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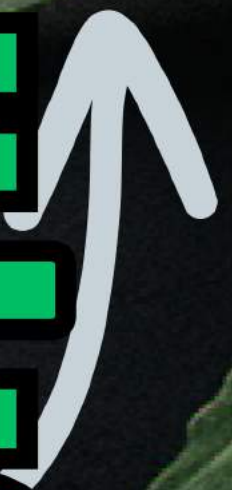
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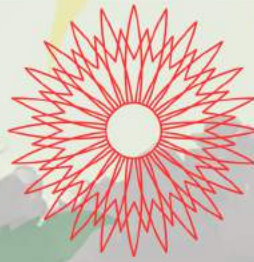
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## HAVE A BLAZING 2024

Welcome to the 19th issuing of the XKanna Viewspaper and the 20th on the count as we celebrate on one end two years of sharing Cannabis stories in Africa whilst bidding goodbye to another year. Supposedly it looks like another reflective issue looking on the affairs of the Cannabis plant and the trajectories in the journeys of the Cannabis community. In this issue we consider conversation on Policy as Sister Rozayne Malyo swings in with perspectives on plant policies and history whilst expressing the desired outcomes. The year 2023 was highlighted by the Phakisa discussions which saw the power of government swing its weight into the Cannabis conversations.



The presentation of the presidium Cannabis Steering Committee indicated the formulation of a channel of connection and communication looking towards the devising of a consultative front. Charl and Fields of Green For All steer into the narrative in this issue pointing to a slight deep in arrests and an amplified call to remain vigilant in privacy. We bite into some dough with Walle as Aaptwak Private Lounge completes a year in operation, Walle speaks to XKanna with indication of the mental games presented by the oblique present and proposed plant policies. Still in KZN we look to KHA and consider the vision and mission presented where as on an associative front our discussions also dock in Amsterdam in Mpumalanga as we tap with Bongani Dlamini and the Cannabis Association of Mpumalanga. We trust that 2023 has been a blazing year for you as a reader of XKanna new and old alike; We are in shifting times for mankind globally and may this shift position you in your purpose and passions as you roll into 2024. Let us grow the stories and the glories of the Cannabis plant together as we continue on the extra pathway of plant and Cannabis views. Love and light in gratitude SammoRA MaMBA and the XKanna Team.

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# MONEY KEYS N TREES

The turn of another calendar year finds the offering in another turn to relay the trajectories of the waves resonating in these frequencies as we relay maybe in simplicity, the tales of life on the complex City of freeing the cannabis herb, whilst sealing away the seeds of tomorrow. In; in conversation with so many name sakes that Monnie is sending me found an acknowledgement in the acquisition of a permit and the crippling in the seed payment. The dynamics presented by MONEY talking to the transformative KEYS needed to realise the promises found beyond burning the Cannabis TREES.

The modern-day stoner in the activist that previously would have aspired for the freedom to consume the Ganja with no hinderances, reforms in the transformative attributes presented by the energy and the fluidity housed in the Marijuana plant. A tale of change as one might affiliate in terminologies, yet in dynamism it sequences as a call for self-sustainability proportioned within the Matekwane plant and now apportioned by the consciousness that in communion talks to a fall into union, to couple systematically and still on one front cripple the same ethos.

Sold as the journey of balance, the all knowing seemingly spell policies and terminologies glowing in lights of inclusion, the foundational discussions talk to a restructure of the same criminal based approach ethos at a time of conversations talking globally to harm reductive approaches. The regulation is paramount but the incrimination is a whole different amount to buy out of the prison economy with consideration of the cannabis plant contribution.

The tales of the three forms that bloomed from incarceration to build economies find the Sinsemilla plant at home in the cages and yet the matches in the fire roams freely in the pockets of the people as sticks and ignition pockets of gas.

The freeing of Cannabis as a plant presents dilemmas and breaches in far written consequences that underpin the desired sting promised potentially in a free roaming Cannabis economy. The primary ability that could house thousands with the power to grow in massive replicative fashion MONEY from their backyards could ripple that final nail on the cloth veiling in frailty the gates of systematization. Now enter the hesitancy to develop Cannabis hubs, the flow of money could change following the green gold and shift the bases from full reliance on the City's gold. Who are we fooling with gold reliance at a time of depleted reserves and conflicted resources. The considerations of shifts in the economic classification that in function are beaming in mind an eased introduction of the herb money into the fiscus; considerations on seed to output charts present reference points that shake the grids in standards and polls. The present dichotomy that has seen the international markets in the Americas halt to house herb money; the balance in the shift is now seeing lumpsomes of herb money now accruing on the greys of banking

. Is the resource and fiat reference tag now pointing back to the plants, the Marijuana for that matter.

The changing references speak to shifting powerlines and points of initiating change, a power that oil barons are feasting on in the determination of the collapse on the dependents. The Petroleum inclined with no oil reserves similarly cripples as the present locks need more than access in the light of keys and plants policies, thus bringing matters to the fold.

The primary positioning of Cannabis as a plant brings questions that expose the core in the systematic affairs, the delays that have seen the snailing of the bill builds globally in what in centralized systems would have been an underpinning of a plant agenda in global narrations. This silence sees the continuing twist as the local and global representative bodies meddle on the affairs and the attributes regarding the billions in Cannabis and the possibilities in the shift of power as the Cannabis plants are pruned in the backyards. The questions remain in who will have the keys to turn the green waters of Cannabis at the roots? How much primary value addition will the masses have access to, towards the actualization of everyday life? How much access will the people have in actuality at a grassroot level? In lit herbs and steering hubs the outcomes all bow down to the numbers in the money defining the keys to the industry and counting the trees to the recovery of lost freedoms as we step into the year 2024.







# PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ON CANNABIS POLICY PROPOSITIONS

By: Rozayne Malyo - Founder & CEO - Think Green Consulting



18 September 2018 Outside the Constitutional Court of South Africa

The historical cultivation of Cannabis in Africa generally and South Africa in particular, has been deeply rooted in traditional, cultural and spiritual lives of indigenous people. Traditionally, communities cultivated available indigenous varieties of Cannabis. Where as in the present times modern or otherwise, both rural and urban areas are engaged in small-scale operations, relying on local landraces and heirloom varieties adapted to the specific climate and conditions, these founded as grey operations keeping aflame the heritage of Cannabis in cultural strains over time. The traditional intergenerational passing down of Cannabis seeds has played a crucial role in preserving and maintaining unique genetic traits. This practice has contributed to the rich diversity and distinct characteristics of locally adapted Cannabis varieties preserved through traditional drying and curing methods playing a role in preparing Cannabis for consumption, regeneration and other coupling purposes. This rich history underscores the cultural significance, spiritual and historical continuity within the cultivation practices of the Cannabis community.

It is thus notable that South Africa has experienced substantial changes in its Cannabis legal status; given the 2018 Constitutional Court ruling that decriminalized defined quantities for personal use and cultivation for private consumption by adults marking a significant shift, in plant policy. While individuals have the freedom to possess and cultivate Cannabis within specified limits for personal use, commercial sale and distribution remains restricted with the exception of medical use under specific conditions. It is as such not alarming seeing the evidence in hesitancy as there are concerns in the legislative approach and journey to legalise Cannabis in South Africa. The lack of adequate public participation, meaningful consultation, is minimizing grassroots input from local community across the nation's provinces, this coupled with the absence of education on the proposed bill, along with the perceived flaws, raise some of the significant issues in rewinding the stigma and the stench of misinformation.

In the conversation of appropriately spelling the clauses and the cause of Cannabis legalisation, it is foundational to distinguish between decriminalization and full legalization. While South Africa decriminalized the private use of Cannabis for adults, many aspects of its production, processing, storage, possession, transportation, and sale are still restricted or prohibited with full legal sanction and custodial sentences. Understanding and adhering to the legal limits, such as permitted quantities for personal possession or cultivation is essential to prevent violations of the gray laws. This presents a legal minefield even for the conscientious adult user with no criminal intent at base. The paramount pleas for freeing the herb must be rolled out in classes that will see the differentiation with reference to varying scenarios. Such would be a consideration in the order of cases talking to supplying Cannabis to minors, a serious violation in most social and cultural norms with medical exceptions and should by all rights be considered in the classes of presented offences.

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# PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ON CANNABIS POLICY PROPOSITIONS

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This reference should be contrasted with the public consumption of Cannabis that is restricted outrightly, while the public consumption of alcohol and cigarettes is not only allowed but promoted within legally regulated environments. This scenario emphasizes not only the importance of responsible and informed user behavior within the legal framework, but also the responsibilities of regulatory authorities to afford Cannabis and its users a level playing field.

Little progress has been made in realizing a fully developed local Cannabis industry with the meaningful participation of communities that have a vested interest, this raises concern, even after President Ramaphosa's promises in both the 2022 and 2023 State of the Nation Addresses. This lack of growth and economic rollout of a Cannabis economy can be attributed to inadequate policy and minimized legal guidance resulting in sluggish policy innovation and implementation efforts. The advocating for legislation that truly serves the interests of the Cannabis community and allows for fair participatory opportunities, talking to commercialization, presents calls of concern especially from rural, traditional and Cannabis cultural communities. Addressing the perceived flaws in the current bill and pushing for an ethically inclusive, integrated, holistic and community-friendly approach is essential towards the germination of efforts and structures of participation for Cannabis communities. Engaging in constructive dialogue and prescribing for changes that align with the needs and aspirations of the Cannabis community can be key in shaping effective and equitable Cannabis laws, instead of filling prison cells with Cannabis users in a country rife with serious crime.

It is the trajectory of change that births resistance and as such in the formulation of plant reform policy the faced challenges in execution are a norm waiting for nudge beyond the state of conforming to the old. It is a present need therefore to collectively push for a comprehensive and well-informed legislative framework that serves the interests of the Cannabis community at a primary base and expands on the blueprint of compliance from that core. In formulating and aligning towards a more inclusive, home grown and well-thought-out approach to Cannabis laws is considered as essential for a successful and fair plants industry development.

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# CANNABIS BROUGHT ME PEACE



PICTURED L 2 R: HEIDENE WITH RENATA RECK AT TUBBY'S KITCHEN STALL JHB CANNA EXPO 23



The Cannabis Expo has in some spaces been referred to as the Cannabis community connect gathering, as players and enthusiasts connect on personal and business fronts from different ends of the country, the networking for we always births amazing connections and story moments. In the puff and peace exhibition buzzing with foot traffic we arrive at the corner stand to connect with Tubby's Kitchen and in arrival we are catered for by Heidene as she joyfully expands on her display for the weekend and the teas gracing her stall.

The dynamism in the connect dualled as a discussion around her journey with plants as Heidene aka Tubby opened up the narrative with XKanna indicating that she graces the conversations in the company of plants as she is positioning to find her path in this crazy world. Sequencing on the connections and her relationships within the Cannabis industry she references the peace found in people that believe in the Cannabis plant with indications that in her reflection the Cannabis plant had brought her peace.

