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Your guide to the 2025 PSSA CONGRESS STRUISBAAI



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Registrations 11 August: NG Kerk Agulhas

Please note that registration on Monday 11 August takes place at the **NG Kerk Agulhas**, 145 Cooper Street, Agulhas.

Coordinates: -34.824243, 20.014401



Directions

As you drive into Struisbaai via the R319 from Bredasdorp, you'll pass the Fishermen's Cottages at Hotagterklip on the right side of the road (see image above). Continue 7.5km (about 10 minutes) along the R319, which becomes Marine Drive as it meanders along the coast to Agulhas, past Spookdraai, to Cooper street (on the right) where you'll turn up to find the NG Kerk Agulhas in the first block on the left (see below). Wind permitting, there should be PSSA flags outside.



Registration: 10.30 to 17:00 at Agulhas church.

When: Monday 11 August — from Tuesday onwards registration will be in the **NG Kerk Struisbaai**.

Additional information when registering:

NB: *Please don't leave any luggage or equipment unattended and visible in your car at any venue — including churches.*

- **Outings and photoshoot:** Please make sure that you have tickets in your registration pouch for the days you booked to go on an outing. If you have not yet booked, please inform [Trudi du Toit](#) if you would like to visit Elim, Kassiesbaai or the Shipwreck Museum in Bredasdorp before you depart for congress. ([Read more](#)). Consult Marius Stockenström at registration for additional tickets for outings. Check that your name is on the list at registration if you booked for a community portrait shoot.

NB: *please do not join an outing without booking and receiving a ticket.*

- **Goody bags** will include a map indicating the best places to photograph. Richard and Joyce Goldschmidt, who prepared the maps, will be manning registration tables. A program, mug, notebook, rain poncho, car vent holder and a small round ring stand for your cell phone will also be in the bag.
- **Honours Get-together:** Honours holders and their partners will receive an invitation to attend a brief function before the Honours Banquet on Friday night. The **Honours Banquet**, which follows this get-together, is open to **all** who registered to attend, whether an Honours holder, or not.
- **WhatsApp Group:** Make sure that you are on the Struisbaai WhatsApp Group so that you receive updates and news about road closures and the best canola spots. Ask Joyce Goldschmidt at registration to be added or call her on 082 974 8210.

- 3. Meal options and allergies:** We did our best with all meals. If you have any queries, talk to Jacoba van Zyl at the registration venue.
- At the PSSA **Members' Forum** on Friday before lunch you'll have the opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions for PSSA to consider. There will be a book at registration to write down comments/questions.

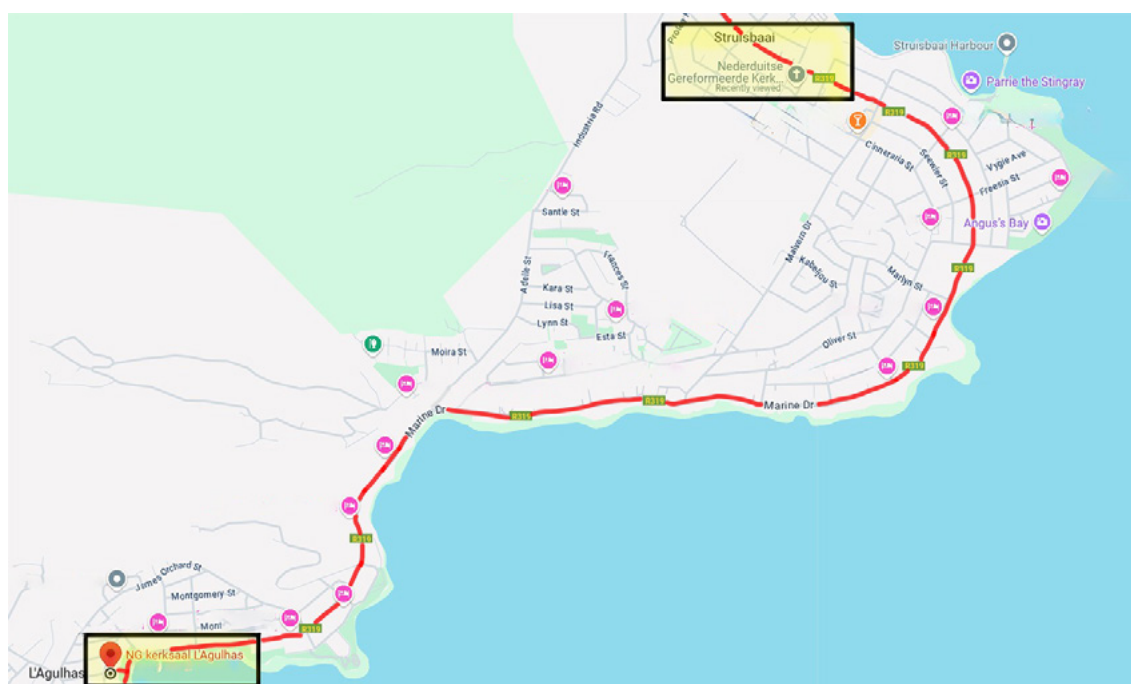
Meetings 11 August in NG Kerk Struisbaai



