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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Following a difficult experience with tenants at my property in Lenasia South, I would like to encourage fellow property owners to carefully consider the risks of renting privately, particularly without a formal lease agreement or professional property management.

After several months of non-payment of rent and municipal charges, along with disputes regarding the use of the property, I appointed Ebrahim Saloojee Properties to assist in managing the matter. They guided

me through the legal processes involved, including the provisions of the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land (PIE) Act, which governs eviction proceedings and the rights of both tenants and property owners.

My experience highlighted how financially and emotionally demanding rental disputes can become. Property owners may face unpaid rent, outstanding municipal accounts, and lengthy legal processes before regaining possession of their properties. Many landlords are unaware of the legal obligations and procedures involved until they find themselves in this position.

I would encourage landlords to use reputable rental agencies that conduct affordability assessments, obtain references from previous landlords, and perform tenant screening, including credit and TPN checks where applicable. Professional rental agents can also assist with managing rental

exciting entertainment and family-friendly fun, with more details to be announced.

Ennerdale Career Day

The Expose & Inspire Career Day will take place on 25 July in Ennerdale, giving high school learners the opportunity to explore a range of career paths and connect with professionals from organisations including SAPS, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), All In On Emergency, and other exhibitors. **Local businesses and professionals who would like to inspire the next generation can email: rldimanagement1@gmail.com.**

Worshippers Delight

The annual worshippers Delight (WD26) outdoor praise and worship event returns for its third edition on Thursday, 24 September, at Ennerdale Ext 9 Stadium. The event is free to attend and promises a day of uplifting worship, praise and fellowship.

Miss Teen Kokotela 2026

Young girls are invited to enter the Miss Teen Kokotela 2026 pageant, with categories for Pre-Teen (8-12 years) and Teen (13-19 years). The event will take place on Saturday, 26 September, at 10am, with a R250 joining fee. Contestants will compete for first, second and third prizes while building confidence, leadership and personal growth. **For more contact 078 220 5100.**

payments, monitoring municipal accounts, and ensuring that the appropriate procedures are followed throughout the tenancy. The cost of professional property management is often far outweighed by the protection and peace of mind it can provide.

I would appreciate it if your publication could consider featuring a broader article on the PIE Act and its practical implications for both landlords and tenants. Greater public awareness of the legal rights and responsibilities of all parties could help property owners make informed decisions and reduce the likelihood of costly disputes. Finally, I would like to thank Ebrahim Saloojee Properties for their professional assistance throughout this process. Their guidance, expertise, and support were invaluable in helping resolve the matter lawfully and efficiently.

Yours sincerely,
Jern Saunders

A night of culture

Celebrate your heritage with Gauteng Sanathan Mandir at a vibrant fundraiser featuring Oriental Nagara, Bhushan Dass and Divya Art of Dance on 19 September at St Martin's School Hall in Johannesburg South. Tickets cost R150, with guests invited to enjoy live entertainment, a Saree Queen Contest, lucky draws, delicious meals and refreshments on sale.

Tribute to Women

Daxina Senior Citizens invites the community to this event on Saturday, 15 August, at 4pm at the Lenasia South Civic Centre. Tickets are R200 per person and include refreshments and food. Dress code smart casual.

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Best of Both 2.0

Looks Records is bringing back Best of Both 2.0 on 26 September at Khubas Lounge, Lenasia South. Music lovers can secure early bird tickets for R80, with general admission at R100, gate tickets at R150, and a R50 cooler box fee. Tickets are available through Webtickets at Pick n Pay.

Annual Aadi Maatham Thiruvizha and Mariamman Poojai

Join Shree Kali Amman Mandir for its 43rd poojai on 2 August from 7am at 594 Greenwich Street, Lenasia South. This sacred occasion is an opportunity for devotees, families and the community to come together in prayer, receive blessings and celebrate a cherished spiritual tradition. **For more info call Prinity Naidoon 079 380 0633.**

Diwali Festival

The Hindu Co-ordinating Council will host its annual Diwali Festival on 31 October. The celebration promises a variety of stalls,

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Truth in the Age of AI
The Fight for Journalism's Integrity

Just weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending the Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards as one of five finalists in the Community Service Reporting category. This was national. For a small, independent hyperlocal newsroom, simply being in that room felt like a victory.

