

Kingfisher FM celebrates 21st anniversary



Nelson Mandela Bay Deputy Mayor Mongameli Bobani, left, and Kingfisher FM station manager Alan Ahlfeldt, celebrate the Nelson Mandela Bay Christian radio station's coming of age.

Nelson Mandela Bay Christian radio station Kingfisher FM this week celebrated 21 years of broadcasting.

“Kingfisher FM has so much to be grateful for and so many people to thank from one of the founders Manie Steyn to current head of our board Wouter van der Westhuizen. In short we cannot count the amount of people that have believed in and given generously of their time, talent and finances to our station,” said station manager Alan Ahlfeldt in a press release.

He said: “The churches, businesses and community at large have stood by the station. Over the past few years since I have taken position as station manager we have developed our value set to be the acronym HEAR.

“HEAR is about bringing HOPE to our metro, being EXCELLENT in what we do, presenting ourselves AUTHENTICALLY, being RELATIONAL and underpinning all with the love of Christ.

“We are radio with HEART and being a community station means that we serve, lend a hand to, are interested in and find common ground with our community. I believe that over the years Kingfisher FM has done just that. We are a community of interest Christian Radio Station and are serious about being a platform for the church and developing the community of our Metro.

“None of this is possible without a strong team. Our team is small but highly skilled and I am very proud of them. I see good things ahead for Kingfisher FM and NMB!”

The Kingfisher FM team celebrated their coming of age in style at The Sentry at Hopewell Conservation Estate by Mantis Group. Deputy Mayor Mongameli Bobani congratulated the team on a road well travelled and a large group of clients, church communities and friends of Kingfisher joined in as the station celebrates 21 years on air.

Creatives, performers, media, personalities, nominated for Mzansi Christian Awards



Edzani Raaloe (Visionary Leader of the Mzansi Christian Awards).

The 2nd Annual Mzansi Christian Awards (MCA2016) – scheduled for October 1 – have announced a strong line-up of nominations for its creative, performance and media awards.

Breakthrough artist Dr Tumi received four nominations – Best Christian Artist, Best Contemporary Artist, Best Male Personality and Personality of the Year, scoring the same number of nominations as Jessica Nkosi who was nominated for Best Female TV Personality, Best Female Personality, Best Styled Artist and Personality of the year.

Right behind was track master, Wayne Van Niekerk with three nominations, accompanied in this league by Criselda Dudumashe, and Mngqobi Nxumalo.

In the “Personality of the Year” category different industry heavyweights Dr Tumi, Jessica Nkosi, Wayde Van Niekerk, Dudumashe, Karabo Mogane go head-to-head in what is sure to be one of the highlights of the night.

The “Best Male Personality of the Year” category will be a fiercely contested affair as Dr Tumi, Khaya Mthethwa, Wayde Van Niekerk, Heinz Winkler, Karabo Mogane vie for the much-coveted statuette.

“Best Female Personality of the Year” sees a strong field of nominees – namely Ntokozo Mbambo, Jessica Nkosi, Mmatema Moremi, Khanyi Magubane, and Criselda Dudumashe.

“Mainstream and Christian TV and Radio Personalities of the Year” will be another epic battle on the night, as the likes of Clement Maosa, Lesley Musina, Nay Maps , Tshepo Mosese, Vuyo Dabula, Dawn Thandeka, Penny Lebyane, Rorisang Thandekiso, Maumela Mahuwa, Loyiso Bala, Sebolelo Makoanyane, Tshepo Maseko, Sthembiso Mhlongo, Winnie Mashaba, Rotenda Maiwashe, Thami Ngubeni and Thabo Mdhuli vie for top honours.

“Best Sports Personality of the Year” is also strong contested with nominees – namely Wayne Sandilands, Chris Van Heerden, Thabo Mnyamane, Wayde Van Niekerk and Jackson Mabokgwane.

The hotly contested “Best Mainstream and Christian Artist” categories are also to look out for as Brenda Mtambo, Karabo Mogane, Nomfusi, Judith Sephuma and Vincent Bones battle each other whilst on the other hand Freddie Wessels, Dr Tumi, Mngobi Nxumalo, Takie Ndou and Shaun P also vie for the top spot.

Other categories on the night included those in Inspiration, Dance and Fashion, which were also hotly contested.

