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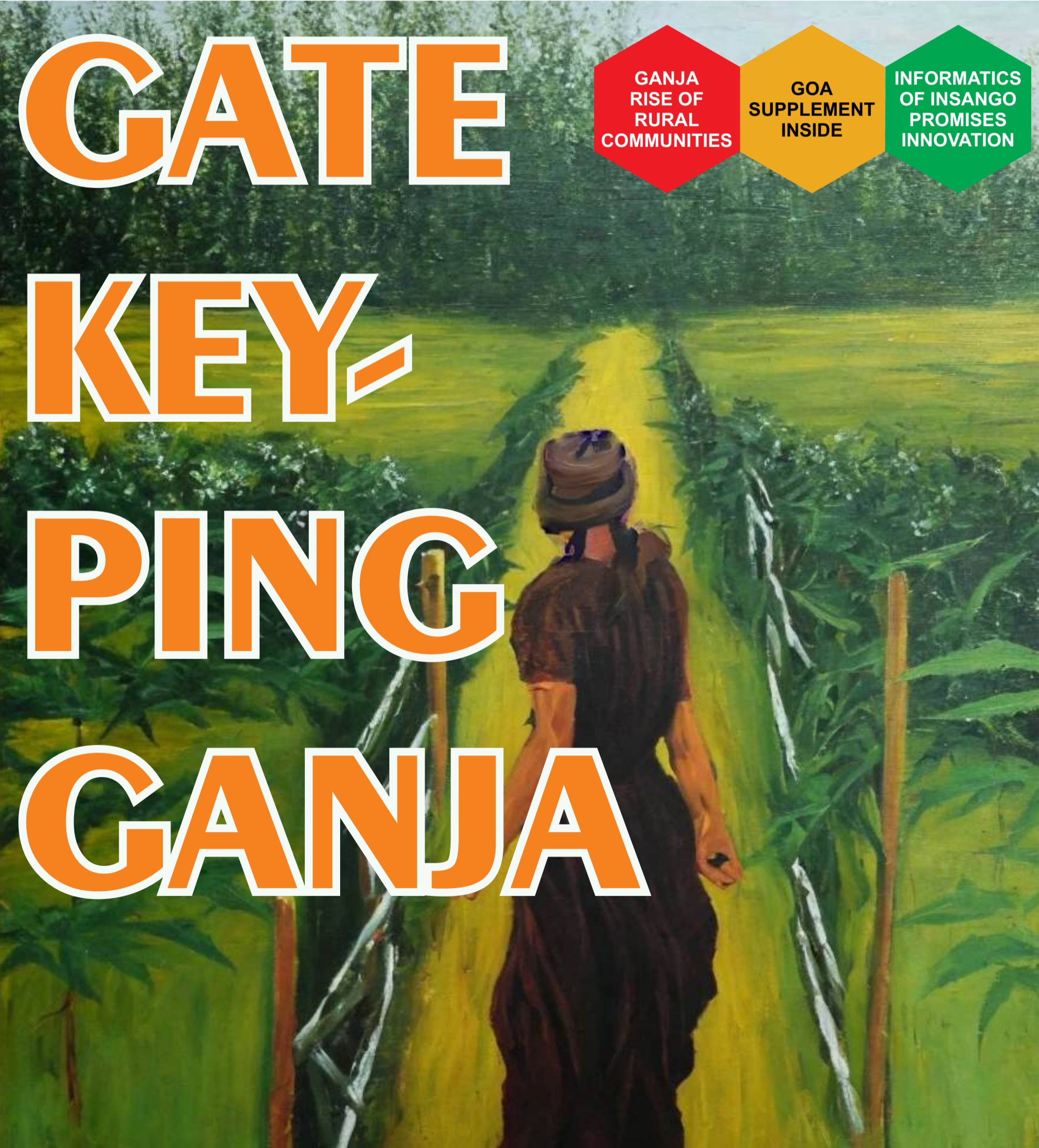
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At a time of accelerated arrests and the brightness of the cannabis grows dimming by non referenced destructions, the call is to be a city set on a hill as the lights of ganja ignite the nights of plight.

The conversations in life point to beginnings and the references there to emerge as moments of beautiful encounters. In truth there is in balance undeniable and even more horrific aspects to journeys as they begin, the dives into the unknown land us on these plains in cries that adapt the heart to the atmos. This the 13th issue of KannaXpress springs forth a new frontier to furnish you our cannabis community with a print publication and a first of its kind from KannaXpress. When the journey of KannaXpress began we were in the woodlands of Mpumalanga that palpate to forge paper. In the same woodlands lives the Sundial calendar that speaks of seasons with no impartiality or deviation from the astral position. Yes, we have heard of the galactic grid shift but the mirror on the rocks continues to express the rays as relayed by the sun. KannaXpress is founded on those foundational and spiritual principles that promote unadulterated mirroring of the rays relayed by the cannabis community. The journey has been one of uncommon shuffling of the narrative and snuffling of the imperative in communicating with the nation of cannabis in South Africa and Africa not withstanding the natives. As we commence the print issue, we welcome the GROW ONE AFRICA collaboration reflected in the feature and the fold of this issue. The heart and hands of Lisa Marie Lovell can be felt and

seen in the GOA supplement, we as the KannaXpress family, are humbled by her expertise and exceptional energy. The GOA add-on brings clarity into the mission of Grow One Africa and a more cannabis community-oriented content on grows, social cannabis clubs and 420more. As we talk names and the people of Cannabis, we open up with community opinion articles and the a vocal narration on cannabis in Zimbabwe whilst also featuring, AFASA and a reach into cannabis as the happenings around weed heaps coals on the laps of cops from the lips of Joe. As we round up this issue, we revisit the highlights of cannabis conversations in 2023 coupled with forward visit to the upcoming Cannabis Expo (Cape Town) via PlantX Radio. As the weeditor (one who eats weed) my forwarding remark to you the 420 community and the readers is a call inviting you as the Cannabis Community to keep aligned to the undoctored mandate of nature more than the troll of false features in misaligned information on the Cannabis plant. The arrests do continue and the pebbles still skip on the water, do remember to shine your light for the cannabis plant wherever you are and one day like the pebbles in skip, on this same water we will not sink or drown the as the 420 community but skip them in compliance with the narrative of a freed plant paving a pathway to other psychedelics and special plants

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WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING WITH LOCAL DAGGA POLICY REFORM?