Today, I'm humbled to share that my newsroom has once again been named a finalist at the AVBOB FCJ Excellence Awards, presented by the Forum of Community Journalists (FCJ). This recognition is especially meaningful because, more than two decades ago, I served on the FCJ Board. Returning now as a finalist feels like a genuine full-circle moment.

The past two years have also brought the privilege of receiving the Nat Nakasa Award for Courageous Journalism and representing South African community media at international and national journalism forums in Dakar, Addis Ababa, Wits and Paarl. At every opportunity, I proudly spoke about our three publications - **ORANGE FARM NEWS, GLOBE POST**

and Walkerville & Savanna City Times - and our belief that passionate hyperlocal journalism can help build thriving, informed and empowered township communities. None of these milestones belongs to me alone. They belong to an extraordinary team - my village - whose commitment to journalism with heart continues to inspire me every day.

We have an unwavering commitment to public-interest journalism. We have a team that believes communities deserve rigorous investigative reporting, meaningful solutions journalism that holds power to account while inspiring hope.

To my team, our readers, advertisers, partners and the communities who continue to trust us with their stories - thank you. Your support makes this journey possible. Here's to proving that the impact of a newsroom is never measured by its size, but by the difference it makes.

--Shirley Govender
Publisher & Editor-in-Chief
Orange Farm News, Globe Post, and Walkerville & Savanna City Times

Save what you can – your future depends on it

Your hard-earned money disappears long before month-end and saving for something meaningful just never seems possible. Rather than worry about what seems like just another financial burden, you put off saving until, one day, you earn more.

But let's be honest: more money often leads to lifestyle changes, resulting in higher expenses and still no savings. Saving is not about waiting for a higher income. It is about developing a habit of setting money aside regularly, even in small amounts, to help build a more secure future. This Savings Month, the Association for Savings and Investment South Africa (ASISA) is challenging you to save what you can, because your future depends on it.

Saving for your future

You need to save for two main reasons.

First, life is unpredictable. A small emergency fund can help you pay for unexpected medical costs, replace something that has broken, or cover school expenses without turning to expensive debt.

The second reason is to put money away for retirement. The more you have saved for your retirement, the more independent you can be because you won't have to rely on your family to help you out.

A nest egg in your old age will also enable you to enjoy a more comfortable retirement.

It is less about how much you save and more about making saving a regular habit. Saving R20 or R50 regularly may not seem like much today, but consistently putting something aside helps to build your savings over time. If you leave your savings for some time, the savings you set aside can benefit from compound growth, which means you will earn interest on interest.

This Savings Month, challenge yourself to save what you can by busting the following myths:

Starting when I earn more is early enough.

Instead of waiting for the perfect time, start with a small amount you can manage. Even a small amount saved every payday helps create the habit. Arrange for the small amount to be automatically deducted from your everyday account and transferred to your savings account on payday. **Your savings should be held in a fixed deposit account to prevent easy access.**

Savings tip: Choose one expense you can reduce slightly this month - a cold drink at lunch or takeaways on Friday night - and move that money into a separate savings account.

Saving small amounts isn't worth it.

Many people think saving only works if you can put away lots of money every month. But every successful saver started somewhere. Once you start, even with small amounts, your confidence grows, and you save more and more. When extra money comes your way, such as a stokvel payout or a work bonus, you can add more to your savings. But don't overlook the power of small amounts saved regularly. Over time, they can make a meaningful difference. **The important thing is consistency, not perfection.**

Savings tip: When you save towards a goal, it makes it easier to save consistently. Set up a separate account and name it something meaningful like "Emergency Fund" or "School Fees". Many people are often more motivated to save when they know exactly what they are saving for.

Dipping into my retirement fund's savings pot is not a big deal.

If you are lucky enough to have a retirement fund, you are already saving. But dipping into the savings portion of your retirement fund once a year drastically reduces what you will have available in your old age. Even if you can replace the money taken from the savings pot in the future, you lose out on the compound growth. The more you take out of your savings pot every year, the less you will have at retirement when you are likely to need it most. **Also, remember that withdrawals from your savings pot are taxed and attract an administration fee.**

Savings tip: Aim to build up an emergency savings fund, even if you start small. Instead of having to dip into your retirement savings for every unexpected expense, you can use the money in your emergency fund. This way, you allow your retirement savings to continue growing while avoiding taxes and fees.

Ward 7's Cllr Lois vows to rebuild after 'deliberate and targeted' arson attack



Image: Lois Simonse

The charred remains of the home office, where the fire destroyed equipment, documents and years of hard work

Ward 7's Cllr Lois Simonse claims that her family's home office was deliberately set alight on 18 July, destroying years of hard work and leaving the family traumatised by the ordeal.

