

Eastern Cape

Port Elizabeth

By **Steve Rorke SC** and **Anusha Rawjee**

Counsel from Johannesburg recently remarked in open court that he could not believe that not a single counsel in PE was available to attend to an urgent application which was eventually lodged almost two days later for this reason only. Truth be told, we are an extremely busy Bar and it seems like our work grows as our numbers increase! What a pleasure. While on the topic of members, Wabo Msizi is acting and while she finds it challenging she is enjoying the experience. With news from the work front being dealt with, we turn to the sports news.

It would seem that our cricket team's reputation preceded it and the Pretoria Bar wisely backed out of the challenge (that's our version and we're sticking to it).

We have reports from a good source that cricket fever has hit our legal fraternity and weekly games and training have continued in earnest.

And of course, the players' sledging skills improve by the day.

A get together was held for ten minutes on Mandela Day sending thoughts of prosperity and unity for Bar and country. Members visited old age homes and children's

homes bearing gifts which were much appreciated.

One of the homes visited is a safe haven for children who have been removed from their families as a result of a court order, either because of abuse or neglect. It was a humbling experience to learn that we are but one cog in a wheel.

There is a lot more work to be done once we get our court orders. Knowing that our courts are the upper guardian of minors is a source of comfort as long as we remember that with great power comes great responsibility! **A**

Grahamstown

By **Niel Schoeman**

Grahamstown bade farewell to Ben Ford SC, one of its longest standing members, who has decided to relocate his chambers to Port Elizabeth. Ford SC will continue to reside in Grahamstown for the time-being. The upside of Ford SC's move to PE was that Grahamstown members convened for a social evening which was to be Ford SC's farewell.

Ford SC's late arrival due to motor vehicle problems resulted in a further benefit,

in that the function will have to be repeated, and reminiscing over old times will once again be possible with the use of some good red wines. Grahamstown's loss is Port Elizabeth's gain.

Judge Judith Roberson from Grahams-town, who has always been willing to assist with the training of pupils, has agreed to attend the Drakensberg training course and we are sure that this will stand her in good stead with future training. One of Grahams-

town's most ardent bachelors, Rugunanani, will also be attending the course and it is hoped that his attendance will have benefits to him over and above mere training.

Richard Brooks acted as judge and in so doing has broken the drought of Grahamstown members being requested to act as judges in this division. By all accounts, his acting spell went very well and we look forward to seeing him in that capacity more often in the future. **A**



Jacaranda. Photograph by Taduda, RGBStock.

Pretoria

Deur **Thys Snyman**

Waarnemende aanstellings

Die volgende lede het waargeneem as regters in die Noord-Gauteng Hoë Hof:

Bert Bam SC:

22 Julie tot 20 September 2013

Solly Sithole SC:

22 Julie tot 20 September 2013

Mabel Jansen SC:

22 Julie tot 30 Augustus 2013

Jan Hiemstra SC:

22 Julie tot 20 September 2013

Nicoline Janse van Nieuwenhuizen SC:

22 Julie tot 20 September 2013 **A**