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Advocate Keith Meyer

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– Advocate Keith Meyer

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Message from the Executive Mayor

Dear residents and visitors of Nelson Mandela Bay

On behalf of my Mayoral Team and the entire Council, I warmly welcome the thousands of people who are flocking to our City to enjoy a fantastic seaside holiday. Explore our artists'

markets, many speciality stores, beautiful historical architecture, monuments and places of interests and Nelson Mandela's Route 67 in Central – and don't forget to fit in a township tour to experience the vibrancy and energy of township life at first hand.

Enjoy peace of mind, as we have introduced an integrated approach between the Metro Police

Force, Fire Services, the Traffic Department and our Safety and Security Department to ensure that you will enjoy a safe and happy holiday period.

Nelson Mandela Bay is still in the grips of a drought disaster. While we are delighted at the influx of our holidaymakers, we need to appeal to all water users to be mindful of their water

consumption and obey the water restrictions. Every drop is precious!

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Festive Season!

Thank you

**INTERIM EXECUTIVE MAYOR
CLLR THSONONO BUYEYE**

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16 DEC **OPENING OF THE SEASON | Hobie Beach**
MUSIC. ENTERTAINMENT. FIREWORKS.

22 DEC **CHRISTMAS PICNIC IN THE PARK | Happy Valley**
MUSIC. CHRISTMAS CAROLS. FEATURE FILM.

23 DEC **UITENHAGE PICNIC | Willow Dam**
MUSIC. FOOD. PARTY.

31 DEC **NEW YEAR'S EVE | Hobie Beach**
MUSIC. DANCE. CELEBRATE.

31 DEC **NEW YEAR'S EVE | Wells Estate**
MUSIC. DANCE. CELEBRATE.

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READY FOR SUMMER SEASON!

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Nelson Mandela Bay's 2019 Summer Season launch has revealed a state of readiness that will allow both residents and visitors to the City can enjoy a safe, fun-filled and peaceful Festive Season.

Not to forget the famous Bay warmth and hospitality: this is, after all, the 'Friendly City', named after Tata Nelson Mandela, icon of peace, freedom and democracy.

The Municipality's Summer Nathi programme, which runs from 16 to 31 December, offers entertainments galore for the young and old in the Bay. Lovers of all musical genres will be spoilt for choice.

The formal Opening of the Season launch will take place at Hobie Beach on Monday, 16 December, with the customary music performances and fireworks, while on Sunday, 22 December, there'll be more music, including Christmas Carols and a feature film to be celebrated at Happy Valley.

Multiple award-winning artists like Lady Zamar and DJ Maphorisa are some of the national treasures to be celebrated this year in Mandela Bay.

"There'll be music, food and partying at Willow Dam in Uitenhage on 23 December, while Wells Estate will close the year with music and dance to usher in the New Year," said Municipal spokesperson, Kupido Baron.

The colourful, bright and still beautiful Ebubeleni Music Festival, now enjoying national flagship status, will kick off from 27-29 December. This will reel in Cassper Nyovest and other big names in the industry in the Main Music Festival – no doubt filling the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium. Another highlight will be the Urban Music Festival, pitting Gqom against Hip Hop and Amapiano, as well as funny-bone-tickling comedy at the Boardwalk.

For the first time ever, the Municipality has adopted a coordinated approach to

ensure the safety & security of residents and visitors.

According to the Municipality's Executive Director for Safety and Security, Advocate Keith Meyer, the coordinated Bay Festive Season Operations focus was already bearing fruit. This new approach is driven by the newly established Integrated Operational Coordinating Committee (IOCC), intended to monitor and evaluate crime-combatting operations this Festive Season.

Advocate Meyer chairs this Committee, with its members comprising his operational divisional heads, monitoring and evaluating their work on a daily basis.

Revellers are expected to enjoy themselves, but must be mindful of traffic law enforcement at work, said the Municipal Director of Traffic and Licensing, Warren Prins, while Metro Police Chief Yolande Faro warned that the Metro Police would be out in full force, running roadblocks and undertaking 'stop and search' blitzes.

His team, Advocate Meyer said, would always be on the alert, especially given the warning given by the SA Weather Services of the possibility of showers and thunderstorms, associated with strong winds and excessive lightning.

"We'll be working closely with the South African Weather Service to stay abreast of changing weather patterns," Advocate Meyer said, adding that, if needed, a Joint Operations Centre consisting of all major role players would be set up to manage any crisis or development.