“That has been my reflection with Cannabis, in that it has brought me an amazing amount of peace, It's the peace that comes from the plant that I require in my life.

Whether it be working with it, whether it be involving other people in my life, whether it be from a business perspective, whether it be from a financial perspective. Whether it be making the world a better place with hemp, with Cannabis medicinally, or using it to improve the economy from a recreational perspective, whether it means getting government involved from a perspective to grow the economy and make new jobs; and turn the world around and South Africa from a third world to a first world country that for me represents peace on so many levels”.

Sequencing to her journey in propriation Heidene indicates that prior to the epileptic attacks that changed the trajectory of her life her initial stint in business had been on an educational front with an intent to make a difference in that space. To this moment she indicates that her tea making sessions with her grandmother were not initially positioned as a brewing business concept but rather an initiative to heal herself. “I started Tubby's Kitchen because I needed to save my own life and I realized in saving my own life I would be able to make a difference in other people's lives, so that's where the business started and Cannabis was the birthing of that”, this in what would be the primary entry point into the economic peace provisioned by the plants. Expanding beyond the teas, Heidene further narrates how she from her teen years smoked a lot of Marijuana up until the moment she became a mother, this she states expanding on the assumptions and stigmas affiliated with Cannabis.

Tubby enforces the issuing stating that “if you smoke Marijuana, you are either going to do it in a way that is respectful to yourself and to your peers or you are going to smoke it in a way that is disrespectful to yourself and to your peers”. Swinging once again to the peace found in the herb culture and community Heidene remarks that “nobody I have ever smoked Marijuana with has ever incited any violence, nobody has ever been impulsive or try to hurt the next person, there is always been an element of laughter and peace and calm in that situation that is always the experience that I've had; some people get a bit insane with the paranoia and its very different when it come to being in a situation with alcohol”.

That's peace on several fronts being narrated by the delightful Heidene as she further brings a call to the awareness in the moment and in so doing connecting with the intents of Jah and thus finding the peace that is so much lacking in this present world. The promises presented in the herb on the Abrahamic manuscript speak to the plants being healers of the nations and with so much chaos and confusion on the global front the hurt in the hearts of the world is undeniable. In seeking sequences with Cannabis in principle and other plants in general, we can position the lands towards peace on the fronts narrated by Heidene and more, to reference it musically let us consider the melodic references from Tupac who so many years after his transition continues to state “stop killing each other. Let's just smoke a blunt”. To hear more on this narrative please visit PlantX Radio and dive into the heart filled delivery with Heidene as she narrates her peace finding journey on living with epilepsy and sojourning with Cannabis.





# 2023 & CANNABIS ASSOCIATIONS

“Climb ye the heights of liberty and cease not in well doing until you have planted” the remarks from Marcus Mosiah that see us arrive at the close of yet another Gregorian calendar as we embrace 2024 and untie the laces and braces of 2023. In reflection the XKanna considered the transitioning of Cannabis conversation across the year and the fathoming in the journey of liberty for a plant on a pathway to not only heal the nations but restore an older order in the terminologies of plants being run by Plants. Talking to the order of seeding, the organisation of primary Cannabis communities in 2023 took a different footing as efforts of freeing the herb on collaborative fronts emerged across different Cannabis communities.

In October this year the XKanna publication connected with Myrtle Clarke on a discussion leading up to the Amber Cup. The narration touched on the journey to the formulation of the Fields of Green For All where in reference the co-founder of the organisation primarily indicated that, a part of the foundational call towards the movement of the herb was offered as a call to organise and as such finding space and expression on the legal banks of admissions. The call to organise and formalise has in times past informed revolutions that have not only crippled systems of old but in equitable balance anchored movements to new revolutions, that for all position us here on the wheel of time.

A beacon of hope flames for the Marijuana herb at a time of “ceased” slavery and the tearing down of the Berlin walls yet still on one breath observing the lines of cordoning formulated on the same square mile; the journey of freeing the Cannabis plant witnesses the smoke in Cannabis corporations coupling in the manner of associations and committees on the terrains of South Africa. The efforts towards collaborated motions to unlock the Cannabis plant potential in KwaZulu Natal province has seen the formulation of KHA, the KwaZulu Natal Hemp Association, a vehicle founded in November. The primary offering of KHA sees the intent emerge around addressing the



missing links towards actioning and unlocking of a fluid cycle in the provincial cannabis economy. Stepping out as a gathering of Cannabis professionals and experts the issuing from KHA signed off by the founding Chairperson Sheldon Crammer indicates that “The necessity of an industry association for farmers, agri processing, product manufacturing, market research and retail sector, is a critical part of the hemp supply chain in KZN and was formed in line with existing agricultural practices and standards found in similar industries, such as sugar cane and forestry”. This mirrored ability in the roll out of what would be policy and systems parallel points to the fluidity represented by the Cannabis plant beyond names of reference.

On the Eastern plains of South Africa in the province of Mpumalanga the motion of organizing the Cannabis community within the province, along the lines of activating a collaborative motion have extended beyond the Gert Sibande District. Bongani Dlamini a facilitator in a fire burning as the Cannabis Association of Mpumalanga indicates that the call to mobilise beyond hotel meals springboarded at the Emaganu Insangu Expo and Festival held in May at Schagen Cultural Farm in Mbombela. The missions to formulate structures and unlock Cannabis community conversations have seen the activities from CAM gather communities in spaces designed to inform and advocate for organisation and systematization towards unlocking the Cannabis plant potentials in the province.

