

Kalahari-region (N Cape)
25 February 2026

Dear government department or humanitarian institution

To whom it may concern: The marathon day and open-air music performance (Vanzylsrus Northern Cape - 9 May 2026, DV – inaugurating the largest geoglyph in the province)

The Northern Cape countryside is about to get a tourist gem. We are grateful to Anni Snyman and PC Janse van Rensburg (who lead the *Site_Specific Collective*) and their collaborators who are coming to Vanzylsrus (again) to complete their geoglyph design in early May 2026, DV.

It is my pleasure, as the geoglyph project manager, to extend an invitation to you to attend the festivities on the 9th of May to celebrate its completion. To thank the geoglyph team for the Vanzylsrus vulture geoglyph, we have decided to also from our (Kalahari-) side, raise funds to alleviate the financial burden on the team. Everything that has been done so far, was made possible through private funding and wonderful businesses, which availed trucks for loading the limestones, for example.

In order to ensure we can pay every worker involved in creating the geoglyph limestone outline, and to celebrate its completion, we have decided to host a family fun day with two major activities, namely: a marathon (and cycling) event and an open-air music afternoon.

When the geoglyph is finished, the hotel will manage and market it as a Northern Cape tourist destination. It will be a registered Google Earth landmark and a “meditation trail”. Its purpose will be to support the local community by providing jobs to trained tour guides and the conservation of the vultures. The vulture geoglyph is one of the largest in South Africa and it should boost the creative economy of the Northern Cape countryside meaningfully.

The events of the day will more or less look like this (and they are subject to small changes):

8:00 – 10:30 Jogging, walking and cycling (*You pay to participate. Detail still in process.*)

- 5km walk (R20)
- 5km cross-country (R30)
- 10 km cross-country (R50)
- (10km cycling? Option is being discussed R50)
- 35km cycling (R100)
- 70km cycling (R150)

9:30 – 10:30 Pipe organ recitals at the Dutch Reformed Church for those interested (*You give a donation at the door.*)

10:30 – 12:30 Horse riding event for those interested (*A fee will be charged.*)

Relaxation and lunch

15:30 – 18:30 Open-air music event at the geoglyph site (*Tickets will be bought online – R100.*)

The local churches and the hotel hope to provide food and snacks at reasonable prices during the course of the day. There may even be a “selfie-park” where you can take lovely photos for your social media pages or personal use and you can buy a few souvenirs and the reception boutique of the hotel.

We have a few wonderful opportunities for businesses and government departments to make a contribution. We understand that this is short notice, but we did not anticipate the excitement which our idea is busy generating.

When one hosts a sports day, the main issues are:

- Bottled water and ample prizes or gift vouchers – for the paying participants
- There is a local school with 900 students and we are imaging a special marathon event for them, free of charge, near their school.

This is actually impossible for us to undertake; it needs governmental assistance; the need exceeds our capacity.

Benefactors must step forward to provide a free cooldrink and something to eat for the participants and motivational speakers to address the issues these young learners are facing. However, interested parties can reach out to the principal of the school. (We have her number.)

- Powerful advertising for the event

I am including a link from my YouTube-channel which will give you an idea of the work involved regarding the geoglyph. [Vanzylsrus vulture geoglyph - P. A. Pienaar 2025](#)

If you are interested in attending or getting involved, please feel free to contact me. (You are also welcome to forward email addresses of relevant departments or institutions which may want to know about our event.)

Yours faithfully

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