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Looking back on the recent floods and their effect on the Country Club and working on continually developing skills in the culinary industry.



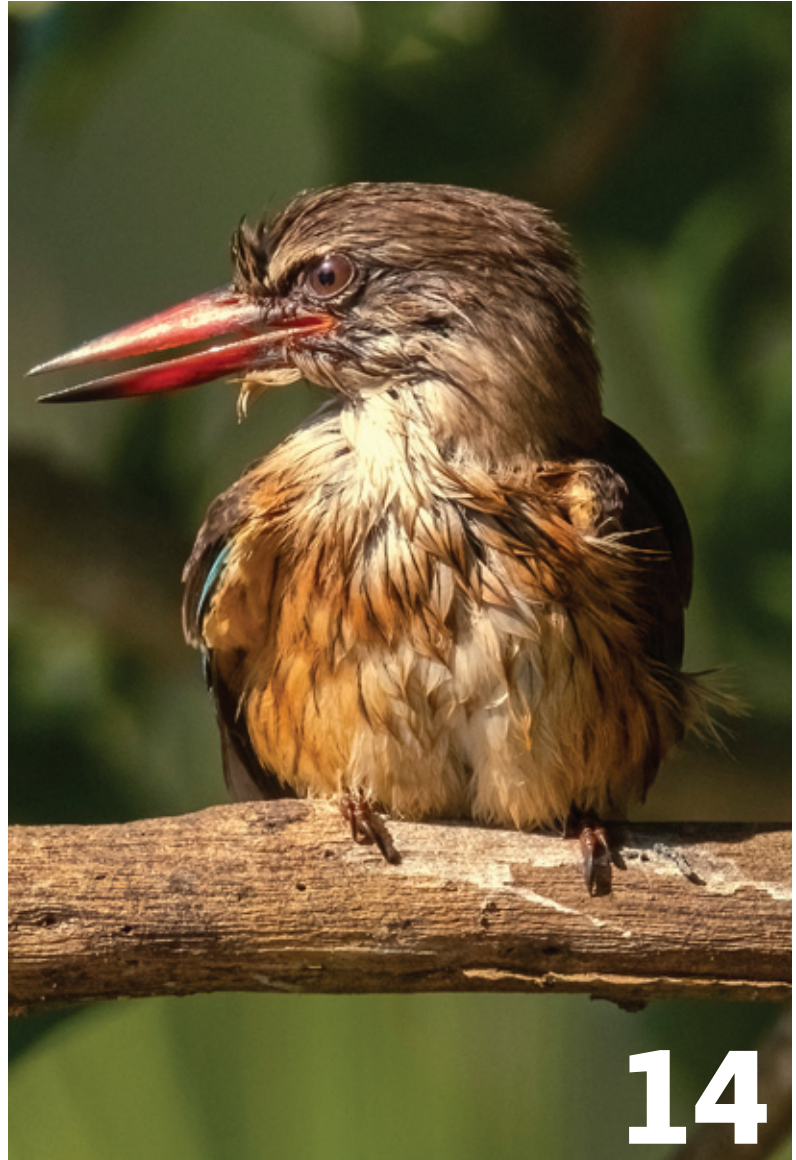
Conversations with Alexander

We have a rather interesting chat with our resident majestic mascot. He shares some of his thoughts and feelings about being an eagle living among humans.



Be One With the Ocean

We learn about the benefits seawater can have for you. This resource can help with your many ailments, from internal to external benefits.



Aftereffects of Climate Change

We take stock of the losses in plant life and environmental changes on the Estate after the floods, which had both positive and negative effects on flora and fauna in our area.



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We have some courageous riders conquering our terrain on the off-road trails. Do you feel that spike in adrenaline? Come try them out!

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

It's winter. It's almost laughable! We simply have THE BEST weather in KwaZulu-Natal - no doubt! We have just come back from being in Texas (Dallas area), and let me tell you, February was COLD - snow and all. We appreciate this lovely weather! We hope you enjoy this fabulous edition the management and the FAB team have put together for you. As always, we have "From the MD" on this important page. Pine speaks about fibre coming to San Lameer and how it could benefit the Estate. He expresses excitement about Sgodini Tours, which now offers transportation as an Estate shuttle service. He also touches on the rains from April and May, grateful that the Estate didn't suffer structural damage. All while remaining positive about the future!