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The cannabis industry is one that has long been surrounded by stigma and controversy. As more nations legalize the cannabis plant, it's becoming clear that the emerging and already existing underground industry has a great deal to offer in terms of medical and recreational relief, whilst a mainstay wing of industrial cannabis coded as Hemp promises a revolution to seemingly crippling and catapulting at the same time. With this in mind, it is important to ensure that the cannabis industry as a whole remains not just secure but evenly mandated beyond solo regulators and personal mandates, while still allowing access to those who need it. To do so, in the land of text and adaptation there is a need for regulation to be put into place to keep the gates of the cannabis industry open while keeping out those who may be looking to exploit its potential and expel the people of the plant.

2023 in Anticipation by Daniel Neethling

10 March 2023 the eve prior to our 4th Annual General Meeting, I guess the date is significant for a number of reasons. It's been almost 4 years since decriminalization and almost 4 years since we established our small Cannabis Community (Die Joint Koffiehuis & Kwekery) in Hartbeespoort. I guess it is significant because so much has changed since the Zondo ruling, there has been so much measurable progress since the ruling. Many might disagree



Jo (FieldsOfGreenForAll)

Not much. We have snakes and conmen pretending to be part of the Cannabis Community who are actively working against the plant. Working with dodgy politicians. Enabling BAD laws ... well, they're not even laws yet, only PROPOSED bad laws. We have licenced facilities illegally flooding the market with their exceptionally low-grade

Cannabis that they cannot legally do anything with because they have no offtake or license to sell/export. These facilities are killing the legacy market, they are destroying the communities they claim to support. We have people pushing to grow hemp, which blows my mind as hemp does not grow in South Africa. We are in the No Hemp Zone, which is a 'belt' around the planet where the UV index is simply too high. Cannabis produces THCA to protect itself from the sun. We will NEVER grow 'hemp' with the insane, thumb sucked zero point blah blah fishpaste THC levels that our inept politicians seem to think would be 'safe'. Unless it's grown indoors. In fact, please do keep your awful hemp pollen indoors and far away from our beautiful sun-kissed THC rich Cannabis as possible. It's grow harvest season, which means it's also time for the inherently corrupt SAPS to go on

a 'feeding frenzy' of raids. And raid they have been doing. Clubs. Home grows. No one is safe. They are harassing and targeting the Cannabis Community for their annual side income. The police have been known to help themselves to all the cash they can find, they take your plants, your equipment ... nine times out of ten hardly any of that makes it into evidence. We know of many instances where these things get sold to the snakes and conmen who then sell it back to the Cannabis Community, who are blissfully unaware that they are supporting such vile and violent corruption. It's disgusting. It's heart-breaking. It's NOT what the Cannabis Community is all about.

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THE TIME IS NOW

with me on the "progress part", and that is why I love my countrymen and women; we as South African are just never happy / satisfied with where we are and how fast things are happening. We are fighters, by nature. We have grit and will continue to fight until our objectives are achieved. I am of the opinion "that because of our South African grit, because of our fighting spirit, because of our ability to adapt and create, we are pushing the industry forward at a rapid pace". I am not blind to our challenges with electricity or the lack of progress on Cannabis legislation, Im just open to the everyday stories I see South Africans living. I see progress in the career paths mapped for our community leaders up for election tomorrow. Tomorrow we will tell stories of waiters turn General Managers, Secretaries turn Treasurers and Compliance officers turn Presidents. It's not only our community stories... I read stories about ordinary South Africans that joined the industry 4

years ago, that went through South African Cannabis education institutions, worked there why through the local club system and into high profile jobs in Europe. And the stories don't end; I saw a Grow One Africa flyer stating they have already created +1 200 industry jobs. It is encouraging to see great advancements in Research & Development, all the way from phycological research papers through detailed Agricultural research & studies and even into Indigenous Knowledge Systems. This is encouraging as our government is asking for proof, they need facts to help speed up legislation. I am firmly of the opinion that "The advances in local R&D will translate into additional momentum for the industry, it will reduce barriers to entry, drive more inclusivity and give rise to more responsible, harm reduction campaigns and improved products and services. I am inspired by the number of departments, institutions and businesses coming together and closing the gaps piece by piece. I

am delighted by AFASA establishing the Cannabis Commodity and its efforts specifically to raise awareness amongst women and youth to create hope and to share a greener more sustainable vision for Africa. In saying that I remain concerned about the slow progress on the seed front, I am concerned for all the licenced help farmers investing, working and risking it all; and not being able to plant come spring. In my opinion "Seed is a priority challenge to be resolved as we move into winter. It's a race against time and we only have 5 months before planting season". I anticipate 2023 to bring continued progress and growth to the industry, not without its challenges. But I anticipate our 2 steps forward, 1 step backwards dance to evolve into a rhythm of an African Drum; 4 steps forward, 2 steps sideways, 1 step backwards, then 4 steps forward... I feel the rhythm, I see the cohesion and expect real progress this year. Wishing you all love, peace and progress in 2023.

