

Tourism Break

MPTA Briefs & Updates



April – June 2023

59th Art in the Park

The 59th Art in the Park took place from 27 April to 01 May 2023 at KZN Botanical Gardens. Founded in 1962 the Art in the Park remains one of the key events that make Pietermaritzburg an Events city

Staged at KZN Botanical Gardens from 27 April to 01 May 2023, this year was again a showcase of rich tapestry of mediums, ranging from all painting mediums to photography, glassworks and selected craft pieces.

The attendance numbers were up by 20% from last year, fully reflecting our objective of social cohesion and local accommodation establishments were fully subscribed for the period.



NATIONAL ISSUES - TOURISM SAFETY & SECURITY

Minister Patricia de Lille and private sector stakeholders agree on Tourism Safety Action Plan Safety is one of the major issues affecting the tourism sector and as partners, government and the private sector, agreed tourism safety is a priority that we need to address collectively so that we can grow the sector and remove any obstacles standing in the way of that objective.

On 29 May 2023, National Tourism Minister Patricia de Lille met with various stakeholders including MECs for Tourism, the South African Police Service, the private sector including the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA) and the National Prosecuting Authority, to discuss tourism safety and actions that government in partnership with the private sector will take to enhance tourism safety

2023 ROYAL SHOW



Coinciding with the Royal Agricultural Society's 173rd anniversary, and blessed with good weather, the ten day 2023 Royal Show concluded on Sunday 4 June.

This was sadly the last show to be staged at current venue in Wembley, Pietermaritzburg.

YOUTH MONTH SESSIONS

Youth in Tourism week started on 25 June 2023 at Botanical Gardens, followed by Greater Edendale Session on 26 June 2023 at Manaye Hall and closed with Youth Networking & Innovations Session at Tatham Art Gallery on 29 June 2023.

Facilitators included Zwide Property investment consultants, Creative Art College, NYDA, SEDA & First National Bank and Councilor Ngwenya- Msunduzi Municipality Ward 19, Areas of Engagements were;

- Entrepreneurship & GVT support
- Stress & anxiety awareness
- Media careers
- Our City our Heritage (185 Commemorations)
- Greater Edendale Community Tourism Forum & local Heritage Icons- Role of Youth – awareness & upkeep



Tourist Guiding (SAQA17174) Training

Those who were enrolled last year please contact 033 3451348/9 or

admin@pmbtourism.co.za urgently

2023 COMRADES MARATHON



Another great instalment by CMA. Tete Dijana and Gerda Steyn achieved remarkable record-breaking victories in the 96th Comrades Marathon 2023 on Sunday, June 11th, setting new records in their respective races.

Last noted economic impact for entire KZN was R550ml

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A well deserved retirement.

Des & Lyn Morgan have been the face of Jean Lee Guest Cottages and an engine behind MIDBABA for many years. As a former Board member of PMB Tourism, Des has also made invaluable contributions to the sector in general. We wish them well in their retirement.

Send us your activities for what's on to events@pmbtourism.co.za