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Mokoro John Mpe addressing media at Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane ahead of Carling Knockout Cup on Saturday between Orlando Pirates and Marumo Gallats. Picture OTP



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07 DEC 2025 . SUNDAY
TIME: 16H00 REDCARPET. 18H00 MAIN EVENT

GEN R300 | VIP R800 | WVIP 2500

VENUE: COMMUNIO CHURCH AUDITORIUM, CITY OF MBOMBELA



LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE TO HOST 2025 MEN’S PARLIAMENT

By Thulane Madalane

Tzaneen – The Limpopo Legislature is set to host the much-anticipated 2025 Men’s Parliament, an event dedicated to promoting positive development among men and addressing key issues affecting them. The event will take place on Friday, 5 December 2025, starting at 10:00 AM at the Karibu Leisure Resort in Tzaneen, situated within the Mopani District. Under the empowering theme “Better men for tomorrow,” the Men’s Parliament seeks to engage men in meaningful dialogue and initiatives that encourage growth, responsibility, and leadership. This event underscores the Legislature’s commitment to empowering men to become proactive contributors to their families and communities. Dr. Makoma Makurupje, Speaker of the Limpopo Legislature, spoke about the purpose of the Parliament during an interview on Timeless News’ TikTok Live breakfast show. She explained, “The aim of this event is to provide men in our province with a platform to say, ‘Not in our name,’ to violence against women and children. It is also an opportunity

for men to review existing government policies and identify areas where interventions are required, as men face challenges just like women do. We must avoid painting all men with the same brush – there are many good men who also deserve protection.” The event is expected to gather over 500 stakeholders, including representatives from municipalities and various civil society organizations such as the South African National Council for the Blind, South African Council of Churches, Human Rights Commission, Commission for Gender Equality, and the Limpopo Men Sector, among others. Dr. Makurupje also took the opportunity to remind motorists to drive safely during the festive season: “Let’s drive carefully and adhere to speed limits on our roads. Let’s spend our hard-earned money wisely. Above all, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,” she concluded. The 2025 Men’s Parliament promises to be a significant step towards fostering societal responsibility and reinforcing the crucial role of men in building safer, more supportive communities.

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Dr. Makoma Makurupje, Speaker of the Limpopo Legislature, to address the 2025 Men’s Parliament in Tzaneen on Friday. Picture Credit: supplied

MPUMALANGA LEGISLATURE LAUNCHES 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

By Staff Reporter

Nkomazi– The Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature officially launched the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children on Wednesday, 3 December 2025. The event took place at Block C Community Hall in Nkomazi Local Municipality under the Ehlanzeni District Council. Deputy Speaker Mr. Sam Masango, representing Speaker Ms. Makhosazane Masilela, led the programme, which was driven by the Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and People with Disabilities. Attendees included women and men representing various organisations. The day began with a community march followed by a session involving multiple stakeholders at the community hall. In his opening remarks, Mr. Jackson Malatjie, Chairperson of the Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and People with Disabilities, explained the Legislature’s role in oversight and community engagement. “The Legislature has a mandate to oversee the executive and roll out programmes like the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and others,” Malatjie said. Ms. Hildah Nyambi, Speaker of Nkomazi Local Municipality, welcomed attendees and expressed the municipality’s support for the campaign. She emphasized the urgency for collective action: “The time for rhetoric is over; everyone must play a role in combating GBV.” Deputy Speaker Sam Masango highlighted the event’s significance as the official launch of the 16 Days of Activism campaign. He stressed that the fight against violence should extend throughout the year. “Today, we woke up to news that a husband stabbed his wife to death here in Nkomazi,” Masango said. “GBV happens indiscriminately and must be reported and fought at all costs.” He also called for dialogue with boys to educate them on the devastating impact of GBV, while urging communities to address contributing

factors such as tavern culture and alcohol abuse. Ms. Ester Maphanga, a GBV survivor and current activist at the Asisukumeni Shelter in Tonga, shared her harrowing experience. She described enduring severe abuse from her spouse in front of their children, hopeful he would provide for them despite the violence. Maphanga revealed the frustrations of the justice system, stating, “When I reported him, he would be arrested and released the next day without proper explanation. Women are suffering because they need to be fed.” She appealed to law enforcement authorities to take stronger action against GBV. Mr. Mandla Madonsela, representing the Men’s Fora and Nkomazi Men’s Sector, condemned the woman’s killing reported that morning. He challenged men who buy liquor for women not to exploit them and urged tavern owners to take responsibility for their establishments. He also encouraged men to proactively check their health status. Ms. Sasekani Manzini, Mpumalanga MEC for Health, conveyed the provincial government’s strong commitment to combating GBV. “GBV, starting at an early age, has rippling effects as people grow older,” she stated. Manzini called on teachers and faith leaders to incorporate child care and protection in their programmes, reminding the audience of the spirit of Ubuntu — that a community is responsible for raising every child. She also addressed gender dynamics, noting the importance of respecting women in leadership roles and raising boys and girls as equals. “Educated women should not be seen as a threat to men; both should treat each other with dignity and respect,” Manzini said. She praised Premier Mandla Ndlovu for establishing the country’s first Gender-Based Council and thanked the Legislature for intensifying the fight against GBV. Commissioner Erica Mogane of the Commission for Gender Equality expressed gratitude to the provincial leadership for their commitment. She stressed the importance of collaboration