In a Facebook post, Simonse said the fire completely destroyed the family's home office. "Our home office was deliberately set alight and burnt to the ground. Losing all our business equipment and everything we had worked so hard to build is devastating, but that is only a small part of what we lost. The greatest heartbreak is knowing that we could have lost our son," she wrote.

Simonse added: "What hurts even more is the sheer cruelty and defiance of those responsible. Even as everything went up in flames, they continued to swear at and threaten our son. That is something we will never forget." Despite the tragedy, Simonse expressed heartfelt gratitude to the many people who have rallied around her family. "To everyone who didn't hesitate to lend a helping hand, to our friends and family who stood by us when we needed you most, thank you. Your love, support and prayers are carrying us through some of our darkest moments," she wrote.

In an emotional tribute, Simonse said the family remains thankful that they are together and that their son survived the incident.

She praised her son's bravery: "Your courage, selflessness, and determination went far beyond what anyone could ever expect. We are incredibly proud of the young man. We will rebuild. It won't be easy, and it won't happen overnight, but with faith, determination, and the incredible support of those around us, we will rise again."

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Save what you can – your future depends on it

You do not need to save perfectly. Some months will be harder than others, and that's okay. What matters is creating the habit of putting something aside whenever you can. Small, regular savings today can give you more choices, more security and greater peace of mind tomorrow. **This Savings Month, don't focus on how much you can save. Focus on getting started.**

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Years of sewage misery: **GLOBE POST** helps Hospital Hills resident



Image: Joseph Panyane

Damage caused around Joseph Panyane's home

A resident who endured years of raw sewage spilling onto his property has thanked **GLOBE POST after the blocked manhole was cleared on the same day the publication highlighted his issue.**

Joseph Panyane, who lives at Stand 974, Hospital Hill, Ext 28, next to the scrapyard in Block F, said the problem began only months after the sewer infrastructure was installed in 2017.

"There's a manhole next to Stand 983, when it's blocked, all the waste coming from the eastern part of Hospital Hills cannot pass through towards the outfall," he said. Panyane added: "Once that pipe is full of waste due to pressure, it goes into the pipe connecting to my house toilets and bathroom. To avoid sewerage spilling into my house through the toilet, I am forced to open the rodding eye so that the sewage comes out and spills all over my yard."

To minimise damage to his home, Panyane installed a makeshift pipe to divert the overflowing sewage to the rear of his property.

"To stop the spillage by opening the rodding eye, I connected a pipe to lead the sewage to the back of my yard. It has created a pool of sewage that flows towards the mosque and Wimbledon Street. The whole property is affected, except inside the house," he said. Panyane said he first reported the latest incident to Johannesburg Water approximately six weeks ago. Although he received a reference number and later a message indicating the fault had been resolved, he returned home to find the sewage still overflowing. He logged another complaint and continued following up, but says little progress has been made.

"I kept on making follow-ups, but nothing happened. I even contacted the councillor, who took up the issue with Johannesburg Water. One of the officials from the Corobrik offices also came to inspect after being informed by the councillor," he said. Panyane added that he was eventually provided with the contact details of the foreman responsible for sewer maintenance at the Ennerdale

Depot.

"He told me he would get a Vacuum jet truck to unblock the manhole, but nothing happened. That was two weeks ago." While unblocking the manhole would provide temporary relief, Panyane believes a more comprehensive intervention is needed.

"The manhole needs to be unblocked as a temporary solution, but the whole sewer reticulation system in Hospital Hill needs to be fixed." The prolonged sewage overflow has raised concerns about public health, environmental pollution and the impact on neighbouring properties and nearby public spaces.

On Monday, 20 July, Panyane expressed his sincere gratitude to **GLOBE POST**: "Your commitment to inform the community and amplifying residents' concerns is commendable. Thank you for giving voice to this matter."

At time of print, **GLOBE POST**, was still waiting for a comment from Johannesburg Water regarding a long-term solution for the Hospital Hills sewer network.

Incomplete pipeline project leaves Liverpool bloc without working fire hydrants



Image: Globe Post

Emergency teams battle a major veld fire near powerlines

Thanks to Saaberie Chishty Emergency services, A major veld fire near powerlines on Liverpool Street in Lenasia South on 10 July, has ignited concern over disconnected fire hydrants across the bloc.