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# ONE YEAR OF PIZZA AND PUFFING



As December rolled into the fold Aaptwak Private Lounge completed the annual solar cycle of dance marking one year of servicing Pretoria with amazing Pizza and Bud to be back for. In the narrations with PlantX Radio we caught up with the founder and brand ambassador Walter Pretorius aka Walle on the road to another show stopping mobile bong and hotbox shift in KwaZulu-Natal at The Branch on Shelly Beach. The essence of the discussion with Aaptwak bordered around the accolade certified pizza that Walle positions as the best pizza in Pretoria, reports certified by the Restaurant Guru.

Speaking to Walle the primary question pushed forward is a query on the changing aspects and sequences that he has had to overcome along the journey of exhibiting the Cannabis brand for one year on the terrains of Pretoria. In contrasting fashion Walle considers the difference between the Cannabis scene in KZN against the Pretoria (Gauteng) status quo as he expands vocally stating that

“the people in KZN are more embracive and welcoming, if there is anything that one would take back to Pretoria it would be the character and the culture of the KZN community”.

One put to mind the headline from Jeffreys Bay that speaks of the uproar in a community resisting the order of transition in the return of the Cannabis herb. Whilst the Aaptwak Private Lounge in the operation has faced resistance, the challenge that Walle indicates poses as a catch twenty-two is the absence of clear policies and framework governing the current recreational Cannabis space. It is the same indication that witnesses his remark as he states that “the biggest challenge and maybe not a fear always in the back of our heads, is we are busy with a private club we are always just vigilant and we are all scared of the authorities, that is always in the back of peoples head” this he states primarily due to the absence of framework and no clarity of operational guidelines talking to Cannabis clubs.

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In a discussion with PLANTX RADIO on Weed Wednesday, Bongani Dlamini states that “I was following the Western Cape province, with keen interest, these women in Western Cape planting in big numbers making money...I saw government in the Eastern Cape they are getting involved and encouraging farmers to go and plant, talking licenses, I saw our province (Mpumalanga) was like quiet and when we got to the festival I took a center stage and motivated those who were present and had interest in Cannabis”. The narration on the journey of CAM in formulation still and the channels of participation present and in expansion is available on PlantX RADIO.

The intents of CAM have seen the efforts in the workshops that talk to Hemp facilitation collaborate with MBOSA tapping into Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) sequences on plant access. The ethos in the IKS conversations have seen the commencing of Cannabis Sandbox initiatives in affiliations that have seen the University of the North-West leading the line as they continue further into the strides. Roles relayed in commitment by the academic institution and modelled in the remarks from the Vice Chancellor Bismark Tyobeka that “NWU is ready to make a contribution towards the implementation of the National Cannabis Master Plan to unlock the economic potential of rural communities”.

The first batch of applications towards the IKS Sandbox initiative have been submitted in efforts that have seen consultations and collaborations from diverse Cannabis players in the community. The expectation is present and the Phakisa Cannabis conversations wait to be activated towards the liberty of the Cannabis plant. Singularly mankind is weakened and in sets finds the flora power that can be realised with the primary ethos depicted in the words of Bongani Dlamini “we mobilise ourselves into a structure, to be able to push our objectives forward commonly”. In salutation just as in goodbyes to the year, five years of spelling Cannabis freedoms finds us simmering on yet another Mosiah remark, “no one knows when the hour of Africa’s Redemption cometh. It is in the wind. It is coming. One day, like a storm, it will be here.” So shall it be with Cannabis.





# “KEEP GANJA PRIVATE & STAY CLEAR OF THE POLICE”

The STOP THE COPS and Join the Q campaign is a cause mandated by the Non-Profit organisation Fields of Green For All; the campaign has been in operation for ten years, the primary mission of the cause is to restrain the arrests by the local police on the Cannabis community in South Africa whilst servicing the victims of Cannabis arrests in the moment with protocol and procedures of conduct before, during and after contact with the COPS. XKanna caught up with Charl Henning who is a resident responder on the Stop The Cops helpline to assess how the bells have been ringing this year and what the arrests frequency and façade looks like in 2023.

“This year was no different than any other year, the arrests have gone down slightly after a very important police circular that appeared in August that clearly instructed the police not to arrest people” states Charl. The document in reference was an outcome from the presidium powered Phakisa deliberations that spun hope into the winds of policy change.

The narrative on the arrests has seemingly been partially heard as Charl indicates that arrests and grow raids continue to be a norm, a reality he indicates is informed by broken communication within the SAPS structure. “The signal is not clear enough yet; I would like to warn the Cannabis enthusiasts to stay clear of the police, hide your grow and don’t wave your cannabis around in public. Keep it private, our biggest protection is our privacy, its not really about cannabis as much as it is about privacy”.

The scenarios of old in retrospect are cropping in attempts to seemingly fold the South African Cannabis culture and community back into the doldrums of secrecy. The call from Charl expands on the foundational need for extended privacy as he indicates that this festive season has witnessed two cases where lovers have snitched on their growing partners.



The indications in reality are that due to the negative experiences that the Cannabis community encounters during arrests by the police it is key to live and operate in privacy as that is the standing legal framework.

