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Police seize guns and ammunition during the ongoing Operation Shanela, stepping up the fight against crime across the district

From 22 to 24 August, Johannesburg District police, conducted extensive operations across the district, recovering four illegal firearms and ammunition and arresting over 470 suspects for various crimes.

During Operation Shanela 2, targeting Ennerdale, Lenasia and Lenasia South policing precincts, police together with other law enforcement agencies, apprehended 97 suspects for offenses including illegal

possession of firearms and ammunition, drug possession, unlicensed liquor trading, malicious damage to property, contravention of the Immigration Act, and theft. In Lenasia, police acted on intelligence to arrest a 41-year-old man for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, recovering two handmade firearms, 44 rifle rounds, 17 unused projectiles, a magazine and a police cap. In Lenasia South, another suspect was

arrested for possession of a firearm with its serial number filed off. High-density operations resulted in 15 additional arrests, while in Norwood, police arrested one suspect for illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition. Meanwhile, detectives across the district arrested 224 suspects for crimes including contact crimes, property crimes and other serious offenses. All arrested individuals are expected to appear in various magistrate

courts soon. These coordinated operations highlight Johannesburg police's ongoing commitment to tackling crime, recovering illegal weapons and ensuring the safety of communities across the district.

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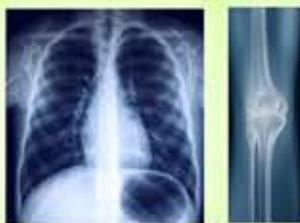
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Lenasia South Senior Citizens fundraiser**  
Mark your calendars for Saturday, 30 August at NTN Centre (8am till late). Treat yourself to delicious chilli bites, samoosas, vedas and biryani on sale – all in support of community projects. Come be part of a day filled with flavour, purpose and togetherness.

**Nishtara appeals for support**  
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**Lenasia South Drug & Alcohol Recovery Awareness Campaign**  
The community is invited to attend this event aimed at raising awareness around substance abuse and promoting recovery. Free entry, lunch provided and everyone is welcome!  
Date: 13 September at 9am.  
Venue: Sheffield Park, Lenasia South, Ext 4.  
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**Shraddh Pooja - Remembering our ancestors**  
SA Hindus will host the 4th Annual Shraddh Pooja (Pitr Paksh – Mahalaya Paksham) on Sunday, 14 September at 10am at The MS Pillay School Hall, 456 Cavendish Crescent, Lenasia South Ext 1. All pooja goods will be provided. Participation is free but strictly by booking. RSVP via WhatsApp to 067 638 2008 by 30 August. Bhajans by Bushan Dass. Lunch will be served. Dress code, white.

## Step into heritage, join the Gandhi Walk on 7 September

**This beloved tradition brings together families and fitness enthusiasts for a symbolic 6.5 km fun walk/run. This year's theme is 'Heritage in Motion,' celebrating Lenz 70.**

The 36th Annual Gandhi Walk kicks off at 9:30am from Gandhi Hall in Lenasia Ext 5, with a Yoga and Zumba warm-up starting at 7:30am. Costing just R50 a ticket to walk gets you a T-shirt prior to start, medal and goodie bag thereafter, not forgetting the free ice cream proudly sponsored by the one and only "Polar Ice Cream".

Tickets obtainable one week prior to the walk at the Gandhi Hall from 6 to 7pm and on Saturday prior and in the morning on the day of the walk, and at VILLAGE BAKERY. **A grand celebration after the Walk:** Starting at around 11am, the Gandhi Hall will feature a packed programme of free-entry entertainment on the main stage, offering a vibrant mix of cultural performances and lively fun for all ages.

**Entertainment:** A lineup of local dance groups will delight attendees with traditional and contemporary routines, showcasing Johannesburg's rich cultural diversity. With Keeran Krishna (KK) as opening MC followed by Kashvita Dance Academy. Thereafter at 1pm Dr Victor and the Raste Rebels will take the stage with their charismatic performance, bringing energy and flair to the event and distributing hampers proudly sponsored by Casa Mia Biscuits!

**Car display:** This year there will be a showcasing of latest/ luxury cars which will be on display from Saturday! With SCW Mobility (Formerly Shiraz Mercedes) displaying a range of their

vehicles and Suzuki Carletonville with their range. A must for all car enthusiasts! Free medical checkup proudly offered by Lenmed will be available. Food and refreshments to savor. No Gandhi Walk would be complete without its tantalizing food stalls.