Garden and grounds, the team speaks about natural disasters and how they have affected the natural surroundings. The Country Club mentions that the grass has had trouble transitioning between winter and summer, but they are working on restoring it. Pierre also mentions the food and beverage course he attended as part of a plan to enhance patrons' experience at the club. Jacques touches on the effects the rain had on the environment and how these events result from the accumulated effects of global warming and climate change and then discusses the abundance of life still found on San Lameer. There is even a quirky conversation with Alexander, the crowned eagle, about their species and what it's like being an eagle living in San Lameer.

The spa covers the benefits of seawater, ones that we didn't know! And recipe wise, you can't go wrong with the creamy mussel curry for an easy yet wholesome dinner, and the buttermilk pancakes for breakfast are a winner!

As always, the San Lameer fills our South Coast bucket, and we hope it does yours too! Keep well till the next edition,

Lorinda Scott
and the FabMags team

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Dear Homeowners

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From the *Managing Director*



Looking back at the past six months, the Homeowners Association has been very busy assuring that we provide you with Estate Living at its best! I can finally, with confidence, announce that Openserve is hard at work installing fibre on the Estate. By the time you read this magazine, this project will be more than halfway through completion. I believe that having fibre on the Estate will benefit every owner and increase the productivity of each division on the Estate.

If you thought having fibre in your San Lameer home was not exciting enough, the Homeowners Association received the amazing opportunity to partner with Sgodini Tours to provide an Estate Transport Shuttle operation for all private domestic workers, owners, and guests. This shuttle service will especially bring much relief to all domestic workers commuting from one point to another. Voucher coupons can be bought at the Estate office for 1,8,16 or 62 trips at an affordable fee. Contact Lizwi at the Estate Office for more information regarding this matter. As many of you know, the KwaZulu-Natal region received heavy rains in the week just before Easter weekend, which also affected San Lameer Estate. Over 500mm of rain was measured during that week, and I can gladly report that, to date, there has been no structural damage to any villas or common property buildings. However, we received a few reports on villa roof leaks and villas that were flooded, and the Estate Office has submitted these claims to the insurer. Unfortunately, the Golf Course had to close for more than a week to ensure that no further damage was caused to the greens, but it is

already well on its way to recovery. As I mentioned in the December 2021 magazine issue regarding the newly renovated Lagoon Day Spa and Wellness Centre that opened its doors in time for the season, I can with delight confirm that the brand-new spa brings so much value to the Estate. As I have heard from many owners and guests, you are definitely missing out if you have not yet visited them for one of the many luxurious treatments they offer. Go ahead and spoil yourself. You know you deserve it!

I would like to leave you with the following thought, "Choose a happy life. When you wake up each morning, take a moment to think about the kind of life you want to have. Consciously choose to have a happy life, one that is filled with love, laughter, good health and success. Then begin your day focused on the things you can do to make this your reality" – D. Bertolucci

Here's wishing you and your family many blessings in the month to come until the next issue. In the blink of an eye, it will be Silly Season, yet again!



Pine Pienaar
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GARDENS AND GROUNDS

As the world declines into economic and political turmoil, our little piece of paradise just keeps bringing peace and tranquillity to those who visit it. I love this Estate's natural and man-assisted ability to rejuvenate itself so quickly after a disaster. I refer to the fire in 2019, the effects of the COVID pandemic, and the recent looting and storms in KwaZulu-Natal. The Estate is really a force to be reckoned with. I put this down mainly to the environmental and infrastructural planning, the financial dedication from all stakeholders and the relentless input by all involved in maintaining this beautiful biome.

The rainy season has been exceptional this year, and as we move into winter, the Estate is still beautifully lush and green. Although traumatic for many, the storms in KwaZulu-Natal did do nature several favours. Our river systems have been flushed clean, and water samples from our

waterways have shown much purer results which translates into happier fish, fauna and flora. The water tables are still relatively high, offering a better supply to our trees as we enter the dry season. Lastly, the siltation of the rivers has been washed away, and the flow in our streams is now more fluent.

