
CAISTER CHAT

SARDINES — SURVEY — KNITTING CIRCLE — LIBRARY — OUTINGS

THE SARDINES ARE ON THEIR WAY

An old fisherman's folklore says that when the dune aloes are in bud in May, the sardines are on their way. The first shoals have been spotted off the South Coast — so join the Thursday morning North Beach outing and you may see a shoal!



CAISTER SURVEY VERDICT

The Caister Survey results are now on the noticeboard. The verdict? Caister is THE first-choice retirement option in Durban. We all knew that, didn't we?



A SEAMLESS HANDOVER

David Mason has taken over as General Manager from Patrick Robert, who is enjoying his accumulated long leave. Patrick officially retires at the end of August and will be living in his flat until then — do say hello if you spot him. Our thanks to both men for a seamless transition.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Fredrick Streak will be joining the Caister family from Sunday and looks forward to being part of our ward, welcoming community.

IN MEMORIAM

Dennis Julian Freeman sadly passed away last Saturday evening. His loving companion, Sas Greenspan, will move to Cape Town to be near her daughter.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SR. KAREN.

Due to the pharmacies not willing to provide on-site flu vaccines, the clinic staff kindly request that you order your flu vaccine through your medical aid, via your local pharmacy. Should you wish to have the vaccine delivered to the clinic, we will administer it at no charge. Alternatively, your local pharmacy will gladly vaccinate you on their premises.



MOTHER'S DAY & MAY BIRTHDAYS

The Mother's Day Lunch was, as usual, a great hit with a delicious menu which was enjoyed by all. A vote of thanks to the chefs and all the staff who went the extra mile.

Birthdays in May were celebrated with delicious cakes at tea time or wine with lunch thanks to sponsorship by the birthday guys and gals.



THE KNITTING CIRCLE

The Knitting Circle completed their soft toys and these went to a wonderful charity called Beanies and blankets for Babies run by Snoeks Desmond. The toys were delivered to King Dinizulu Hospital (old King George), where a very caring anesthetist gives a cuddly teddy to any frightened child about to have an operation. The knitters meet at 3 every Friday afternoon and welcome new recruits. You don't need expertise. Knitted squares for blankets are always on the go. It's a social and enjoyable group. Sadly, Donna Fourie returned to her hometown, Cape Town, at the end of April. She was an enthusiastic member of the Knitting Circle and was the main lady crocheting squares into blankets. Her absence will be keenly felt.

TUESDAY SCRABBLE CLUB

Tuesday afternoon, Scrabble enthusiasts meet at 3 and would welcome new players.



THE CORRIDOR ART PROJECT

Some months ago, there was a request for pictures to be donated to Caister to add interest to bare walls and replace prints which had become tired. The response was overwhelming! Carol Ditz started the ball rolling, and when she went on holiday to Canada, Penny Dempster enthusiastically took over. The Board budgeted for some new frames, and Storm Ferguson used his usual discerning eye to help place the pictures, then he very kindly agreed to actually do the hard work of hanging them! Our thanks to them both. This project is ongoing as we have so many empty corridors that need a lift.

CROQUET & ENTERTAINMENT

Croquet will resume as soon as the grass on the green has recovered.

Make the most of all that Caister has to offer. Please support the various entertainment offerings. We wholeheartedly thank the residents who organize these so willingly.

PROPERTY & RENTALS CORNER

Jane Tayfield has become a familiar figure this month. She is a professional Estate Agent and has been very busy bringing potential new residents to view the flats for sale or rental. Storm Ferguson has also been busy helping with new sales.



IMPROMPTU PIANO CONCERT

On David Mason's birthday, Thursday, May 14th, there was a very enjoyable impromptu piano concert by Arthur Meek during Happy Hour in the Bar. Arthur had come to Caister to tune pianos. It has been suggested that we engage entertainers or speakers more frequently, as the music was very enthusiastically received.

THE DAILY DIARY & BUS TRIPS

Please make sure you read the Daily Diary, which is written on the blackboard near reception. It will tell you the destination of the Caister Bus as well as "What's On" every day. The bus has resumed visits to La Lucia Mall on the last Wednesday of the month. A list is posted on the board 2 days beforehand.



LIBRARY & TALKING BOOKS

Thanks to all residents who have donated books and CDs to the Library. Anything we are not able to accommodate is donated to the SPCA or the Denis Hurley Centre Street Lit Project. Duplicate books go to Essenwood Residence for their expanding library. Please remember we have 'talking books' in the library. These were donated by Tape Aids for the Blind. You will need your own CD or DVD player.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUGGESTION BOX

The House Committee Suggestion Box at Reception is the correct channel for written ideas or complaints. PLEASE do not verbally discuss with individuals. The Committee meets once a month and will address your concerns. Minutes are then distributed to the Board. If you have difficulty writing or typing, please ask a friend to help you.



