

Best of Ballito

READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2023

North Coasters have spoken and we are delighted to announce your winners in the North Coast Courier Best of Ballito Reader's Choice Awards for 2023.

This competition was bigger than ever with 1164 businesses nominated across 150 categories and over 230 000 votes cast. Congratulations to all the nominees, runners-up and particularly the winners! The "Best of" awards have been popular features of Caxton local newspapers across South Africa for the last 27 years. It has become synonymous with recognising excellence and gives readers the platform to vote for and recommend their favourite local businesses to others. Voters were also entered into the draw for prizes worth more than R30 000, including luxury getaways at Antbear Eco Lodge, Rain Farm Game and Lodge and Rhino River Lodge. Find out who won on page 15.



AUTOMOTIVE

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best 4x4 Accessories & Fitment Centre	CARtime Ballito	Real 4X4 Overland Outfitters	Buckenham 4X4
Best Automotive Parts Centre	Midas Ballito	MB Autobahn	PG Glass
Best Breakdown and towing	Mins Breakdown Services & Panel Beaters	Coastal Breakdown	Porky's Towing & Recovery
Best Car Dealership	SMG Ballito	McCarthy Ballito	VW Ballito
Best Car Service and Repairs	SMG Ballito	MB Autobahn	Bosch Car Service (Reece's Auto)
Best Carwash	Engen Ballito	Valet Centre	Hydro Wash
Best Motorcycle Dealer / Repairs / Service	Perry Bikes Ballito	AirWorx Racing Ballito	Moto Mate
Best Panel Beater	Mins Breakdown Services & Panel Beaters	Prestige Auto Ballito	Ballito Scratch & Dent
Best Tyre and Fitment Centre	Tiger Wheel and Tyre	Dunlop Zone - Tyre Track Ballito	Tyre Mart
Best Vehicle Security and Electronics	Audio Active Ballito	Stanger Auto Audio	

DINING OUT

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Asian	Simply Asia	Yori Oki	Dumpling Bar
Best Beat the Budget	Mozambik Ballito	Mac's Fish and Chips	Friend House
Best Blow the Budget	Mozambik Ballito	45 on Eat Street	Ray's Kitchen
Best Breakfast	Concha Café	Zara's Café	Kuta-Kola
Best Burger	Jimbo's Burger Bar	RocoMamas	Bird & Co
Best Business Lunch	Fiamma Grill	Beira Alta	Salt Rock Hotel
Best Cocktails	Alchemy	Mozambik Ballito	Fiamma Grill
Best Coffee Shop	Concha Café	The Waterberry Coffee Shoppe	Cindy's
Best Curry	Salt Rock Hotel	Cindy's	Famous Bunnies
Best Family Friendly Restaurant	La Piazza	Mozambik Ballito	The Fig Tree Restaurant Simbithi Country Club
Best Girls Night Out	Conchilla	Alchemy	SandBar Restaurant and Cocktail
Best Milkshake	Burnedale Bistro	The Waterberry Coffee Shoppe	RocoMamas
Best Neighbourhood Restaurant	Mozambik Ballito	La Piazza	Fiamma Grill
Best Pasta	Lupa Osteria	La Piazza	Al Pescatore
Best Pizza	Salt Café	La Piazza	Bird & Co
Best place to take out-of-towners	The Market at Lifestyle Centre	Mozambik Ballito	The Fig Tree Restaurant Simbithi Country Club
Best Restaurant for Date Night	45 on Eat Street	Fiamma Grill	Mozambik Ballito
Best Steak	45 on Eat Street	Peron Peron	Wozza Meat Lifestyle
Best Sundowners	Conchilla	Mozambik Ballito	Fiamma Grill
Best Sushi	Yori Oki Sushi & Grill	Jack Salmon	Friend House
Best Takeaway	Bird & Co	Mac's Fish and Chips	The Fig Tree Restaurant Simbithi Country Club
Best Waffle	The Waterberry Coffee Shoppe	Burnedale Bistro	Milky Lane

