lives for a cellphone or money. Police need to be more active and take more action against crime"

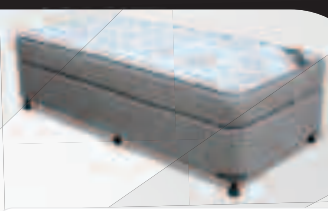
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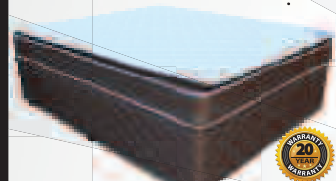
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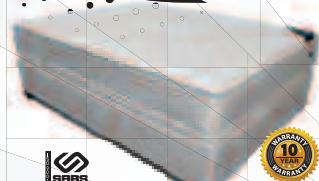
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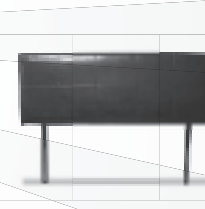
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School receives top honours at mayoral awards



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School adopts common classroom rules



The grade one prefects.



The grade two prefects.



The grade three prefects.

The Little Darlings Educare Centre in Merebank selected their prefects for each grade, recently. Seen above are the pupils who were selected from grade one to grade three.

At the start of the 2017 academic year, teacher and pupils of Orissa Primary teamed up to put together a list of common classroom rules. The SGB believes this is a positive step to ensure that good discipline prevails to enhance a positive teaching and learning environment. A copy of the rules is prominently displayed in each classroom.



Ms Indira Chattergoon and Mrs Nirmala Chetty who headed up the initiative together with pupils.



School elects prefects for 2017

The grade seven leaders at Orissa Primary School officially took on their responsibilities for the year. The prefects who will be role models for the rest of the school received their special prefect ties at an assembly attended by their parents and members of the SGB. Seen are Nad Pillay (HOD), Mr Rakesh Singh (SGB chairman), June Frances Dayal (deputy principal), Thandolwethu Buthelezi (head prefect), Bongwiwe Lembede (deputy head prefect), Chitra Rajkoomar (prefect mistress) and Gonas Somasundram (HOD).



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Season two of Durban Beach Rescue promises an action-packed experience

The picturesque view and serene atmosphere at Durban's Oyster Box was the perfect setting for the launch of season two of the real, in-the-moment character-driven docu-reality series, Durban Beach Rescue. Media representatives and special guests were invited to the memorable launch, which was packed with exciting moments, special treats and of course, enlightening banter. Set in the 'beachy' city of Durban during the December holiday season, the show follows the day-to-day experiences of courageous and determined lifeguards who risk their lives to keep three million holidaymakers and tourists safe. With unpredictable conditions, overcrowded beaches, the threat of sharks and soaring temperatures, the lifeguards do not only save lives but also have zero-tolerance for those who try to break the rules. This is the story of Durban's beaches, which are some of the busiest in the world, told through the eyes and daily lives of the lifeguards and rescue



The friendly lifeguards of Durban Beach Rescue smile for the camera.

workers whose duty it is to keep all safe. At the launch, it was reiterated often that these brave men and women are not just lifesavers as they are also highly skilled and trained individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the safety of others. It is evident that their challenges are intense, yet despite this, these passionate and down-to-earth men and women are all about making a difference. As formalities commenced, attendees

learned that over the 12-part series, viewers will come to know the friendly lifeguards from several beaches and learn more about their personalities and their strengths. Season two of this series is also filled with high-drama, fast-paced and real-life action, according to organisers and producers. "There's never a dull moment on Durban beaches and it's all captured in this docu-reality series," they said. Attendees were soon introduced to the lifeguards who are a

part of the show. Sihle Xaba, known as the 'Guardian of the People', is a senior lifeguard at Wedge Beach while Clint 'Stickman' Van der Merwe is the 'Sergeant Major'. He is the co-ordinator at Central Beach. The bubbly Sue-Ellen Martin is regarded as 'The Ambitious Queen of the Central Beaches' and she is a lifeguard at Battery Beach. James, also known as 'The Man from Atlantis', is a senior lifeguard at the Umhlanga Main Beach. Mr Charisma,

aka, MJ Mkhize is the senior lifeguard also at the Umhlanga Main Beach. Cameron Coleman, who is dubbed 'The Rescue Machine', is a seasonal lifeguard at the Umhlanga Main Beach while Ant 'Mogwa' Magora is the senior lifeguard at Bronze Beach. He is known as 'The Legend and Expert on Everything'. Last and not least is 'The Real Rookie', also known as Tammy who is stationed at Bronze Beach as well. Season two definitely

has a different look to season one as a larger percentage of the series was filmed at the northern beaches and the respective team was determined to not miss a thing and recorded around 78 incidents. This ranges in severity

from minor cuts, scrapes, and pull outs to major mass rescues of more than five people and also a night rescue where a young woman celebrating the New Year came within inches of losing her life in the dark and stormy seas.