On the downside, we lost a couple of *Syzigium cordatum* (waterberry), a *Trichilia emetica* (Natal Mahogany), and several *Strelitzia nicolai*. The invasive plant growth has been exponential, and this will become a large part of our focus during the winter months. Guavas have become a bigger problem than we normally encounter, along with Triffid (*Chromolaena odorata*) and lantana – all of which have a seven-year seed dormancy period, so it's a long removal process.

The drive to increase our indigenous flowering species on the Estate has been met with several positive comments.

We are pleased that, although slow, we finally got some colour in the ribbon bush (*Hypoestes aristata*) in lot 104. I am also pleased to admit that the tests we ran at the golf club on the Namaqua daisies have proved successful, and they are now in flower. A large area at lot 31 has been revamped with an array of indigenous flowering plants, and we hope that this will create a haven for bird and insect life.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for your encouraging comments after the storm and the constructive feedback I received, be it criticism or compliment. These observations keep us all on the same page and moving forward.

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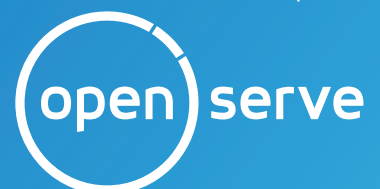


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our rental will have a fibre data connection available as a standard service.

"Mini" or "Micro" vacations have been rising in the first six months of the year. All the public holidays and long weekends played a big role.

Calling all corporates and golfers

Show your employees the appreciation they deserve with a corporate event coordinated by you and held at San Lameer Estate.

Companies hold corporate events in a variety of forms and serve different purposes. To help show employee recognition, boost company morale, or build interpersonal relationships, all it takes is a bit of inspiration. The most common types of corporate events are golf and appreciation events, holiday parties, corporate team building

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Country Club

Dear Homeowners, Members and Guests,

I think it will be a fair assessment if I compare 2022 to a roller coaster ride. It's been a fun but terrifying experience thus far. We had a few laughs for the most part, but there were other times when we were upside down and flung around a little bit.

The main topic of discussion around the bar has been our greens and our struggles this year. It is well documented that we had difficulties transitioning between summer and winter grass. Due to a wet winter and cooler summer, the summer grass struggled to establish itself. We spent a lot of time and resources to get it back, and at one stage, it looked like we managed to do just that. Then came the 635 mm of rain in just five days. The devastation of the floods in KwaZulu-Natal was felt throughout the province.

We had our fair share of damage on the course. The 3rd green was covered in sludge and had to be removed by hand. Our 9th and 10th greens were covered in water for days due to the overflowing of our water hazards. Cart paths and bridges were damaged, and we are busy with repair work. Luckily the paths and bridges are a quick fix, and we will have to be patient with our greens as we will have to follow the process to ensure that we get

them back to the San Lameer standard. In early April, I had the privilege to attend a Food and Beverage course in Cape Town. I am busy completing my Club Managers accreditation through the Club Managers Association of South Africa, so this was a wonderful experience to improve my skill set and learn from other club managers as well as food and beverage specialists in the industry. I am excited about our own food and beverage experience at the club. We are planning to make some positive changes that will enhance the entire dining experience at the Country Club. I hope to have more information for you towards the end of the year.

The Food and Beverage experience will fall in line with our 10-year plan. We are working on a plan to improve all aspects of the Country Club, including the pro shop, restaurant and golf course. This is a project that I am really excited about, and that will ensure that San Lameer continues to be a top golf and holiday destination.

We have some exciting events coming up for the rest of the year. Towards the end of May, we would have hosted the Senior Ladies National Championship. Coming up in August, the Men's 4x4 Team event and the SA Kids African Championship will take place. In September, we welcome the



Sunshine Tour back to San Lameer. It's been a few years since the tour has been back here, and I am sure our course will prove to be a good test for the best players on tour.

Lastly, I would like to thank every single one for your continued support. All of you are what makes San Lameer such a special place. It is probably my favourite thing about being involved at San Lameer, and that is the people whom we get to share this special place with.

Let's enjoy the rest of this roller coaster year with fewer twists and turns as we head towards the second part of the year.