ASSISTED LIVING EXTENSION

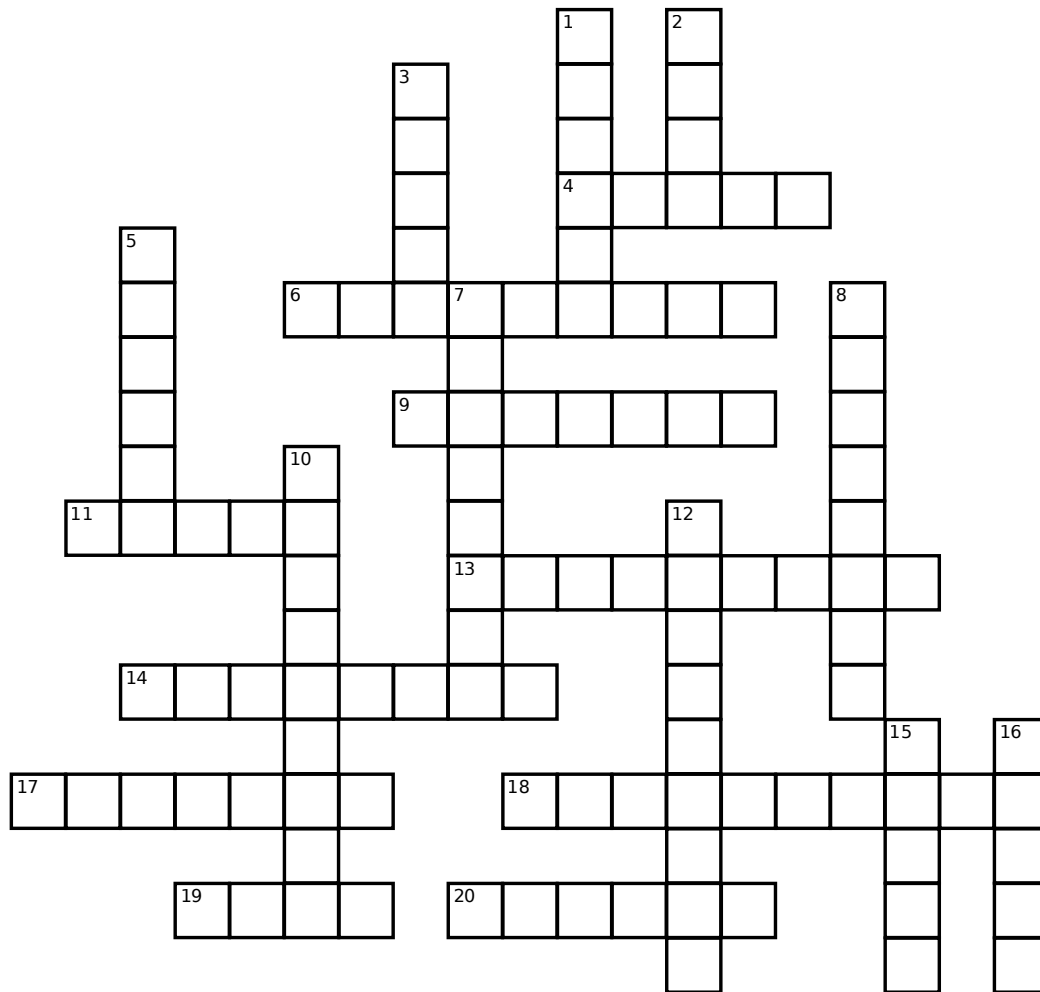
The Clinic is full, and the new "Assisted Living" apartments are operating smoothly. It is hoped that this service can be expanded.

THE SANTA SHOEBOX PROJECT

Christmas seems a long way away, but The Santa Shoebox Project starts early. It is a very well-organised charity and brings enormous joy to hundreds of children in KZN. The idea is to compile "Santa Shoebox" of your own or contribute to a Communal Caister Collection. The contents of the shoebox evolved through years of experience and consist of a strict list of items. You will find details of this gratifying project and the list of items needed on the notice board. Or you can look for the Santa Shoebox Project on Google.



May 2026 - Caister Crossword: "Days Gone By & Daily Pleasures"



DOWN:

1	A type of puzzle made of many interlocking irregularly shaped pieces
2	A fizzy fountain drink often ordered as a float with a scoop of ice cream
3	The classic game where shouting a five letter word means you have won
5	A fun game testing your knowledge of miscellaneous facts and history
7	A keepsake or memento you bring home to remember a special trip
8	The cozy craft of stitching layers of fabric together to make a warm blanket
10	The ultimate card game to play all by yourself
12	A relaxing outdoor hobby spent planting flowers and pulling weeds

ACROSS:

4	You must stick this small piece of paper on an envelope before mailing it
6	A popular word puzzle consisting of an intersecting grid of white and black squares
9	Drop a nickel or a dime in this to play your favorite vinyl record at the diner
11	Before televisions families gathered around this to hear serials and news
13	A warm sentimental longing or affection for the past
14	You might send this short handwritten note with a picture on the front while on vacation
17	A type of outdoor movie theater where you watched from your car
18	Thomas Edisons invention used to play back recorded sound on discs

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Answers