Attendees were also very privileged to have seen a sneak-peak into the new series. If anything, it definitely lives up to its expectations. Durban Beach Rescue is set to premiere on DSTV's Travel Channel (179) in November this year.

Speak your mind

By Dr Guru Kistnasamy



Abuse of elders should be exposed and stopped

Many elderly parents are neglected and subjected to abuse by their children, grandchildren and care-givers. Sadly, because of their deteriorating mental and physical health, the elderly are unable to stop the abuse. In many cases the old folk are dependent on the family members for mobility, food, clothes and medical needs. Thus they are trapped in silent suffering.

Many elders complain that they have to take care of the grandchildren daily with no social life of their own. Others are made to run errands, do shopping, cook, and even take care of the dogs.

Different types of abuse include:

- Physical abuse refers to the use of physical force that results in injury caused by slapping, punching, bruising, pushing and restraining.
- Neglect is the failure by family members or the care-givers to provide food, shelter, medicines or protection.
- Emotional abuse refers to intimidation through yelling and threats, humiliation and ridicule, ignoring, isolating an elder from other family members and friends, blaming and threatening.
- Financial abuse includes stealing cash from the elder, stealing personal possessions or groceries, forging the elder's signature to

withdraw money, fraudulent use of the elder's credit card or cheques. Elders may be forced by their children or grandchildren to take a loan using their property as collateral, or to change their will to make the enforcer the beneficiary. How you can protect yourself as an elder:

- Be familiar with the use of the phones and keep emergency numbers nearby.
 - Keep in touch by visiting or phoning friends and family members that you can trust.
 - Make a will and entrust it with your bank, broker or attorney. Be familiar with all your financial and legal matters. Inspect them regularly to ensure nobody is stealing from you.
 - Talk to your doctor, police or the social worker if you feel that you are being abused in any way.
 - Join a senior citizens group to empower yourself. They usually arrange talks by different professionals, arrange social outings, and create a platform where you can confide in someone who understands.
- As an elder, you deserve love, respect and protection. Speak up when your rights are being infringed. Do not suffer in silence.

St Mary's Merebank Fair 2017

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serving community. There will be a variety of flea market and food stalls to tantalise your taste buds. Children up to 12-years-old only enter free on Sunday, March 19, 2017 between 12 midday to 1pm. There is an exciting line up for children with Checksave Supermarket with kiddies giveaways. Some of the attractions include Michael John, 5th Avenue band, a blast from the past, Keeping up the with Kandasamy Amman's Vibrations,



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By James Siddall
The wait was long - partly because Mitsubishi SA had to negotiate a good sticker price with Japan, which they did. Partly because we had to wait for a slot in the international production schedule, and of course ours is just a minor market on the global scale.

But it was worth it. The new - all-new, as opposed to merely facelifted - Mitsubishi Triton is, well, excellent. Perhaps even outstanding. And that's saying something considering it goes into the ring against formidable heavyweights such as the new Toyota Hilux, the VW Amarok, the Ford Ranger, the Triton's own mechanical cousin the Fiat Fullback, and so on.

Right now the Triton comes only as a double cab. Four variants - including manuals and autos, and two- and four-wheel drives - are available. All use the same powerplant: a new 2.4-litre turbodiesel with an extremely low compression ratio of 15:5:1. It's a free-revving mill this, with 133kW and 430Nm peaking at 2,500rpm. Fuel consumption is a claimed 7.6 litres per 100km in the combined cycle, while power delivery is smooth, refined, and linear.

As for transmissions, you can have your Triton with a six-speed manual or a five-speed auto. You can also opt for rear-wheel-drive only versions, or versions using Mitsubishi's highly acclaimed - and justly so - Super-Select II four-wheel-drive system.