The famous Chip roll, fragrant Biryani, Samosas and Bhajiya will be on offer all at affordable prices, perfect for all, especially for those from far and wide missing their home food! Walk with your organisations, your community groups, social media groups, come one, come all, to celebrate "Heritage Month", "Lenz70" in this all-inclusive event, making Gandhi Walk a community in unity. **For more information, please call Ramesh on 082 650 9416; Jivan on 083 354 3021 or Rakesh on 084 627 4938.**

\* See advert on page 5

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**The Festival of Chariots returns to Lenasia on 21 September, inspiring renewal and celebration in the hearts of the community.**

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the festival, the 50th anniversary of ISKCON's first South African centre founded by Acarya AC Bhaktivedanta Swami and the 70th Platinum Jubilee of Lenasia itself. These milestones are woven into the spirit of the festival. Join devotees, residents and well-wishers as Lord Jagannath is taken through the streets of Lenasia on the last day of Pitr Paksh, a significant day for ancestral prayers. Pulling the Holy Chariot, offering prayers and serving Lord Jagannath benefits your family and lineage. The public can participate in aarti at six

points along the route, starting at Sri Lakshminarayan Temple and stopping at Sri Vishnu Mandir, Sunbird Avenue, Sivan Gnana Sabay Sivan Koil Temple, 58 Rose Avenue and Shree Rameshwar Mahadev Mandir. Procession: 10am to 1:30pm, starting at Shree Lakshminarayan Mandir and ending at Saiva Sithantha Sungum Hall (Smarag Ave). Parking: Free secure parking and shuttle service available. Enjoy free entry, shuttle rides, biryani, entertainment, and karma-free prasad at the hall. For donations: FNB Business Account – ISKCON Lenasia, Acc. 6286 8791 065, Branch 250655, Reference: RY24 – Donor Name. Email nashj108@gmail.com for receipts/invoices. Haribol – see you at the Festival of Chariots!

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# Ennerdale's Colonel Vassen recognised for exceptional leadership



Colonel Romeo Vassen

This humbled SAPS officer, has expressed his gratitude after being lauded for his exceptional leadership and courage following the shooting incident in Ennerdale earlier this month which tragically claimed the life of a taxi driver.

In the midst of the chaos, Colonel Vassen's swift action and composed leadership helped ensure the safety of those present.

Speaking at the handover ceremony of sports attire and equipment at Fred Norman Secondary, Minister Gayton MacKenzie - Sport, Arts and Culture commended this brave action: "Colonel Vassen's leadership in times of crisis reflects the very best of our law enforcement. His courage ensured lives were protected and for that, we are deeply grateful."

The Gauteng Department of Education's Steve Mabona, echoed this sentiment: "We value and appreciate the partnership between our schools and SAPS. Colonel Vassen's quick thinking and commitment to our community's safety is an inspiration to us all."

"We invite everyone to join in recognising and thanking Colonel Vassen for his outstanding service and unwavering dedication to the people of Ennerdale," added MacKenzie.



From left: Muawwaz Doba, Hamza Kassam, Ishaan Samaroo, Rumaisa Raja, Hudaa Isaacs, Camilla Kgotllo Lebelo, Muhammad Ariful Shabangu with award winning principal, Aysha Wadiwala

## Wasalaam Nursery excels in GDE showcase for third consecutive year

On 15 August, Wasalaam Nursery and Pre-School once again proved its excellence by standing out at the district-level GDE Grade R Speech and Grade RR Showcase held at Mid Ennerdale Primary School.

Competing against schools from three clusters, Wasalaam was the only school to secure positions in both categories, walking away with 2nd place in each. Learners received trophies, certificates and gift packs, while principal Aysha Wadiwala was honoured with a Certificate of Excellence and a trophy. District Official Margaret Sekote, commended the school for its outstanding performance. This achievement followed a remarkable journey that began on 27 May, when Wasalaam competed in the Johannesburg South District showcase alongside over 17 community-based sites from Lenasia South, Ennerdale and surrounding areas. Grade R learner Muhammad Ariful Shabangu earned 2nd place in Speech on Financial Management, while six Grade RR learners also claimed 2nd place with their presentation on "People Who Help Us."

The school's success is supported by an intensive reading programme, designed to improve fluency and comprehension, ensuring a smooth transition into Grade 1. Guided by a dedicated Board of Management, Wasalaam continues to welcome learners of all races and religious backgrounds - a true example of inclusive excellence.

