



The **Weekend Witness Maritzburg Marathon**, which is powered by **Honeydew** and the **Durban University of Technology**, is coming to town this weekend. 4000 runners are entered to toe the line at the start in Bulwer Street outside Merchiston School. At 5am sharp, the Navy's saluting gun will send them on their way charging down Bulwer Street to turn left into Echo Road and then left again when they reach Jabu Ndlovu Street. At West Street they plummet down the hill and up College Road to begin their tour of Scottsville, Pelham and Bisley via Alexandra Road, Murray Road and Oribi Road.

After turning up Ridge Road they'll cross Alan Paton Avenue (Durban Road) before going down Fairfield Avenue, to pass the front of the Hayfields Centre along Black Burrow Road. The tour de Hayfields is completed by the drop down Hesketh Drive and over the nasty little bump at the "new bridge" over the N3. Then it's down past the Casino and Collegians Club before turning left at Merchiston School to the finish of the 21,1km lap at the Carbineers Drill Hall. Those doing the full marathon will carry on up Chief Albert Luthuli Road to Prince Alfred Street where they proceed down through the shaded avenue and left into Retief Street back to Jabu Ndlovu (Loop) Street, where they do it all again.

The race organisers respectfully request all road users to show patience, especially in view of the limitations placed on the number of traffic officers who are deployed to assist with this event. The road will be cleared systematically behind the back markers.

If you live or travel along the route, a cheery smile and a wave or "toet" on your hooter will probably illicit a similar response from those trudging along the road.

Road Closures:

8.00am Saturday till 12 Noon Sunday Geere Street will be closed at Chief Albert Luthuli Road and at the bottom of Millar Street.

03H30 to 05H15 Sunday Bulwer Street will be closed at the Boshoff Street and Braid Street intersections.

Millar Street will be closed

Geere Street will be closed.

Payn Street will be closed at the bend where it becomes Braid

Street.

At 4.30am Sunday

Boshoff Street from the bottom of Aberfeldy Road to Prince Alfred Street

From 4.45 am Sunday Traffic will be curtailed for short spells along the first 9km of the route until the field stretches out to occupying one lane.