This allows shifts on the move, and drivers can choose between four driving modes including 4x2, 4x4 high-range - useful for slippery surfaces and gravel roads - and 4x4 low-range with centre diff locked. With the last engaged, the Triton would put many a main battle tank to shame, as we discovered during some hardcore off-roading on the launch last week.

Yet on sealed surfaces it's positively "car-like," a phrase that has become a bit of a cliché when describing many modern bakkies, but it's just that. And this is important, because while in the fullness of time we can expect to see more variants in the Triton range, at the moment the four



Mitsubishi Triton 2.4 Di-D 4x4

Triton and tested

double cab models available are distinctly pitched at the lifestyle and leisure market.

The cabin then is a happy place to be, and Mitsubishi says it's designed to give the same levels of comfort and convenience as the Pajero - which indeed it does.

Finishes are high quality, replete with easy-to-clean surfaces, while the deal includes a touchscreen infotainment system, keyless ignition, dual-zone climate control, reverse camera, electrically adjustable driver's chair. You get the drift.

Interior space is also noticeably up on the previous Triton's, and there's been a lot of thought to little details. Such as a rear bench angled by 25 degrees, so avoiding that perched, upright position that backseat passengers so often suffer in double cabs.

Now we could tell you a lot more about the technical aspects of this machine. Including the fact that a shorter wheelbase makes it more wieldy than before, or that 4x4 versions have a 215mm ground clearance, and approach and departure angles of 28 and 22 degrees.

But like life space is short, and maybe the most important consideration is that it's a handsome vehicle - unlike the previous Triton whose styling was awkward at best.

For a lot of lifestyle-orientated buyers this will be a deal-clincher, and from its wrap-around headlights to its curved tailgate with integrated brake light, the Triton will please the faithful - and very likely win new converts too. Even in the hugely competitive market place in which it trades.

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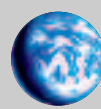


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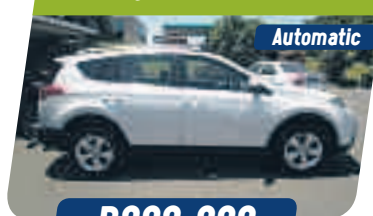
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Toyota Corolla keeps delivering

Fifty years strong and 11 generations later so what is new on the 2017 Toyota Corolla?

The new Corolla upgrades include exterior front- and rear-end refreshments and enhanced interior modifications to give it classier feel.

The small upper grille is flanked by new headlamp clusters, and there is a revised front bumper incorporating a lower grille. The design is further accentuated by the LEDs (Exclusive models).

The engine hood has also been raised and the bumper corners have been deeply sculpted to enhance the Corolla's 3D effect.

To improve passive safety, both VSC and HAC have become standard on 1.6 models and above.

Rear styling has been enhanced through the adoption of LED tail lamp clusters (1.8-litre models) and a redesigned chrome garnish that further emphasises the vehicle's width.

Inside, the instrument panel has been updated with a layered

structure that hides joints, along with a redesigned climate control panel and circular air vents.

Audio Touch Screen/DVD increased from 6.1" to 7" (Prestige models).

Other upscale touches in the interior include a piano-black centre-cluster surround and chrome-plated ornamentation.

Picking up where the current generation left off, the 2017 Corolla continues to deliver competent performance and consistently good fuel economy, all of which translates into attractive cost-of-ownership benefits.

The engine line-up remains unchanged, featuring a choice

of a 1.4-litre D-4D turbodiesel and three petrol engines; a 1.3-litre Dual VVT-i unit, a 1.6-litre Dual VVT-i engine and the 1.8-litre Dual VVT-i unit. All engines are fitted with six-speed manual transmissions.

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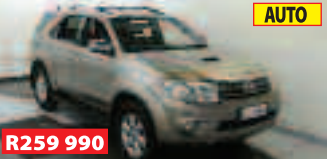


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Mazda 3 Astina

Exceeds expectations

By Miles Downard
Mazda's local resurgence has been a great one. Since splitting from Ford the Japanese company has introduced a model line-up that is all new and downright exceptional. I've had the pleasure of driving the Mazda2, CX-3, CX-5 and MX-5 all of which exceeded expectation. Accordingly expectations were high for my week with the Mazda3.

The 3 finds itself in a tough segment, up against the VW Golf, Ford Focus and Opel Astra to name but a few. So it's got to try very hard indeed. Accordingly Mazda has gone all out. Styling is stand-out, powerplants buck the turbo-charging trend, while the standard equipment list is extensive.