# Nishtara leads community fight against rising youth vaping



Shaida Kazie, Nishtara director, addresses stakeholders



A video screenshot shows Lotus School of Excellence learners destroying vapes

The number of young people vaping in South Africa is on the rise, raising growing concerns among educators, health professionals and parents.

In response, Nishtara Recovery & Wellness hosted a Vaping Dialogue on 30 July at Baitun Nur Hall in Lenasia, bringing together learners, community members and key stakeholders to discuss the dangers of vaping.

This comes amidst alarming statistics. Recent studies show that over 36% of high school students in South Africa have tried vaping, with nearly 17% actively vaping, many starting between ages 14 and 16. Among university students aged 18-24, 26% reported current e-cigarette use.

Nazia Mohamed Salejie, Nishtara's Outreach Coordinator, told GLOBE POST: "CANSAs, the National Council Against Smoking, Protect Our Next, the Tobacco Free Youth Forum, a psychiatrist Dr Anban Pillay and our therapists Mandla Tshuma, presented on the short-and long-term effects of vaping, the cycle of addiction and the Tobacco Control Act. We also engaged the youth in an open discussion addressing myths versus facts about vaping."

Meanwhile, Lotus School of Excellence, has taken a proactive stance. Principal, Bangs Naidoo, told GLOBE POST: "We constantly advise learners on the health risks and involve them in outreach programmes. This month, we publicly destroyed over 65 vapes confiscated from students to highlight the dangers."

Naidoo warned that the easy availability of flavored vapes and the permissive attitudes of some parents make the problem worse. Both Nishtara and Lotus School School of Excellence emphasized that education and community involvement are key to curbing youth vaping.

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## Lenasia South storyteller rises as creative powerhouse



Images: Lewatle Magazine

Shannon Leigh Moses shines, embracing a world of possibilities

At just 24, she is carving out her place in Johannesburg's vibrant film and television industry.

Fresh from her MultiChoice internship, Shannon Leigh Moses, already left her mark, from working behind the scenes on the hit series Cobrizi to co-creating four original films through the MultiChoice Talent Factory. A storyteller at heart and a production all-rounder by skill, Moses thrives in the space where creativity meets logistics. She juggles the fast-paced demands of set life with precision and passion, ensuring every moving part aligns to bring stories to life.

Moses told **GLOBE POST**: "I love producing because it allows me to bring ideas to life from the ground up. I thrive on connecting the creative with the practical – managing budgets, schedules and teams while still protecting the heart of the story. For me, producing is about solving problems in real time, creating opportunities for others to shine and knowing that every choice I make is shaping the final vision on screen. It's like being the quiet architect of a world that the audience will step into." With her sharp coordination, deep cultural storytelling roots and an unwavering drive, Moses is ready for her next big leap and the industry should be watching.

## A powerful celebration of Queens and Sisterhood...



Images: Sheena Reddy



Special moments shared on 9 August at the DJHHH & K Association's gathering of local neighbourhood women in celebration at The Venue, corner Starling and Milkwood streets in Lenasia South

## Broader Hindu Community Network hosts spirited Women's Day celebration



Images: Sunitha from Silver Cloud Creations

Talented young dancers delight guests at a glamorous event at Andhra Sabha Hall in Lenasia South. Inset: Judy Poonsamy

The Andhra Sabha Hall hosted a glamorous three-course luncheon and raffle Women's Day event on 9 August.

Organised by the Broader Hindu Community Network guests were treated to a day of fine dining, vibrant entertainment and heartfelt camaraderie. The lively atmosphere was set by Villa Diann Shane's superb sound, complemented by Shankar Production's dynamic live band and unforgettable music. Sunitha from Silver Cloud Creations captured the day's highlights in stunning photographs. Event organiser, Judy Poonsamy, expressed her gratitude, saying: "We had an overwhelming response – the ladies thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a celebration not just of Women's Day, but of our shared community spirit. Thanks to everyone who made this day a success."

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**Desiree Nicholls**, known as Coach Dee, is a life coach based in Lenasia, serving Eldorado Park, Lenasia South and nearby areas. She supports survivors of gender-

based violence through the Circles of Support programme. Her work provides emotional coaching, GBV awareness and safety planning for women. Coach Dee creates a safe space for women to share and develop new skills. As a GBV survivor herself, she understands the pain and isolation women face. She also runs an interim safe house, offering overnight shelter to victims. Trained by the Kukhluka Foundation, she has over ten years of experience. She balances her work with raising two children as a divorced parent. Her philosophy is living life unapologetically while helping women reclaim their strength. Coach Dee's dedication continues to transform lives and empower women in her community.