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OPINION

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How would you feel if a large group of police arrived at your home, broke in with no search warrant, grabbed your elderly parents, physically threw them to the floor and held guns at their heads in order to intimidate you into complying with their unlawful behaviour?

Like, what exactly would you do? You can't fight them. You can't reach through their thick-headed arrogance to talk basic sense to them. They have one goal. One mission. To clean you out, harass you, assault you, intimidate you into possibly paying a bribe (which WILL need to become part of your monthly budgeting because once they have you on the hook you're done for, skip one payment and they'll be back in full force). If you're growing Cannabis at your home, as per the ruling of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, and your neighbour decides to call the cops you're done for.

The police say they HAVE to check out every complaint, obviously they only mean the easy complaints that don't involve any actual danger to their persons. God forbid they should spend any time chasing murderers and rapists.

God forbid they should put two seconds of their time into finding the bastards that murdered my best friend, internationally renowned Cannabis Activist, Julian Stobbs.

Now is the time to support the ONLY non-profit company in South Africa that is fighting for the rights of ALL of the Cannabis Community, not just the rich and politically connected. Fields of Green for ALL is going back to



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court, suing eight government departments for the proper and fair regulation of Cannabis.

We need your help. We have created a 'Litigation Fund' where we are helping raise funds for four incredibly important court cases:

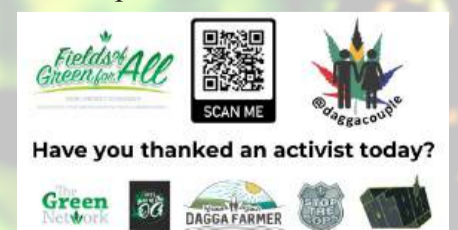
- **The Haze Club case, which is important for anyone who was looking into starting a business based on a Grow Club model,**
- **The Labour Court case, which is important for anyone who has an employer who wants to do drug testing and attempt to fire you for**

Cannabis use, whether prescription or not.

- **We are working with Wits to identify the worst police stations in South Africa when it comes to unlawful behaviour around Cannabis so that we can get a High Court interdict to stop them.**
- **Most Importantly, we have The Trial of the Plant, where we are taking eight departments of government back to High Court to plea for fair, human-rights and evidence-based policies**

and regulations around Cannabis.

How can you help us? Sign up to The Green Network for only R49 a month (that's less than the cost of a gram of good sun-kissed weed), or simply donate what you can afford, even if it's just the cost of a cup of coffee. We need funds going into the Litigation Fund so that we can help with these four very important upcoming court cases. One of these cases could very well impact YOUR future.



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THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE CANNABIS PLANT

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by Lisa Marie Lovell

Every gardener or plant lover can attest to the sheer joy that manifests itself, when a seed you have sown, finally germinates. The next happy dance occurs when your plant graces you with a new leaf.

The beauty and pleasure of watching a plant mature from seed, is possibly one of the greatest gifts bestowed upon humans. Watching a cannabis plant mature, is nothing short of perfection.



I think in 2023, it's safe to say that we have all been exposed to cannabis or cannabis products at some point.

Whether sharing Mary Jane with close friends, or buying CBD capsules, tinctures or teas - our world has progressed in such a manner that the essence of this plant is more appreciated now more than ever before

This majestic plant has proven time and time again what amazing healing properties she possesses and why our elders used her as medicine in their daily practices and why there is ongoing research into her healing components.

Many of us, when buying any herbal product, do not understand the forces that supported the growth,

The first thing to understand is the difference between a perennial and an annual plant.

In basic terms, a perennial plant lives year after year, whereas an annual plant goes through its entire life cycle within one year. Cannabis is a perennial plant.

Nutrition plays a very important role in any plant's growth. In cannabis growth specifically, Potassium, Nitrogen and Phosphorus are key nutrients for optimal growth at different stages of the life cycle.

The life cycle of a cannabis plant comprises of four stages, germination, seedling, vegetative stage and flowering stage.

Germination - this is the sprouting of the seed, and where two very important factors play a role both with the occurrence of the splitting of the seed.

Once the seed's seem splits, a root (tendrils) will rapidly grow and move downward through the soil until it is deep enough to support the rest of the plant.

The husk now splits and the plant emerges from the soil, where two leaves will appear that act as a biological solar system to absorb enough energy to start the plant's chlorophyll production.

The germination process can take anything from 24 hours to two weeks, and this is also determined by genetic composition and environmental factors.

Seedling stage - (and possibly one of the most jaw clenching stages of any plant growth) your plant is now a baby and has two leaves that are completely different to all future leaves produced.

Shortly after germination, your shoots, known as sucker leaves, will produce two-lobed leaves, from the centre. After the two-lobed, comes three-lobed, five-lobed, and then the most recognizable seven-lobed cannabis leaf

Now, seedlings also start to develop a stronger rooting system which allows for optimal nutritional intake.

Depending on environmental factors the seedling stage can last anything between two to six weeks.

Vegetative stage – or, where life begins. This stage is all about growth, trimming and training.

If the cannabis plant goes through a good vegetative stage, it will go through a good flowering stage.

During this period your plant will need more nutrients to support new foliage and a healthy, strong structure, to bear the weight of heavy buds.

There are a few key factors for a successful vegetative period, namely Light, Temperature, Humidity and Watering, to name a few. At this stage, the plant will grow as many leaves as possible, to gather more sunlight that it may convert into energy.

