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# Freshly Ground's Zolani in concert in Sea Vista

*A fantastic concert with Zolani Mahola of Freshly Ground was held at Sea Vista Primary School at the beginning of September.*

*The event, organised by Mandy Watson and her team from Champagne Events, was held to empower, honour, inspire, encourage, motivate and celebrate the Rainmakers, who are groups of women from four Kouga communities of Kwanonqaba, Oneconhoek, Sea Vista and Kruisfontein, women who are doing wonderful work in the communities.*

*The concept "rainmakers" was designed a year ago by Champagne Events and the concert was held to pay tribute to celebrate their first birthday.*

*And as a way of saying thank you, each lady had a hair make-over and pamper hair & make-up afternoon followed by a professional photo shoot, making each lady to feel like individual images and one group image with Zolani. Each Rainmaker will also be given a portfolio of items which will serve as a CV to support her in achieving her career, looking for the perfect job, getting sponsorships for her community projects, fundraising for projects, participating in business opportunities, etc.*

*During the evening, Zolani, a most dynamic lady sang with an incredible and awesome voice and shared her story with the Rainmakers. The evening was actually a celebration of the ladies heritage, according to Trevor Aron of the Kouga Wind Farm that sponsored the Rainmakers. Ladies from rural areas were treated to a full motivational, story-telling and musical conversation with mentor, Zolani, who hails from the same surroundings and background that most of them do. She encouraged women not to blindly imitate celebrities, but rather to make their own inner light shine and to bring out the best in themselves, telling them they are indeed all beautiful women.*

*Zolani addressed all Rainmakers before her musical performances which was brilliant. A natural speaker, she spoke from her heart with child-like expression and sincerity and was a real live wire, quite happy to entertain the stage.*

*Zolani's wonderful story of growing up in the Boland and the challenges she faced to ultimately become one of the world's most recognised female voices to hail from Africa and the Eastern Cape. She told stories through her songs and did a solo sing-along with the ladies.*

*An inspirational event the night was the screening of Lovaya Mayik's video called 'Diary of Love and Pain' that was shot in Kwanonqaba and featured actors and actresses from the local area. Lovaya is a policeman, a writer, producer, director and Christian. Quite an interesting combination.*

*These messages were clear: young pregnancies, HIV and Aids, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, livestock, molestation, childhood policing, community support, what's on it outside, etc, etc. Kouga Wind Farm sponsored the movie launch and Mzansi Magic has agreed to screen the movie.*

*Also at the end of the event the Polaris lay Netball team representative was presented with a cheque for R47 000 from the KWF.*

Zolani of Freshly Ground

*The St Francis Bay Brewery simply rocked to the music of Crimson House band's frontman, Riaan Smit.*

*Aka, the The Don of the Cape Town Blues scene, Riaan knows how to play to the crowd. With fantastic sounds on the harmonica and guitar and with a great voice, he attracted a full house that stayed 'til midnight. There was standing room only and so some chose to sit on the floor, while others danced and partied to his great music which varied from blues, punk rock and gypsy rock, funk and jazz.*

*The show and event was organised by Michael Kimmings and his Rock Lily Live Music Events company that is continuing to rock St Francis Bay with top South African and international stars and their music. Photos Andrew Steen and bottom right by Mike Kimmings.*

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# Riaan rocked St Francis at the Brewery

# Launch of DuckDuckBill

*The launch of a handcrafted wood furniture business exceeded expectations, especially on a misty night outdoors.*

*There was lovely fire from the furnace and the tasty meal spread of tasty eats. It was great to see many faces from the Sea Vista community in attendance.*

*DuckDuckBill, a family owned business, used its launch as an opportunity for other start-up businesses to promote themselves too. Owners Billy and Lucille Geeny and Carol-Anne Aitken believe the talented local entrepreneurs have much to share, so the idea to network and help each other to grow is part of their business dream. A few new entrepreneurs in the area were invited to talk about their businesses. A great evening.*