

Office of the Executive Mayor

Sunshine Tour and European Challenge Tour Speech 20 February 2023

A warm welcome on behalf of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality to the opening night of the Nelson Mandela Bay Championship!

With an exciting week ahead, that includes this evening's gala diner, the pro-am tomorrow, development clinic on Wednesday and world class golf from Thursday to Sunday boasting a VIP facility over the weekend.

It is with great pride that I welcome you to our "Friendly City" as we host the prestigious Sunshine Tour and European Challenge Tour, co-sanctioned event. By the end of this week we will be crowning the "King of the Bay".

I would like to welcome the Commissioner of the Sunshine Tour – Thomas Abt, Executive Director of the Sunshine Tour, Selwyn Nathan; Tournament Directors from the Sunshine Tour and DP World Tour, Ludwick Manyama and Sebastiano Torrisi.

Tonight, is not only to kick off the week's events but it is to honour legends of the game of golf who were not recognized years ago for their talent and contribution to golf.

It's an honour to honour you and we thank you for all you have done for golf and the development of golf in all communities in our city and country.

Our focus is to ensure that through this event, golf is introduced to our city and that we may find and nurture talent for many years to come.

This event is a great platform to showcase our beautiful city and a welcome boost to our City's economy. It also aids in solidifying the Bay's reputation as a preferred sporting destination, capable of delivering top national and international sporting events.

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