Advocate Meyer initiated the Integrated Operating Coordinating Committee earlier this year in a desire to achieve more streamlined operations during the Festive Season. Measurable campaigns are already in place to deal with road safety, water safety, crime in general, hotspots and crime awareness.



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Message from the NMBM: Please spend your bonus wisely...

During the festive period, most of us generally have a little more money in our pockets.

Before you know it, your bonus is spent not only on essentials, but also on 'extras', gifts and luxuries – and then the money worries begin: 'Januworry'! Tense? Troubled? That is no way to start the new year! The NMBM would like to encourage residents to think twice before they buy unnecessary items: rather pay for essentials and basics first.

Historically, there is a sharp dip in the revenue the Municipality receives from residents over the months of November to February.

Bay News spoke to Joel Swartz, Director of Revenue in the Municipality's Budget & Treasury Directorate, who offered some useful tips to residents on keeping their municipal accounts in order.

SOME GENERAL REMARKS AND TIPS:

- Please read the leaflets included in statements and monitor your accounts and your water and electricity meters readings for any irregularities.
- Accounts can be paid via EFT, cash at various NMBM Customer Care Centres around the Metro and at the Post Office. Debit orders can be arranged at banks. The full current account must be paid in order to prevent arrears from accumulating on accounts. The NMBM implements credit control actions for arrear balances from R400 and above, such as the eventual blocking of prepaid meters, disconnection of credit electricity meters, restriction of water meters and legal processing to recover debt.
- Please note that it is illegal to hold Municipal Disconnection Officers hostage – allow them to do their work!
- If your account is in arrears, payment arrangements can be

made at any NMBM Customer Care Centre. Do not delay, because your arrears will simply accumulate. Please ensure that you make the payment early enough so that it will reflect on the account by due date, to avoid credit control activities and additional costs.

- Report any change in your circumstances, such as the death of the property owner, in case you may qualify for municipal assistance programmes and the qualifying criteria.
- For example: Municipal assistance may include the free transfer of Estate Late accounts, provided that the beneficiaries qualify for ATTP. The beneficiaries of estate late properties must apply for the Assistance to the Poor subsidy (ATTP) if they are unemployed or minors of school-going age. The Municipality's experience is that many residents do not know how to handle their municipal debt on the death of the account-holder if no monthly ATTP subsidy had been received.



All employed beneficiaries need to make the necessary arrangements to pay the debt left by the deceased account-holder, especially where they stay or remain on in the deceased's property. All unemployed residents need to apply for ATTP subsidies at any

NMBM Customer Care Centre, submitting the following documents: South African ID; Letter of Authority from the Master of the High Court; and an Affidavit from the SAPS stating that he/she is unemployed.

Municipal facilities and offices: Open/Closed over the Festive Season

CUSTOMER CARE CENTRES:

Note that municipal Customer Care Centres and the accounts Call Centre will remain OPEN over weekdays in the Festive Season, except for the following days:

- Closing for half-day on Tuesday, 24 December 2019 from 12h00 noon.
- Closing for half-day on Tuesday, 31 December 2019 from 12h00 noon.
- Closing for the full day on Thursday, 2 January 2020.

MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS:

All users of municipal swimming pools are requested to note that **TEN** municipal pools will be open for patrons during the 2019/20 Pool Season. Of these ten, the following seven pools were open from 1 December 2019:

- Gelvandale Pool, Varsvlei Pool, Newton Park Pool, KwaNobuhle Pool, Zwide Pool, Motherwell Pool, Wells Estate Pool.
- The James Kleynhans Pool, situated in Westering, the New

Brighton Pool and the King's Beach Middle Pool should be open to the public from mid-December.

- Note: Strictly only borehole water is used in these pools.

MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES:

All municipal libraries will be closed from Monday, 23 December 2019 and reopen on Monday, 13 January 2020.



DESPERATE TO READ A BOOK, BUT THE LIBRARIES ARE CLOSED?

E-Books and audio books can be borrowed online from the Municipality's E-Library.

Download the **Libby & Overdrive App** to access e-books and audio on <https://nmbm.overdrive.com>

Download the **PressReader App** to access newspapers and magazines on www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za/PRAUTH

For all your specialised research, log on to <https://www.sabinet.co.za>

It's BUSH FIRE season! Please play your part!