Residents take to the streets in Nkomazi, joining the Legislature’s 16 Days of Activism launch with a clear message: GBV must end, and communities must rise together. Picture Credit: supplied

in addressing GBV and cautioned against misconceptions about gender roles. “The rise of a woman does not mean the fall of a man,” Mogane emphasized. She drew attention to the concerning trend of GBV case withdrawals in Mpumalanga and highlighted cases involving victims as young as ten years old. The Commissioner warned against the exploitation of vulnerable individuals by some leaders, including teachers and faith-based figures. She also noted that Emalahleni ranks among the top three areas in the country for assaults against men and urged men to report abuse anonymously. Mogane addressed the disturbing ‘Amavuso’ phenomenon—false rape claims made the day after consensual encounters—and

the increasing pattern of young women targeting older men for material gain, both of which undermine efforts to fight real cases of GBV. She concluded by appealing to everyone to take responsibility for reporting all incidents of GBV, no matter how small. Ward Councillor Mr. Ngomane thanked attendees, wished them a safe journey home, and highlighted the increasing abuse men face, calling for society to give this issue the attention it deserves. The launch marks a critical step in mobilising civil society, government, and communities to intensify the fight against gender-based violence across Mpumalanga and beyond.

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TYME GROUP RAMPS UP GLOBAL EXPANSION WITH MAJOR NEW VISA PARTNERSHIP



Tyme Group accelerates its global ambitions with a powerful new partnership with Visa, unlocking wider access and innovation across its international markets. Picture Credits: Startup Mag South Africa

By Thulane Madalane

South Africa – The Tyme Group, parent company of TymeBank, has signed a major multi-year, multi-market partnership with Visa that will strengthen its presence across South Africa, the Philippines and Vietnam. The agreement marks a significant step in the group’s international growth strategy as it aims to drive financial inclusion and digital payment innovation in key emerging markets. TymeBank, launched in 2019, is South Africa’s first fully digital bank to become profitable. The bank now holds R7 billion in customer deposits, operates 1,000 kiosks and 15,000 retail points, and serves 11 million customers — making it the country’s third-largest bank by customer base. Although founded in South Africa, the Tyme Group moved its headquarters to Singapore and has expanded rapidly across Asia. It entered the Philippines in 2022 and runs its technology and product development hub in Vietnam, where it plans to launch a new bank. Across all operations, the group now serves 20 million customers. The new partnership with Visa will support Tyme Group’s expansion in all three markets. Visa will provide enhanced card-issuance programmes, marketing support, product development expertise, infrastructure improvements and data-driven financial services. The goal is to deliver secure, seamless and innovative payment solutions to more consumers and small businesses. Lineshree Moodley, Visa’s Country Manager for South Africa, said the deal underscores a shared mission. “This partnership reflects our ambition

to accelerate digital adoption, broaden financial inclusion and bring innovative, low-cost banking solutions to millions. We’re making digital payments more inclusive, secure and effortless for all South Africans.” Tyme Group CEO Coenraad Jonker added that the partnership marks an important milestone in the company’s journey. “We’re excited to deepen our impact in South Africa, the Philippines and Vietnam, empowering consumers and small businesses through secure, accessible and innovative payment experiences.” The bank is also preparing for major changes in the coming years. In the first half of 2026, TymeBank will rebrand to GoTyme, aligning with the group’s brand in the Philippines. South African customers will soon be able to apply for Smart IDs and passports at TymeBank kiosks, following the bank’s integration into Home Affairs’ expanded digital service rollout. Leadership changes are also on the horizon. Chief Commercial Officer Cheslyn Jacobs will take over as CEO in 2026, replacing Karl Westvig, who will transition into an advisory role. The Prudential Authority has already approved Jacobs’ appointment. A long-time member of the Tyme team, Jacobs joined in 2012 and played a central role in building the bank’s sales, distribution and customer service operations. The Tyme Group’s latest partnership with Visa signals its commitment to scaling world-class digital banking across multiple continents — and further strengthens its position as a fast-growing player in global financial services.

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Suraya Hamdulay serves as the Director of Corporate Affairs at Mars Sub-Saharan Africa and brings decades of experience in corporate and public sector leadership to her role. Additionally, she is a qualified executive coach. Pictures Credits: Supplied

This week on **Timeless Beauty with Brains**, we had the privilege of speaking with Suraya Hamdulay, Corporate Affairs Director at Mars Southern Africa. Progress rarely follows a linear path; instead, it weaves together past experiences with emerging energies, connecting lessons learned to fresh ideas. Mentorship serves as the essential bridge enabling young people to understand their roots, envision future possibilities, and evolve into leaders who prioritize service over status. It fosters a culture where success is measured by lives uplifted, knowledge shared, and communities strengthened. Mentorship transcends mere guidance—it becomes a foundation for collective growth. It is a living legacy that equips each generation to navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and create lasting impact. Melanie Le writes:

Melanie Le (ML): Why is mentorship a cornerstone for building thriving, resilient communities?
Suraya Hamdulay (SH): Mentorship broadens young people’s horizons by connecting lived experience with ambition. It provides guidance that transforms potential into meaningful action. At Mars, investing in mentorship cultivates confidence, shared responsibility, and practical problem-solving skills. This approach not only enhances individual capability but also fortifies the long-term resilience of communities. Through mentorship, intergenerational dialogue flourishes, enabling the transmission and adaptation of knowledge, values, and lessons across time. Communities thrive when experience is shared and informs the growth of the next generation.