Vegetative cannabis plants thrive under 18 hours of light and 6 hours darkness and the light enables the plant to make food through photosynthesis.

Photosynthesis has three key components: Energy; absorbed via the plant's leaves, water – absorbed via the plant's roots; and carbon dioxide – absorbed via air.

Reproductive organs start to develop at this stage, and this is generally when you start to look out for pollen sacks – a topic we will cover in another issue.

The vegetative stage can last anything between 3 to 16 weeks depending on genetics and the environment that the plant is being grown.

Your plant will come out of vegetative stage, once she received less light, because she is a photoperiodic plant.

Flowering stage – This is the final and most rewarding stage of the cannabis' life cycle. This stage lasts an average of 7 – 9 weeks, but once again is determined by genetics and environment.

During the first week of this cycle, the plant produces intense veg-like growth, and can sometimes double it's growth, to prepare itself to bear the weight of the buds.

During the first two weeks, the difference between female and male plants become noticeably different.

The female plants are what you are looking for, for the growth of flowers.

Male plants produce pollen sacks, and if they pollinate a female plant, they turn the bud sites into pods, to produce more seeds, instead of trichome (small resin glands on flowers) rich flowers.

It is of the utmost importance to discard male plants, if you are specifically growing for flower production.

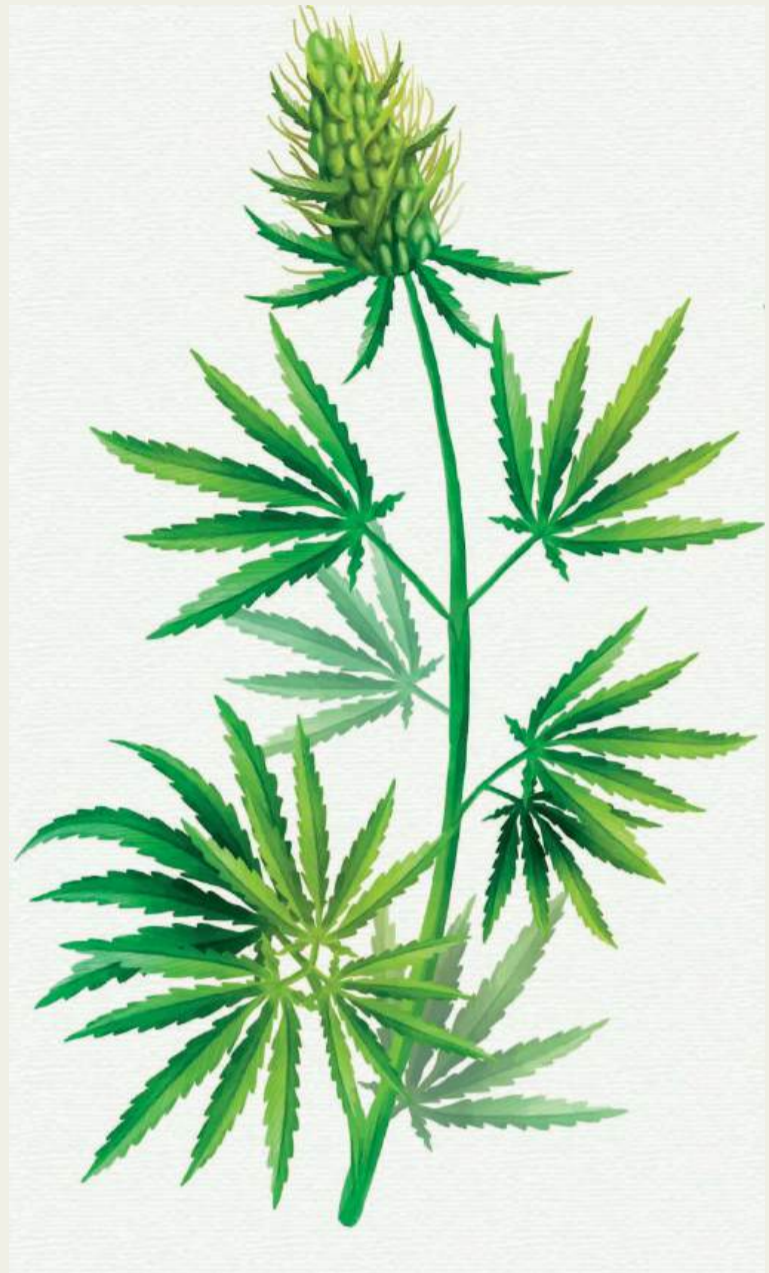
At the flowering stage, the female pistil hairs (female plants have oval shaped leaves, with white pistil hairs) start layering up and form buds.

The cannabis flower consists of three parts, pistils, sugar leaves and trichomes.

Trichomes have the highest concentration of cannabinoids. Sugar leaves also contain cannabinoids, but not as significant as trichomes.

As the cannabis plant gets closer to the harvesting period, you can keep a close eye on the trichomes. Cloudy trichomes have the most THC.

You will also notice the fan leaves starting to change colour. Fan leaves will start to turn yellow and fall off as nitrogen decreases.



The fan leaves may potentially also curl and dry, as the plant takes in less water when she gets closer to the harvesting stage.

There is no doubt that once your plant has reached harvesting stage – there is cause for celebration.

How magical, that by nurturing her growth, she rewards you with the most beautiful flower, that in return, nurtures you.

Once harvested, your bud may serve you in various ways, depending on your relationship with her, and what your needs are.

She is medicine, she is a teacher, she is quiet in the chaos, and so much more.