The men and women of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's Fire and Emergency Services put their lives in danger every single day to keep our City safe, responding to motor vehicle accidents, chemical fires, all types of rescues and hazardous material incidents, bush fires and countless other types of emergencies.

Due to the hot conditions that usually prevail in Nelson Mandela Bay from November until the end of April (dubbed the 'bush fire season' for obvious reasons), the workload of these municipal employees almost doubles.

NMBM Fire and Emergency Services Chief Fire Officer, Senior Director André De Ridder, has made a special plea to residents: "It is important that the community understands that we all have a role to play to ensure that bush fires are not started due to carelessness and that we immediately contact the Fire and Emergency Services when we see bush fires. People should never assume that someone else will contact NMBM Fire and Emergency Services, as it can adversely affect our response time."

Chief Fire Officer De Ridder added the following tips:

1. Do not dump freshly cut grass in heaps. The build-up of heat in the grass can cause spontaneous combustion, which can lead to large fires,

especially if the grass is dumped together with other vegetation that has been cut down.

2. Report fires immediately. The Municipality will not charge the caller for the call-out. However, the owner of the property will be held liable for the call-out fee.

3. Covering open fires with sand after a braai at public facilities is not advisable in windy conditions, as the wind can blow the sand off the smouldering fire embers and expose them to the air, which could re-ignite them. In windy conditions, rather use water to extinguish fires.

4. Cigarette butts should not be thrown out of car windows, as these can cause vegetation fires.

5. Controlled burning of bush or trees that have been cut down is illegal without a permit from the NMBM Fire and Emergency Services. There are hefty fines for such illegal burning and the cost of the fire engines responding to such fire will also be for the account of the person on whose ground such burning is taking place.

In case of fires or other emergencies, please call our 24-hour Emergency Line: 041 585 1555



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Nelson Mandela Bay is a fantastic City, it is a unique City, it is a City of limitless potential, especially as a tourist destination, whether in its vast marine and natural assets or as a holiday destination, or its unique role in the struggle for liberation. Our 100 km coastline is our City's greatest natural asset. Our golden, unspoilt beaches are the main reason why tourists flock to the Bay, but many other local attractions wait to be explored and experienced – and why not do it cheaply by using the Nelson Mandela Bay Pass?

GET THE PASS AND EXPERIENCE THE BAY

The Nelson Mandela Bay Pass is a smartcard access card that provides you with free admission and discount to over 60 attractions and activities in and around Nelson Mandela Bay, including museums, game reserves, scuba diving, sightseeing tours and many more. It also entitles you to some great discounts in selected stores and for entertainment. When purchasing the Pass, you get a smartcard and a free guide to all the offers available. Get your Pass at the Boardwalk Centre in Marine Drive, at the Donkin Reserve Tourism Information Centre in Central, at the Port Elizabeth Airport or online at www.nelsonmandelabaypass.co.za

Check out some of the experiences awaiting you:

ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

Free entry to the famous Addo Elephant National Park.

ADDO RIVER CRUISES

20% or more discount on the scenic Sundays River Cruise and/or sand sledding experience.

ADRENALIN ADDO

Feeling adventurous? Book for the Adrenalin Addo Zipline.

BAYWORLD

Pass holders receive free entry to the iconic Bayworld.

DONKIN RESERVE AND PYRAMID

Free entrance to the Donkin Lighthouse and Lighthouse keyring.

FAIRVIEW RACE COURSE

Pass holders receive a free race card, drink and a R50 entertainment voucher to spend at the race course.

WOODLANDS COTTAGES AND BACKPACKERS

Free River Kayaking or Fresh Fish Friday, including a glass of wine at Goatshed or free guided bush walk.

HEAVENLY STABLES

Free scenic 1-hour trail ride or half price for the 3-hour beach and bush ride.

HOLMELEIGH FARMYARD

Pass holders receive free entrance, free animal feed, and free farmhouse breakfast.

HUMWOOD GOLF CLUB

Pass holders receive a free round of golf.

KRAGGA KAMMA GAME PARK

Pass holders receive free entrance to this boutique game park.

BEACONS OF HOPE' TOUR - AMA 'TUK-TUK'

Free Ama 'TUK-TUK Beacons of Hope' Tour.

NMB SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Pass holders receive free entrance to this centre in Uitenhage.

OCEANSIDE SURF STORE

Pass holders can choose from a few offers, including free surfing lessons and bicycle rental.

OUDEBOSCH FARMSTALL

Pass holders receive a free Roosterkoek with cheese and jam plus coffee/tea.