NG Kerk Suidpunt,
Hoofweg (Main
road) Struisbaai.

Coordinates
-34.8000929,
20.048957

Directions: From Bredasdorp, the church is off the R319 (or Hoofweg) on the right: pass the Duiker Street intersection and look out for the church on the right (set back from the road) towards the end of the block. Approaching from Agulhas, pass the Protea Rd intersection leading to the beach and look out for the church on the left.



The board meeting will be held in the consistory of the NG Kerk Suidpunt in Struisbaai, where all our meetings will take place (see image above). The consistory is at the back of the church. There will be people working in the kitchen off the foyer as you enter who'll be able to direct you.

A zoom link will be available for directors attending remotely. Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be served to the directors attending in person.

Opening function 11 August from 18:00 NG Kerk Struisbaai

The opening event will pay homage to the Overberg *kontrei*. It will be an informal, convivial, function with *kontreikos* and *kontrei*-stories told by the champion storyteller and writer **Piet van As**, whose tales and intimate knowledge of the memorable members of the Overberg inspired several writers, notably Dalene Matthee, whom Piet introduced to several of the characters in her book *Die Uitgespoeldes*. In the introduction to Piet's book of short stories about the area, 'n *Bek vol Strandveld*, journalist Amanda Botha described him as a *regte, egte Strandveld mens*.

In addition, CTPS member **Richard Goldschmidt** will introduce you to the



Piet van As.



Richard Goldschmidt.

kontrei photo-opportunities. Richard and his wife, Joyce, have been scouting the area for a year or two to find the scenic spots that will provide you with memorable images – although the locations of canola could only be confirmed close to congress. He will share these with you on a map during the evening. A map will also be displayed in the hall so that photographers can pinpoint where they spotted great canola scenes — like the info boards in game reserves.

We are also honoured that several *kontrei* people who assisted us with various aspects of the congress, as well as the executive mayor, Mr Raymond Ross and his wife, will join us on the evening.

Please supply your own alcoholic drinks for all dinners except the banquet.

Tuesday to Friday mornings: NG Kerk Struisbaai

- **Early mornings:** around sunrise (7:20 to 7:24) we suggest that you follow the routes on the Goldschmidt map, or photograph in Struisbaai harbour, or around the Agulhas lighthouse and the Meisho Maru. Please consult Richard Goldschmidt or Kim Stevens (another organiser) if you wish to photograph at the Cauldron in Arniston/Waenhuiskrans.
- **Refreshments at 9am:** Tea and coffee and sweet and salt snacks will be served at the church in Struisbaai before the lectures start.
- **Announcements: 9:30.** The first bars of the “congress song” *Hier kom Bredasdorp se Rooi Span* will alert you to take a seat before the daily announcements start. Important information is shared before the doors are closed.
- **Latecomers:** Once the lectures start, the doors are closed because the



Latecomers
to enter via
the Mother's
Room door on
the left as you
approach the
church.