Cannabis growth, like everything in life, will thrive, if nurtured.

Every leaf that grows will tell you: what you sow will bear fruit, so if you have any sense my friend, don't plant anything but Love."

— Rumi

WHO IS...

GROW ONE AFRICA'S DIRECTOR, KOBUS SCHOEMAN, GIVES US THE DOWNLOW ON WHAT GOA ACTUALLY DOES, WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A COMPLIANT CULTIVATOR AND HOW CANNABIS CAN PLAY A PART IN HELPING TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE GREEN ECONOMY.

How did GOA come about?

My wife, Daleen, and I started our journey in the cannabis industry in December 2018 when we opened our doors as Canapax in Oudtshoorn, the second of many of these shops to open across the country. It lasted all of three months before we realised that our proposed model and that of Canapax was vastly different and so, we closed our doors and approached the National Prosecuting Authority to seek clarity on the legality of our club structure. After waiting two months and getting a "we can't comment on the legality" response, we opened our doors as One Culture. This was another great learning experience and a year later, and as soon as the High Court confirmed that our vision and that of our partners were contradicting, we once again stepped aside and started over. These first 18 months of our cannabis rollercoaster-ride had garnered a lot of attention from friends across the country and by the time we started trading as GROW one AFRICA, in June 2020, we had a whole army of eager cannapreneurs lined up and ready to get the industry rolling. We started the GOA journey with 4 independent clubs opening their doors on the same day: Die Boomhuis, Die Joint, The Toke House and Tiny Town.

Grow one Africa is a Cannabis Social Club Regulatory Company - What does this mean? What does GOA do?

GOA fills the void left due to the lack of legislation and standards to govern our industry by offering self-regulating compliance measures, setting standards and formulating standard operating procedures for clubs and their members to follow. Although we are not an official government entity, we have developed a cannabis club model that we share freely with anyone interested to start their own and offer systems and apps for clubs, cultivating- and processing members to track and trace and manage their cultivation, processing and club operations. On a day-to-day basis our team helps clubs and cultivators complete their compliance submissions and issues them with reports on their compliance to the model. Our system facilitates the contracts and administration between members and clubs and is also used to calculate reimbursements. Further we do monthly financial compliance audits on clubs, process and pay cultivating- and processing member salaries, pay all associated taxes and issue IRP5's. Participation in the self-regulating model is voluntary and GOA ensures that everyone follows the code of conduct, rules and regulations.



How did you conceptualise the GOA model? Where did you begin?

Although we could learn a lot from international examples, such as the Spanish and Uruguay club models, the starting point was the constitutional ruling that decriminalised cannabis in SA and confirmed our constitutional rights. Months of studying the ruling and relevant legislation, heavily assisted with cannabis, lead to appointments with various legal experts and discussions with industry players; all contributing to the model taking shape. We adapted international and local standards like GAP, GMP, ISO and SANS to formulate a model that offers African solutions for African problems. Finally, we put it all together using Permaculture (Permaculture is an approach to land management and settlement design that adopts arrangements observed in flourishing natural ecosystems) as a design science to give it structure and ensure sustainability.

There seem to be a lot of cannabis clubs popping up all over the place. What are your feelings on this?

The more the merrier! I think that cannabis clubs are great awareness centres that help break the stigma associated with the plant and bring together like-minded individuals that want to contribute to their community. As long as clubs can ensure the safety and quality of their offering and they are busy setting standards and not taking chances, there is definitely a place for them. I will encourage anyone that wants to open a club to do it but be authentic in what you bring to the table, and remember to be yourself because everyone else is already taken!

It's quite a mission to open up a GOA club. Why have you got such strict club compliance measures in place?

I always say that the solution is in the problem. And the problem here is the lack of legislation or official structure for our industry. That is why we chose the solution of over-regulating ourselves in this time of legislative lacuna, or gap in law. There was no bar, so we set it as high as we could. We can always relax our compliance measures once policy makers catch up, but it would be difficult to implement those measures only once given to us by the government. The real mission is to realise that cannabis is like any other industry and in order to take part you must comply with various laws, municipal by-laws, company regulations and SARS

to name but a few. The strict compliance measures are aimed at giving clubs and their members a defensible argument for what they are doing and in my opinion some paperwork beats sleeping on a concrete floor every day of the week.

Why would someone choose to open a GOA Club?

GOA is a family, and the same as any other family, you must do your homework and decide whether you want to marry into it. We are strict and we expect all our family members to intently adhere to the self-regulating model and standards set by GOA. We enforce our code of conduct and clubs and members can, and have been in the past, expelled from the voluntary group. The family also offers new clubs an instant community of like minded members that can visit their sister clubs and offer valuable insight into the culture and the industry. We are the original service provider to cannabis clubs in SA and the GOA family is the biggest of all the organised groups of clubs in the country, and still growing. So I guess if you want to do it right, do it with us!



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How many GOA clubs are there?

Today we offer services to 22 independent clubs, with 7000 members, 130 cultivating and processing members in the GOA family that employs 1200 people currently.

Can anyone go visit one of these clubs?

Only adults are allowed, some clubs have an age limit of 18 and others 21. Make sure to check our website for details of the club nearest you. www.growone.africa

How does one become a member?

Watch a video online that explains what GOA does, select the club you want to join, answer a few questions to confirm you understand the model and complete a needs assessment to determine how much cannabis you require from the club. Once approved by the committee, go to your club to have your ID verified, selfie photo taken, signature captured and to pay your initial membership. The application and verification process takes 10 minutes and the monthly memberships are very affordable.

What are the benefits of being a GOA club member?