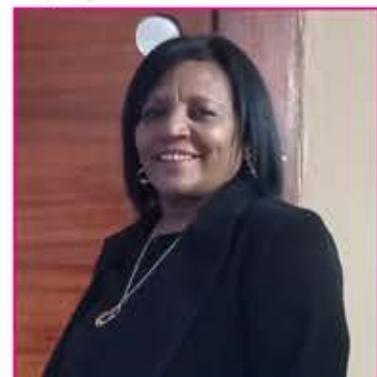
**Priscilla Colledge**, from Ennerdale, is an activist focused on health, education, women empowerment and environment. She is a wife, mother of four and grandmother of three, embodying servant leadership. Raised in

South Johannesburg, she matriculated at Lancela Vale Secondary School and earned a Diploma in Counselling from Therapon University. She spent 15 years in corporate banking at Absa, finishing as a Vetting Consultant. In 2022, she left corporate life to fully dedicate herself to community activism. Colledge co-founded Women As Safety Promoters (WASP) in 2023 and serves as its Secretary. She also chairs the Clinic Committee, Secretary of the Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign and a member of the Child Protection Forum. She is active in Activate! Change Drivers, the Moral Regeneration Movement and environmental initiatives with Pikitup and African Women in Agriculture. Her work demonstrates that women are central to safe, empowered communities. Through tireless service, Colledge shows that meaningful change begins at the community level.

true beauty lies in giving back. She is passionate about developing township talent and accessible pathways for aspiring models. Her work spans fashion, brand representation and community upliftment. Sibanda continues to use her influence to empower and uplift others.



**Cllr Lois "Wizza" Simonse** serves as Ennerdale's Ward 7 Councillor in the City and Regional Patriotic Alliance chair. A community leader, activist, wife mother, Simonse believes the future is bright - but only if built together. Elected in 2023, she is a trusted voice for Ennerdale and surrounding areas. Her service journey began at 12, inspired by her grandmother's work with a local safe house. She has decades of experience in Neighbourhood Watch and other community initiatives. Her leadership focuses on safer, cleaner and more dignified spaces. As Councillor, she prioritizes service delivery, safety and infrastructure upgrades. She maintains open communication with residents both online and on the ground. Simonse is not just leading Ward 7 - she is inspiring it.



**Joy Govender**, a resident of Lenasia South since 1990, has dedicated her life to service and upliftment. She is a mother to a daughter, grandmother to two, and continues to draw strength despite the loss of her son. As a ward committee member, she works tirelessly to ensure residents' needs are met, while also being part of the pothole-fixing initiative and empowering senior citizens. In April 2020, Govender launched a feeding scheme that began with 35 children and, with her daughter's help, now feeds more than 200 every Saturday. She also supports families dealing with addiction, offering guidance and hope. A businesswoman and servant leader, she lives by the belief that "service to humanity is service to God," and through her compassion and resilience, she continues to inspire a stronger and united communities.



**Shantel Sibanda**, from Finetown, is a versatile model, pageant mentor and charity advocate. She has competed in Miss Finetown, Mr & Miss Summer, and Miss Passionate pageants. Sibanda mentors contestants for Miss Finetown 2025, blending skill and confidence. She inspires young women to see pageantry as a platform for growth and empowerment. Beyond modeling, she donates to those in need and supports community causes. She encourages fellow models to engage in charity work. Sibanda believes

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Lydia found herself as a thriving businesswoman, with great interest in purple cloth and an eye to clothe the rich and royal. She lived in Thyatira, a city that produced purple dye from murex shellfish. Her business took her to many places in Thyatira, thus meeting people of monotheistic worship. She desired this. As time went on, Lydia moved and came to live in Philippi, a city under the Roman Empire. She established her business and with a heart to see entrepreneurs she helped others in the city to learn the trade. With the support of good trade contacts, she imported fabrics, purple dye and supervised the shipments from Thyatira. With business increasing, she managed the sales in Philippi. Can you see the increase? She created jobs and an improved life for many others. With this busy schedule every day, she made time to worship God. Upon a Divine encounter,