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noise and light from the doors opening will be disturbing to everybody in the hall – especially the speakers. Latecomers must please enter from the first door on the left side of the church (see above), which will take them into the darkened Mother's Room, where they must please wait until the end of the lecture. They will be able to follow all proceedings in the hall.

Meals: Everybody booked as *Full participant*, *Day visitor* and *Non Participant* will enjoy lunch in the hall. This will be self-service. The food of all delegates who indicated on their registration forms that they have allergies or are vegetarian, will be served first. If you are unsure if your name is on the list, please contact [Jacoba van Zyl](#).

- **Day visitors** will **not** join in the evening meal – unless they made special arrangements. Please contact Jacoba if you need to cancel a meal or wish to book for additional meals so that she can advise the catering team.

Please supply your own wine for dinners Tuesday to Thursday.



The Bredasdorp Shipwreck Museum at 6 Independent Street, where the PSSA 70th Anniversary Travelling Exhibition will be hosted during August.

Special events for your enjoyment

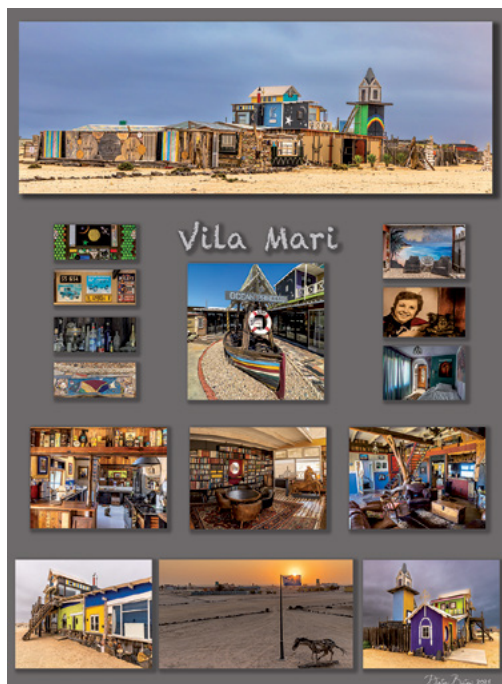
Exhibitions to enjoy

- **The PSSA 70th Anniversary Travelling Exhibition** will be on display in the **Bredasdorp Shipwreck museum** for the duration of the month of August – and it is a very good additional reason to visit this fascinating museum, bearing testimony to the dangers of this coastline ([Read more](#)) and the Strandveld lifestyle. You'll find a ticket to gain free entry to the museum whenever you wish in your name pouch when you register, but by registering for an afternoon tour a guide will be available to provide information.

Prints by several delegates at congress can be viewed as part of the PSSA exhibition that has now reached its 10th venue since it was launched in Mossel Bay a year ago ([Read more here](#)).



- 6. Body of Work panels**, showcasing some of the exceptional work done by Cape Town Photographic Society (CTPS) members will be displayed in the church where we meet (see below). The oldest photographic club in South Africa is hosting the congress to celebrate its 135th anniversary. Several of the authors of the beautiful panels will attend congress and you can contact [Kim Stevens](#) for more information.
- **Johan Kloppers** was in June awarded FPSSA for his print panel – thereby earning the rare PSSA Honour, Dux. The 25 top class images of his successful panel will also be on display in the hall.



Above left: an image that earned Johan Kloppers FPSSA.

Left: One of the images from Ansie du Toit's Body of Work.

Above: A panel by Dieter Bütow featuring the house built by an inspiring Namibian midwife.

PSSA Showcase on Wednesday 13 August after dinner

On the Wednesday evening, please plan to stay a bit later, as we'll be announcing the winners of the PSSA Annual Competitions after dinner. You'll be the first to know which clubs won Interclub, which clubs were the annual winners of the monthly senior and junior competitions, plus the individual medal winners of the annual website competition and the best salon images.