The nominee announcements were made by a reputable MCA2016 panel comprising legendary comedian Kedibone Mulaudzi, Khanyi Magubane, Tshamano Makhadi, Hosea Ramphekwa, Harold Moyo and Glisson Niekerk. Passion Beverages CEO MB Tshabangu, Managing Director of Nissi Brand Solutions Mukhethwa Nemanashi and Head of Events at Radio Pulpit Jack Motsoetla also joined them.

“We have some of the most exciting categories in years and this tells me that the 2nd Annual Mzansi Christian Awards at the Springs Civic Centre in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng are sure to leave an unforgettable mark on the face of South African Christian creative art and entertainment and we cannot wait for October 1 2016”, said Mzansi Christian Awards Visionary

Leader, Edzani Raaloe.

Schedule:

01 October 2016: Nominees Celebration Red Carpet Interviews
17H30 19H00

01 October 2016: MCA 2016 Awards Ceremony
19H00 – 21H30

01 October 2016: LIVE Backstage Web/Mobi cast interviews with winners, performers
17H30 – 21H30

The full list of nominees below

Categories:

1. Inspirational Personality of the Year

Ronny Phaahla

Tebogo Mahlahlane

Sibusiso Mfeka

Hosea Ramphekwa

Koketso Molaolwe

(To Vote: SMS “Inspirational” & “Name” to 47177)

2. Comedian of the Year

Stopnonsons

Mdu Ntuli

The Napsta

T.D. Jokes

Ditsebe.com

(To Vote: SMS “Comedian” & “Name” to 47177)

3. Best Styled Personality of the Year

Nay Maps

Elle Tisane

Jessica Nkosi

Mnqobi Nxumalo

Blaque Nubon

(To Vote: SMS “Styled” & “Name” to 47177)

4. Fashion Designer/Stylist of the Year

Lungile Mbambo

Lindani Ndwandwa

Tdee Rambani

Meagan Duckitt

Tumelo Mahlakgane

(To Vote: SMS "Fashion" & "Name" to 47177)

5. Dancer/Dance Crew of the Year

Legacy Dance Crew

Creed Dance Crew

Rogue Crew

Chemical Reaction

Freeze Frame

(To Vote: SMS "Dance" & "Name" to 47177)

6. Rap Artist of the Year

Solomon Spencer

Jhey Dot

Mawat

Ambassador J Loemba

Ricwa Die Griekwa

(To Vote: SMS "Rap" & "Name" to 47177)

7. Rock/Pop Artist of the Year

Victory 5

Jolene Joseph

One Crown

Matthew 10

Ju-Aan Van Der Poll

(To Vote: SMS "Rockpop" & "Name" to 47177)

8. Traditional Artist of the Year

Ntethelelo

Buhle Nhlangulela

Sipho Sheperd

Gugu Gumbi

Muzi B

(To Vote: SMS "Traditional" & "Name" to 47177)

9. Traditional Contemporary Artist of the Year

Friends In Praise

Takie Ndou

Sipho Ngwenya

Women In Praise

Ps. Lungi Ndala

(To Vote: SMS "TC" & "Name" to 47177)

10. Contemporary Artist of the year

Dr. Tumi

Freddie Wessels

Mnqobi Nxumalo

Neville D

Adrian Losper

(To Vote: SMS "Contemporary" & "Name" to 47177)

11. Best Praise & Worship Artist of the Year

Freddie Wessels

Collen Maluleke

Loyiso Bala

Lebo Sekgobela

Shaun P

(To Vote: SMS "PraiseWorship" & "Name" to 47177)

12. Best Duo/Group of the Year

Spirit Of Praise Choir

Covenant Voices

Go Expo

Anointed Worship

Friends In Praise

(To Vote: SMS "Group" & "Name" to 47177)

13. Best Christian Artist

Freddie Wessels

Dr. Tumi

Mnqobi Nxumalo

Takie Ndou

Shaun P

(To Vote: SMS "ChristArtist" & "Name" to 47177)

14. Best Mainstream Artist

Brenda Mtambo

Karabo Mogane

Nomfusi

Judith Sephuma

Vincent Bones

(To Vote: SMS "MainArtist" & "Name" to 47177)

15. Best Sports personality of the Year

Wayne Sandilands

Chris Van Heerden

Thabo Mnyamane

Wayde Van Niekerk

Jackson Mabokgwane

(To Vote: SMS "Sports" & "Name" to 47177)

16. Radio personality of the Year (Christian)

Vusi Leo (Radio Pulpit)

Franklite Sehlapelo (Impact FM)