the Apostle Paul joined Lydia and the women at the riverside for prayer. She opened her heart to the Gospel Paul shared. Lydia increased in her blessings. Being a prosperous woman and living in a very large home to begin the first church in Europe in the city of Philippi and went on to support missionaries doing the work of God (Acts 16:14-15). My sister, you don't have to limit yourself! God wants to increase you as well. He wants to satisfy your years with good things. Have you opened your heart to Him and discussed your desires with Him? That's the first step. You might say, "What if He asks me to travel to another country?" Fear will stop you but faith will one day remind you that it was possible. Be mindful of voices around you. It will bring confusion. Being double minded in one thing can make you double minded in everything else and thus, lose the path you supposed to be

in. Listening to God will daily load you with His favour. Regrets can be painful sometimes and often, much loss. How many times have you said to yourself or someone else, "If only I did this or I should have done that or I don't know why I ever did that!" If you have been in that place, it's not too late. Pick up from where you left off and persevere. When God puts increase on you, it's because He trusts you to handle it. He takes care of things that concerns you. He will supply all your needs. Spending time in His Word and worshipping Him, is key. Through this He enlarges your territory. Nothing stays the same. The Lord will increase you more and more in wisdom, studying, understanding, relationships, finances, etc. Your faithfulness to God will display His faithfulness. Your increase will be a testimony, like that of Lydia. With God's divine increase, you will taste and see that the Lord is good.



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## LET'S TALK INSULIN RESISTANCE

What is the real problem? The main issue lies with the liver. Increased starch intake forces the liver to store more glycogen, which in turn produces a type of fat called triglycerides. When the liver becomes overloaded with triglycerides, it first becomes resistant to the effects of insulin - this is insulin resistance. To maintain normal blood glucose levels, the pancreas ramps up insulin production. This puts even more pressure on the liver to

absorb glucose, further increasing glycogen and triglycerides, which can lead to fatty liver disease. To reduce the strain, the liver starts sending triglycerides to other parts of the body, such as around internal organs, packaged in small LDL particles (the "bad cholesterol"). If the pancreas becomes affected, its tissue can get compressed, reducing insulin production and potentially causing Type 2 Diabetes. Fat outside the liver is highly inflamed, raising overall inflammation in the body.

This can lead to joint pain, vessel occlusion, and even heart attacks. These are very serious problems. The solution is simple: over 6-8 weeks, gradually reduce starch intake until it's no more than 20g per day (just over one slice of bread). This can reverse the cascade of issues, potentially allowing you to reduce or stop medications while improving health. Focus on animal protein if you are not vegetarian, don't fear healthy fats, limit starchy vegetables and carbs, and completely eliminate junk food. Your body will thank you.

# Avalon clean-up campaign

### Volunteers dedicate their time to keep the cemetery maintained



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Avalon Cemetery stands as a sacred resting place for loved ones and it is thanks to the dedication of selfless volunteers that its dignity continues to be upheld.

For years, a group of committed community members has tirelessly cleaned, restored and maintained the cemetery grounds with sincerity and perseverance. The organisers shared: "This campaign is not about recognition; it's about honouring those who came before us. We want to ensure that Avalon remains a place of peace, respect and dignity for future generations. We are

humbled by residents who, in their own quiet ways, contribute towards keeping Avalon clean. Every small effort makes a big difference." A special word of gratitude also goes to Saaberie Chishty for their unwavering support in community causes. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to the clean-up team led by Hafez Ridwaan Bismilla, Ashraf Ismail, Aasif Modek, Moosa Karolia, Firoze Ebrahim, MI Ismail Mia, Yaseen, Imraan Onia and Farhaad Khan. May the Almighty reward every volunteer abundantly for ensuring Avalon Cemetery remains clean, maintained and respected.

## Centenary Human Values Walk & Float Procession to honour Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba



As part of the global Centenary celebrations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Gauteng Province of the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council of South Africa will host a Human Values Walk and Float Procession in Lenasia South on 27 September.

This inspiring event will take place at the Sathya Sai School on Kingfisher Street, Lenasia South from 8am to 12pm. This event serves as a tribute, honouring the timeless teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The procession will span approximately 2.8km, beginning at the Sathya Sai School, proceeding along Kingfisher Street, up Starling Street and returning via Kingfisher Street back to the school premises. The Sathya Sai School stands as a living legacy of Bhagawan's mission - a centre of excellence that fosters character-based education rooted in human values and spiritual upliftment. Community members are invited to attend and be part of this meaningful occasion, commemorating 100 years of Sri Sathya Sai - his life and message. For more information, please call Pragasen Chitra on 083 200 7206 or Yatish Jagannath, 068 591 0879.