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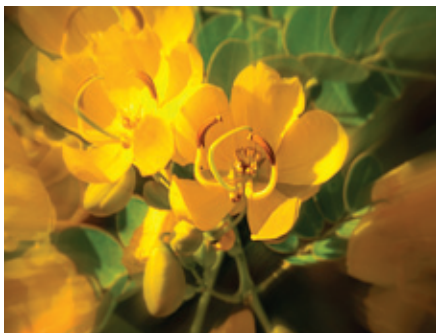
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After-effects of Climate Change

WE LOOK AT THE LONG-TERM EFFECT OUR BEHAVIOUR HAS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WORDS & PHOTOS JACQUES SELLSCHOP



Despite the severe weather conditions we have endured, a stroll through San Lameer produces a wonderful display of colourful, indigenous flowers.



The world has changed. Dramatically so. And the changes go beyond socio-economic issues like power outages, the petrol price, the ripple effects of the war in Ukraine and a government proposing to spend R22 million on a giant flag. While children around the country have no classrooms, preference is envisaged for the erection of a hundred-meter-long flag in Pretoria. It is expected to waft away all the remaining vestiges of colonialism. Those are issues thrust at us in our breakfast newspapers.

Perhaps less noticed, or indeed less acknowledged, are the changes that have manifested themselves in **nature** over the past decade. Global warming has become more than a campaign strategy by almost-president Al Gore. Here, in Natal, we have seen the devastating effects of hitherto-unknown levels of climatic turbulence. But their impact has affected more than roads and houses being washed away, with thousands of people dispossessed of

life as they knew it. Changing weather patterns have played havoc with our bird and animal life.

The last two years have recorded an alarming drop in the numbers of small birds previously recorded countrywide. The huge billboard at the Bird Hide Dam displays 50 species of birds that have been seen on the Estate in the past ten years. Today, that variety has significantly reduced, and numbers within each species have, in some cases, declined to zero. Studies of Crowned Eagles in Natal have revealed an increasing number of infertile eggs being laid, and even the San Lameer pair failed to incubate their eggs last year. This year I have monitored them since January, and their behaviour is puzzling even now. The pair have been building their nest and then disappearing, only to return a week or two later to start the process all over again. As I write this in the middle of May, they have not yet settled down to lay their eggs and incubate them. Severe storms that generated high



Despite the countrywide decline in the numbers of small birds, San Lameer's Bird Hide Dam still provides a home to several varieties of Kingfisher. This is a juvenile, Brown-hooded Kingfisher who followed his breakfast with a quick dip in the dam and now drying his feathers in the sun.



Our Crowned Eagles, Catherine on the left and Alexander on the right, have not yet indicated exactly when they will start the 2022 breeding season.

winds and unprecedented quantities of rain disturbed a breeding process that seemed about to start in late March and early April.

Yet, despite all this, those privileged to live on San Lameer or who are able to access it through rental and time-share mechanisms are very lucky indeed. Estate Management has been astute and dedicated to providing a sanctuary for residents and visitors who seek comfort and safety in an environment that is conscious of the fauna and flora of our natural heritage.

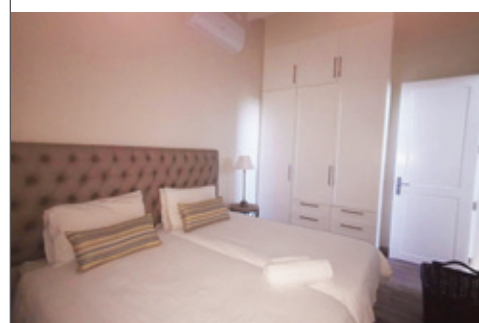
One must not forget the Estate's private access to a pristine beach serviced each morning at 5 am by the Shark's Board boat and its crew of five, who brave all weather conditions to make

sure that nets can protect bathers. The Bird Hide Dam and the Lagoon Viewing Deck continue to provide a facility for studying the changing patterns of birdlife. The herd of Impala that grazes on the Estate's lawns amplifies the tranquillity of a natural setting so scarce in the industrialised and urbanised world in which we live. And then, despite their unpredictable behaviour, the Crowned Eagles continue their iconic role of giving prominence to an Estate that offers protection to one of the most threatened species on the avian register. Add to that the colourful displays of flowers that appear seasonally all over the Estate, and the picture of privilege are complete. San Lameer continues to be a haven of natural beauty in a world severely impacted by the change.