Lukho Mkwedi (Link FM)

Teddy Boyi (Rainbow FM)

Elton Jansen (CCFM)

(To Vote: SMS "RadioChrist" & "Name" to 47177)

17. Radio personality of the Year (Mainstream)

Khanyi Magubane (SAFM)

Rotenda Maiwashe (Phalaphala FM)

Criselda Dudumashe (Metro FM)

Thami Ngubeni (Metro FM)

Thabo Mdhuli (Power FM)

(To Vote: SMS "RadioMain" & "Name" to 47177)

18. Best TV personality of the Year (Christian)

Loyiso Bala (TBN Meets)

Sebolelo Makoanyane (Out & About)

Alpha Youth (One Gospel)

Sthembiso Mhlongo (Gospel Gold)

Winnie Mashaba (Dumisa TV)

(To Vote: SMS "TVChrist" & "Name" to 47177)

19. Best Female TV personality of the Year (Mainstream)

Dawn Thandeka (Uzalo)

Penny Lebyane (Sunrise)

Jessica Nkosi (Isibaya)

Rorisang Thandekiso (Mzansi Insider)

Maumela Mahuwa (Muvhango)

(To Vote: SMS "FemaleTV" & "Name" to 47177)

20. Best Male TV Personality of the Year (Mainstream)

Clement Maosa (Skeem Saam)

Lesley Musina (Muvhango)

Nay Maps (Uzalo)

Tshepo Mosese (Scandal)

Vuyo Dabula (Generations)

(To Vote: SMS "MaleTV" & "Name" to 47177)

21. Best Newcomer of the Year

Julanie J

Sihle Ndaba

Mmatema Moremi

Ps. Lungi Ndala

Nothando Hlophe

(To Vote: SMS "Newcomer" & "Name" to 47177)

22. Best Female personality of the Year

Ntokozo Mbambo

Jessica Nkosi

Mmatema Moremi

Khanyi Magubane

Criselda Dudumashe

(To Vote: SMS "Female" & "Name" to 47177)

23. Best Male personality of the Year

Dr. Tumi

Khaya Mthethwa

Wayde Van Niekerk

Heinz Winkler

Karabo Mogane

(To Vote: SMS "Male" & "Name" to 47177)

24. Best Personality of the Year

Dr. Tumi

Jessica Nkosi

Wayde Van Niekerk

Criselda Dudumashe

Karabo Mogane

(To Vote: SMS "Personality" & "Name" to 47177)

Voting closes on September 30 at midnight. For further information about entry guidelines and rules, categories, selection criteria, nominations processes, voting and entry forms, please visit

<http://www.christianawards.co.za/generalrules>

**40 years of TWR ministry
broadcasting from Swaziland**



Presenter Manager Anthony Barkhuizen (left) in conversation with Daniel Lökander who heard about TWR it's first year of broadcasting and has listened the thirty-nine and a half years since.

Staff of the international media organization TWR joined churches, partners and other friends on Friday (October 31) to celebrate four decades of broadcasting from the ministry's powerful transmitter complex in Swaziland.

The main gathering was at the transmitter site itself near Manzini, Swaziland. A simultaneous celebration at Croydon Baptist Church was made available for the many based in at the regional office in South Africa who couldn't travel to Swaziland for the day. Both events featured praise to God in song, speech, testimony and prayer.

The TWR (also known as Trans World Radio) transmitter site in Swaziland, went on the air November 1, 1974, with programmes offering practical information and daily advice along with sound biblical teaching to a large portion of Africa. Today TWR Swaziland broadcasts in 34 languages.

"When TWR Swaziland signed on the air 40 years ago, who would have imagined the impact the station has had on the entire continent of Africa?" TWR president Lauren Libby said. "From

the very beginning days, the ministry has been a miracle! The very sand that the station is constructed from was literally a gift from God. So as we celebrate 40 years of changed lives, we pause again and thank God for making this 'big voice' for Jesus in Africa possible."

TWR Africa, with headquarters outside Johannesburg, coordinates a busy radio schedule featuring many internationally renowned broadcasters as well as regionally produced and focused programs such as Witness at the Water, Africa Challenge, Foundations for Farming and Tools for Wise Leadership.

A listener in a restricted African country wrote to producers of Women of Hope, "We are listening to your program in a group. As you know there is no church in our place, so we hear God's word from your programme only. We are encouraged and blessed by your programme especially the spiritual part. Please pray for us ... because if anyone knows that we are listening to a spiritual programme, we will be in trouble."