BAYWEST ICE RINK

Pass holders receive free ice rink entrance and skate hire.

PRO DIVE PORT ELIZABETH

50% discount on a guided Kayak excursion in Port Elizabeth.

PINE LODGE

Pass holders qualify for a free donkey cart ride. Pre-bookings essential.

PORT ELIZABETH BEER ROUTE

Pass holders receive a 17% discount on the Beer Route tour. Prior booking essential and subject to availability. Please enquire when booking.

PUMBA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Pass holders receive 35% discount on a Pumba five star Day Safari.

RAGGY CHARTERS

Pass holders receive a 25% discount on the Penguin Island cruise and whale watching tour.

ROUTE 67

Pass holders get a free guided walk tour of the famous Route 67.

SANCCOB PORT ELIZABETH

Pass holders receive free entrance and a guided tour, as well as free admission to the Cape Recife Nature Reserve.

SEAVIEW PREDATOR PARK

Pass holders receive free entrance.

SUNDAYS RIVER ADVENTURES

Free river cruise, 50% discount on sandboarding as well as 10% discount on any meal at A Taste of Africa Restaurant.

NELSON MANDELA BAY STADIUM

Pass holders receive a free stadium tour.

UITENHAGE HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

Pass holders receive free entry to the Drosdy Museum, Cuyler Manor Museum and Old Railway Station Museum.

7 CASTLE HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Free entry to 7 Castle Hill Museum in the historic heart of the Central City.

VW AUTOPAVILION

Pass holders receive free entry to a nostalgic trip into automotive yesteryear.

CAR RENTAL

NMB Pass holders qualify for discounted car rental. For assistance, contact the NMBT Call Centre on 041 582 2575 or e-mail: pass@nmbt.co.za.

Festive Season

While the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality wants you to enjoy a great Festive break, using the wonderful assets and facilities available in our City, please remember to comply with the following restrictions in designated areas – imposed for your safety and the protection of our environment:



No fireworks allowed



No swimming allowed during strong currents



No beach fires allowed



Dogs must be on a leash



No public drinking allowed



No hawkers allowed



No illegal dumping allowed



No camping allowed



No loud music allowed

The annual fireworks displays are scheduled for 16 & 31 December 2019. Please remember to protect your pets: keep them safely indoors.

CONTACT AND EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Water Works (burst pipes);
Sewerage (blocked drains);
Environmental (damaged roads, potholes, blocked stormwater drains):
 Tel: 0800 20 50 50, toll free (24/7)

Electricity (faulty electricity meters, robots, street lights):
 Tel: 041 506 5595

Municipal Accounts Queries Help-line:
 Tel: 041 506 5555

Fire Services:
 Tel: 041 585 1555

Disaster Management:
 Tel: 041 585 1555

South African Police Services:
 Tel: 10111

Ambulance Services:
 Tel: 10177



REPORT LEAKS AND ABUSE:
0800 20 50 50

waterleaks@mandelametro.gov.za

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OUR WATER WOES CONTINUE... URGENT APPEAL FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

It's summer, and water consumption usually increases by 15 – 20 percent in the months of December, January and February. The summer holidays, the heat and increased activity levels increase the need for water usage, whether in the form of showers, baths, laundry runs, etc. While the Municipality wants both residents and visitors to have fun and enjoy themselves in our fantastic City, the drought in the Bay continues and our supply dams now stand alarmingly low at around 35.28% of total combined capacity (figure accurate on 5 December 2019). Obviously, the summer heat also increases evaporation from our dams.

Recently, extraction from the Impofu Dam, historically our largest supply dam, was halted completely; the level of that dam now stands at 17% – unusable.

All this is cause for massive and increased efforts by both the Municipality to further tighten its water conservation measures to stretch the little water we have left.

The rain we did receive over recent months largely skipped our catchment areas – and made virtually no impact on our dam levels.

THE NELSON MANDELA BAY MUNICIPALITY AGAIN APPEALS TO ALL RESIDENTS TO CUT DOWN TO 50 LITRES OF WATER PER PERSON PER DAY, AS OUR WATER SUPPLY HAS REACHED A CRITICAL POINT

From the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's side, the necessary steps are now in place to implement the drought declaration by the Eastern Cape Provincial Government.

The drought declaration has to be made every three months: it enables access to funds from provincial and national government to undertake essential work and augment capacity gaps. Work is already being done to ensure that the necessary interventions are put in place to manage our water, with a greater emphasis on conservation and the reporting of leaks.