The blaze spread rapidly through dry vegetation, sending thick smoke across the area and threatening nearby homes and infrastructure. Emergency teams contained the fire before it could spread further. Residents, said the incident exposed serious risks created by an incomplete R24-million Liverpool pipeline upgrade. "This project appears to have been abandoned, while workers are still waiting to be paid. What happened to the R24-million allocated?" one resident asked. Another resident questioned the role of the project's community liaison officer, alleging that the official was not from the area and had "disappeared from the process". All attempts to reach the CLO, Lesedi Molutsi, went unanswered. "Tonight it was a veld fire. What if it had been a house fire? This is completely unacceptable and potentially life-threatening," the resident said. Residents thank, Adnaan Vally, Saaberie Chishty Emergency Services and all responders, while calling for answers, accountability and working infrastructure.

New Lenasia South BACF chairperson outlines safety priorities

Newly appointed Business Against Crime Forum (BACF) chairperson, Omar Khan, calls on residents, businesses and community leaders to work together to improve safety in the area.

Khan, the owner of Khan's Butchery, was elected on 6 July to lead the BACF into a news chapter. The forum operates as a subcommittee of the Lenasia South Community Policing Forum (CPF). "My vision is to build a stronger relationship with SAPS of our business zones across the precinct. It is critical that we build the local economy by creating safer business areas," Khan said.

He encouraged local business

owners to attend BACF meetings and support community safety initiatives.

"I invite all commercial players to participate in this vision.

A meeting will be held soon, watch for the date and time," he added.

One of the BACF's long-term goals is to introduce smart surveillance cameras capable of reading vehicle number plates and identifying vehicles travelling without plates.

"Criminals hide behind missing plates. We want to take that away from them," Khan said.

He also assured the community that the BACF would maintain transparency regarding all donations received and how the funds are spent.



Image: Supplied

Omar Khan

Police appeal for help to find missing Lenasia South teen



Image: SAPS



Nqobisitha Gift Mokgola

Lenasia South police are appealing to the public for assistance in locating 16-year-old Nqobisitha Gift Mokgola, who has been reported missing.

SAPS said Nqobisitha was last seen on 12 June. The circumstances surrounding the teenager's disappearance have not been disclosed, and police are continuing their efforts to trace the missing teen. Authorities are urging anyone who may have seen Nqobisitha or has any information that could assist with the investigation to contact the Investigating Officer, Constable Anthony, at 010 230 1000 or call the Crime Stop hotline on 08600 10111. Police have appealed to members of the community to share the information widely in the hope of reuniting Nqobisitha with family and loved ones.

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By Ps Radha Moodley
Faith Bible College

God gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding. God helps us to make choices according to His Word. You cannot go wrong with God. If you miss the mark, He will direct and guide you back to start from a better beginning. Faith is put in people, careers, jobs, talents, gifts and even medication. Start with unwavering faith in the Word of God. Start with what God has to say in His Word and He will guide you to a scripture to build your faith. **Mark 11:22** says, "Have Faith in God." This is not a religious faith. It's a faith that comes by hearing the Word. This faith is alive, quick and powerful. This faith is active. You can use His Word to speak to a situation and you will get results. Jesus had come down from the mountain having prayed for many hours, found out that His disciples in the boat had run into trouble. The boisterous winds tossed the boat causing them

to panic and doubt. Why? They took their eyes off the teachings of Jesus and focussed on the waves. I know you might be thinking, "But that's ridiculous! Surely, they must focus on the waves; what would happen if the water fills up in the boat?" An athlete running a hundred-meter race will not focus on their feet but on the prize. Those threatening waves were an opportunity for them to use their faith first. **(Matthew 14:22-24)**. Faith was their prize. James likens a Believer who doubts to the waves of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. Even a strong swimmer who does not read the waves, can be hit by a rock. Even a strong swimmer may find it difficult to find his way and swim back to shore. In the same way if you take your eyes off the scriptures that is able to strengthen your faith, you can be driven and tossed and the result will be an

unstable faith. An unstable faith gives place to the devil. It's a place he uses to mislead you and cause you to increase in losses. Don't doubt God because you didn't get results. If you did doubt, go back to God and ask Him to let you see were you missed it. God never misses it. Ask in faith and be expectant. Hold fast to your confession of Faith without wavering! Listen to and do what He tells you. Keep feeding your spirit with Scriptures that will strengthen your faith. Don't take your eyes off it. Allow your family, Employer and Colleagues to see that you are a reliable and dependable person. In this way you will never be tossed by the wind; never a double-minded person. Father, I pray that when trouble comes, your children will not allow the waves to toss them around.