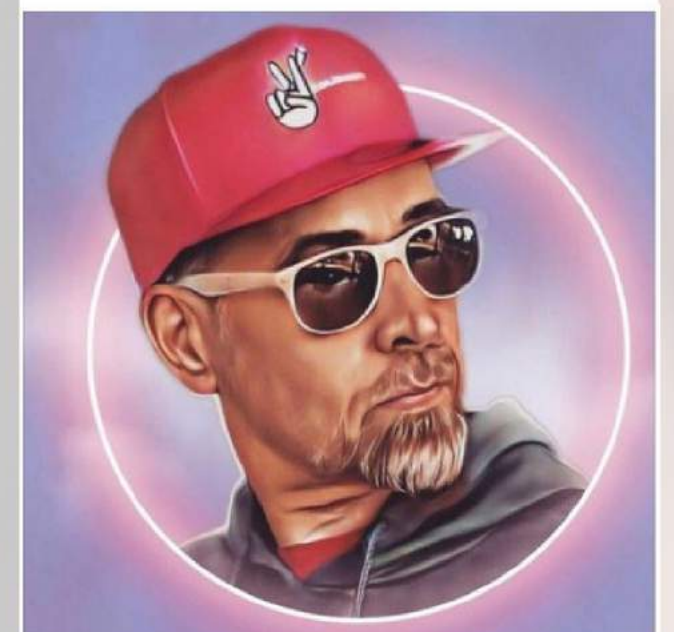
Expanding on privacy Charl further states that “SammoRa our freedom is based on privacy and its not based on Cannabis, we must remember that in your private space there is no limit to the quantity of Cannabis plants. There is no where in our law books and police directives that makes mention of any quantity at all. Do not believe the numbers in restriction, as long as you can explain that its for personal use and you are not dealing, dealing is the big thing and dealing is what they are after”. This Charl states with indications to conceal any form of dealing if ever such is present.

The same conversations in the chaos of policy dialogs still emerge in the battlefield for Cannabis freedoms; Are the people free to commune with the plant whilst the cannabis plant is itself incarcerated economically and in growth quantities? It must be remembered that whilst the Hemp (low THC) land area has been unrestricted from the onboarding fifty-hectare limit, the recreational community has

been presented with proposed Bills seeking to further tighten the knots on THC. The journey of balance is one that is skewed on a recreational front in the moment with a lock down on trade and the true imaging of a freed Cannabis plant and community. What will 2024 present in plant freedoms and association protocols for the Cannabis community? Hopefully ceased arrests and concluded plant counting.



We want the South African Police Services removed from having anything to do with Dagga, immediate and unconditional release of all Dagga prisoners and reparations for the harms of prohibition.







# ONE YEAR OF PIZZA AND PUFFING

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The Pretoria based Cannabis club has soared in the culture corridors of pioneering the desired future of recreational cannabis and with a renowned chef in the space the munchies always meet their match when the cookies call from space.

Walle expresses to PlantX Radio that “its been a lekker journey for the last 365 days, its been one year of creating and building a community and helping out everywhere we can; we have made numerous pizzas and we got a certificate from the Restaurant Guru”. The journey to build communities are not without challenges and to overcome these obstacles Walle indicates that he hopes for certification beyond the pizza meals. “The journey forward we would like certification and something from them (governing authorities) stating that you guys are doing ok and we love your work”. The expedition of freeing Cannabis turns to the 6th year as the Calendar continues; the absence of clarity has allowed the Cannabis community to exist and operate in the privacy facilitated by the Zondo 2018 ruling. This has presented hit and miss operational grounds that see some clubs raided whilst The Haze Club case freezes on the benches of the courts of law, swinging on the suspension and uncertainty of the Cannabis plant governing framework. As 2024 docks and more Cannabis clubs and shops open doors the policies will need to play catch up but maybe also find functioning frameworks and reference models presented by South Africa as the Cannabis freedoms they aspire towards.



# INTRODUCTION TO ASSOCIATION – KHA

# KWA ZULU HEMP

By Sheldon Cramer  
Interim Chairperson: KwaZulu Hemp Association



KHA Interim Executive Committee

The Cannabis Hemp industry has long been one of the oldest industries in human history, with use of the cannabis plant in its various strains being grown and used for centuries.

Dating back 6000 years, the hemp plant has been studied and used over the years for fibre, nutrition, medicinal, oil, building material and approximately 5000 other known products and uses. The hemp plant is relatively easy to grow, is resistant to disease and insects and has an excellent per hectare yield.

With the recent developments in the local cannabis sector, the process of recognizing and legalizing cannabis hemp over the past decade, the potential economic contribution the industry will have on the South African economy, the need for a formalized non-profit association that represents and sets benchmark standards within the KZN context was identified.

Kwa Zulu Hemp Association was formed and convened in November 2023, and officially established as the standards body for the KZN industry. In collaboration with local government, economic development bodies, farmers and industry stakeholders, KHA is a body of academic, traditional and corporate experts formed to establish a standard by which the Cannabis hemp industry in KZN will function. Based at Chamber House in Pietermaritzburg, KHA will provide a consolidation of all aspects and facets of the industry,

incorporating and developing standards, research, education and training, genetics development, informational support, statistics analysis and guidance for the industry, from seed to sale.

KHA is a non-profit, non-governmental association represented by industry players and will consolidate a currently fragmented cannabis hemp industry in KZN. The necessity of an industry association for farmers, agri processing, product manufacturing, market research and retail sector, is a critical part of the hemp supply chain in KZN and was formed in line with existing agricultural practices and standards found in similar industries, such as sugar cane and forestry.

Kwa Zulu Hemp Association is represented by its Executive Committee, and various sub committees which will contribute to the development of various sectors of the Cannabis Hemp industry in KZN, ensuring world class standards, with inclusive opportunities for participation from growers to end users.