The Manzini operation comprises two 100--kilowatt transmitters, a 50--kilowatt transmitter and five antenna arrays. The staff was honoured during a transmitter dedication ceremony in 1999 when the Swaziland king, Mswati III Ngwenyama, said, "TWR's broadcasts to Africa have helped to put Swaziland on the map of the world. Everywhere the listeners know that TWR broadcasts from Manzini/Swaziland."

People wishing to know more about TWR Africa's diverse media outreach or interested in learning how they can support the ministry can visit

TWRAfrica.org (twrafrica.org/index.php/you/donate).

PE FM hosting Gospel jazz festival

PE FM 87.6 is hosting a bumper Gospel Jazz Festival on December 8 in Happy Valley, Port Elizabeth, says the Christian community radio station in a media release.



The festival caters for music lovers over a wide spectrum and will provide an opportunity to approach the festive season, praising and worshiping God at the beachfront until late.

According to the media release: “Entertainers will include the likes of Loyiso Bala filling the atmosphere at the beachfront with the sounds of ‘Jesus to the world’. The ‘Gospel golden couple’ Nqubeko Mbatha and Ntokozo Mbambo will mesmerise the crowds with ‘Dear Lord’ and ‘Breathe on me’. And Bella will ‘wow’ her fans with the likes of ‘Elke dag met Jesus’, whilst Hiram Koopman will whet the appetite of jazz-lovers on his saxophone. Jonathan Rubain and his band are set to entertain with sounds from the likes of Jimmy Dlodlu.

“Young and old are in for a time of great festivity at R100, from 14h00 until late. This is a first for the city and definitely not the last. The Gospel Jazz Festival is to be an annual event of PE FM 87.6 and will draw more famous artists in the future.”

Tickets can be obtained from PE FM 87.6. More information is available from 041-364 3160.

Kingfisher FM's 'Do You Rock?' competition coming up soon



2010 Do You Rock winners Three Flights Up.

It is that time of year again when Nelson Mandela Bay musicians look forward to the excitement of Kingfisher FM's annual 'Do You Rock?'- music competition.

"This year we team up with partners that include home-grown brands like, Bay TV, Rap Studios, Rnoon Photography and Media Axis. Winners can also look forward to performing on Urban Brew's DsTV Channel, One Gospel which is part of this fabulous prize valued in excess of R200 000," says Kingfisher FM in a press release.

"Every year 'Do You Rock?' just gets bigger and bigger, with 2012 being no different. We are looking forward to the top-10 performing live on 12 October for a crowd of six hundred fans at the Vodacom Amphitheatre at the Boardwalk. As well as one winner walking away with a 4-track CD recording, publishing sponsorship, photo shoot, website and so much more."

Musicians interested in entering 'Do You Rock?'-2012 can get

entry forms and details from www.kingfisherfm.co.za or call 041 365 5785. Entries close on September 24.

New Christian community radio station launching in PE



A technician makes final adjustments to the studio setup in preparation for Monday's launch of PE FM.

A new Port Elizabeth Christian-based community radio station, PE FM, will start broadcasting from 6am on Monday (September 3) on 87.6FM.

Education and empowerment are at the heart of the station

which will have a special focus on “raising the next generation of wise and godly citizens who will shun all forms of evil and live righteously”, says PE FM spokesperson, Tembisa September.

The station will reach Port Elizabeth and surrounds with programming that covers a wide spectrum of wisdom, knowledge, entertainment and encouragement, she says. Many young people will get opportunities to sharpen their media skills through work and volunteer opportunities on the channel. Currently the station is on the lookout for Afrikaans presenters – more information is available from Tembisa at fmfaithseptember78@gmail.com.

“There will be many prizes up for grabs to diligent listeners from the very first moment the station switches on,” says Tembisa.

Kingfisher awarded Focus on the Family Broadcast Shield



Xandre van der Berg.

Last week, saw more than one hundred and forty delegates from

57 different media platforms, including Radio Stations, TV-stations, magazines and music houses meet in Johannesburg for their annual media conference of the Association of Christian Media.

Xandre van der Berg, Kingfisher FM's Program Manager attended the conference on behalf of Kingfisher FM. As Kingfisher FM's 'product, talent & innovation manager' in attendance at the Gala -evening, she proudly accepted the coveted 'Focus on the Family Broadcast Shield', on behalf of Kingfisher FM.

