

# SLOW FESTIVAL 2014 - BEST EVER!!



As we pack away our orange decorations and wind back down into our Slow Town, it can certainly be said that The Slow Festival gets better every year! The buzz and atmosphere of our amazing little town after this weekend's festivities will still be felt for a long time to come and locals and visitors alike will continue to bask in the afterglow of a weekend well spent. The Village Green was simmering with life and light as the sun came out to play every day.

A Festival for all ages and every walk of life was pulled together by the inimitable Amanda Dixon and her incredibly dedicated Slow Festival Committee.

With record attendance and participation in all our favourite events – from the 'Drive In' to the 'Dog Walk, Talk and Show', the 'Anything That Floats' and the 'Out of the Bin Fashion Show', all were once again something that brought the town to life through creativity and inventiveness. The Art Exhibition in the Town Hall was a feast for the eyes and dotted around town were even more Fringe Exhibitions to feed the senses. The Goukamma Traverse drew trail runners from far and wide with its rating of 'best festival trail run' and as tough as it is, several participants took the time to stop and take photographs and smell the fynbos. Now that's how a trail run should be done.



The Slow Festival offers family orientated experiences bringing back 'fun like it used to be' - there is no other place in the country that offers this 'time travel'. Sedgefield's Slow Festival hits the nail on the head when it comes to bringing generations of families together for vintage Fun!



The most junior to the most extreme senior took part in The Easter Street Parade on Sunday – stretching the length of main road – covering it in all the colours of the rainbow (of course with Festival Orange dominating)- the beautifully decorated businesses providing a vibrant backdrop. The Slow Festival Committee deserves to have great praise heaped upon them for many more years to come based on what they have achieved this year.

Thank You to one and all that took part, watched from the side-lines and put their all into making 2014 Sedgefield Slow Festival a rip roaring success.

This is Dora del Rio reporting for The Palm Beach News (not really – just kidding)

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