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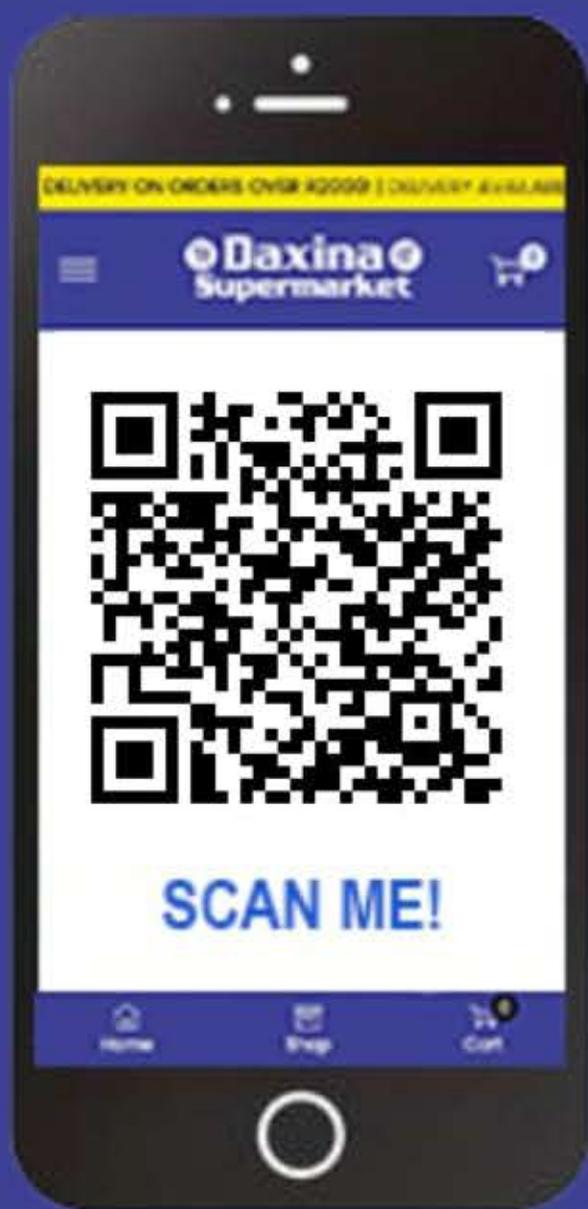
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## South United wins Family International Cup



This U16 team represented Majazana with pride at Kiasha Park, Lenasia South on 10 August

Hosted annually by Eleven Stars FC's coach and chairman, Jabulani Ngubane, this year's trophy was claimed by South United FC who took home a trophy and medals. Family International Cup's aim is to unite the community and engage youth in positive activities. Focusing on the U16 division, eight teams competed in a knockout format. South United claimed the championship with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Busy Bee in the final. Sponsored by aQuelle Company, the tournament was full of energy, skill and teamwork. Ngubane emphasized that the event is about more than football - it gives children hope, keeps them off the streets and celebrates community spirit and talent.



From serving to ball control, learners are guided step-by-step through the fundamentals

## LTTA and LSS team up to nurture the next table tennis stars

The Lenasia Table Tennis Association (LTTA) was officially introduced to the Lenasia School Sports Board (LSS) and local primary schools on 23 August, marking a proud milestone in LTTA's mission to grow table tennis at grassroots level. Hosted at SBSM, the engagement highlighted the impact of LTTA's programmes - particularly their work with schools such as Park Primary by creating a fun, inclusive and educational space where young learners could experience the fundamentals of table tennis. On the day, LTTA members not only refereed league matches but also guided learners through essential techniques, including serving, ball control, hand coordination and creative rallying drills that encouraged

teamwork, discipline and focus. LTTA extend gratitude to the Lenasia School Sports Board for their partnership and seamless coordination, as well as to the dedicated LTTA team - Vikash Kasan, Bharat Narsai, Naresh Nagin, Jushiel Nagin, Javie Ravjee, Ashish Nathoo, Quinton James, Dharmil Nathoo, Natash Singh and Neillin Singh whose passion and commitment truly embodied the spirit of LTTA. This partnership signals the beginning of an exciting new chapter. LTTA remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing young talent, building stronger school partnerships and making table tennis more accessible, inspiring and impactful for the youth of Lenasia and beyond.



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