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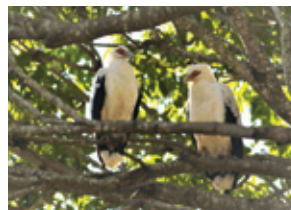
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Riverbend's reputation as a regional birding hotspot

has been amplified by the permanent residence of a pair of Palm Nut Vultures who are currently nesting for the third year in succession. Beautifully landscaped crocodile have attracted other notable species that can be seen regularly during winter months.

The **Crocodile Café** which is licensed offers wholesome family breakfasts and light meals including various crocodile dishes. A well stocked curio shop offering an array of quality items including, clothing, leatherwear and toys is complimented by **Riverbend Art and Wine Gallery**.



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HOTEL & SPA



Greetings from San Lameer Resort Hotel & Spa

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through 2022! The Sardine Run is almost here, which always brings much excitement and the most amazing display of sea birds, whales, dolphins and much other game, fish and marine life - it truly is a sight to behold!

This is also the time that the hotel has planned to begin with upgrading the roof, which will include the Library, Sassy's, and the San Superette. Coupled with these facelifts, the entire hotel will be painted. Our goal is to minimise the impact on hotel operations by upgrading the roof and painting in stages. This will ensure that our guests will not be affected or inconvenienced during their stay, and our Food and Beverage operations will resume as per the norm. The time frame is May to August 2022.

We have started redoing all the directional signage at the hotel, and it looks amazing! We hope to have all internal hotel directional signage complete by the end of June 2022. Executive Chef Talent is creating mouth-watering specials for the winter months. Please keep a lookout for these specials, and we hope to welcome you to the Lagoon Restaurant to enjoy his delicious creations!

If you have not yet visited the beautiful Lagoon Day Spa & Wellness Centre, Monya and her expert team have come up with fantastic winter warmer specials to treat and pamper you. For more information, visit our website www.sanlameerhotel.com

Nicci le Roux
Assistant General Manager





Conversations with Alexander, the Crowned Eagle, San Lameer's very own Eagle Mascot

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What is your full name? "It is Alexander the Great. But you can call me Alex if you like. My friends do."

What is your wife's full name? "She is actually Catherine the Great. You should Google both **Alexander the Great** and **Catherine the Great** to learn where our names came from. We are named after two prominent people in History."

Are you two married? "You can say so. Crowned Eagles pair for life, and we have been married for many years."

Have you always made your home on San Lameer? "Yes. We have lived here for more than 20 years. It's such a lovely, safe place to stay."

You must be quite old. How long do you expect to live? "No one actually knows that about us, but Crowned Eagles usually live for about 38 to 50 years."

How high is that pine tree in which you have built your nest? "It is very high. Our nest is about 95ft off the ground. In modern speak, that is 32 meters."

Did you and Catherine build the nest? "Yes. Mostly I collect the branches, and then she arranges them to make the nest."

Is the nest comfortable? "Yes, it is very deep for protection and lined with soft leaves to make it comfortable."

How often do you make a baby? "We call it a chick. Crowned Eagles usually hatch out one every second year. But where there is a lot of food available, we often have one every year."

How many eggs does Catherine lay each time? "She always lays two. Just in case one does not hatch."

How long does she have to sit on the eggs to make them hatch? "We call it incubation. She incubates the eggs for 48 to 52 days before the chicks are ready to hatch."

How do they get out of the shell? "When they are ready to emerge, they cheep cheep inside the shell, and Catherine breaks it to let them out."

Why is there always just one chick growing up if two chicks hatch out of the eggs? "Unfortunately, chicks grow very quickly. They need a lot of food, and we cannot feed more than one. So, the weaker one just does not get food and unfortunately dies."

How quickly do they grow? "Oh, very quickly. After only five weeks, the nest is not big enough to hold more than one chick."

For how many months do you have to feed it? "After 100 to 120 days, the chick can fly. So, when it is eight months old, we stop feeding it so that it is forced to go out and look for the food itself."