Booked and unbooked outings and photoshoots

Harders trek on Wednesday 13th at 7am: Net fishing, locally known as *harders trek*, is a dying skill and the Bantom family of Struisbaai North and their boat, *Trompie*, is one of the few local license holders. They agreed to give us a demonstration of a mock *harders trek* at sunrise on Wednesday



Some members of the Bantom family harders trek team with their manager, May Bantom, on the right.

7 morning. The *trek* will start around sunrise (7:15) and end at 8:30 in time for everybody to get warm with coffee and refreshments in the hall.

This will take place on the beach close to the campsite and promenade. Turn off the R319 (Hoofweg) at Protea Road and park next to the sea on the promenade. You can stand at the top, or move down to the beach, to photograph. **No booking is required**, but the early birds will secure the best spots.



Members of the congress organising team visiting Hotagterklip.

Heritage Hotagterklip houses: Shortly after entering Struisbaai from the Bredasdorp side, you'll notice some white fisherman's cottages with thatched roofs (see above). These houses have different owners — those on the left hand side of the road between the trees are privately owned, including the one that was burnt down.

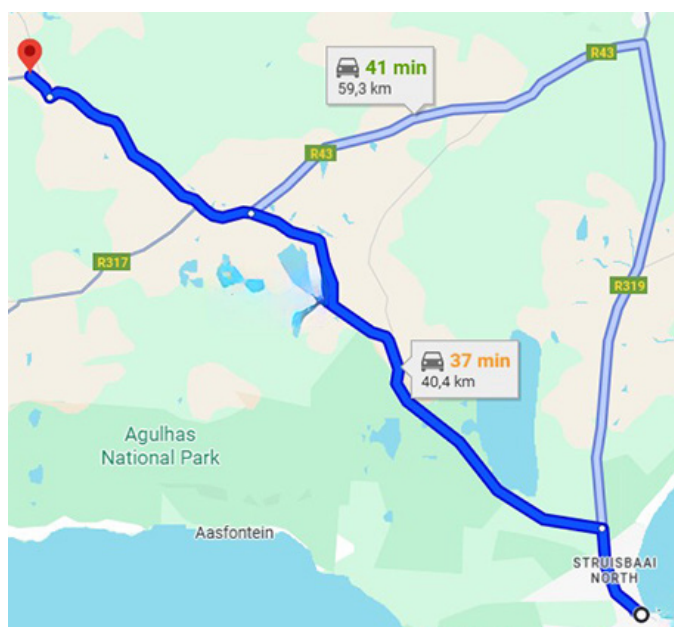
The cottages on the right hand side (on a hill) belong to the regional council and we have been granted permission to photograph there. You might be greeted by Lobello, the artist in residence, who creates artworks representing landmarks of the area, which he sells to tourists.

BOOKED afternoon outings to Elim and Kassiesbaai

3pm Tuesday to Friday: The residents of the mission station Elim and Kassiesbaai, owned by the fishing community, are keen to welcome and introduce congress delegates to their villages. Read about it [here](#). Members from the communities will tell you more during guided tours starting at 3pm. We'll compensate them with a donation for each delegate who registered with us and received a ticket to visit on a specific day. If you haven't registered for these free outings yet, please contact [Trudi du Toit](#) asap.

Please don't deprive them of an income by joining without registering.

Directions from Struisbaai church to Elim



From the Struisbaai church where we meet, follow the main road to Bredasdorp and after 4.6km turn left on to the gravel road to Elim (R43). An alternative route, tar all the way, is to continue on the tarred road to Bredasdorp (about 23 km) and turn left on the R43 or Bredasdorp road to Elim shortly before you reach the town. At the T-junction after about 11km turn right to Elim.

- 8** Continue with the main road into Elim and meet the guides in the parking area in front of the Moravian Church (see below). They will collect the tickets we issued you if you registered and divide you in smaller groups, if necessary. If uncertain, ask for Joyce October.