Announcing the winner on Friday evening, Natalie Turco of the ACM said: 'This station openly seeks to mature and protect families and aims at encouraging the development of a holistic and integrated life.'

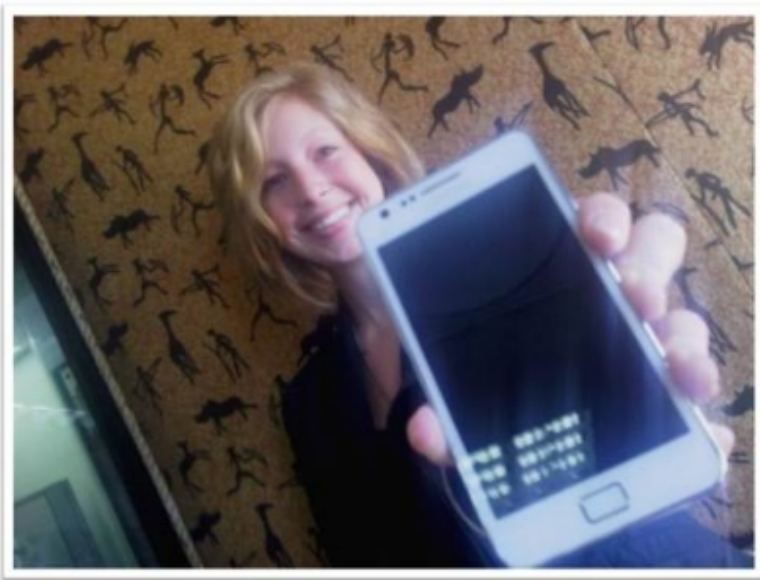
After the prestigious award was received, one of the judges commented: "I like the dynamics of Kingfisher FM. I've known the station for a number of years and their commitment to a strong and healthy lifestyle has always been positive."

"We've been working on creating this Kingfisher FM for a while now,'" said Xandre. "In 2007 we did away with outdated analogue broadcasting methods, implementing the best technology available. Since then we've been researching, getting feedback and innovating a new product which perfectly fits families. It is great to receive the 'broadcast shield'. When recognised by your peers it is always an encouragement. Our gratitude goes out to everyone who shares our bit of awesomeness. In the end the greatest joy comes from having fun and making a difference, while you live the dream which was ignited inside of you."

Graeme Schnell, Communications Director of Focus on the Family, Africa commented as follows: "Congratulations Kingfisher FM! We're proud of you and we're so grateful for all you do to help families in your community thrive. We're also so thankful for the partnership we have with you."

The Focus on the Family Broadcast Shield is awarded annually to the radio station with the strongest commitment to family.

Impressive listenership growth for Kingfisher FM



Lize-Mari Arthur, actuality & lifestyle presenter at Kingfisher FM, with latest listenership data.

Close on twenty thousand online listeners, indicating 150 000 traditional listeners – this is the latest figure released for Nelson Mandela Bay based niche-caster, Kingfisher FM. ‘Last month they had 19 840 unique listeners on audio streaming’, said Chris Grant of the NetDynamix Group in an independent report.

‘These listeners have an average TSL (time-spent-listening) of 2 hours and 55 minutes (and) are in line with stations that have RAMS of around 150 000 traditional listeners,’ the report

said.

'That's very impressive', said Grant.

'The great thing about these figures, are that they're not a thumb-suck or a guesstimate or a projection of a four-digit weighted sample onto a seven-digit population,' said Theunis Pienaar of Kingfisher FM. 'These are real and quantifiable, actual figures. There is no doubt about them & they aren't dated either. This gives us the ability to see the real picture about our product & our progress, enabling us to respond in a now-context of multi-platform media which cannot wait three or six months for audience figures.'

Rayno Grundling of Nitsec, who provides & manages the station's technology solutions, said the new figure indicates a massive growth for the station. 'In December 2011 the station had 1750 online listeners. We started rolling out a new streaming solution in February. Growing online listenership to almost twenty-thousand, in such a short period, is indeed very impressive,' Grundling said.

'We believe our current growth can be contributed to a few things,' said Xandre van der Berg, the station's product & development manager. 'We launched a fresh new brand in February. This included new product elements with a very strong focus on simplicity, quality local information and intelligent, current opinion. We also launched a well designed advertising campaign, to raise awareness for the station's offering, utilizing diverse platforms such as newspaper print-, outdoor-, online- and television-advertising.

