

Scanning local history

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DURBAN'S local history museum has received a high-tech shot in the arm, thanks to the donation of a state of the art scanner by the United States Consulate.

The R140 000 scanner means the museum can now start its recently launched digital scanning project in earnest. The project entails the capture, in digital format, of the Museum's collection of more than 40 000 images.

Speaking at the launch at the Old Court House Museum, Mayor Obed Mlaba said this project meant a great deal in exhibiting Durban's diverse past and cultures. "It will enhance the history of the city, as well as enhance research work. We will be able to look back at what happened through photographs and written material, and gain a better perspective of what the past was like," said Mlaba.

Themba Khumalo, head of the City's Parks and Recreation Department, said the project would enable an understanding of the evolution and development of the city and its cultures through proper documentation, allowing residents of eThekweni to go back and reclaim their roots.

"We hope we will soon be able to take all the collections, and through the use of the



RECLAIMING HISTORY: Mayor Obed Mlaba at the launch of the state of the art scanner which was donated by the United States Consulate

INSET: The R140 000 scanner



Picture: THEMBA KHUMALO

scanner, make them available on the Internet. In this way, the project contributes to our vision of being a smarter city. We also hope that this is the beginning of a long-term partnership with the US," Ngcobo said.

US Consul, General Eugene Young, said there were many benefits of the new scanner. "It will save the collections from deterioration, reduce the risk of loss,

theft and also make the collection accessible to a wider group of researchers and students as well as the general public through a specially created and managed website." Young said that about 150 years of Durban's history will now be preserved and made available to future generations.

The museum's photographs are often used by publishers, historians, de-

signers, students and researchers, and are a reflection of the region's complex multi-cultural heritage.

Initially 10 000 photographs will be scanned with about 1 000 images hosted online, but it is envisaged that the project will later expand to encompass other collections.

For more information contact Robert Luyt on 031 335 3487.

Imagine Durban – Have your say



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IMAGINE Durban has launched a blog to enable you to continue to have your say on the long term sustainability of our city. Share your hints and tips, air your concerns and tell us about your experiences and also what you would like to see for future of our city.

The blog is completely interactive and allows users to comment on all kinds of issues ranging from the Imagine Durban themes of creating a safer city and improving accessibility, to ensuring a more environmentally sustainable city, fostering a more caring city and so on.

It also has links to other useful websites, informative articles and interesting comments.

New contributions show up at the top of the website,

so our visitors can read what's new. You can then comment on it, link to it or email us.

To create as much awareness as possible, Imagine Durban also has a presence on the popular Facebook website. Anyone can join - all that's needed is a valid email address.

Members of our group can upload photographs of Durban or anything related to our themes, post links to interesting websites or join in on one of our discussions.

Both these forums provide the ideal space for discussing issues that will make Durban a better place in the future.

Tell us what you think, comment on posts and if we have something more to say, we'll respond to your comments. Go to www.imagedurban.org.za and have your say.

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DURBAN DIARY:

Your guide to entertainment in the city

MUSIC

Live Jazz

Centre for Jazz
UKZN Durban Campus
Every Wednesday
Call: 031 312 260

Jazz on the Deck

On the balcony at the BAT
Centre
Every Sunday
Call: 031 332 0451

Roly Struckmeyer & Friends

Rouge, Umhlanga
Every Friday
Call: 031 561 5346

Music of Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Michael Bublé

Upper Deck restaurant
uShaka Marine World
Thursday evenings
Call: 031 328 8068

Maskandi music

City Hall steps
Every Wednesday
at 1pm for an hour
Call: 031 312 1236

Live entertainment by Murphy (Music Unlimited)

Chandlers
Every Friday
Merseyside Pub & Tavern,
Every Saturday
Tapas, Spanish restaurant
Every Sunday
Call: 084 060 9078

DANCE, THEATRE AND COMEDY

Hollywood Rocks

Until 8 June
Barnyard
Tickets: R100
Call: 031 561 4151



Hollywood Rocks includes tributes to such classics as Pulp Fiction and Pink Panther. Tickets cost R100

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Call: 031 561 4151

The Very Weathered Girls

Rhumbelow Theatre
Until 1 June
Call: 031 205 7602

A Hand full of Keys

Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre
10 – 22 June
Call: 031 205 7602

Hollywood Rocks

Until 8 June
Barnyard
Tickets: R100
Call: 031 561 4151

From My Point of View

20 – 22 June
Rhumbelow Theatre
Tickets: R50
Call: 031 205 7602

See Spot Fly

4 June
The Barnyard Theatre
R70 per person
Call: 083 778 2203

Madame Zingara

Until 31 July
Village Green, next to
Suncoast Casino
R350 per person
Call: 0861 623263

CHEERS

31 May
Le Domaine's Club de Vie
R65 per person
Call: 031 716 8000

VISUAL ART

Art Amongst the Roses

Off the Wall Gallery, Heritage
Market
Every Sunday
Call: 031 765 7606

Art Exhibitions

The Village Green, Umhlanga
Every Sunday
Call: 031 337 0208

Solo Exhibition

By Anton Benzon
Crouse Art Gallery KZN
Call: 031 312 2315

Twilight of the Idols

KZNSA Gallery
Until 8 June
Call: 031 277 1703

Stephn Hobbs D'Urban

Until 8 June
KZNSA Gallery
Call: 031 277 1703

Bright Idea

Until 21 June
artSPACE
Call: 031 312 0793

OTHERS

KZN Conservation Services

guided walks
Krantzkloof Nature Reserve
First and third Sunday
of the month



East meets West in a fashion spectacular at Sibaya Casino in two weeks time

Call: 031 764 3515

East Meets West

Sibaya
30 May – 1 June
Call: 083 776 9222

Singles Social

Group Meeting
Berea Rovers Sports Club
3 June
Call: 031 332 6701

Speed Dating

Love Struck
12 June
Call: 079 151 4770

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