Kassiesbaai fishing community

This unique fisherman's village belongs to the residents and is administered by the Kassiesbaai Vissersunie, a body they elected to look after their interests.

Please meet in front of the Vissersunie building (see below), which is to the left of the Arniston hotel as you enter Waenhuiskrans/Arniston (both names are registered) just past the harbour entrance. If you cannot find parking in front of the Vissersunie, you can park in front of the hotel and walk the short distance.



Directions to Kassiesbaai

From the Struisbaai NG Kerk, follow the R319 to Bredasdorp. After about 16km turn right on to the dirt road signposted Prinskraal. Continue to the T-junction with the R316. Follow the R316 to Arniston/Waenhuiskrans. The Arniston hotel will be on your left, and a bit further on, the Kassiesbaai Vissersunie.

An alternative route, tar all the way, is to return to Bredasdorp and follow the signs to the R316 to Waenhuiskrans or Arniston.



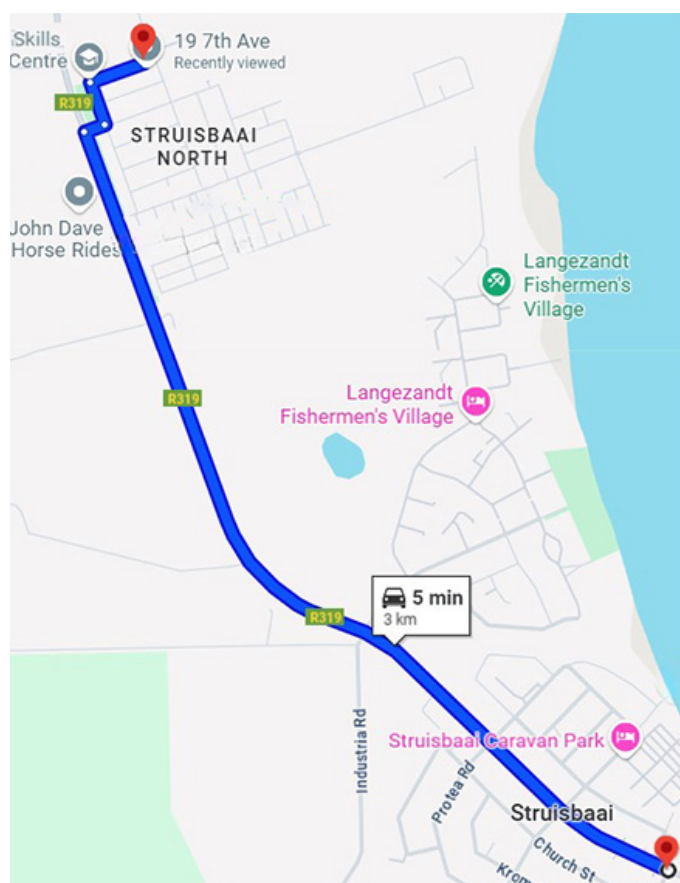
The United Outreach Ministries church the venue for the photoshoots.

Community portrait photoshoot in Struisbaai North

You would have pre-booked for a specific time slot to photograph an elderly model from the community. Please don't be late, because we won't be able to extend your time beyond the allocated slot. The procedure will be:

- Please report to Lea-Anne Alexander at the United Outreach Ministries in Struisbaai North (see image and directions below). She'll let you, and one other photographer, know when you can enter the hall to photograph your specific model — or more, in case of a family.
- After entering the church hall, please follow the lead of John Alexander, assisted by Kim Stevens and Lesley Parolis, to your allocated *photobooth*, where you'll be joined by one other photographer. They will also assist you with positioning the lights and model(s), if required.
- Please keep in mind that you will probably be taking the only portrait your model might ever pose for — please be gentle with them. We also request that you please donate the most flattering image of the model for us to print and donate to them (note: this might not be the image you intend to enter in competitions). Please email it to Nicol du Toit at nicoldutoit@outlook.com by no later than August 25th.