ML: How did the guidance you received shape your perspective on leadership?
SH: My mentors taught me that leadership rooted in service generates enduring impact. By openly sharing both lessons and missteps, they emphasized that success is a currency to be circulated, not hoarded. At Mars, mentorship is embedded within our community engagement strategy, helping young people appreciate that growth is both personal and collective. Development contributes to the broader community, and mentoring becomes a shared responsibility that nurtures a culture where service, learning, and opportunity intersect.

ML: How does mentorship differ from sponsorship?

SH: Mentorship is fundamentally relational—it builds confidence, skills, and resilience. Sponsorship, on the other hand, is positional; it offers a platform for individuals to act, elevates their work, and provides visibility. When combined, mentorship and sponsorship create robust community pipelines. Emerging leaders gain the capability to contribute effectively while being positioned for meaningful impact. This dynamic fosters a virtuous cycle where talent is nurtured and recognized, laying the groundwork for sustainable leadership.

ML: How can coaching help young people?
SH: Coaching offers structured reflection, increases self-awareness, and equips young people with practical tools to clarify their goals. It helps them identify strengths, understand their responses under pressure, and make deliberate, informed decisions. At Mars, coaching channels potential into concrete plans, empowering emerging leaders to navigate complexity with purpose, resilience, and adaptability. Coaching bridges intention with action, enabling young people to translate vision into measurable outcomes.

ML: How can organizations create better pathways for young talent to stay and thrive?
SH: The key is to make staying synonymous with opportunity. Structured mentorship programs, leadership development initiatives, expanded access to skills, and creating spaces where young people have a voice in decision-making all contribute to a sense of belonging. At Mars, this holistic approach retains talent by demonstrating that their contributions are valued and that meaningful growth—both professional and personal—is attainable locally. When young people see that their future is part of the community’s future, they engage deeply, innovate boldly, and help build stronger, more resilient communities.

ML: What should leaders commit to in 2026 when it comes to mentorship?
SH: Leaders should commit to consistent and active engagement. This means mentoring, sponsoring, coaching, and advocating for fairness with intentionality. Creating safe, structured spaces for learning and growth is crucial. At Mars, such commitment ensures that emerging leaders receive the support, accountability, and resources necessary to sustain and strengthen communities over time. It also means showing up regularly, investing time and energy, and tracking progress to ensure initiatives remain effective and enduring.

ML: Is it possible for anyone to contribute to the development of our youth, even without a formal title?
SH: Absolutely. Contribution doesn’t require authority or a formal position. Offering guidance, encouragement, advice, or making connections can have a profound impact. Small, consistent acts build an invisible network of support that compounds over time. These acts cultivate a culture that intentionally values and develops young leaders, ensuring that opportunity and growth are widely shared and sustainable. Every act of mentorship strengthens the community and contributes to systemic resilience.

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Polokwane to Host Major Football Showdown

By Thulane Madalane

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Polokwane – Polokwane Municipality is set to host the third edition of the Carling Knockout Cup, which replaced the Telekom Knockout Cup for the 2023/2024 season. The much-anticipated final promises a classic “Goliath versus David” battle as Orlando Pirates, enjoying a rich vein of form and leading the Betway Premiership, take on the determined Marumo Gallants. On paper, Orlando Pirates are the favourites given their current dominance. However, Marumo Gallants should not

be underestimated. They have earned their place in the final decisively, having thrashed notable teams such as Golden Arrows, Mamelodi Sundowns, and Stellenbosch along the way. Marumo Gallants’ head coach Alexandre Lafitte expressed his excitement ahead of the final: “For me, I’m very excited and very happy to play this final, but honestly, I’m focused and concentrated on helping the club and team to win the trophy. It is a very important moment for me, the team, and the club. For that, I want to respect Marumo Gallants on Saturday, and I hope we will win the trophy,” Lafitte said, as quoted by SABC Sport. Orlando Pirates’

head coach Abdeslam Ouaddou reflected on his journey since taking charge of the team: “All these people are helping me to reach targets. Given that it’s been a hectic schedule full of thrills and spills, especially after Pirates crashed out of the CAF Champions League group-stage qualifiers, I think there’ll be time at the end of the season to judge the campaign better,” Ouaddou said, as reported by IOL ahead of the Carling Knockout final against Marumo Gallants. The match is scheduled for Saturday at 6 pm at the New Peter Mokaba Stadium. The Executive Mayor of Polokwane Municipality, Mokoro John Mpe, highlighted the economic benefits of hosting high-

profile football events: “We have traveled a journey with the Carling Knockout Cup. On 6 January 2024, we hosted a successful Carling Black Label Cup Allstars, the first of its kind. That event served as a precursor to the final we are hosting on Saturday. Sports is one of our key economic contributors, drawing visitors, creating jobs, and stimulating local markets,” said Mayor Mpe. As the excitement builds, football fans from across the region are eagerly awaiting a thrilling encounter that promises both sporting excellence and positive economic impact for the host city.