You will have a safe designated clubhouse to hang out with other GOA members and have access to safe, responsibly cultivated and processed cannabis products while supporting members of your own community. This means you can self-medicate or use cannabis recreationally, culturally or religiously while still being a responsible citizen and contributing to the fiscus through the associated taxes paid. These ego-free zones encourage meaningful conversations and various businesses and personal relationships have been forged at these clubs. Also remember that valid members can visit any one of the GOA clubs across the country.

I bet you get this question a lot - I think I grow some pretty good cannabis. Can I become a cultivator for GOA?

You're right, this is quite common, funny though that the samples they bring you is never the best that they have grown before! The beauty of this system is that it is accessible to everyone, and although not everyone turns out to be a master grower, they can still get the opportunity to try their hand at it. Link in with your club, attend the cultivation and processing workshops, sharpen up your skills, get acquainted with the GOA SOPs and requirements and most importantly build a relationship with your club's compliance officer that will assist you in creating a cultivation/processing plan. These are matched up with the member needs assessment and if you meet the grade you will be supplying your fellow club members' demand in no time.

What role would you ideally like to see cannabis play in the South African and African economy?

I see cannabis as the spearhead crop that will unlock plant wealth in Africa. It is a sacred plant and the common denominator bringing together all tribes on our continent. It is our duty, through industrialisation, to give cannabis its rightful place as a superfood, powerful medicine, a sacred sacrament and an industrial wonder product. It is up to us to make the next 10 years green, a thriving green economy for a thriving green Africa, growing its own future!

THE RISE OF THE RURAL CANNABIS COMMUNITIES

05



A ground to a halt, the wheels of a new wing of the Marijuana Board of South Africa (MBOSA) took flight in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. The gathering positioned as a launch and informative platform graced by Dr. Babalwa the MBOSA Research and Development Chairperson with attendees that formulated a dynamic fractal from across the five local municipalities within the OR Tambo District. From users, growers, dealers, traditional healers and interested parties the pull was as far reaching as is the grasp of the cannabis plant, in the grace facilitated by the organisers of the event the KannaXpress crew connected in conversation with Tamara Thobeka Thomas (Triple in the T) the Chairperson of the MBOSA OR Tambo branch after the event and this is the output.

The mandate in the modern day gathering has on several fronts

in the displacement of what would be accepted social norms in some circles; if ever the gatherings ever had that total ensemble in the shape. The call from the plant to the people of the plant stills stands as one to mobilise and organise is accelerated bids to enrobe as much a diverse a society as would affiliate under the shade of the cannabis plant. The response is foundational from the MBOSA in the Pondoland Coasts to the NECTA church in Oaxaca, Mexico plant people are rising, collaborating and pushing the mandate to the liberation of the cannabis plant on this front but more than cannabis in mirrored principles.

Returning to base mama Tamara heartfully indicates that as their gathering was an onboarding meeting to elect a new committee for the OR Tambo district and to bring to light the presence of the MBSA organization, the

MBOSA LAUNCHES OR TAMBO EASTERN CAPE BRANCH

organisers took the already present mandate of community integration to commune with the Marijuana community at the gathering. “We need a voice of representation that will speak for us towards unlocking the value chain of the cannabis plant, one that will stand strong in the face of irregularities and injustice”; the remarks from (Triple in the Tea) as she continues to narrate the perceptions presented at the gathering. The Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency was represented by the Hemp passionate Noncedo Mbata who serves as a consultant for the agency that carries a bold mandate to work closely with government arms such as the Department of Rural Development (DRDAR) and partners in a bid to establish a massive and thriving cannabis industry in the Eastern Cape.

Dr. Babalwa the MBOSA Chairperson took to the stage to echo a concern that is not only a reality to the rural farmers but also a present challenge to the cannabis industry across Africa. The gate keeping of seed varieties and in the same breath the sidelining of local cannabis genetics, as she stated that “we need to be intentional in our stance to fully legalise cannabis but more so we need to work with our drought resistant landraces instead of importing seeds”. The routes, variations and the price tag of recommended seeds has positioned itself as a huddle on the track to the realization of cannabis grows

nationally.

Tamara Thomas on the same narration relayed to the publication that “the proposed bill is discriminatory as it disadvantages small scale farmers, it needs serious rethinking and we need to challenge government on that front as the proposed bill does not serve our purpose well”. The OR Tambo branch refutes to be passive and just gallop the proposed legislation, the mobilization to organise and grow the reach of the organisation remains an ongoing priority to lobby in masses but more so with the legacy growers, a sequencing relayed in the words uttered by Tamara Thomas as she concluded the discussion “we are appealing to residents, to join us directly or indirectly to lobby government for full legalization to ensure that we as black people participate in rural cannabis so as to contribute to the national GDP”.

The rural farmers that have in the past lobbied for the cannabis herb in scattered units are conglomerating and ensuring that the economy of cannabis will not be snatched from the generations that have paid the price in lives, counts and crop loss and whilst on this report on the MBOSA it is key to note that organisations such as the Umzivubu Farmers Support Network formulate part of the rural platforms that have been pivotal in amplifying the voice of the rural and legacy cannabis community.

FIGHT FOR INCLUSIVITY A PRESENT PLEA STILL IN ESWATINI

The Rural Farmers in the terrains of the Kingdom of Eswatini continue to face the challenges with regard the fight for cannabis legislation. This since the introduction of the “Amendment to the Opium habit forming act of 1922” in 2018. KannaXpress connected with Trevor Shongwe the Secretary General of the Eswatini Cannabis Association for a discussion on the holy herb together with the state of Cannabis in the Kingdom.