On the outside

Right so there's no denying how good the 3 looks, as does the rest of the Mazda range. I had folk in the office pawing over the car at every lunch break which is almost unheard of for a 'run of the mill' hatchback. Nice one.

On the inside

While Mazda's exteriors 'wow' it's interiors are a little more subdued. But what that brings to life is how ergonomically correct the 3's

cabin is, together with a really premium feel to everything you touch. In fact I'd go so far as to say that the 3 feels like a car built by a premium German brand.

Especially good bits include the seats, which are comfy but supportive, and the infotainment system. It runs off a similar toggle knob to that you'd find in a BMW (i-Drive), located neatly on the centre console, for easy navigation through the various menus (navigation, radio, etc).

Things that aren't so good are general visibility out of the cabin and rear leg and headroom. It seems form overcame function with that swooping roof line.

Behind the wheel

Mazda offers two engines, namely 1.6 and 2.0-litre petrol units. The Astina I drove sported the larger unit (sporting 121kW) with a traditional six-speed automatic gearbox. Nowadays it's odd to find a hatch of this nature with a 'large' engine and no turbocharger as everyone else seems hellbent on reducing capacity and forced induction with the aim of improving economy and emissions. However Mazda's SkyActiv technology is easily a match on both fronts. In fact I found the 3 more efficient than most of the small capacity turbo

cars I've driven.

The Mazda 3 isn't really a car that will be chucked about in corners much, but should the mood strike you'll find a well balanced chassis underneath. The 3's wide track gives stability and the suspension maintains little roll, offering neutral balance. Steering is quick, although completely lifeless.

Pricing

This is perhaps the Mazda's perceived downfall. The Astina Plus (top model) is R408,000 which is a fair whack of cash. It does come with a bunch of safety and other features like navigation, blind spot indicators, active braking, adaptive headlights, lane keep assist, lane departure warning and driver attention alert.

Not many others in the segment sport such, with Opel's Astra being the closest but for as much as R100,000 less. The VW Golf, a South African favourite, can't keep up on any front other than perceived quality.

Verdict

The Mazda3 has the goods to play in this segment. Honestly it should be considered regardless of the price tag because it delivers more value than most of the competition, and also because it's a great car.



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Pictured is Imran Ahmed who tagged and released a 130kg Black Marlin off Durban on Sunday. All tackle used was from Township Hyper.

Fishing Report

Fishing:
 An epic day was had on Blu Ray on Sunday with Imran Ahmed (owner of Aqua Nautical Adventures) landing his first Black Marlin off Durban. The estimated weight was 130kg and it was released to fight another day. Imran is over the moon with two billfish under his belt in as many weeks. Shore anglers are doing well with Sand Sharks and Skates and have been putting the new Okuma Makaira, Metaloid and Azores rods to the test. A sizable Zambezi shark was landed from the centre banks in the Durban Harbour.

Weather:
 Expect fresh North Easterly winds on Wednesday and Sunday. Thursday's fresh South Westerly wind will bring cooler temperatures on Friday before warming up to the thirties again for the weekend.

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seniors and over 35 teams. All children wanting to develop their skills in soccer training will commence on the Wednesday, February 1. Training days are as follows: Mondays and Wednesday (under 6 – under 12) - 5:15pm – 6:45, Tuesdays and Thursdays (under 13 -under 19)- 5:15pm – 6:45pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays (senior teams) - 6:30pm – 8pm. Anybody that would like to give back to the community in the form of coaching are most welcome.



Sandile Mwelase on the track.

Pupil outshines on tracks

St Mary's Primary School pupil, Sandile Mwelase, dominated in the 12-year-old division at the Circuit Athletic Trials held at Kings Park, recently. Mwelase powered his way through to the

finals after winning the 100m and 200m events comfortably. He has his sights set on the District championship to be held on February 2.



Some of the Junior Primary pupils, together with members of the Bully Boogie Board Game Team, and teachers, Venessa Brigal and Maureen Cebo Nyawose.

Kamalinee pupils continue the bully boogie challenge

Kamalinee Primary School Primary pupils recently received a special talk on the important topic of bullying. As part of a talk received last year, pupils were given the opportunity to again be part of the Bully Boogie Challenge by taking an active part in broaching the issue of bullying

through play. The game is approved by the Department of Education and helps pupils develop social skills allowing them to be better equipped to deal with bullying.

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