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Port Alfred has a Theatre

The Pauls family have gone all out to make Wharf Street the Entertainment Capital of the Sunshine Coast. Elegantly dressed townfolk filled the



beautiful theatre on opening night, eager to be entertained at this historical premier event. Mark Pauls, the brainchild behind the project, looked dashing in his white linen suit, and welcomed everyone to the theatre. The scene was set with sparkling chandeliers, plush red velvet drapes, theatrical posters on the

walls, and a warm up act by new arrival in Port Alfred, Flame, a Las Vegas performer. Much loved Lionel Hunt, aka Elvis, held the audience spellbound throughout his performance. Lionel performed many of Elvis' most popular hits and his beautiful voice resonated through the theatre. The second half of the act saw Lionel performing some Joe Cocker and Roy Orbison numbers.

Dinner was served in lovely wicker baskets and comprised local delicacies. Guests are able to experience the ambiance of whole complex. The lovely Turpin Turtle pub off the theatre, with its gleaming Oregon floors and soft glowing warmth welcomes thirsty guests. The beautifully decorated library with its leather bound

books and antique furniture is a picture of delight and the piece de resistance is the elegant courtyard an irresistible resting place for a quiet drink or sip of coffee.

This whole project has been months of hard work in the making and the Pauls family worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to get the theatre open before December.

We can look forward to some excellent entertainment in December with The MG's our very own Township Bank on 3rd December, Southern Gypsy Queens on 14th December, Silver Creek Mountain Band on 17th, The rocking Rebels Trio on 20th December, A night with Frnak (Renier Badenhorst) on 23 December and Rosie Doring, om jou dood te lag is a flipping' fabulous manier om te leef on 29th December.

Well done to the Pauls Family for their initiative and warm hospitality. Your dream is now a reality for the whole community.

Lady Biscay is launched

The Lady Biscay, a 50 seater barge was launched at the Small Boat Harbour on 30th November.

This lovely barge will be moored on the Kowie River and is available for special functions, cruises, weddings, etc. The barge is fully enclosed with tinted windows, a bar area, seating approximately 25 people, a dressing room, kitchenette and toilets. The overall floor area of the barge is an impressive 65 m².

The barge was set on a massive trailer and drawn by a heavy earth moving truck. The launch took place amid cheers by a crowd of

onlookers, after a few false starts.

This lovely lady is the brainchild of the Kelbrick family and was built by Kowie Marine Services. If you are planning an event, and would like to do something a little different, here's your chance.!

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The Port Alfred Soup Kitchen was originally started in 1998 after an appeal was made by a local school to step in and assist as the children were eating paper in order to satisfy their hunger pains, making it was therefore impossible for them to concentrate or learn.

It is estimated that in Ndlambe more than 2 000 children under the age of 17 experience household hunger. Because of the challenges of the Government's School Nutrition Programme being experienced in this Province, these children are not fed at school. This results in children begging, rummaging at the dump and even resorting to petty crime, in search of their daily bread.

Hunger Buster Holiday Programme.

The "Soup

Kitchen" together with the local community have put together many fun filled events for the holiday makers to enjoy over the holiday season in order to raise R200,000. This will help fund the packaging of 100,000 meals in 2012 to reach out to the hungry, no matter what colour or creed they might be.

Our fund raising activities will culminate in a meal-packaging event to be hosted in association with Stop Hunger Now SA - a volunteer based meal packaging programme - at the Port Alfred town hall on the 23rd December at 3pm. The public are invited and encouraged to contribute their time to help package meals, and at the same time, have fun as well. In May this year, we successfully hosted a meal-packaging event at the lo-

cal high school where more than four hundred volunteers packaged just over **50 thousand** meals within 8 hours.

The Soup Kitchen feeds more than 3000 meals a week to residents of Ndlambe. They continue to raise awareness of the reality of hunger in Port Alfred with the objective of raising the necessary finances to reach out to them 365 days a year.

We encourage the community and holiday makers of Port Alfred to please support these fun-filled activities planned over the holiday season making your holiday in Port Alfred a memorable one.

Our holiday fun guide gives details events scheduled to take place over December and we encourage you to join in the fun for this needy cause.

Kowie History Museum

If you fancy a bit of history the Kowie History Museum is a gem, not to be missed. This quaint little museum can be found on Pascoe Crescent, next to the Magistrate's court.

For the holiday season, the hours of business have been extended to Mon—Fri 9:30—12:30 and Saturday 9:30 to 1:00. You can expect

to find the history of our harbor, an extensive 1820 settler data base, a huge egg cup collection, and specialized exhibits on 43 Airschool, NSRI, Royal Alfred Golf Club, Port Alfred / Grahamstown railway, shipwrecks along the coast, shell, and much more.

The new curator, Dick Schuurman will be happy to show you around and

even point you in the right direction if you would like to trace your family history.



Fireworks

River Hotels will be putting on a fireworks display on the West Beach pier on new year's eve. Kowie FM will be on the spot to talk to people and to report on the fireworks, so tune into Kowie FM 99 dot zero—your vacation station!

Please note that the unauthorized use of fireworks is banned

and that you require a permit to discharge fireworks.