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MPUMALANGA RANKS SECOND-HIGHEST HIV RATE



Premier Mandla Ndlovu and civil-society co-chair Sonto Nkosi lead a packed MPAC sitting in Mzinti, urging faster testing, treatment and a “war” against HIV before the 2030 target. Pictures Credits: Mpumalanga Provincial Government

By Duncan Mnisi

Nkomazi– The Mpumalanga Provincial AIDS Council (MPAC) held its quarterly meeting today at the Mzinti Community Hall in the Nkomazi Local Municipality. Co-chaired by Premier Mandla Ndlovu (government) and Ms Sonto Nkosi (Provincial Civil Society), the meeting brought together district officials, NGOs, health workers and people living with HIV to assess the province’s multisectoral response to HIV, TB and STIs. MPAC functions as the provincial hub that aligns the National Strategic Plan (NSP) with the Provincial Implementation Plan (PIP). Its mandate is to review district performance every three months and keep all stakeholders accountable. With Mpumalanga now ranking second-highest in the country for HIV prevalence — Premier Ndlovu cited a current figure of 16.4% — pressure is mounting to strengthen prevention strategies and improve treatment outcomes.

Key numbers driving the urgency

Mpumalanga’s overall HIV prevalence stood at 17.4% in 2022, equal to roughly 890 000 people living with HIV. Among adults aged 25–49, prevalence climbs to 26.4% — with women at 31.9% and men at 19.9%. Adolescent boys (15–24) carry a 1.5-times

higher prevalence (9.8%) than girls (6.3%). Antiretroviral treatment (ART) coverage rose from 65.4% in 2017 to 81.8% in 2022, yet only 56.4% of youth aged 15–24 are on ART.

Premier Ndlovu warned, “We need to accelerate our efforts in order to achieve the global 95-95-95 targets and end these health threats by 2030.” He added that government is expanding free HIV testing and will actively mobilise those who test positive to begin treatment without delay. Ms Nkosi, speaking on behalf of civil society, stressed the importance of ensuring people living with HIV remain at the centre of decision-making. “We must utilise conditional donor funds solely for the fight against HIV and TB. Failure to spend them will impact negatively on our quest to mitigate stigma and discrimination,” she said. She urged the province to prioritise men-friendly health services and encouraged men to “personally test and know their status.” Mpumalanga will host its Provincial World AIDS Day commemoration on Friday at Kamhlushwa Stadium under the theme “Renewed efforts and sustainable commitments to end AIDS.” The event will include free HIV testing, TB screening and other integrated health services, reinforcing the province’s drive toward achieving the UNAIDS 2030 95-95-95 goals.

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LIMPOPO UNVEILS 105 NEW ROADWORK MACHINES IN MAJOR SERVICE DELIVERY PUSH



Premier Phophi Ramathuba and MEC Ernest Rachoene roll out graders, dozers and bakkies, promising that the “yellow fleet” will start grading roads the moment it leaves the stadium. Pictures Credits: Limpopo Newspaper

By Duncan Mnisi

Limpopo – Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba and Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure MEC Ernest Rachoene on Thursday unveiled a brand-new fleet of 105 yellow and white vehicles at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane. The convoy includes graders, dozers, front-end loaders, tipper trucks, trailers, minibuses and double-cab bakkies — all earmarked for the province’s road-grading programme. “A fleet only becomes meaningful when it turns into action,” Ramathuba told the crowd. “Once these vehicles leave here today, their impact must be felt immediately. Roads that have long deteriorated must begin to show progress.” Rachoene said the new machines will give a major boost to the internal Dikgerekgere programme, which uses provincial employees to upgrade roads and infrastructure. “This will go a long way in capacitating our cost centres and ensuring improved service delivery. The work of Dikgerekgere Wednesdays will be accelerated,” he said, also expressing appreciation for the Seventh Administration

under Ramathuba’s leadership. The launch forms part of an ongoing effort to strengthen service delivery. Earlier this year, the province announced the appointment of 140 new officials, building on a series of recruitments totalling 590 staff since December 2024. The new fleet also expands on the previous rollout of 251 yellow machines in December 2024, which included front loaders, graders and concrete mixers already put to work on gravel roads across the province. Deputy Minister of Defence Bantu Holomisa praised the initiative, calling the revival of the “yellow fleet” a significant step toward enhancing road infrastructure and urging other provinces to follow suit. With the addition of these machines, the Department of Public Works aims to double the output of its existing fleet of over 500 vehicles, fast-tracking the blading, regravelling and clearing of long-neglected road reserves. The yellow fleet is expected to hit the gravel this week, with residents set to see freshly graded surfaces on some of Limpopo’s most worn-out routes very soon.

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THE WHISPERING WILLOWS ECO LODGE – DULLSTROOM, MPUMALANGA



By Thulane Madalane

Nestled between tall pines and rolling mist, Whispering Willows Eco Lodge is a warm, intimate escape perfect for travellers craving peace. The lodge brings together natural textures, muted colours, and a cosy, earthy atmosphere that immediately calms the soul.

Our Experience

We arrived to a soft, misty afternoon and were met with warm rooibos tea and a crackling fire. The lodge smells like woodsmoke and forest air — a combination that makes you immediately want to exhale and settle in.

Rooms & Amenities

- Private forest chalets
- Fireplace in every room
- Outdoor hot tub
- Thick winter blankets
- Forest-facing balconies
- Eco-conscious toiletries

Service

Genuine, warm, and quietly efficient. Staff give space but appear instantly when needed.

Dining

Think hearty farmhouse breakfasts, homemade soups, fresh bread, and locally sourced trout. Comfort food at its finest.