Directions to to the Community Portrait Shoots



The photoshoots will take place in the United Outreach Ministries church at 19th 7th Avenue Struisbaai North (note, NOT Kassiesbaai as Google maps indicate).

From the Struisbaai church, travel about 3km to Bredasdorp and turn right at 5th Avenue. It is the second turn-off to the right as you reach Struisbaai North, (the first one from Bredasdorp side). Turn left at the first street (Deiningstraat) and at the T-junction right into 7th Avenue. The church is left at the end of the road.

10 Sponsors and brands at congress

PSSA Gold sponsor **ORMS** has organised that two brands will be showing and demonstrating their latest gear to congress delegates in the foyer. Hein Hough from Fuji will be there from Tuesday morning early till after dinner, while Roger Machin and Ashik Essop from Canon will be there on Wednesday during the day. They will also join in some outings to provide support for photographers using their latest cameras, etc. ORMS also donated a prize voucher of R2 000 (see below).

Another PSSA Gold sponsor, **PrintWild**, assisted with the printing of the 70 prints in the PSSA 70th Anniversary Travelling Exhibition hosted in the Bredasdorp Shipwreck Museum between mid-July and end August (for which you'll receive an entry ticket in your registration pouch.)



Show off your best congress photos

To motivate the delegates to take even more breathtaking photos, there will be a competition to show off their work.

Your image selected as a coverphoto

Having your image selected as the cover picture of a newspaper is the dream of any photo-journalist. One of the local newspapers, *Suidernuus*, will be doing a feature on PSSA and our congress in their issue published in the week after congress. They would like to link this congress feature to a competition for photographers attending the congress.

ORMS donated a lovely prize for the winner of this competition.

Suidernuus is now inviting delegates to submit their images for selection as a cover picture. They are looking for photos that best illustrate the character or unique features of the Overberg, especially in the Strandveld kontrei surrounding Struisbaai, Elim, Waenhuiskrans and Bredasdorp.

The editorial staff will then select the image that best meets the journalistic requirements to adorn the cover of their August 22 issue (i.e. no manipu-

lation, but sharpening, slight enhancement and cropping allowed as per PSSA photojournalism manipulation *rules*).

To be in time for the next issue, the competition images must please be sent to the editor at suidernuus@gmail.com. It must please be in colour and landscape format - **at least** 1920x1080 px, 300 dpi. Please include your name for the credit, your website, social media or any other contact details and the story behind the photo (optional).

Photos for the post-congress booklet

Please remember to send us some of your photos illustrating what you enjoyed most about congress — especially those that depict other congress-goers — for the booklet we'll compile after congress. Our official photographer, Sydney Truter, will make sure that all the official events are covered, but it will be nice to receive photos from delegates who attended. Please email your images to Trudi du Toit.

Friday 15th August

a busy day with many special moments

- **PSSA AGM and Member Forum 11:00:** You are welcome to send any topics you would like to discuss at the Member's Forum to PSSA President designate [Geoff Feldon](#). You will also be able to write down any topics you wish to raise in a book that will be available during registration.
- **Honours get-together 18:15** is a brief get-together where the PSSA President, Simon Fletcher, and chairperson of the Honours Division, Jill Sneesby, will welcome all PSSA Honours holders and their partners with a drink (wine or non-alcoholic). This function in the foyer of the church is by invitation only and shouldn't last longer than 30 minutes.
- **Honours banquet:** All full participants and those who booked for the event are welcome at this gala banquet to end congress (no invitation required). The highlights of the evening are the presentation of certificates to this year's Honours achievers, and the announcement and presentation of awards to the Impala Trophy Top10 and other winners. The dress-code is smart casual, but you are welcome to wear formal evening attire.

Congress ends with the investiture of the PSSA Board Members and the handing over of the congress banner to the next congress organiser, Port Elizabeth Camera Club.

And then all depart for home.