EDUCATION

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Creche / Playschool	Curro Salt Rock	Ashton Ashlings	Village Kidz
Best Educational Service	Ballito Bay Learning Centre	Kip McGrath Education Centre Ballito	Spola Consulting Pty (Ltd)
Best Private High School	Ashton International College	Curro Salt Rock	Crawford International College North Coast
Best Private Primary School	Ashton International College	Curro Salt Rock	Crawford International College North Coast
Best Public Primary School	Umhlali Primary School	Maidstone Primary School	Seatides Combined
Best Tertiary Institution	Boston City Campus	Tina Cowley Reading Centre Salt Rock	Chief Albert Luthuli Training Centre

ESTATES

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Lifestyle Estate	Simbithi Eco Estate	Palm Lakes Estate	Brettenwood Coastal Estate

HEALTH BEAUTY WELLNESS

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Aesthetics/Laser Clinic	Fraiche Aesthetic Clinic & Spa	Skin Renewal	Dr Ramkisson
Best Barber	The Hair Shack	Café Barber	Moustache Barber
Best Beauty Salon	Joint - Fraiche Aesthetic Clinic & Spa / The Beauty Spot	Joint - Bella La Lupa / Revive by Adele	Sorbet Salon Ballito
Best Dance Studio	FootworX Dance Studio	Jive with Jen	Dance Café
Best Hair Salon	Jena Morgan Hair Salon	The Beauty Spot	The Hair Shack
Best Health Club / Gym	Virgin Active Ballito	Tash B Pilates	Fit24 Ballito
Best Health Spa	Mangwanani Ballito	Fraiche Aesthetic Clinic & Spa	Simbiosis Spa
Best Health Store	Dischem Lifestyle Centre	Lifestyle Health Shop	Dischem Ballito Junction
Best Make-up Artist	Kylie P Makeup Studio	Makeup by Lauren	Blush'd by Alka
Best Massage Therapist	Mangwanani Ballito	Fraiche Aesthetic Clinic & Spa	Simbiosis Spa
Best Therapy Centre	The Wellness Workspace	Family Health and Physio	Ashley Dearling Occupational Therapists
Best Yoga Studio	The Yoga Studio	Just Yoga	Aerial Yoga Marina

MEDICAL

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Biokineticist	Melanie Coetzee	Nic Acampora - SA Biokinetics	MOVE Sports Physio
Best Chiropractor	Dr Martin Khoury	Dr Khabonina Nkwelo	Dr Kate Dinkelmann Chiropractic
Best Dentist	Dr Lino Cericola	Family Dental Care	Dentique
Best Family Doctor	Dr Melize De Villiers	Dr DS Patel	Dr Clare de Groep
Best Health Care Centre	Ballito Medical Centre	Salt Rock Medical Centre	Health Matters
Best Hospital	Netcare Alberlito Hospital	Victoria Hospital	Ribumed Medical Care
Best Optometrist	SpecSavers Ballito	Execuspecs	Torga Optical Ballito
Best Pharmacy	Dischem Lifestyle Centre	Thrive Pharmacy Ballito	Clicks Ballito Junction

Best Physiotherapist	Lianca Dookran Physiotherapist	Schroder Macquet Physio Inc	Marc Colia Physiotherapy
Best Psychologist	Lisa Grant-Stuart	Nikki Simmons	Dr Shona Fraser
Best Speech Therapist	Kirsten Talbot	Annalize Gould Speech Therapy	Sarah Price
Best Veterinarian	Ballito Vet	Aloe Vet	Salt Rock Veterinary Clinic