Who stated that “in our country the stale mates began when government began to amend an old legislation that we felt was draconian and was set up by our colonial masters back then, the spirit of cannabis legalisation in Eswatini was not a good one and it

was not for the benefit of the Eswatini people as far as we saw it as the Eswatini Cannabis Association an industry body that represents the local farmers and the existing rural indigenous cannabis farmers”.

Trevor states that as an organisation they have failed to reach common ground with the governing authorities pointing to incapacitation of inclusivity as the huddle that has stalled the formation of a common vision and the realisation of a shared trajectory. Trevor Shongwe stated that “unfortunately we have failed to reach common ground with the government because it seems like our government lacks expertise to come up with an all-inclusive cannabis act that will incorporate

the existing cannabis farmers, that is where we are at loggerheads”.

Trevor indicates that unlike the previous eras that grew on the sidelines in secrecy, this generation of cannabis growers whilst they have lost the ownership of their land race strains in the Swazi Gold they are still growing and fighting. The majority of the growers in the eSwatini are now growing European strains and what is termed as 'cross' as the pure landraces have been lost. Trevor responded to SamoRa on the systems in proprietorship to enhance the legalisation of Cannabis stated that “we as an association have been lobbying the parliamentarians and the government officials to come up with an all-inclusive cannabis bill.

At this point in time we are only limited in lobbying the government and parliament as cannabis is still major illegal in eSwatini and to even discuss it is tantamount to a crime, at this point in time ours is just to lobby, educate and advocate for the total legalisation of the plant”.

Its heart-warming to see the incoming generations that are stepping ahead in the Kingdom of Eswatini with consideration of the movements and the refusal to be spoon-fed with legislation that is seemingly exclusionary. Such resistances have in the past led to the empowerment of the indigenous farmers that number to the thousands in the Kingdom of eSwatini.

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The Cannabis Expo opens the gates of their 2023 calendar in Cape Town at the Grandwest Arena from the 24th to the 26th of March. PlantX Radio connected with Director of the Cannabis Expo Silas Howarth to discuss the upcoming event and the dynamics thereto.

Talking size, reach and diversity of the gathering that walks into the 5th year of the offering, Silas boldly states that “we have never seen a demand like this we have more stands than ever before, its going to be the biggest cannabis event in Africa”; given that this

chapter of the gathering has required more room to accommodate and house the growing demand for exhibition space.

The event in Cape Town, South Africa sees not only local and regional cannabis business coming to the front for an exhibition but also big interest from the global cannabis community that see the event as an opportunity to onboard into the cannabis industry in Africa through inceptions and collaborations. An affirmation alluded to by Silas as he remarked that “top cannabis

companies and emerging cannabis businesses and products literally converge at the Expo to do cannabis business in Africa”. In reference to the Convention Stage which pivots as the talk platform of the Expo Silas indicated that the platform provides for valuable conversation and insights as he remarked that, “speakers in industry leaders, change makers, activists and people from across the Cannabis industry and across the globe and government, getting together down and talking about how we to move Cannabis forward”. The how and the

forward movement is an aspiration desired in the constitutional framework in paces faster than the transformation from 1971 Grobler's commission to the 2018 judgements and the proposed reformations.

The industry of Cannabis in Africa seems to be moving forward in proprieties that continue to emerge as cannabis solutions and support services that relay a differing frequency and brightening the grey in the legal area of operation. The Cannabis Expo positions as a show and tell relaying the diversity and the dynamism that is the cannabis potential given a fully functional framework. If this is what the grey area can raise up to imagine an industry built around a shackle freed Cannabis plant and industry.



Silas Howarth

AFASA & CHEEBA, A CANNABIS LIGHT OF HOPE FOR YOUNG FARMERS



AMY LUDIDI
Student Liaison Officer
Cheeba Africa

As formalities in structures and synergies unfold and tangle in the cannabis industry the fractals in formulation fiddle in sequences of spark that see a medley as flamboyant as Cheeba Cannabis College and AFASA (African Farmers Association of South Africa). KannaXpress crossed lines with Mxolisi Mthombeni the provincial chairperson of the AFASA youth in Mpumalanga as

well as Amy Ludidi on separate conversations as the flames to this tale came alight.

Mxolisi a seasoned grain farmer indicated that primarily the formulation of the AFASA cannabis commodity was in response to the farming opportunities on the forefront of the cannabis industry, the AFASA MP youth chair indicated that there is hope for young farmers as there are already season hemp farmers such as Dr. A Jamalooden who present support structures for young farmers. Relaying to the fire in the cooking heat and the toasting flames Mxolisi speaks of a ready framework from which to build upon, as he lines out activities and systems on the pipeline to the benefits of the youth as he states that “to assist them (young farmers) to start off and see this hemp and cannabis as a business which they can go for, because

like the soya and the grain which we are planting, cannabis can also be planted the same way, we just need to first master the skills of planting it. We haven't been in that field for a while so its just new ground for us and it's a great opportunity for young farmers to move onto”.

With regard to the marriage of the new and the old in the emerging cannabis crop now calling for ground on the farming land Mxolisi indicates that the bridging system is the compromise that will wade in the tide of the cannabis plant in a feasible manner. “We need to first of all introduce this cannabis plant in an experimental state, as a crop rotation plant; If you come to Mthombeni and say stop doing your maize which is giving you money every year and grow cannabis, it might be very hard to crack that nut. He won't be able to bite up until you get to be with

him face to face and get to sell this cannabis commodity, also sell the plant as a solution to a lot of case problems because when we go down its no longer about the world but about the farmer. How will cannabis help him? How will cannabis change his life? What impact does it have on the soil? Then you will get a perfect marriage for the farmer”. Amy Ludidi featured on the PlantXRadio Weed Wednesday channel and spoke of the innovations the Cannabis College has witnessed on their campus as they exit the CANNA DEN; we are bound by NDA but in principle these young academics are innovating amazing solutions addressing the bridges in the cannabis space as she remarked that “one of the things in the 12 week programme that we do at the end is a business pitch where the students pitch,...