Value

Exceptional for couples and slow-travel lovers seeking privacy and emotional rest.

Pros

- * Cosy, romantic atmosphere
- * Fireplaces in every suite
- * Private hot tubs
- * Peaceful forest setting

Cons

- * Not ideal for guests who prefer a more modern, urban style
- * Limited nightlife options

Final Rating: * 4.7 / 5

A warm, soulful escape perfect for reconnecting with yourself or someone special.

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THE DRAKENSBERG ECHO CABINS – UNDERBERG, KZN



By Aisha Zardad

Hidden in the foothills of the Southern Drakensberg, the Drakensberg Echo Cabins offer a peaceful, mountain-wrapped getaway ideal for hikers, nature lovers, and anyone craving fresh air. It's rustic, cosy, and beautifully grounded in nature.

Our Experience

The moment we arrived, cool mountain air and rolling mist set the tone. The wooden cabin smelled of pine and firewood — the kind of scent that instantly tells you you're far from city noise. The views? Absolutely unreal.

Rooms & Amenities

- Cosy wooden cabins
- Fireplace (perfect for chilly evenings)
- Mountain-facing verandas
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Braai area
- Scenic walking trails starting right at the doorstep

Service

Warm and helpful. Hosts offer local tips on hikes, weather updates, and nearby activities without hovering.

Dining

Self-catering setup, but you can order homemade bread, jams, and other local treats. Plenty of nearby farm stalls for fresh produce.

Value

Excellent — especially for families, hikers, or couples wanting a quiet nature escape.

Pros

- * Stunning mountain views
- * Cosy and peaceful cabins
- * Great hiking access
- * Warm hosts

Cons

- * Limited WiFi
- * Weather can be unpredictable

Final Rating: * 4.6 / 5

A soulful mountain retreat perfect for nature-driven travellers.

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THE MARULA CANOPY RETREAT – HOEDSPRUIT, LIMPOPO



By Thulane Madalane

Deep in the Lowveld treetops sits The Marula Canopy Retreat — an elevated, boutique escape where architecture, nature, and tranquillity blend into one breathtaking experience. This is the kind of stay where silence isn't empty; it's full of birdsong, warm breeze, and slow, golden sunsets.

Our Experience

We arrived to a soft welcome: chilled iced tea, friendly smiles, and panoramic views from the suspended walkway. The moment you step into the treehouse suite, you feel cocooned in a world of warm wood, glass, and sweeping bushveld scenery. Everything here whispers calmness.

Rooms & Amenities

- Treehouse-style elevated suites
- Floor-to-ceiling windows with bushveld views
- Outdoor copper bathtub
- Private deck
- Air-conditioning
- Tea/coffee station
- Optional private dining on your deck

Service

Attentive but never intrusive. Staff handle everything quietly in the background — from arranging game drives to preparing romantic turndown settings.

Dining

The meals are intimate and flavourful. Think bush breakfast on your deck, candlelit dinner under the stars, and locally sourced ingredients prepared with care.

Value

Exceptional for couples seeking privacy and a luxury-in-nature experience. You're paying for the peace, the setting, and the unique architecture — totally worth it.

Pros

- * Spectacular treetop views
- * Romantic and private
- * Beautiful, modern-natural design
- * Peaceful and quiet

Cons

- * Limited cell signal
- * No big hotel-style amenities (this is an intimate escape)

Final Rating: * 4.7 / 5

A serene, treetop sanctuary perfect for couples and slow-living travellers.

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THE WILD COAST HORIZON CHALETs – COFFEE BAY, EASTERN CAPE



By Aisha Zardad

Perched high above the crashing waves of the Indian Ocean, these cliffside chalets offer one of South Africa's most dramatic coastal views. It's wild, it's raw, and it's unforgettable.

Our Experience

The drive is an adventure, but the reward is immense. Arriving at sunset, we watched the sky melt into shades of orange and pink over the cliffs — surreal.

Rooms & Amenities

- Rustic cliffside chalets
- Panoramic ocean views
- Braai area
- Basic kitchenette
- Easy access to hiking trails
- Hammocks overlooking the sea

Service

Friendly and laid-back. Staff know the area well and offer great local tips.

Dining

Self-catering, but nearby village restaurants serve hearty local meals and fresh seafood.

Value

Excellent for adventure seekers, photographers, and nature lovers.

Pros

- * Incredible views
- * Peaceful and private
- * Great hiking
- * Authentic, local energy