RETAIL

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Accessory Shop	Lovisa	Big Tree Africa	Mr Price
Best Bakery	Yoli's Bakery	Chateaux Gateau	Concha Café
Best Bicycle Store	On-Track Cycles	Specialised Concept Store Ballito	Single Track Minded Sugar Rush
Best Bookstore	Exclusive Books	Bargain Books Ballito Junction	Bargain Books Lifestyle
Best Bottle Store	Tops Lifestyle Centre	Liquor City Ballito	Tops Ballito Village
Best Butchery	Wozza Meat Lifestyle	Wozza Meat Ballito Junction	Food Lover's Market
Best Cellphone Company	Samsung Ballito Junction	Vodashop Ballito Junction	Incredible Connection
Best Clothing Store	Woolworths Ballito Junction	Mr Price	Pick n Pay Clothing
Best Convenience Store	Engen Ballito / Woolworths	Kwikspar Ballito Village	Everest Shiptec
Best Florist	Love Laugh	Food Lover's Market	Odyssey Flowers
Best Footwear Store	Havaianas	Aerosoft Shoes	Sweet Peas Handmade
Best Fresh Produce Store	Food Lover's Market	Woolworths Mt Richmore	Home Grown
Best Fuel Station	Engen Ballito	Sasol Salt Rock	BP Ballito
Best Furniture Store	Coricraft	Weylandts	Game
Best Gas Supplier	DJ Gas	Ballito 1 Stop Gas	Atom Gas
Best Gift and Specialty Store	Typo	Mad Hatters Party Shop	Big Tree
Best Hardware Store	BBS Mica Ballito	Builders Warehouse	Coastal Farmers Co-op
Best Home Appliance Store	Hirsch's Ballito	HiFi Corporation	Incredible Connection
Best Home Decor Store	Mr Price Home Ballito Junction	@home	Volpes
Best Ice-cream / Gelato Store	Scoop Ice cream	Salt Rock Gelato	Peppe Pistacchio Everest
Best Jewellery Store	Lovisa	Browns	American Swiss
Best Kitchen Store	Hirsch's Ballito	Yuppie Chef	Cookin
Best Nursery/Garden Centre	BBS Mica Ballito	Salt Rock Nursery	Karibu Nursery
Best Outdoor Equipment /Adventure Store	Cape Union Mart Lifestyle Centre	Checkers Outdoor Ballito Junction	Trappers Ballito
Best Party Shop	Mad Hatters Party Shop	Crazy Store Ballito Junction	Yolo Party Shop
Best PC & Electronics Store	Incredible Connection	The Right Click Computers	Matrix Warehouse
Best Personal Care	Dischem Lifestyle Centre	Skin Renewal	Cherry & Willow
Best Pet Store/Products	Absolute Pets Ballito Junction	Petzone	CatBox Pet Hyper
Best Print Shop	Can-nor	Imaginative Print	Copy Ink
Best Shopping Centre	Ballito Junction	Lifestyle Centre	Sugar Village Umhlali
Best Speciality Store	Cosi Crafts Ballito	Forget Me Not Gifts and Décor	Sew It Seams Bernina
Best Sporting Goods Store	Sportsman's Warehouse	Mr Price Sports	Cape Union Mart
Best Stationery Supplier	10 Uit 10 Skryfbehoeftes	PNA	Waltons
Best Supermarket	Woolworths Lifestyle Centre	Checkers Ballito Junction	Checkers Salt Rock
Best Tile Store	CTM Ballito	Tile Africa	Union Tiles Ballito
Best Water and Filtration	H ₂ O International	Phuza Water	Snowman Water and Ice