We are excited to be part of this historical moment in the South African Chapter of the emerging South African Cannabis hemp industry, and we look forward to serving the people in our endeavors as an organization.







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# PLANTX II PLAYBACK ON DEMAND

The PlantX II gathering in the digital discussions connecting on Plants beyond Cannabis was undertaken by the PlantX family over a three day period from the 13th to the 15th of December. The primary deliberations witnessed Wednesday discussions consider plant perspectives and policies with a resolute focus on Homing the Cannabis Herb as Elder Nongo Motona opened the set talking to Tripple P partnerships and pathways to unlock and facilitate integration between the government and the private sector. Sister Rozayne Malyo anchored the opening day discussion as she offered perspectives on policy cohesion toward the actualisation of a freed Cannabis plant on a Billed framework.

The second day of the discussions witnessed the Plant spiritualist connect with PlantX Radio sharing on the physical and the metaphysical facilitations afforded by plants. Gogo Magwaza open the Herb Homing dynamics rolling out her eco village tag, her indications resonated with a call to return to the unit cluster in the functioning of the community. Indications from Mkhulu Barry Silinda specify that the plants facilitate time warping and metaphysical jumps as he

points to the sacred Iboga with indication to the concoction being the strongest in consumption.

Gogo Lucy Mthembu brought the herbs home pointing us back to the lost plant culture in the homes, she further offers some helpful plants in the listing as she seals the narration for the day before passing the button to Dr. A. Jamalooden. In summation of the gathering Dr. J presents the closing of his narration on the Industrial propositions promised in Cannabis. The offering speaks to unity and oneness of mind as we endeavor to unlock the Cannabis plant stating that “the call to action is borderless synergy working together in the true spirit of the plant...” To tap into the discussions in full please do visit the PlantX Radio App and download or view the channel discussion under the tag PLANTX II HOMING HERBS GATHERING.



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## NYE IN KZN

Claire C - Elevated Adventures Reporting

On the 31st Dec 2023 from 2pm to the 1st Jan 2024 at 10am join the Elevated Adventures family at the Rain Farm Game Lodge, Ballito KZN for R200p/p tickets are available via Quicket. Accommodation is facilitated directly through the venue with differing forms in the offering to suit the diverse requirements of the Cannabis and interested community members.

This edition of the NYE event is offering an awesome NYE lined up for participants on the ground of the Rain Farm Game Lodge, an absolutely breathtaking venue with beautiful accommodation doubling up on self-catering units. The venue has facilitation for game drives, spa treatments, swimming pool offering a 420friendly and safe space. The Durban Dope Queen, will be treating the guests to some side-splitting stand-up comedy with some added engagement in the hosting of the speed rolling competition with an munchy offering for the Fastest Fingers for 2023 standing a chance to win a scrumptious edibles hamper from The Green Hobbit. The gathering will also be highlighted by amazing giveaways and spoils from the legendary sponsors in B-earthy CBD Health and Wellness and Zululand Laser Company.

The Transcendence gathering will not only dock on the music and fun as opportunities to show and tell will be availed, in alignment guests are encouraged to bring their crafts and wares as they connect with the wonderful opportunity to show off and network. Now to the buzz the organisers of the event state that they have teamed up with massive DJ's offering what would be top notch tunes to glide on melodically on a journey into the new year, from the dance floor.

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What would a 420 event be without some flower? The budbar at the venue promises to be suitably stocked with a little something for everyone via a satellite cash bar at the event venue. The indications also point to restriction on corkage with clear announcers disallowing carry on cooler boxes. If that sounds colder than the festive chill, have a moment to consider a blazing bonfire perfect for a proper kuier session. Claire Campbell the facilitator indicates that the NYE gathering will be a time to “meet interesting people with beautiful hearts also time to catch up with those we already love and know”. Where are you observing the transitioning from? As the event aligns with your mission do consider booking for your accommodation and event access on these details Claire 0727178806 for any further queries. To reserve accommodation the details are 0328151050 / 0833526830 and [info@rainfarm.co.za](mailto:info@rainfarm.co.za) or tour the website for a sneak peak of that dam view suite on [www.rainfarm.co.za](http://www.rainfarm.co.za).

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## IDENTIFYING PESTS AND DISEASE IN YOUR GROW



by Marco Brink

Being aware of pests near crops is crucial as they can damage plants and transmit diseases. Monitoring for signs and using integrated pest management strategies like beneficial insects and companion planting helps prevent infestation and safeguards investment.

With the summer grow season upon us, there is plenty of excitement to go around! At Dank Panda Farm, we are looking forward to planting some of the new genetics we have managed to get our hands on from some very talented South African breeders. We are also eagerly waiting to begin planting in some new areas that we have been preparing during the winter months. There is a lot of optimism in the air and we are determined to make this our greatest summer grow, EVER!

However, it is important to remember that the warmer summer months bring their fair share of difficulties. I'm referring to the war that we will all have to wage against the numerous pests and diseases within our growing environments. Dank Panda Farm is located in a summer rainfall area, so I will share the unique challenges that we encounter. No two environments are the same, but by sharing our personal experiences with each other, we can all learn from one another and adapt the information to suit our own grows.

At Dank Panda we pride ourselves on being fully organic cultivators. There are a whole host of reasons why we chose this approach, which I hope to delve into in the future. However, regardless of your style of cultivating, it is critical to have a solid IPM strategy. It can be the difference between a disaster of a season, or an excellent bumper crop.

