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**The DurbaNite Race is back!**

Gear up for an electrifying experience as the popular DurbaNite Race lights up the night sky on Thursday 29th of February, in a new North Coast location and route. Starting and finishing at Marine Walk Shopping Centre in Umdloti, this unique 5km race will see participants take off at 18h30 and promises to be an unforgettable event geared for adventurous runners and walkers of all ages.

The DurbaNite Race isn’t your typical running event. According to Phindi Gule-Burley, DurbaNite Race Founder, participants have the option to either run or walk the race. “We want to offer locals a different type of outdoor experience where people can walk and run freely with peace of mind while exploring this beautiful part of KZN at night. This year we’ve partnered with Marine Walk Shopping Centre, Marshall Security, and Fitch & Leedes to host yet another successful series kicking off in February 2024. The much-anticipated race is a fusion of fitness and festivity, where seasoned runners and novices dressed in colourful apparel, donning headlamps and armed with glowsticks unite and transform the streets into a moving, living, breathing light show,” expressed Gule-Burley.

Participants can expect a challenging yet exhilarating 5km route that includes both road and off-road segments within the Sibaya precinct. The race route includes a dirt track, tarmac, and a few climbs which will offer runners and walkers the opportunity to traverse scenic landscapes. “This race isn’t only about beating personal bests but about having fun and bringing people together. We want to create a lively, safe environment where everyone can enjoy the beauty of Umdloti and Sibaya while promoting health and wellness and a sense of community spirit,” says Gule-Burley.

Security measures have been put in place for race day to ensure the safety of all participants. “We have already engaged with the centre’s security company, as well as the official event partner - Marshall Security, traffic authorities, and relevant policing forums, and implemented safety precautions not just along the route but also at entry and exit points to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participating,” adds Gule-Burley.

Participants will also receive a host of benefits included in the purchase of a race entry that will include complimentary branded DurbaNite Race paraphernalia, a glow stick to light up the night, a well-marked route with well-stocked water stations, secure parking, and medical and emergency services on standby. “We are excited to welcome the active DurbaNite Race participants who can enjoy dinner at a host of our exquisite restaurants at Marine Walk Shopping Centre while listening to entertainment once they cross the finish line,” says Brad Winstanley, Portfolio Manager at Devmco Group.

According to Gule-Burley, the first 500 entrants will receive a complimentary cappuccino with any breakfast from Mugg & Bean Salta. “Everyone who participates in the race stands a chance to win exciting prizes during a Lucky Draw at the finish from our event partners, which include the likes of Marine Walk Shopping Centre, Mugg & Bean Salta, Kauai Salta, Fitch & Leedes, and more,” concludes Gule-Burley.

Race pack collection will take place at Marine Walk Shopping Centre (outside Kauai) on Wednesday, 28th February, and on race day from 10h00 to 17h30. Participants are requested to bring their entry confirmation SMS and identification documents for collection. Race Entry Fee is R120 and corporates are also offered a discounted rate if there are 10 people or more that register to participate from one business.

Don’t miss your chance to be part of the first of this series that celebrates community, fitness, and fun. Visit [www.durbaniterace.co.za](http://www.durbaniterace.co.za) to register and to find out more information.

For more information on DurbaNite Race email info@durbaniterace.co.za / 060 749 8222

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