They will stand firm on Your Word and enjoy the victory, in Jesus Name, Amen!

United in Prayer, United in Remembrance

Siva Gnana Sabay Sivan Koil hosted its 2026 Mass Memorial Service on Sunday, 12 July, bringing families and community members together to honour departed loved ones through prayer, reflection and devotion.

The service offered a sacred space for grief, remembrance and spiritual connection. A beautifully arranged memorial altar, featuring framed photographs of departed family members, formed the focal point of the gathering and reminded devotees that the legacies of their loved ones continue through memory and faith. During the ceremony, devotees of all ages approached the sacred Sivalingam and offered fresh flower petals while remembering parents, spouses,

children, siblings, relatives and friends. Thiru Villa Pillay and Thirumati Pat Pillay, together with the congregation, recited the 108 Potris, creating an atmosphere of reverence and reflection. The service also highlighted an important Saiva teaching: remembrance is not only an act of mourning, but also one of gratitude and continued spiritual connection. After the prayers, attendees shared an authentic South Indian meal prepared and served by volunteers, strengthening fellowship and community bonds. The Siva Gnana Sabay Spiritual Council thanked devotees, volunteers, donors and participating families, and expressed hope that the memorial service will become an annual tradition for generations to come.



Families gather in a spirit of faith and reflection during memorial service

SA Hindus invites devotees to 5 million chants during 2026 Saturn Retrograde



Pandita Lucy Sigaban
SA Hindus

For the fifth consecutive year, SA Hindus is inviting devotees to participate in its annual Saturn Retrograde (Shani Vakri) Collective Chanting Initiative.

From 27 July to 10 December 2026, participants will be chanting "Om Sham Shanishcharaya Namah" over 137 days, with the collective goal of achieving 5 million chants. The initiative began in 2022 with a target of one million chants and has grown into a cherished annual observance, inspiring thousands of devotees to strengthen their spiritual practice while praying for the well-being of humanity. In Vedic tradition, Saturn Retrograde is regarded as a period of introspection, self-discipline, accountability and

spiritual growth. The chanting of Shani Bhagwaan's mantra is believed to cultivate patience, resilience and inner strength while encouraging devotees to reflect on their actions and embrace positive transformation.

Participation is open to everyone, regardless of age or experience. **Devotees are encouraged to chant at a time convenient to them and submit their weekly chant totals via WhatsApp to 067 638 2008, contributing towards the collective milestone.**

In addition to chanting, SA Hindus will once again undertake its 888 Hamper Drive, with the aim of distributing 888 food hampers to families in need during the chanting period.

"While we chant individually, we pray collectively. It is our heartfelt prayer that every person who contributes, even a single chant, receives the spiritual benefit of the entire 5 million chants offered to Shani Bhagwaan for the well-being of all," said Pandita Lucy Sigaban, Founder of SA Hindus.

Globe Post and SA Hindus extend their best wishes to all Shani Bhagwaan Devotees during the period of the retrograde. May He bless all with ease.

If you would like **GLOBE POST** to feature your temple or organisation's prayer event, kindly contact Lucy on 067 638 2008.

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Do you have information that would help SAPS?

Police have opened an inquest after a body of an unidentified black man, believed to be approximately 50-years-old was discovered on a pavement near Finetown Primary School on Monday, 6 July.

According to the South African Police Service (SAPS), the deceased was found with no visible physical injuries, preliminary information suggests that he

may have collapsed or possibly been poisoned. Authorities emphasised that there are currently no indications of foul play such as murder or mob justice, they confirmed that all relevant role players are currently at the scene conducting investigations: "We will open an inquest for now because the cause of death is unknown." The identity of the deceased has not yet been identified, and police are appealing to anyone who may have information that could assist in identifying the man or determining the circumstances surrounding his death to come forward. No arrests have been made, and investigations are ongoing.



Police investigate the scene where the body of a man was discovered

E-hailing driver stabbed in Ennerdale hijacking

Yet another e-hailing driver was stabbed and hijacked of his vehicle in Poseidon Street, Ennerdale on 13 July. SAPS said the incident occurred at approximately 12.30pm after the driver responded to a ride request and arrived at the pickup location, where three coloured male suspects entered the Nissan Almera. "As the driver was about to drive off, the suspect seated behind him grabbed him."