### What is IPM

IPM or Integrated Pest Management is fairly self-explanatory. It is the principle that there is no single "silver bullet" miracle cure-all that will ensure the health of your crop. Rather it is a strategic grouping of principles; that if routinely and consistently followed, will help you in your fight against pests and diseases. The rules of IPM are:

#### Observe

Scouting or observing our plants is a daily occurrence. I spend the majority of my day working with my plants, either defoliation work, watering, training, etc. You really get to know your plants intimately and this is the best opportunity to get to see your plants. Getting to know your girls when they are healthy, will help you to immediately recognize when they are under insect attack and/or stress.

When working with your crop, try to get in really close. Inspect the tops and bottoms of the leaves. Pay close attention to any visible damage to the leaves. Different insects damage leaves in different ways. A caterpillar will eat the leaf, leaving visible bite/tear marks in a leaf, while a thrips beetle leaves small silver sting marks on the leaf. You will often see the damage an insect makes before you see the insect itself. Most insects are active in cooler night temperatures, and go into hiding during the day. Try inspecting the underside of the leaves to find their sneaky hiding places.

By scouting your garden at least once a week, you will have a better chance at catching a problem before it becomes a crisis. I've found it very useful to use sticky pheromone traps. These are yellow or blue sticky pieces of cardboard that you can hang in your environment. It is purely used for scouting and will help you trap and identify pests.



## Be proactive

As part of a solid IPM strategy it is key to develop a plan for pesticide and fungicide applications. The IPM strategy that works really well for Dank Panda is:

1. Maintenance – Think of this as giving your plants vitamins in order to maintain their health. Insects will rarely attack a plant that is in good health. I mix a solution of indigenous microorganisms with a wetter/sticker agent and I apply this to my crops every Monday and Thursday evening. Not only is this a great foliar feed for my crop, but with the addition of the wetter/sticker the plant becomes undesirable to the insect. Introducing micro-organism to the plant also helps to minimize risks of various mildews as well as Botrytis, aka bud rot. (A wetter is the liquid we mix the microorganisms into, and the sticker is the product that ensures that the product sticks to the plants and is not washed off).
2. Infestation – It is inevitable. Especially after a few wet rainy days which tends to create the perfect environment for insects and disease to overwhelm your crop. This is when you need a stronger approach. A once-off spray with a scouting session a few days later will often be enough to get your garden back under control.
3. Emergency – If the situation doesn't improve, then usually a higher dose of the last application is needed. But caution should be practiced, as this concentration may put the crop into shock. However, this same crop will very often bounce back.

## Companion planting

I am sure that this is already a common practice to many of us. Companion plants are amazing! Some feed our crops, some repel insects, some attract insects away from our crop. Many are really pretty and contribute to making a beautiful working environment. I recently took it one step further and have begun making foliar sprays from certain plants on my property. Rosemary boiled with chilies is a great pest repellent. As are the green berries from the syringa tree. Find ways to use what nature gives you to assist you in your garden.

## Beneficial insects and animals

I try to keep certain parts of my garden filled with plants and herbs that attract predatory insects. Ladybirds and lacewings are two popular insects that are easy to host in the garden. Some garden shops have started selling predator wasps which are brutally successful against Aphids. Chickens and runner ducks are awesome in an established garden to combat slugs and snails.

A poor IPM strategy can wreck your season. After all the time, effort and money spent on your grow, can you really afford to not take the time to get this right?



# VEGGING, TRAINING & TOPPING



Training and topping vegetative cannabis plants are essential practices that can greatly enhance the overall health and productivity of the plant.

Training involves manipulating the growth pattern of the plant by bending, tying, or pruning its branches. Topping refers to cutting off the main stem's tip, which encourages lateral branching. Both these techniques promote better light penetration, increased airflow, and improved nutrient distribution throughout the plant.

Training and topping promotes better light exposure for cannabis plants. By shaping the plant's structure through training methods such as low-stress training (LST) or screens of green (SCROG), growers can ensure that each bud receives an optimal amount of light. This enables more efficient photosynthesis, leading to faster growth and higher yields. Additionally, proper training helps prevent shading within the canopy, reducing the risk of mould or mildew development.

Halfway snapping, also known as "FIMming," is another technique used by cannabis growers to promote bushier and fuller plant growth. It involves gently pinching or cutting off approximately half of the new growth at the tip of the main stem during the vegetative stage.

Pinching your cannabis plant is also an essential technique that promotes healthy growth and higher yields. By gently squeezing or pinching the main stem, you stimulate lateral branching, enabling the plant to develop multiple colas instead of just one central cola. This process encourages more bud sites, leading to increased flower production and ultimately bigger harvests.

Enhancing airflow is crucial in preventing diseases and pests from infesting cannabis plants. When branches are trained horizontally or downward, using techniques like LST or super cropping, it creates space between the branches and allows air to circulate freely around the entire plant. Improved airflow reduces humidity levels and prevents stagnant pockets where pests thrive. Adequate ventilation also helps remove excess heat from grow rooms, creating a healthier environment for optimum growth.

These practices optimize overall plant health while maximizing potential yields. For any cultivator aiming to achieve top-quality cannabis, investing time and effort in training and topping techniques is essential.