What do you Crowned Eagles eat? "Our most common food is dassies and monkeys, of which there are a lot on San Lameer. But we do like venison, so we sometimes catch small buck. At other times we eat birds and even reptiles like "likkewaan"

How do you catch them? "We have very powerful claws with four sharp talons on each foot. Instinct has taught us to use the squeezing power of 800lbs per square inch (that's what the scientists call it!) when we dig our talons into our prey and kill it quickly so that it does not suffer."

Don't you feel bad about killing other birds and animals? "Nature has balanced the world with something called the Food Chain. All living creatures have to eat. The Herbivores eat plants, grass and leaves. Like lions and leopards, Crowned Eagles are Carnivores, which means they eat meat. Nature's food chain makes it necessary for us to kill to stay alive, so we cannot afford to be sorry for what we do."



Are you much bigger than most birds?

"Yes, we are. But you must remember that Crowned Eagle females are always bigger and heavier than their male partners."

Really? How much do you weigh?

"I am an average male Crowned Eagle and weigh about 4 kilograms. Catherine is an average Crowned Eagle female, and she weighs about 5 kilograms."

Don't you, and particularly the chicks, get very wet when it rains?

"We do, but Nature has given us a layer of oil in and under our feathers, so the rain does not come through to our skin. If it rains before a chick has feathers, Catherine carefully sits on it, shielding it from the rain with her oil-protected feathers."



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The Estate Sales Office is represented by two experienced and qualified principals, a qualified agent as well as an intern all registered with the PPRA (Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority). Derek Thomson has been selling real-estate since 1986 and was placed at San Lameer by Pam Golding Properties head office in Cape Town after having been nominated their top performing sales agent in Kwa-Zulu Natal for three consecutive years. Derek holds his National Certificate: Real Estate: Level 5-MPRE and is the Principal of San Lameer Sales Office. René Smith holds her National Certificate: Real Estate: Level 5. René has been selling real-estate since 1992 also having worked in the upmarket area of Southbroom for 7 years with Realty-1 where she proved herself by achieving record sales before joining our team on the Estate in 2016.

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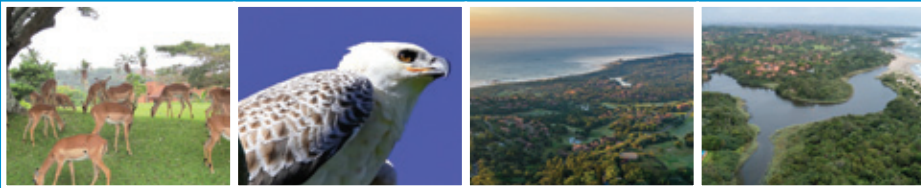
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2. Seawater contains the same 84 vital elements also found in the human body. These elements include vitamins, mineral salts, trace elements and amino acids. But seawater is also rich in living microorganisms that produce beneficial antibiotic, antimicrobial and antibacterial substances. Human beings have the natural ability to easily assimilate all these elements, for our bodies’ mineral constitution, as mentioned above, is very similar to that of seawater. Seawater contains almost the same concentration of minerals and trace elements as the human blood plasma.

SEA WATER SKIN BENEFITS

It is well known that spas worldwide use sea salt in their beauty and massage treatments. Why?

- The salt in the seawater helps remove toxins from the skin and acts as a natural exfoliator – it removes dead cells and encourages the production of new ones.
- Seawater replenishes our skin with minerals. Magnesium, in particular, improves its hydration and its overall appearance.
- One of the most important seawater health benefits lies in healing damaged and irritated skin.

- Sea water can reduce inflammation and help cure many skin disorders such as atopic dermatitis, rosacea, psoriasis and eczema.
- It has great antiseptic properties, very useful in healing minor wounds, cuts, rashes and abrasions – salt and potassium chloride seem to be majorly responsible for these beneficial, mending effects.
- All in all, seawater greatly improves skin texture, increases its elasticity and alleviates and heals many skin discomforts.

SEA WATER AND THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

Swimming in seawater can greatly contribute to our overall health. A study has shown that sea water-grown cherry tomatoes have more antioxidants than those grown using fresh water. The study has further found that these tomatoes can improve the body’s defences against heart disease and cancer. But this is not all!