'Our product has gone way beyond that of a single-medium terrestrial broadcaster', said Zelda George, the station's marketing manager. 'Kingfisher FM is a new generation, multi-platform product with radio at the core of its service offering, enhanced with a website, 7 blogs, extended Social Media coverage and direct personal contact into our

community.'

'It is niche-casting', said Wouter van der Westhuizen, a director of the company. 'People form tribes around values. Our offering is aimed at a very specific tribe. We don't apologize for that. It is our strength. People who are serious about constructive change, positive family values, our environment, relational living and making a real difference in our community – influencers – they're part of our growing tribe. They're the people who share life with us from day to day, making our little bit of world awesome.'

African media and Christianity explosion in focus at ACM conference



Africa is experiencing explosive growth in media and technology and as “the beating heart of world Christianity” says influential writer, filmmaker and media consultant Phil Cooke, who will be keynote speaker at the Association of Christian Media (ACM) conference in Gauteng from June 7 to June 9.



Pil Cooke

“The combination of those two events cry out for a generation of Christians who understand media and who can tell the gospel story in a media driven culture,” says Cooke who advises many of the largest and most effective churches and non-profit organisations in the world through his media company, Cooke Pictures, based in Los Angeles, California.

The theme of the ACM Conference, which will be held at the Willow Park Conference Centre, will be “Ignite Your Media Future”. Participants will have an opportunity to discover ways to use media and ministry to transform the lives of people; grapple with the role Christians play in the changing media landscape; and meet media producers and distributors from many media fields.

Cooke says: “Two major explosions are happening in Africa right now. First – a media and technology explosion. Within a couple of years, there will be more mobile devices on the continent than people, and that connectivity will have a massive impact on the culture.

“Second, Africa is rapidly becoming the beating heart of global Christianity. The combination of those two events cry out for a generation of Christians who understand media and who can tell the gospel story in a media driven culture. This is not the time to be silent.”

Phil’s wife, Kathleen Cooke, will also participate in the conference. She says: “There has never been a time in history,

as now, in which our culture worldwide is being driven by media and technology. If we want to reach the world for Christ we must be educated and leading in the use and understanding of technology and media. I look forward to meeting, sharing ideas, and insights, with pastors, media professionals and industry leaders and inspiring the next generation working in South Africa who want to use media and technology to reach the world for Christ and become culture changers. Want to change the World? You need to be at the Association of Christian Media Conference – South Africa!”

The ACM (previously known as the Association of Christian Broadcasters) is a network of Christian broadcasting organisations and individuals that have a vision of reaching people with the Gospel and are willing to share their resources and expertise. A large number of Christian radio and television stations and their program producers in Southern Africa are members of the ACM. Gateway News is also a member.

Confrence [registration forms can be downloaded here](#). More information is available from Natalie Turco at natalieturco1@gmail.com. Registration fees for the full conference are R2 000 (shared room) and R2 500 (single room). Day visitor fees are R1 000 (3 days), R750 (2 days), R500 (1 day).

**Something fresh from
Kingfisher FM**



Kingfisher FM lineup, from left, Lize-Mari Arthur, Gareth Burley, Dee Lukes, Theunis Pienaar and Ningi Goje

The residents of Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounds can look forward to something fresh on their radios, as Kingfisher FM rolls-out its brand new 2012-schedule.

'Our intention is to improve the quality of our service all the time', said Xandre van der Berg, the station's program manager. 'We have quite a few quality broadcasters in our area and the radio station which does not innovate and re-invent itself will be left behind.'

Gareth Burley, Dee Lukes, Lize-Mari Arthur and Ningi Goje are the well known voices on Kingfisher FM. On Monday, Theunis Pienaar joins them, as he returns to the microphone to say good morning to Kingfisher FM's listeners with a brand new 'Big Breakfast', a newly created four hour program packed with fresh information, some controversial opinion and just enough fun.

'Perhaps we'll be able to bring our listeners something our little bit of world has not had before,' said Pienaar.

The station's 2012-schedule features new quality inserts and a fresh approach to local radio. The ever popular Xhosa-show,

'Masabelane', moves to an earlier time-slot and presenters will be contributing to each other's shows throughout the day.

'2012 is going to be a big year for our little bit of world', said Ningi Goje, presenter of 'Masabelane'.

Kingfisher FM broadcasts on 103.8 and 107.5. It is also available online and through smartphone applications from the station's [website](#).