Cons

- * Remote (requires travel)
- * Rustic, not luxury

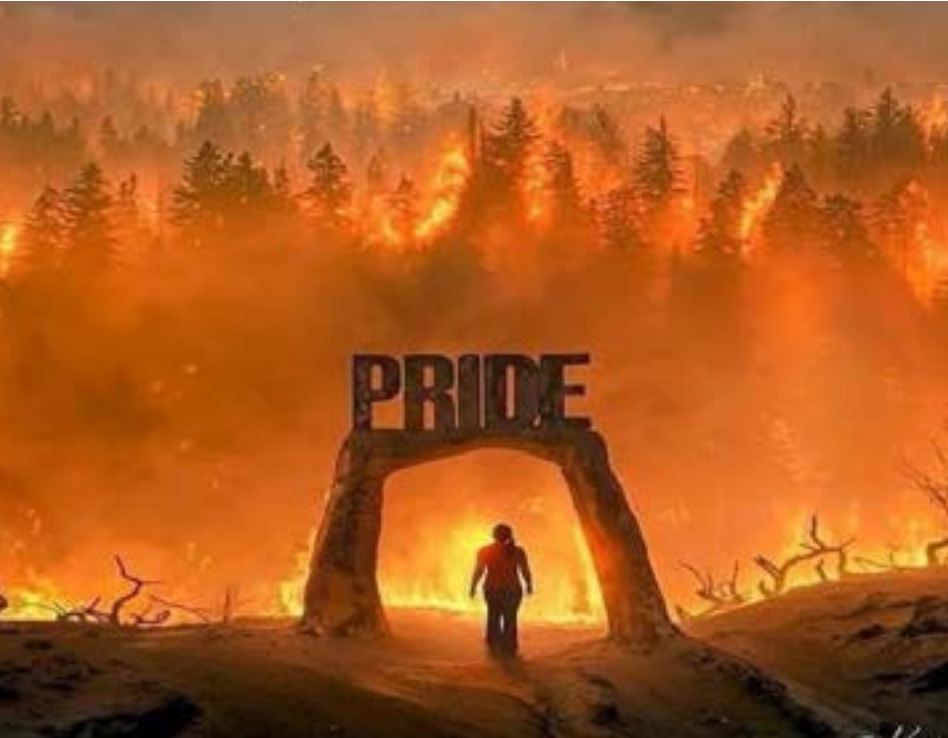
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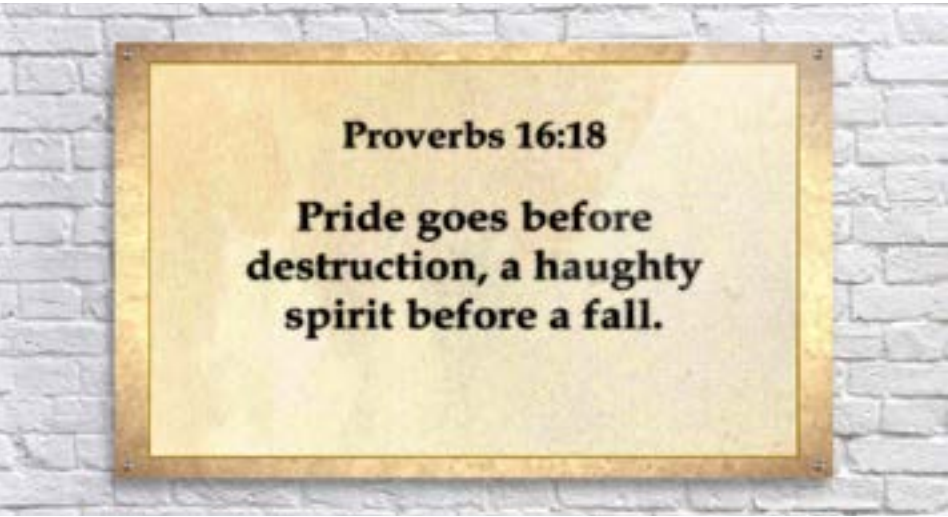
By Given Aphane

Today, beloved, let us reflect on the topic of pride as children of God and as Christians. Why do we harbor pride while calling ourselves followers of Christ? We must understand that pride is a sin—one that can bring down any Christian. The Bible reminds us in Proverbs 16:18, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.” When we allow pride to take root, we begin to look down on others, become arrogant, and focus only on ourselves. We start to think we are the most important person, forgetting that everything we know, have, or do is by God’s grace and love. Pride blinds us. It makes us believe we do not need God, and that all our strength and wisdom come from ourselves alone. Beloved, let us remember the example of Lucifer, who fell because of pride. Once an angel of light created by God to glorify Him, Lucifer was cast out of heaven due to his pride. This is the sin Satan wants all

Christians to fall into, because he knows pride can easily destroy even the most anointed men and women of God. God will not spare anyone from the consequences of pride. As 2 Peter 2:4 says, “For God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment.” Therefore, as children of God, we must not allow pride to take root in our hearts, as it leads to many other sins. We should humble ourselves at all times and give glory and honor to God in every achievement, because we can do nothing without Him. Pride is rebellion against God. So, beloved, let us humble ourselves before God. Let Him search our hearts and reveal any pride within us. Let us return all glory and praise to God alone, for He is worthy of all honor. May the Lord lead us, humble us, and cleanse our hearts with His Word.

