

UMTENTWENI AND NORTH

# Tomato delight for green fingers

The farmer impressed with his hydroponic skills.

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THE Harmony Garden Club spent a most pleasant and interesting afternoon at Rowan Borchers's farm, Ematweni in the Paddock area, where he specialises in cultivating the most splendid tomatoes, which are grown hydroponically. Before tea, Rowan took the members of the club to have a look at the tunnels, where he propagates and produces his first-grade tomatoes. Situated near the tunnels he has a healthy, productive macadamia plantation.

During the tea break, which was held on the homestead's spacious verandah, Rowan gave a short talk on tomatoes and all the ins and outs of the business. Afterwards he produced boxes and boxes of lovely red tomatoes as well

as green and red peppers, which he dished out to the members of Harmony who weren't expecting such a treat. On behalf of the garden club, your scribe would like to thank Rowan and the Borchers family for their hospitality and generous gifts, and wish that his crops never fail to produce abundantly.

A few snippets from the Bendigo Residents' and Ratepayers' Association's recent meeting, where the importance of tourism was discussed and especially keeping verges and properties clean and neat. Holiday resorts should also make an effort to keep their premises clean and tidy, there is nothing that puts off visitors more than messy gardens and surrounds, especially the beach areas.

At the latest Umtentweni Community Policing Forum's meeting, held on Thursday, April 30 a record number of residents attended, your scribe counted 36. Obviously, they are becoming aware of the crime situation in our area. A few weeks ago your scribe mentioned that Tweni had the lowest crime rate on the South Coast, however that doesn't mean that one can become

complacent. Burglaries happen nightly somewhere in the dorp, so keep alert and make sure your doors are locked etc.

lecturing for L'Oreal products. He has also taught children, been a firefighter, crime-fighter, written poetry and children's stories. He gave up his stunt riding after many broken bones, and has hung up his helmet for the last time and can now be seen nipping around the area taking elderly residents shopping, in his red sports car, Noddy.



Chill session: Enjoying good music at the Folk Music and Songwriters' Festival are Tracey and Tomislav Svorinic. 1862/p

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# Bob Broadhurst died last week

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WINTER is finally beckoning us by allowing colder nights and occasionally a hot day and sometimes a really cold day. It's heartening to see the snow predicted on the weather forecast at night and to know your winter nightclothes are making a really welcome return.

We are very sad to report that Bob Broadhurst died last week. He hadn't been well for quite some time and had a stint in Netcare Umhlanga Hospital recently.

Bob and Bridget celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Our deepest sympathy to Bridget and the family. He will be sorely missed.

Remember the special lunch at the Anerley Service Centre on Thursday, May 16 at 12 for 12.30pm. Cost R50 per person. Book and pay as soon as possible. On Wednesday, May 29 at the service centre at 9.30am Bendigo Troupers will present their 'Barrel of Fun' variety concert.

Refreshments will be served and remember

that all important donation. No booking required.

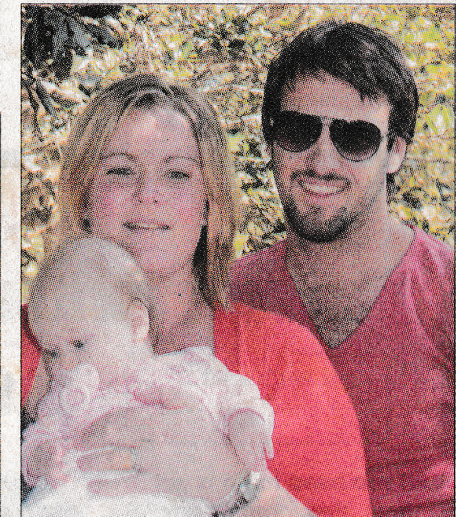
The Serenaders started rehearsing on Wednesday, May 8 for their second show of the year in July. Hope by now you have all paid your membership fees to the centre.

The following folks are wished a very happy birthday: Hannes Coetzee on May 9 and P's Peter van Eck on the 10th. May there be many blessings in the year ahead. Cheers.

# Folk festival a hit

LOCALS enjoyed good music at the third annual Folk Music and Songwriters' Festival which took place at the Sanctuary of Love in Melville on Freedom Day. April 27

Music lovers did not only enjoy good music by songwriters, but also had the chance to shop around, as there were more than 25 stalls selling handcrafts, food and wine.



Family outing: At the music festival are Rose-Lee (left) and Wesley Smith with their baby Zoe-Rose. 1856/p