

DARLING CALENDAR OF ANNUAL EVENTS 2010

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT
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Monthly:

Duckitt Nurseries Open Day at the Orchid Nursery on Oudepost Farm, Darling (022) 492 2606
9h00 – 12h00 on the first Saturday each month May – November

Entrance: Free. Complimentary tea and coffee/ Pancakes for sale

Variety of orchid pot plants, spikes and accessories for sale/ Debit and credit card facilities available / One of the greenhouses will be open for exhibition.

Darling Country Market on the last Saturday of each month from 10h00 in the Nitrophoska Building, Main Road, Darling. Contact Con Meyer 082 927 6225

This community market takes place on the last Saturday of each month. With the emphasis on home made, home grown and hand made; stallholders sell fresh produce, flowers, home bakes, special breads, preserved olives, arts & crafts including pewter and much more.... Why don't you join us? Contact Con Meyer for information or to book a stall

Farmers Market on the last Saturday of each month at Vyge Valley Farmstall on the R27. Contact June Homan on 083 33 68 305 or 022 492 2586

9am until 13h00

Every last Saturday of the month a Fresh Produce Market will be held at Vyge Valley Farmstall. Shoppers can look forward to homemade cheeses, fresh breads, preserves, home cured bacon, home made butter and a host of other delicious foods. There will also be lots of activities for the little ones to enjoy as well, including sand art, jumping castles and all the farm animals to view.

February

11-14	Darling Music Experience	Various	Bookings: M Ashford
February	Concerts in the Country		(022) 492 3401/082 684 5575

Lovers of excellent music, food and wine are once again in for a treat. The Darling Music Experience, under the artistic directorship of South Africa born German pianist Andreas Kern the music on offer varies between classical and contemporary chamber music, popular choir works and Jazz, bringing together community ensembles and soloists with well known national and international musicians.

27 Feb	Darling Cellars Crush day	Darling Cellars	022 492 2276
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Picking, Crushing, Eating & Drinking in the Sun!

Arrival 8h00 for 8h30 departure

Come join us for a fun day of picking your own grapes, stomping on them to get your own grape juice, which we'll ferment into a lovely wine, with your own special label on it!

The day includes: breakfast, picking & crushing your own grapes (with your very own wine & label to come 8-10 months later); label design competition and a traditional west coast lunch to make the day really special. Wine tasting will be available

1 – 28	Darling Valentines	Various	Darling Tourism
February	Celebration		(022) 492 3361

Come Romance your darling in Darling!

Woo your loved one with an evening of light classical music, watch for falling stars in velvety night skies or bring your special friends and enjoy an afternoon of west coast style jazz .Titillate your senses and your taste buds with award-winning wines and delicious country cuisine.

The aptly named town of Darling on the West Coast has wonderful happenings & surprises planned to ensure that the month of February is your most romantic time yet. Come find out for yourself why it's called Darling.

June

July

Throughout July Xmas in July Evita se Perron Bookings
(022) 492 3930

XMAS IN JULY – an ideal time to eat drink and be merry at Evita se Perron, where Evita Bezuidenhout will make you forget you're in South Africa in winter, six months away from the festive season!
Its cold, it's cozy, it's unique and it's memorable – a Xmas tree with Tannie and all that is found in the Xmas stocking – scandal, hope, laughter and a sing-a-long.

September

Throughout Sept> Hello Darling Evita se Perron Bookings
022 492 3930

03 - 05 Sept Darling Voorkamerfest Evita se Perron Tasha Reid 082 321 7542

It's time for the Voorkamerfest in Darling - Africa's most unique cultural festival!

If the audience attendance and enthusiasm of the past five Voorkamerfests is anything to go by, this year's festival will be yet another sell-out event! This unique house-to-house theatrical extravaganza offers acts of all kinds; from dance and music to stand-up comedy, circus acts, drama and cabaret. It is a truly South African cultural experience that offers an exciting mix of theatre genres to suit all tastes.

Fri 17 Sept to Darling Wildflower Darling Club Dianne le Roux
Sun 19 Sept Show (022) 492-3361

Embrace your sense of adventure and enjoy a flower safari, straight from nature. Expect to see a colourful display of wildflowers in a new landscaped design each year. Come and join in the fun at the show - There's more to enjoy than just the flowers: Antique tractor displays, interesting talks, wine tasting, delicious country food, live performances and indigenous plant sales are also on the programme. Potjiekos and Braai meals are served in the marquee tent while Darling College Coffee Shop operating in the small hall serves light meals and something sweet. Entrance fee applicable. For stalls: Ingrid Wilson 083 655 4237

Thursday 30 Sept Renosterveld MTB www.renosterveldmtb.co.za
– Saturday 02 Oct

The Renosterveld mountain bike race is a 3 day stage event (± 300km) starting on 29th September 2010 in Langebaan, going through Darling, Malmesbury and ending on 2nd October 2010 at Meerendal Wine farm in Durbanville. The event will comprise of 200 teams of two riders per team, as well as a solo option for the hard core mountain bikers! For more information on the race, race package details and bookings, please go to our website or e mail info@renosterveldmtb.co.za

Thurs 16 - Duckitt Nurseries Oudepost Farm Duckitt Nurseries
Sun 19 Sept Orchid Show (022) 492-2606

Admission and theme to be confirmed. Landscaping done around theme. Tearoom available. Various orchid potplants, spikes and all the necessary accessories for sale in the sales area. Debit and Credit card facilities available. Buses welcome.

Tearoom serving light meals hosted by the Presbyterian Church.

Admission:

October

Early Oct Rocking the Daisies Cloof Wine Estate
 Music Festival www.rockingthedaisies.com

Taking place on Cloof Wine Estate in Darling, the festival will once again offer the best in live entertainment, lifestyle exhibitions and gourmet food.
With over 10 000 people attending last year, Rocking the Daisies 2009 will be full of cutting edge, quality music, interactive fields and facilities custom to that of international festivals.
For more information visit www.rockingthedaisies.com

Oct Darling Gymkhana Darling Club 022 492 3013

Nov Wonderful Wines of Darling Trinity Lodge Shaun Mc Laughlin
 - Cloof 022 492 3430/083 325 4148

[A fun-filled Saturday night hosted by the Darling wine producers throughout the month of November. The evening commences with a tasting of wines from the individual cellars and is followed by a 3 course gourmet dinner with matching wines selected by the winemaker.](#)

Throughout Evita se Perron Evita se Perron 022 492 3930
Dec Christmas Season

The Theatre/Restaurant/Bar, Boerassic Park & Evita's A en C (arts & crafts) are open Tues to Sun from 10h00 to 16h00. Contact Beryl to enquire about special Christmas Shows in December.

Please note: These events are subject to change – to avoid disappointment please enquire with the contact person above before making arrangements to attend an event.

A Diary of Events is updated monthly on the Darling Tourism website www.darlingtourism.co.za