Since November 2015, the Metro has been experiencing a dry period of below average monthly rainfall, resulting in declining dam levels and water storage capacities. In September 2018, good rains occurred in very specific catchments and the average dam levels increased from 17.82% to 53.03%. This rainfall created a false sense of security as certain catchment

areas did not receive significant rainfall and since then the average levels have continued to drop and currently stand at 35.28% (as of 5 December 2019).

Barry Martin: NMBM Director of Water and Sanitation, emphasised:

"The most critical issue is to cut back on water consumption. We find that too many people use more than 1000 litres of water a day. In a drought situation, this is unacceptable. We need to stick to 50 litres per person per day," Martin said.

The Municipality wishes to again thank the many residents who have responded to the call and found innovative ways of saving water. We appeal to every resident and also our visitors to enjoy their summer vacation, but try to save every drop in order to stretch our existing water supply until the heavens open and abundant rains fall again. And that is not predicted to happen soon: the South African Weather Services recently reported that below normal rainfall and above-average temperatures are expected for the Eastern Cape area during the coming months. The outlook is therefore not good.

We repeat our challenge: **We need to cut our daily consumption as a city to 250 megalitres** (we currently use about 285 megalitres a day). To bring this home: each person in

your household needs to consume less than 50 litres of water a day; OR every household must use less than 15 kilolitres per month.

Reaching this will not be easy, but it can be done! Which household activity uses the most water? See the information provided at the bottom of this page, and talk to your neighbours and family to share water-saving ideas. Please think twice when you reach for the tap!

Thank you for your continued efforts and for helping us save the Bay!

If the drought disaster persists, as predicted, there exists a strong possibility that our supply dams may be severely drawn down and even run dry in the near future.

The NMBM has carried out the following water conservation activities and awareness campaigns:

- Drought communications and water awareness campaigns at schools and communities.
- Implementing domestic and industrial water restrictions.
- Installing flow limiting meters for high consumers.
- Enforcing sub-metering for body corporates/sectional title properties.
- Leak repairs on private properties through the NMBM ATTP Programme.
- Installing bulk supply meters

and pressure regulating valves.

- Commissioning the Nootgedagt Low Level Scheme (Phase 2).
- Commencing with exploratory borehole drilling throughout NMBM.
- Commencing with drilling high production boreholes at Coegakop.

Going forward, the following interventions are being planned and carried out:

- Local Drought Disaster Declaration and regular renewal thereof.
- Continuation and expansion of the interventions listed above.
- Treating additional raw water from Nootgedagt at the Grassridge Reservoir.
- Constructing a 20ML/day water treatment works at Coegakop.
- Equipping boreholes drilled at NMBM pools, parks, stadiums and sportsfields.
- Installing a barge pump station at the Impofu Dam.
- Repairing Churchill Water Treatment Works back to maximum production.
- Implementing the eight projects submitted to Eastern Cape CoGTA, if funding is approved.



HOW WATER IS USED PER PERSON!

50ℓ PER PERSON PER DAY WATER

 = 5ℓ
SHOWER

 = 2ℓ
DRINKING TEA / COFFEE

 = 20ℓ
WASHING CLOTHES

 = 1ℓ
HANDWASHING / BRUSHING TEETH

 = 12ℓ
TOILET (2 FLUSHES AT 6ℓ EACH)

 = 10ℓ
ONE DISHWASHER CYCLE

NMBM Libraries add exciting graphic novels collection

Young readers take note!

Keenly observing the trends in reading and literature, the NMBM Library Services noted a growing interest in graphic novels or comic books. This resulted in the acquisition of 1347 adult items and 726 children items, at a total value of R666 858. Most of the titles in the collection are well known TV series' and best-selling movies, such as *Black Panther*, *Aquaman*, *Batman*, *Ghost Busters*, *Iron Man* and others.

This means that a total of 2073 items will be available at all Metro libraries for registered library users to borrow and read for a period of 28 days.

Member of Mayoral Committee for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Cllr Lehlohonolo Mfana, led the launch of the collection at

the New Brighton Library. This Library alone collected 93 books, at a value of R302 883.

Delivering her message of support, Cllr Mfana encouraged young people to read, saying that reading should be instilled as an everyday routine. "Children are the future of our country. It is through reading that we are going to create intellectuals and academics. And remember, reading keeps young ones out of criminal practices."