The driver reportedly fought back, but another suspect sitting in the front passenger seat pulled out a knife and stabbed him in the right leg. "The victim fought with the suspects but was overpowered, and the suspects drove off with the vehicle," SAPS said. The stolen vehicle was later recovered abandoned in Ennerdale Ext 5. No arrests have been made and investigations are continuing. SAPS has urged anyone with information that could assist in identifying or locating the suspects to report it to their nearest police station or contact Crime Stop on 08600 10111.

Finetown gravel roads receive facelift



Construction underway to upgrade priority gravel roads

The Finetown road project that started during the fourth quarter of the 2024 financial year is progressing, with priority gravel roads being converted to asphalt and new stormwater infrastructure installed.

Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA) spokesperson, Elias Nkabinde said the construction is currently underway on Road D, Simmonds Street and Wilson Street, covering a combined distance of approximately 1.07 kilometres: "The Finetown Road Upgrade Project is currently in Phase 1, which includes about 431 metres of Road D and approximately 639 metres along Simmonds and Wilson streets." According to the JDA, the project has created opportunities for 11 small, medium and micro enterprises and provided employment to nine local labourers through

its Economic Empowerment Programme. Nkabinde added the work includes road layer preparation, stormwater installation, kerbs and channels, interlocking-paved sidewalks, earthworks and underground service installations. "The project will deliver safer and more reliable infrastructure by replacing gravel roads with durable asphalt surfaces and improving stormwater drainage to reduce flooding and erosion," he said. The formal sidewalks are expected to improve pedestrian safety, while the upgraded roads will provide better access for residents, emergency services, public transport operators and municipal vehicles. Nkabinde said the construction schedule and anticipated completion date would be reviewed once the project's allocated funding had been confirmed.

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Amapiiano FC U13 showcased their talent and passion during the Family International Cup

11 Stars FC successfully hosted the Family International Cup at Kiasha Park Sports Grounds in Lenasia South on the weekend of 4 and 5 July.

"We are proud of the tournament and the good it is doing in the Ward 120 community. Eleven Stars FC is trying to bring change by involving children and keeping them busy through soccer," said Ngubane.

Image: Jabulani Ngubane

A photograph of three men standing outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a brown jacket and a cap, holding a soccer ball. The man in the middle is wearing a green and white jacket and a yellow hat, also holding a soccer ball. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored sweater and grey pants, holding a soccer ball. They are standing in front of a red building with a sign that says "NCAZIS PLACE". Several soccer balls are scattered on the ground in the foreground.

A generous donation from Serame Tavern is helping to inspire the next generation of football talent after they donated 10 soccer balls and two mini goalposts to Pastor FC on Sunday, 12 July.

The donation, aimed at strengthening youth development through sport, was officially handed over to the Lawley 2-based football club, providing players and coaches with much-needed equipment to enhance their training sessions. Speaking to **GLOBE POST**, Pastor FC coach, Sibonelo 'Pastor' Mtshali said the donation is significant for the club and the community: "This support means a lot because as a club in a small township, we are being recognised." He added that the support goes beyond equipment and marks the beginning of a meaningful relationship between the club and the local business. The new balls and training equipment will make a noticeable difference during training sessions, allowing players to sharpen their skills while encouraging discipline, teamwork and healthy lifestyles. Mtshali added: "Thank you to Serame Tavern. This is not just a sponsorship, but a partnership. I hope they continue spreading the love to other people as well. We hope they grow, because when they grow, it means Lawley grows."

Image: Supplied

Jayden McKinna

Jayden began his formal lifesaving training in November 2025, but his commitment to serving people started long before then. His mother, Bernadette, said: "Jayden is actively involved in various community

outreach initiatives since the age of 8 years old." Jayden's dedication has already seen him take on a major leadership role. "I am extremely proud of Jayden. Being the youngest and club captain of a group of 43 swimmers, he proved that with God on your side, perseverance and hard work, despite various challenges, definitely paid off," Bernadette said. She added that Jayden's achievement should serve as encouragement

to other young people who are working towards their goals. "I would like to encourage every young person out there to believe in your dreams, pursue them and don't give up until you succeed," she said. Bernadette also expressed gratitude to those who played a role in Jayden's journey, giving thanks to "our heavenly Father Jesus Christ, Leader Denin, Leader Cassian, Instructors Winnie, Thabo, Nozipho and all the DHL life guards."



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