**"We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course, it is our garden nurturing us"**

*Jenny Uglov*



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# 420 ROADTRIPPING

MAKE THIS END OF YEAR ROAD TRIP A MEMORABLE ADVENTURE



By venturing out in our beautiful country, either close to home or further afield, we not only support local businesses and economies but also connect with the diverse individuals who call this place home. Whether it's visiting nearby landmarks, attending community events, or simply exploring hidden gems off the beaten path, local travel enables us to form meaningful connections with others, sharing stories, traditions, and experiences that bring us closer together. By embracing local travel, we strengthen community bonds and foster a sense of pride in our shared heritage, ultimately creating a stronger and more vibrant South Africa and community for all.

Travelling within SA and supporting small businesses is not only essential for their economic health, but also a very enjoyable experience. Exploring one's own country allows us to appreciate the diverse landscapes, cultures, and traditions that make our nation unique. From picturesque countryside towns to vibrant cities, there are endless opportunities to discover hidden gems and learn more about our own heritage. Whether it's staying at a family-owned bed and breakfast or dining at a local restaurant, these small businesses rely on tourism to thrive, and by giving them our patronage, we become part of their success story.

Discovering small businesses that share the same outlook and passion makes the journey so much more rewarding. With this in mind, we have tried to find as many 420 friendly establishments that you can visit this festive season en route to your holiday destination. It may just be a day trip a few kilometres from home.

All these establishments are vastly different and offer a unique spin on the 420-friendly approach. We hope you manage to get to at least one of these spots this coming holiday season.

**Die Boomhuis** in Oudtshoorn: A perfect blend of relaxation and culinary delight await you at this club. After exploring their offerings, step into the neighbouring restaurant for a sumptuous meal, encapsulating the essence of local flavours and small town warmth.  
[60 Baron Van Reede St, Oudtshoorn](#)

**Die Joint** in Hartbeespoort: Well known for its happy vibes and amazingly welcoming atmosphere with breathtaking views, regular

events, and also pet friendly so your furry friends can join too.  
[29B Pelindaba Rd, Hartbeespoort, Broederstroom](#)

**Tiny Town** in Pretoria: This club is a haven for both food enthusiasts and adventure seekers, boasting an amazing restaurant and a rad skate park.  
[Plot 20212, Stellenberg road Pretoria](#)

**The Pottery** in Port Elizabeth: Nestled close to charming cafes, this club is the perfect place to take a load off and enjoy some games with the locals. If you're hungry, there are delightful culinary journeys just steps away.  
[27 10th Avenue, Walmer, Port Elizabeth](#)

**The Health Cannaseurs** in Knysna: Located on the picturesque Thesen Island, this club and shop is an oasis of tranquility offering stunning views.  
[Shop TH4, Long Street, Thesan Harbour Town, Knysna](#)

**AWOL** in Kempton Park: A serene garden provides the perfect backdrop to just relax at this club and enjoy the company of those around you in a home away from home setting.  
[285/3 West St, Pomona AH Kempton Park](#)

**Turtle House** in Jeffrey's Bay: Renowned for its cozy atmosphere, friendly locals and secret entrance - this club is the perfect place to chill, play with the adorable dogs and enjoy some delish munchies and Boba tea.  
[4 Da Gama Road, Jbay Surf Village, Jeffrey's Bay](#)





**Green Mammoth** in Gordons Bay: Just a stone's throw away from the beach, it's surrounded by eateries with awesome views. This club is a gem for those seeking a laid-back seaside experience.  
[Unit 16, Old Cape Mall, 33 Beach Rd, Gordons Bay Central](#)

**The 420 Emporium** in Midrand: This club is a sanctuary for food and coffee aficionados, offering a warm and welcoming ambiance.  
[169 Allan Rd, Glen Austin AH, Midrand](#)

**Treedom Villas:** on the Garden Route: Unwind in their 420-friendly accommodation, where relaxation and freedom are the order of the day.

If your clock is stopped at 420, then figuring out what sort of establishments are open to facilitating your lifestyle is an important must. Not all businesses are 420-friendly which puts a big premium on identifying the ones that are, so that you can take away in peace and not worry about anyone blowing your buzz.

Whatever your choice of stress relief - be it a glass of wine, a whiskey, or some home-grown, our 420-friendly accommodation will allow you to relax in your own way while the soothing feeling of Treedom swirls around you.

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**Table Mountain Pipe Track:** A scenic and accessible hike that offers breathtaking views of Cape Town's natural wonders. An essential experience for nature lovers.



# Exploration, Community, 420-Friendly

The Pipe Track is one of the easier hikes to complete on Table Mountain. The name comes from the fact that it was a service path for the pipes that supplied water to the Mother City from the reservoirs on the mountain.

The trail has a definitive endpoint, so you'll have to stop, take in the view, and walk back. The views are pretty amazing! It is a 1-3 hour round trip. You'll be able to see Table Mountain, Lions Head, the Twelve Apostles mountain range, and Camps Bay.

For more information and to read the entire article visit <https://zootly.co.za/5-cape-town-cannabis-hikes-for-adventurous-stoners/>

**Cheeba House:** in Plettenberg Bay: A blend of comfort and adventure, it serves as your gateway to explore the region's diverse attractions, from wildlife sanctuaries to golden beaches and adrenaline-pumping activities.

It offers stunning, comfortable, self catering as well as catered (meal of the day) meals. This accommodation offers abundant storage and living space, where you can unpack and unwind in a safe, peaceful and beautiful environment.

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*As you embark on this journey, remember the importance of traveling responsibly. Your adventure through South Africa is not just a holiday; it's a journey of discovery, connection, and joy. Embrace the spirit of South Africa, support local communities, and let the magic of this land captivate your heart.*

*Your unforgettable South African adventure awaits!*



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