SERVICES

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Accounting Company	North Coast Accountants	Ballito Financial Solutions	RobertsChaplinKrone
Best Air Conditioning Company	Air Elec Airconditioning	EZAIR Airconditioning	Greens Airconditioning
Best Aluminium and Glass Installer / Manufacturer	Quick Fix Glass & Aluminium	GP Safety Glass and Aluminium	Fair Deal Windows and Doors
Best Architect	HD Projects	Gerhard Architect	Tracey Levinson - LevEco
Best Building Material / Tool Supplier	BBS Mica Ballito	Builder's Express Ballito	Coastal Timber
Best Business Consulting Company	J. A. Nel & Associates Consulting Engineers	Heights and Safety Training	Oficina Software Solutions
Best Catering Company	Ray's Kitchen	Food Matters	Olive Twist
Best Cleaning Company	X-Treme Cleaning Solutions	North Coast Cleaning	We Clean Ballito
Best Community Upliftment Organisation	Sables Creatures	North Coast Courier Orphan Fund	The Rise Up Movement
Best Construction Company	Chapman Building	Rod's Construction	Jehcon Construction
Best Courier Service	The Courier Guy	Takealot Delivery Team	PostNet
Best Digital and Social media company	BTV Productions	Imaginative Print	Blue Orange Designs
Best Doggie Parlour	Collar & Comb	Paws For Thought Kennels & Grooming Parlour	Ballito Grooming Parlour
Best Dry Cleaner / Laundromat	Dolphin Launderers Ballito	Salt Rock Laundromat	Lily White Laundromat
Best Electrician	Laatz Electrical	NMR Electrical	UA Electrical Pty Ltd
Best Emergency Services	IPSS Medical Rescue	Medi Response	Netcare 911
Best Estate Agency	RE/MAX Dolphin Realtors	Ballito Estates	Local Real Estate
Best Estate Agent	Rory Anderson	Wendy McMurray	Greg Kruger
Best Fibre and Data Supplier	Ballito ISP	Dolphin Coast Wireless	Vodacom 4 U
Best Financial Services Company	PSG Wealth	TRG - The Robert Group	Dream Bonds
Best Food Delivery Service	Checkers 60/60	Mr Delivery	Uber Eats
Best Garden Service / Landscaping Company	Greenscape Maintenance Solutions	Eco Balance Landscapes	Juluka Landscapes
Best Home Maintenance Contractor	Chapman Building	Air Elec Airconditioning	Wilcote
Best Interior Design/er	Dandelion Designs	Pop Interior Design Studio	Groundfloor Interiors
Best Kitchen Installation Company	Cupboard Value Ballito	Exotic Kitchens	Country Kitchens
Best Law Firm	Araujo Attorneys	Kloppers Incorporated	Harilall Naik-Peters Attorneys
Best Locksmith	Ballito Locksmith and Car Key Specialists	Autokey Locksmiths Ballito	KW Locksmiths
Best Marketing Agency	Blue Orange Designs	Marketing Works	All Kreations
Best Modelling School	Simply Models KZN	KZN Top Model South Africa	Ismail Gori Le Modelle
Best Moving Company	Lady Bug Movers	DC Moveit	Ballito Moves and More
Best Pest Control Company	All Kill Pest Control	Natal Pest Control	Pentako Pest Control
Best Photographer	Barry Bowditch Photography	Kim Steinberg Photography	Amod Moosa Photography
Best Plumber	Chapman Plumbing	Roots Plumbing	Eco Green
Best Security Company	IPSS Security	Marshall Security	ADT Fidelity
Best Security Equipment and Installers	Mersat	TV & Gate Boyz	Security Hyperstore
Best Solar Installer	Dolphin Coast Solar Solutions	Sensible Solar	SolarVest
Best Sports Club/Coaching	Umhlali Country Club	Ringside Boxing	Learnmore Soccer Academy
Best Storage Facility	Ballito Self Storage	Ballito Store-It	Big Orange

SERVICES

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Swim School	Big Splash Swim Centre	Swim Baby / Couta Kidz	Little Flippers Swim School
Best Travel Agent	Dream Destination Travel - Charmaine Lawrenson	New World Travel	Our African Footprints Travel
Best Upholsterer	Umhlali Upholsterers	Ballito Upholstery Pty Ltd	Trinity Upholstery
Best Videographer/Videography Company	BTV Productions	Amod Moosa Photography	HT Films
Best Volunteer Organisation	Flag Animal Farm	Sables Creatures	The Rise Up Movement
Best Website & Software Development Company	Ballito Web Design	Blue Orange Designs	All Kreations

THINGS-TO-DO

Sub Category	Winner	2 nd	3 rd
Best Event Venue	Flag Animal Farm	Sugar Rush Park	Simbithi Country Club
Best Golf Course	Umhlali Country Club	Simbithi Golf Course	Zimbali Golf Course
Best Holiday Accommodation	Utopia Luxury Holiday Letting	Rain Farm Lodge	Ballito Accommodation
Best Kids Party Venue	Flag Animal Farm	Sugar Rush Park	Cutie Patootie Kids
Best Outdoor Activity	Flag Animal Farm	Sugar Rush Park	Holla Trails
Best Place for a Family Outing	Flag Animal Farm	Sugar Rush Park	Rain Farm Game Lodge
Best Weekend Escape	Rain Farm Game Lodge	Flag Animal Farm	Rhino River Lodge