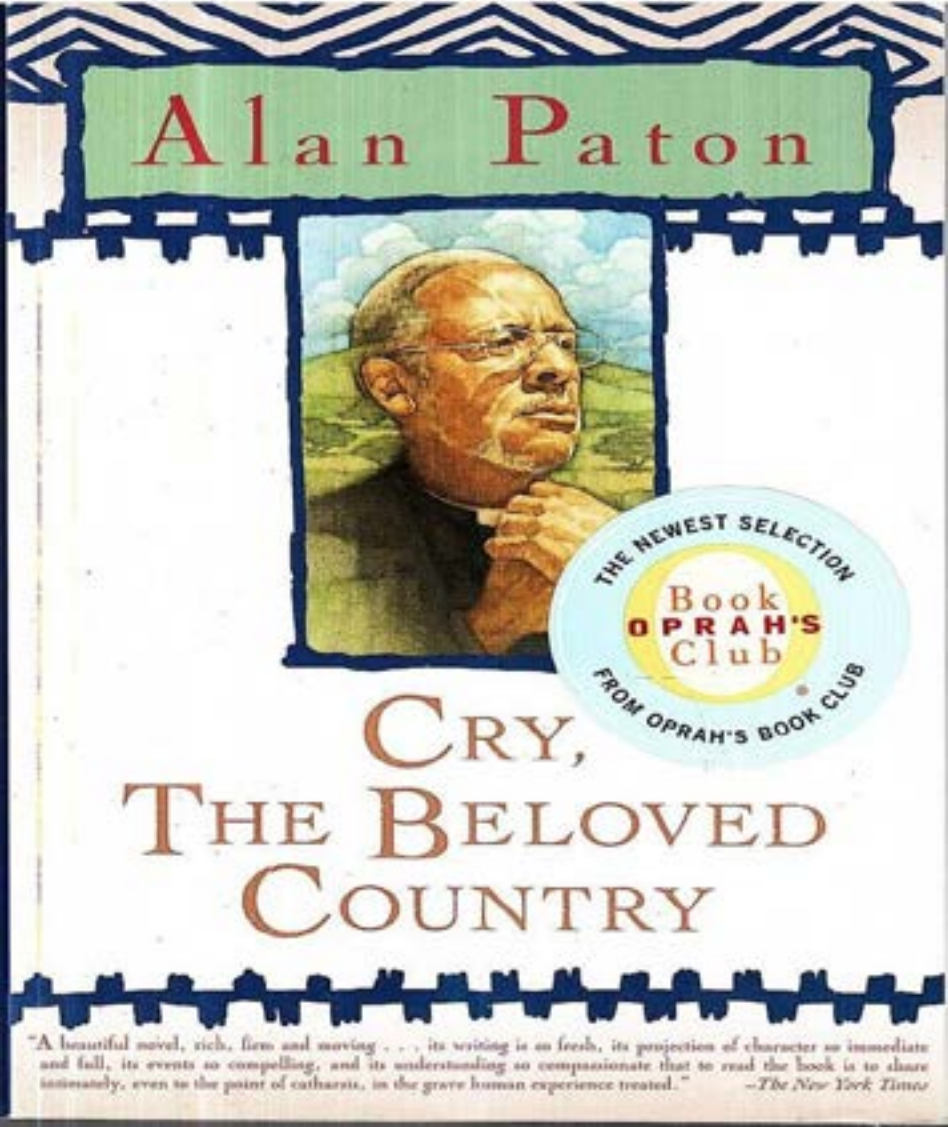
Amen. Thank you, Lord.

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BOOK REVIEWS

CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY: PATON'S TIMELESS ECHO OF SOUTH AFRICA'S SOUL



By Duncan Mnisi

Alan Paton’s *Cry, the Beloved Country* remains a cornerstone of South African literature. The novel follows Reverend Stephen Kumalo, a humble pastor from the rural hills of Ixopo, as he travels to the sprawling, perilous streets of Johannesburg in search of his son, Absalom. Along the way, Paton paints a vivid portrait of a nation caught between tradition and modernity, love and fear, justice and injustice. The opening chapter introduces the “lovely road” that winds into the hills—a symbol of the sacred earth that sustains the people but suffers deeply when exploited. In Chapter 7, Kumalo meets his brother John in Johannesburg, and their tense conversation highlights the clash between old-world values and a new, more cynical urban mindset. It is here that Paton writes, “I see only one hope for our country... when white men and black men... come together to work for it.” Chapter 9 delivers the shocking murder of Arthur Jarvis, a turning point that forces both Kumalo and the reader to confront the brutal reality of racial violence. Throughout the novel, Paton’s prose remains lyrical yet grounded, transforming the South African landscape into a character in its own right. His memorable lines linger long after the final page: “Sorrow is better than fear. Fear is a journey, a terrible journey, but sorrow is at least an arriving.” “The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that things are not mended again.” “For who can stop the heart from breaking?” “When the storm threatens, a man is afraid for his house. But when the house is destroyed, there is something to do.” These passages capture Paton’s belief that pain, while inevitable, can lead to deeper

understanding and, ultimately, healing. **Why the Book Still Matters** Paton’s themes—family, redemption, and the moral cost of oppression—remain as urgent today as they were more than seventy years ago. The novel’s plea for reconciliation and shared humanity echoes in contemporary conversations about social justice across the world. As one Goodreads reader noted, “Paton writes with a compassion that feels like a warm handshake and a quiet prayer at the same time.” **What Readers Are Saying** “A powerful indictment of apartheid that never feels dated. The characters are fully human, and the landscape sings.” – Maria K., Amazon reviewer “I read this for school and couldn’t put it down. The story of a father’s love and a nation’s pain stayed with me.” – James L., Twitter “Paton’s description of the ‘lovely road’ in Chapter 1 is one of the most beautiful passages I’ve ever read.” – Sofia M., BookBub These reactions highlight the novel’s emotional force and enduring relevance. **A Must-Read** *Cry, the Beloved Country* is more than a historical novel—it is a heartfelt call to “work for the good of our country.” With compassionate characters, rich symbolism, and timeless themes, it remains essential reading for anyone interested in South African history, human rights, or simply a story that moves the soul.