The MMC also handed over medals and certificates to the winners of the Municipality's Reading Challenge Programme, launched in August and September in a number of communities surrounding New Brighton. Each participating child (from 3 to



13 years) was required to read a minimum of 10 books. Altogether 45 children qualified for the certificates and medals.

Reading Challenge: MMC Lehlohonolo Mfana handed over certificates to learners at the New Brighton Library



International exposure for local artists

On 4 December, a wonderful cross-continental arts exhibition titled *Through our Eyes: Journey to America* was launched at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum in Rink Street and will be on show until 12 January 2020. This exhibition forms part of an annual exhibition coordinated by the Ritz Theatre and Museum in Jacksonville, Florida, USA. The participating local artists have the exciting opportunity to have their work travel to Jacksonville to be exhibited at the Ritz Museum in early 2020.

It was also announced which local Eastern Cape artists' works forming part of the *Through our Eyes: Journey to America Exhibition* had been selected to travel to the USA.

Congratulations to:

- Kader Abdulla; Dorothy Barnes; Michael Barry; Ursula Browne; Michiel Cruywagen; Siphon Foley; Esmé Goosen; Alan Bazil Grobler; Nicholas Hauser; Bethwell Madoda Honi; Graham Jones; Ant Keogh; Gregory Kerr; Lwando Lunika; Makhosandile

- Molose; Gugulethu Mpuba; Ayanda Ngalo; Khaya Ngcanga; Sakumzi Nyendwana; Hennie Odendaal; Megan Poisat; Marc Benjamin Pradervand; Siyavuya Ralo; Mxolisi Dolla Sapeta; Minka Gabrielle Schoonwinkel; Lookout Sibanda; Muzi Sobuza; Nico Swart; Jonathan Van Der Walt; Cedric Vanderlinden; Simon Venter; Shirley Yates and Pumelela Zonke.

Alongside this exhibition, another exhibition of works from Jacksonville was launched. In 2018, when this annual exhibition

turned 25, Jacksonville artists were invited to make works in response to the theme "*Journey to South Africa: Struggle & Resistance*". This exhibition is now also on show at the Art Museum and can be viewed until 25 March 2020.

This exhibition exchange forms part of the Jacksonville/ Nelson Mandela Bay Sister Cities Partnership. The City of Nelson Mandela Bay was selected as a Sister City partner for Jacksonville because of our profound and shared liberation history. Nelson

Mandela Bay has had an active relationship with Jacksonville since the year 2000.

The international exposure to our local artists will no doubt serve to stimulate, motivate and encourage them in their artistic careers.

• Note that the Art Museum will be open full day until 23 December 2019 (09h00-16h30). On 24 December, it will be open half day, until noon only. The Museum will reopen in 2020 on Monday, 6 January.

Athletes with disabilities showcasing their talents

Choosing an active lifestyle sets example

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality supported the Siyaphambili Disabled Community Project 5 km Fun Run/Walk, held at the Motherwell Nu2 Stadium on Friday, 29 November 2019. The project sought to promote skills development in residents with disabilities in our previously disadvantaged communities and embrace social cohesion.

Primarily, this is an initiative of a Walmer Township NGO, established in 2013 to organize people with disabilities and establish projects responding to their daily lives, talents and skills. Twice already, the event has been held in Walmer, allowing locals to celebrate the International Day of the Disabled through sport, especially athletics.

This year, a number of sponsors supported the 5 km fun run and walk. Ward 59 Councillor Mazwangandile Dano expressed his warmest gratitude to a number of municipal directorates for their support, including NMBM Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Fire Services, the Metro Police, the Special Programmes Unit, the Executive Mayor's Office, Environmental Health and Waste Management, for their contribution towards a smooth running and successful event.

Purpose of this year's event:

1. Promoting the inclusion of people with disabilities in the broader plans of the state and community.
2. Alleviating the fear of people with disabilities to associate with able-bodied people.
3. Showcasing talent and

experience working with the broader community.

4. Removing the stigma that causes discrimination against people with disabilities.

5. Encouraging the corporate sector to support initiatives involving people with disabilities across the Metro.

6. Celebrating the intellect, talents and bravery of people with disabilities.

Race Categories:

1. Open Males/Females
2. Veteran Males/Females
3. Junior Males/Females
4. T11 – T13 Males/Females – Cerebral Palsy
5. T31 – T38 Males/Females – Partially Blind
6. T42 – T46 Males/Females – Amputees
7. T51 – T58 Males/Females – Paraplegics and Quadriplegics

Altogether 50 able-bodied participants (seniors, veterans and juniors) also participated, as did 150 people living with disabilities.

