



Read all about it: Annerie Myburgh grabs her copy of the Herald last Thursday.

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News-maker: Wynand Bakker from Kempton Park, sits on the platform with his copy of the South Coast Herald. 4856.

New Year train a roaring success

Passengers became Herald newsmakers when the paper's photographers snapped them enjoying the trip of a lifetime.

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THE visit of the Reefsteamers New Year holiday train to Port Shepstone was an outstanding success.

Board

Some 142 passengers from Germiston spent last week on board the 14 coach train at Port Shepstone railway station.

Organisers Jan Hulcoop and John Eales have only received positive feedback from the train travellers.

"It went wonderfully well, way beyond our wildest dreams," said John.

Visitors returned home on Sunday with many happy memories of Port Shepstone.

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G'day: Sending new year greetings from down under are former Uvongo locals Diane Lilliecrona and Warren Danter. They celebrated 2012 a little earlier than the rest of us this year as they were in Sydney, Australia.

Hospital hosts donation workshop

PORT Shepstone Provincial Hospital recently hosted its first organ donation workshop, to which it welcomed more than 50 health care workers from across the region.

Hosted

Together with the Department of Surgery, the hospital hosted the workshop to foster relations in this highly technical surgical field.

Guests included South African Transplant Society representatives Dr Elmi Muller, Professor Russell Britz, Dr Rajan Moodley and Ms Fiona McCurdie.

Dr Muller was voted woman of the year for her role in

renal transplant surgery at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, while Professor Britz from Pretoria, is one of the foremost liver transplant surgeons in the country.

Dr Moodley is head of transplant surgery at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital in Durban and Ms McCurdie is the transplant coordinator for the Western Cape.

"Due to the increasing number of end-stage renal failure patients requiring dialysis, combined with the scarcity of this vital lifesaving commodity, Port Shepstone Hospital felt it imperative to offer patients other forms of renal salvage in the form of

transplant surgery," stated Dr Kritesh Maharaj, head of Port Shepstone Provincial Hospital's surgery department.

Aimed

Additionally, the workshop also aimed to build bridges between hospitals where potential donors are situated and tertiary referral centres that identify and treat patients with end-stage organ failure.

Also, considering the expertise available in this field at Port Shepstone Provincial Hospital, the workshop intended to initiate an awareness drive as well as involve the surgical unit and other relevant disciplines in the national initiative.

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