- Being so rich in vital elements, seawater can activate the body’s healing mechanism and boost the immune system. It opens skin pores, allowing them to absorb sea minerals while helping them expel harmful toxins responsible for numerous diseases.
- It also increases the oxygen level in our bloodstream and thereby the number of beneficial elements needed by the blood to fight off free radicals.
- Sea air and sea mist are full of negatively charged hydrogen ions, potent antioxidants. Inhaling sea mist can therefore improve the immune system and enhance the overall health of every cell and organ in our body.
- The iodine in seawater supports our immune system function and boosts

thyroid activity. Being a great natural antiseptic, it also considerably increases our body’s ability to fight infections and kill parasites, bacteria and fungus.

FIVE MORE BENEFITS

- Seawater improves blood circulation due to its high concentration of minerals.
- Thalassotherapy increases blood circulation by replenishing our body with essential minerals, depleted due to different internal and external factors.
- Seawater can also relieve cold and flu symptoms and cure bronchitis and sinusitis. Inhaling sodium chloride, or salt from seawater, helps loosen mucus and treat pulmonary problems.
- Lithium, for example, is a medication that is often used to treat many psychological problems, especially bipolar disorder.
- The high magnesium content in the seawater can efficiently help reduce stress, relax muscles and nerves, and induce calmness. Minerals contained in the seawater are, in some way, natural hypnotics that promote good quality sleep and help cure insomnia.

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Creamy MUSSEL CURRY

Fatima Sydow

✓ **SERVES: 4**

We moved from Manenberg to Rocklands in Mitchells Plain in the 1980s. Our house was a mere 15-minute walk from the beach at Mnandi, so we spent many summer days there sunbathing and swimming. The rocks were covered in mussels, thick blankets of purple-black shells. On days when the cupboards were bare, my mom would send us to the beach to pick mussels off the rocks. It was so much fun; we would race to see who could collect the most the fastest. We would walk home with satisfied smiles, excitement starting to build, because we all knew what was coming next...Mom's mussel curry! I've tweaked her recipe a bit and I'm certain she would have loved it.

INGREDIENTS

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 10 ml (2 tsp) dried crushed chillies
- 5 ml (1 tsp) turmeric
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) paprika
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) garlic and ginger paste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) masala mix
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 kg mussels on the half-shell
- 250 ml (1 cup) fresh cream
- 125 ml (½ cup) chopped fresh coriander, plus extra for garnish
- lemon juice, to taste

METHOD

1. Heat the oil in a large pan on medium heat, then fry the onion and crushed chillies until the onion is golden brown. Add a little water, about 125 ml (½ cup), to the pot and braise for 10 minutes.
2. Next, add the turmeric, paprika, garlic and ginger paste, masala mix, salt and pepper and 125 ml (½ cup) warm water and allow to simmer until the spices are cooked. Add the mussels, fresh cream and coriander and a squeeze of lemon to your taste. Cover with the lid and heat through.

TIP

Instead of dried chillies, you can use fresh chillies.



3. Sprinkle with some chopped coriander and it's ready to serve with basmati rice, toasted baguette or rolls.





Buttermilk PANCAKES

✓ **SERVES: 6-8**

The sweet syrup drizzled over freshly made, warm buttermilk pancakes begs you to take one big happy bite. Although we sometimes enjoy them as dessert, our favourite time to eat them is actually on Saturday mornings, when everyone is relaxed and ready for the weekend. I often make these treats for breakfast and sometimes brunch, depending on what time we wake up. A winner, every time!

INGREDIENTS

- 330 ml (1½ cups) cake flour
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) baking powder
- 2.5 ml (½ tsp) salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla essence
- 60 g (4 tbsp) butter, melted extra butter, for frying

METHOD

1. Sift together the cake flour and baking powder into a bowl, and add the salt and sugar. Set aside.
2. In another bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, egg, vanilla essence and melted butter. Fold this mixture into the dry ingredients. Do not over-mix or the batter will become rubbery.
3. Heat a lightly buttered frying pan over low heat. Spoon in about 60 ml (¼ cup) of batter for each pancake.

4. Flip the pancakes over when small bubbles appear on the surface and continue cooking until golden brown.
5. Serve with butter and golden or maple syrup.



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