Results of the 5 km Run/Walk Race:

Senior men:

Winner: Vuyolwethu Selani
2nd place: Xola Sakawuti
3rd place: Thando Ncapa

Senior ladies:

Winner: Ndileka Mvawkwendlu
2nd place: Anganathi Mvawkwendlu
3rd place: Siphokazi Nojoko

Junior men:

Winner: Sinawo Poti
2nd place: Aluta Masele
3rd place: Ambesa Tokwe



Participants in the recent Siyaphambili Disabled Community Project 5 km Fun Run/Walk Race

Junior ladies:

Winner: Magaga Natasha
2nd place: Liyema Mbusi

Visually impaired runners:

Men:
Winner: Vuyolwethu Menze
2nd place: Mpumelelo Vumazonke
3rd place: Ngotoza Lwazi

Ladies:

Winner: Gongqa Vuyiswa
2nd place: Dyili Nodaziwe
3rd place: Poro Vuyokazi

Intellectually impaired runners:

Men:
Winner: Mkhusele Ngqokwe
2nd place: Tshepo Dlungu
3rd place: Lindela Ntseta

Ladies:

Winner: Ukhona Lungile
2nd place: Lisakhanya Matikinca

T42 to T46 amputees:

Men:
Winner: Shadrack Mokoena
2nd place: Lungelo Yoyo
3rd place: Phumelele Adams

Ladies:

Winner: Phumeza Tafane
2nd place: Thandeka Funani

Paraplegic Quadriplegics:

Men:
Winner: Dambuzi Siphon
2nd place: Mandla Beja
3rd place: Charles Simon

Ladies:

Winner: Miriam Vumazonke
2nd place: Thotyelwa Silenga
3rd place: Busiswa Msipha

Bonnie Lamani making her mark in professional boxing

Nelson Mandela Bay has a new female boxing promoter. The Managing Director (MD) of Aphile Boxing Promotions, which recently held a very successful Nelson Mandela Bay sponsored international boxing tournament in Walmer Township, is Boniswa Lamani.

Following in the footsteps of the great Gladys "Noforty" Tsenene, who passed away early this year, head of Zantsi Sports Productions Mbali Zantsi and, of course, her departed predecessor at Aphile Promotions Phindile Mbhele, Lamani, who is popularly known as Bonnie, announced her presence in the noble sport with a World Boxing Federation (WBF) All-Africa Bantamweight Title won by Port Elizabeth lad Sanele Magwaza.

Born and bred in Port Elizabeth, Lamani found herself in the sport in 2014 when she saw in Sidwell a group of young boys and girls undergoing training. She was quick to notice, however, that some of these girls lacked some necessities like training gear and



Promoter Bonnie Lamani with the new WBF All-Africa Bantamweight Champion Sanele Magwaza

that those staying far from the gym sometimes lacked transport money.

"I was drawn by their dedication to the sport and found myself assisting here and there and at times temporarily accommodating them when they were training for a fight," Bonnie said, adding that she also assisted Mbhele with the girls.

"We actually wanted them to appreciate the fact that they were female even though their boxing abilities were manly," said Lamani, who was an obvious choice to take up the Aphile Boxing Promotions MD position after Mbhele passed away early this year.

Lamani was also inspired by the way Caiph Camp trainer Caiphus Ntante dealt with his business, not only focusing on boxers' fighting prowess and physical condition, but on their mental and social being as well.

"I am inspired by the assurance of Boxing South Africa (BSA) that female boxing is getting its rightful respect and recognition. I am still in a learning curve and happy

that I've got a dedicated team that gives me the support I need," said Lamani, thanking the Metro Municipality for sponsoring her debut tournament in November.

Lamani wishes to see the only local female boxing champion Nozipho Bell defend her title at home before 1 March 2020, the set timeline from WBF President Howard Goldberg. Magwaza must also defend his title after six months of winning the belt.

Nelson Mandela Bay Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Director Charmaine Williams congratulated Lamani's entrance as a female promoter in professional boxing and on her debut tournament producing an international champion for the Bay.

"I'd like to encourage her to attract more women to the sport and to bring the professionalism and good governance expected at this level in sport. We as the Municipality want to encourage women to succeed in their sporting endeavours," said Williams.

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