If you have animals, please take precautions, keep your pets indoors and play soft music. If your pet is nervous, contact one of the local veterinarians, PA Veterinary Clinic 046-624-4612 or Kowie Veterinary Clinic 046-624-1092 for advice.

You can also contact the local SPCA 046-624-1919 or 082-676-8605.



Build a sand sculpture in the morning and catch a tan, in the early evening, go for a stroll, run or cycle. Two GREAT family fun events.

Two popular local events back for your enjoyment on 26th December

The day after Christmas is set to be a fun filled day in Port Alfred. The ever popular 'Sand Castle competition' has been brought back to Port Alfred.

Talk of the Town, Sunshine Coast Tourism, Harcourts and the Announcer have got together to bring this great event back. Book your spot on the beach by contacting Talk of the Town 046-624-4356. Entry fees at R20 per adult, or R50 per group (max 6). The

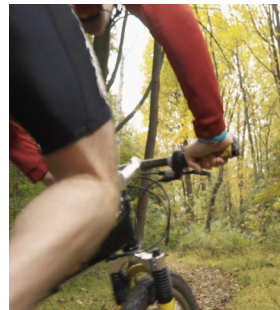
categories are Under 10, Under 16, Adult and families. The proceeds go towards the Hunger Buster programme.

The event starts at low tide at 10:00 am at Kellys Beach and judging will commence at 13:00, just before the tide turns. There are great prizes to be won. Show your creative size and catch a tan at the same time!

Then, in the afternoon, why

not join in the popular fun walk / run / cycle walk, suited to the whole family, no matter how fit you are.

The starting point is the sports field in French Road, Port Alfred. The route is scenic and you get to walk / run or cycle off your Christmas dinner from the day before! Entries on the day !



What else to do in the Sunshine Coast???

We have a jam packed events calendar of all sorts of activities and events. Please contact the

Tourism office Port Alfred
046-624-1235

Tourism office in Kenton
046-648-2411

Kowie FM 99 dot Zero—

your vacation station .

In addition, we have local publications to keep you up to date:

Talk of the Town newspaper comes out every Thursday,

EC Today newspaper comes out every Friday.

The Announcer—local on-line newspaper—lof on for up to date news—log onto www.theannouncer.co.za

The Daily Despatch local daily with news from East London area.

The Herald local daily with news from Port Elizabeth



Bathurst—the cradle of the Sunshine Coast

Take time out to visit beautiful Bathurst, situated just 10 minutes drive from Port Alfred. Pop in at the Wiles Gallery for exquisite artworks, Richard Pullen pottery studio, The Corner Shop for beautiful art, crafts and antiques, Summerhill Farm to see the biggest pineapple in the world!, The Pig and Whistle—oldest pub in South Africa, the Bathurst Arms, The Workshop for arts and crafts. Don't forget to visit the Agricultural Museum—it is fascinating and you can visit the local pub at the museum. While you are there visit the toposcope, historical St. John's church and much much more. Most importantly, enjoy the warm hospitality of the people of Bathurst!

Port Alfred—the heart of the Sunshine Coast

Visit our beautiful beaches, shop till you drop in our gorgeous shops, experience our cafe society with the many wonderful eateries, swim in our indoor heated pool, or the sheltered Halyards pool. Stop for a cool sundowner at many of the local pubs, explore our nightlife at the The Little Theatre on the Warf, the Lounge Nightclub or Snorting Grunter. Visit historical Wharf Street or funky van der Riet Street. Join our local sports clubs for a game of golf, bowls, croquet or tennis. Hire a boat or go for a boat cruise up the lovely Kowie River. Visit our nearby lighthouse or game parks. Don't forget a trip to the local spas. Take the whole family for an adventure trip to Outdoor Focus at Kiddies beach. Horseride, surf, swim, dune board, canoe, fish, sunbathe or just read a book.

Kenton—the jewel of the Sunshine Coast

Explore the beautiful beaches of Kenton-on-Sea and Bushmans. Take a cruise up the beautiful Kariega river, dine at the many lovely restaurants. Enjoy the nightlife, visit the many game farms in the area, birdwatching, overnight canoe trail up the Bushmans River, shop in our quaint stores, take long leisurely strolls along the beaches, kite surf at Cannon Rocks, visit Lusiba Cermics on the Grahamstown Road. Play bowls, tennis or squash. Take the family up the Kariega visit and see the game at Sibuya Game Reserve. Horseride along Bushmans beach with Beachcombers. Sunbathe, build sandcastles or just enjoy casual Kenton.

Alexandria— gateway to the Sunshine Coast

Visit the beautiful Woody Cape Reserve in Alexandria—the largest shifting dunefields in the world. Take a two day hike or just a hours trip through the lovely indigenous forests. Visit nearby Addo Elephant park and pick up a Kiddies holiday Guide from your local Tourist Information Centre in Kenton on Sea or Port Alfred for more information on what to do. Most of all, just enjoy the unspoilt beauty of the area.



From all at on the Sunshine Coast, we wish you a happy, healthy, and joyful festive season. May all your wishes and dreams come true for you in 2012. Enjoy your time with us, relax and come back soon. For any assistance, please contact us at Tourism Office :

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046-648-2411 Kenton/Bushmans.