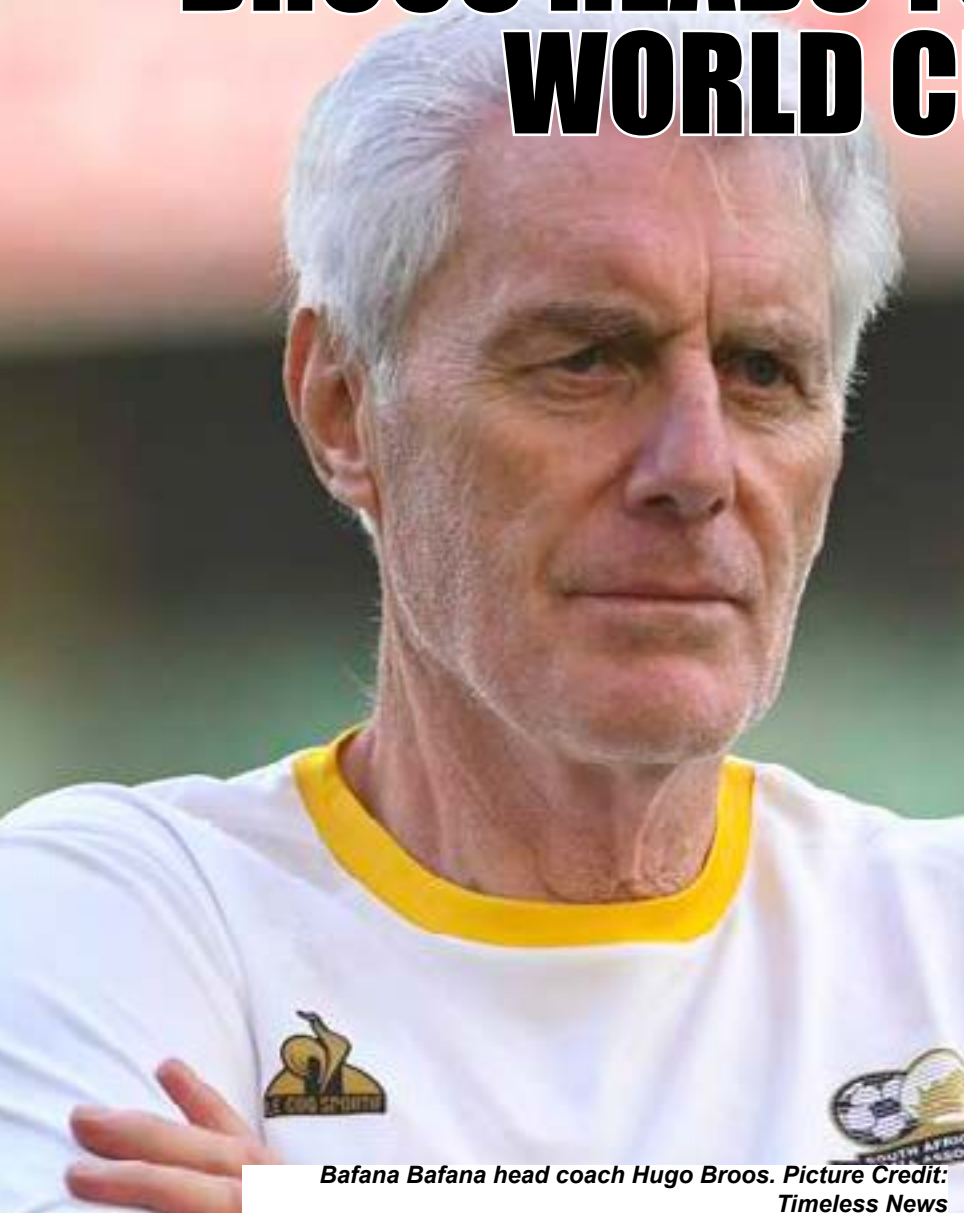
If you haven’t walked its pages, find a quiet spot under a South African sky, open the book, and let Paton’s words wash over you. You’ll feel the earth beneath your feet — and the weight of a nation’s heart on your shoulders.

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BROOS HEADS TO USA FOR 2026 WORLD CUP DRAW



Bafana Bafana head coach Hugo Broos. Picture Credit: Timeless News

By Moyahabo Mabeba

As the 2026 FIFA World Cup draws closer, Bafana Bafana head coach Hugo Broos will jet off to Washington DC, in the United States of America (USA), to attend the draw for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Broos will join several international coaches and officials from the 48 countries that have qualified for the global showpiece to be held in the United States, Canada, and Mexico from 11 June – 19 July 2026. But first, the Bafana Bafana coach, who is back home in his native Belgium, announced his final squad for this month's Africa Cup of Nations to be held in Morocco from 21 December – 18 January 2026. Among the team members, Mduduzi Shabalala, Iqraam Rayners, and Thabo Moloisane are on standby, and the team

will assemble in Tshwane in the coming days to begin preparations for the continental tournament. "It is very important that we have players who know that if something happens with injuries or whatever, we can count on them. We will ask them to stay in shape and train, and keep in good condition because should something happen, we are prepared. So that's why I have selected these players and will keep them on standby," he said. Bafana Bafana will face a sterner test in Group B in the AFCON tourney when they will be competing against Egypt, Angola, and Zimbabwe. Broos' charges will open their campaign when they play their first match of the continental tournament against Angola on December 22.

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