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CAPE TOWN CUP COMPETITION PUFF CANDY FOR CANNA CONNOISSEURS

Cape Town Cannabis Cup Competition is your opportunity to win a Judge Pass to SA's most V-High-P event. A comment is all it takes to stand a chance. The 2022 Cup was lit AF! The 100 judges were met with a rabbit hole experience. A lovely lady met them at the entrance to explain the T,H & Cs of judging the fine herbs on offer. Then presented them with a dope goodie bag and reassuringly nudged them on their merry way.

Although you could have just followed the sweet scent of sensi and live plants to find the secret Danksterdam coffee shop experience awaiting on the other side. Twenty cultivars were thoughtfully presented on a revolving table under a well lit magnifying glass. Once done admiring the anonymously labeled contenders and smoking with their eyes. The judges moved on to the bud bar where they could sample a little nug of each at their leisure. Just enough

for a spliff or bowl. Those who braved taking all twenty received a golden medal and round of applause from the house. A haze of Purps 'n Terps Sure the buds were all worthy of the most discerning bong or blunt. But it was easy to tell early on which weed was causing the most hype in the room. And to my pleasant surprise it wasn't just bag appeal setting the mood. For a change far more attention was being paid to the flavors and burn than to the single dimension of frostiness. The judges were discerning as many of us had already learnt that all that glitters is not gas. The day went on in a haze of irie tunes and top shelf company. That all to soon blended into a beautiful evening on the southern tip of Africa. Where for a brief moment we were one of the highest and happiest places on earth.

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...it's a formal event that close up as part of the final assessment. The students have been bringing some fire, I have seen fire in each and every intake. Some of the businesses are mock businesses but some of them are real business, when they come in, most people want to be master growers but when they are here their horizon deepens and their ideas become deeper. We have students from 2021 that have gone into genetics and their seeds are now in some stores, we have a student that came from Kenya who was very interested in the hemp space but again legislation is stagnating these great amazing idea. This student in Kenya has started a buzzing microgreens company". In the order of unions this synergy in sequences of merging for marriage sees the questions that the farmers raise being responded to on the Cheeba Cannabis College curriculum from Growing One on One to the two becoming one in the plant and the plant person, the academic experiences promised at Cheeba dig deeper into the heart of the cannabis plant. With varied offerings of in person and remote study opportunities and a range of models for the scholars those lucky to dance to the melody of Cheeba and AFASA will be set ablaze as tokens of hope for the cannabis plant in the present and future times.

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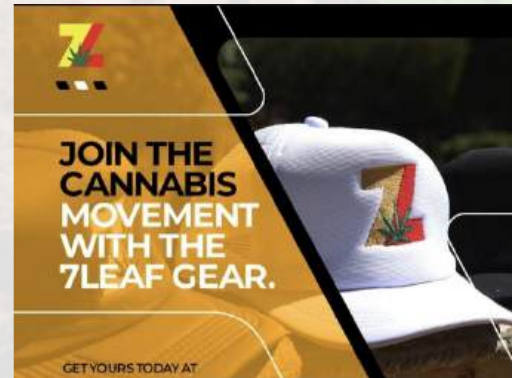
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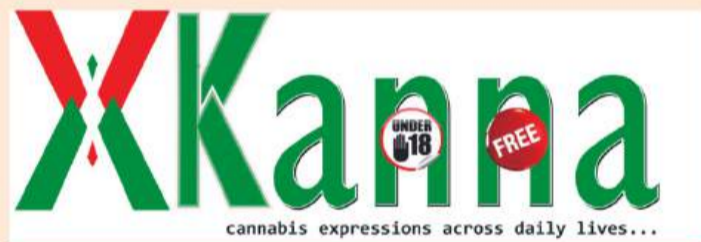
Speed rolling competition winner 7.0 seconds
Jared Volschenk, with Claire Campbell, Raymond Meyer from Elevated Adventures

The Zululand Cannabis Community collided as a community at Gibaland in Pinetown. KwaZulu Natal province over a three-day 420 Reggae Festival which was positioned as a tribute to Bob Marley. The event was lined up by a feast of performing Artists in the names of The Meditators, Jahworx, Motif, Wah Wah Baby, The Rock Lobsters, Trinity and The Standing Band, Teekay, Free Haine, Jared- Brother Bear, Hat. These musical messengers rolled out great music, in gathering of great people and with the synergy of the cannabis plants it was only fitting for the great times that followed thereafter. Thanks to GibaLand, organizers and all the performers, we had a

most wonderful time. Cafe Umfula- yummy food, thanks and great vegan options meals that preceded the breath-taking hike to the cascades, the treasure for those who find time in nature. In gratitude to the gathered masses, Claire indicates that the weekend community ensemble was composed of some really amazing people, from all walks of life- with one thing in common, cannabis. "We Smoked wondrous weed, networked and competed. To mention, our colab (in cahoots with Aaptwak, fastest time 3.7sec) rolling competition - thus far, our fastest hands in KZN, belong to Jared Volschenk @ 7sec. Catch us at any of our Elevation Stations, let's see how fast you are.

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