

Bay News

July / August 2019

nelson mandela bay MUNICIPALITY

FREE!

● An iconic, friendly, ocean City! Driven by innovation, service excellence and economic development – a destination of choice. ●



Madiba loved kids ... Metro Police officers, led by Chief Yolande Faro, spent time with the kids from Lonwabo Special School in Motherwell

Mandela Magic!

Bay again showed Its warm heart on 18 July

Last week, the Bay came together, confirming yet again that the spirit of Mandela is alive and well in our beautiful City. Thousands of residents and volunteers from business, schools, churches and societies, spent 67 minutes on International Mandela Day to bring care and comfort to

the vulnerable, the needy and the lonely of our City.

It is this spirit of selflessness and compassion that makes the city worthy of carrying the name of Mandela.

In his special message on Mandela Day, Executive Mayor Mongameli Bobani emphasised that this spirit must always be kept

alive: "It is what makes the Bay so special. This generation and future generations of residents must jealously guard and protect the values that Mandela lived by: caring, compassion, tolerance and excellence! I am so proud of our residents and the wonderful activities and initiatives I have witnessed on Mandela Day!"

In his busy programme on Mandela Day, Mayor Bobani unveiled and handed over three brand new classrooms, through a joint initiative with the Mark Headbush Foundation, to the Elundini Primary School in Motherwell NU4 where congested,

CONTINUES: P2



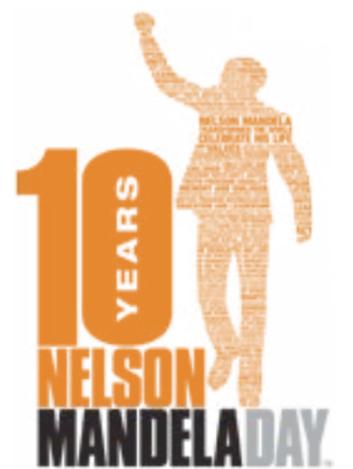
Top 50 Awards saw local companies honoured

Page 3



R40 million pumped into cleaning and greening of our City

Page 4



A NELSON MANDELA FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

NMBM MOBILE APPLICATION

MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU!

Download from selected mobile app stores today!

Available on the

App Store

nelson mandela bay MUNICIPALITY

www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za ivrhelp@mandelametro.gov.za



Message from the Executive Mayor



Yes, Madiba magic definitely lives on in the hearts of residents, as was again amply demonstrated on International Mandela Bay. Thank you with all my heart to all the residents of the Bay that made the day special and who reached out to help and empower the needy and marginalised people of the City.

We salute Madiba's lifelong contribution to make the world a better place and for his phenomenal contribution to freedom, democracy, peace and rights for all. His life has been an inspiration to the world.

Nelson Mandela Bay is the only City in the world that has been permitted by the great man himself to carry his name. But carrying the name of Nelson Mandela brings special responsibilities – and I am proud that this City is up to the challenge of living out the values associated with him.

We need in this momentous month to again pledge our solidarity and support for the fight against poverty, HIV and AIDS, inequality, racism and other injustices as we work for global peace and a better life for all.

I call on all our communities in Nelson Mandela Bay to continue building a legacy worthy of bearing Mandela's great name.

Thank you

Cllr Mongameli Bobani

EDITORIAL TEAM

Editor-In-Chief:
Mzobanzi Jikazana

Managing Editor:
Marthie Nel

Editor:
Nceba Dladla

Contributors:
Kupido Baron
Mthubanzi Mniki
Nandipha Ndube
Nomathamsanqa Gara
Pilanathi Rasmeni
Princess Tobin
Robyn Rensburg
Siphokazi Nogaya
Sive Konkwana
Sivenkosi Mtiya

Layout & Design:
Sizwe Mangcotywa

Mandela Magic!

FROM: P1

overcrowded classrooms had been hampering teaching and learning. The classrooms were built from funds generated via the Annual Mayoral Golf Day. Mayor Bobani expressed his excitement about the work that has been done: "I would like to commend the Foundation for their sterling work. Nelson Mandela valued education immensely and understood that it is the perfect weapon that can be used to change the world for the better."

In the evening of 18 July, Mayor Bobani hosted a Mayoral dinner ('Meeting of Minds') with a number of illustrious speakers reflecting on how far the City has come and the City's direction for the future.

Municipal staff members were, as ever, ready with their own activities, having identified their own causes, many involving months of careful planning and saving to assist the needy of the City.

A Directorate well known for its caring heart, the NMBM Electricity and Energy Directorate, made its own unique contribution to aid the victims of the devastating recent fire in Walmer, which left many families destitute. Hearing of the plight of 20 of these families, now housed in the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Walmer (Ward 4), which had no electricity, staff from the Electricity Directorate installed electricity meters in the church.

A grateful Pastor Nelson Makhubalo commented: "It was very hard to serve the people who came to us to ask for relief without electricity."

Also at the church to show goodwill was the South African Defence Force (Air Force base) and municipal staff from the Social Development, Education and Administration Divisions off the NMBM Human Settlements Directorate, who brought welcome relief in the form of blankets, clothing and food for the fire victims.

"We had nothing when we



New classrooms for Elundini Primary in Motherwell: Executive Mayor Bobani cutting the ribbon

came here, we lost everything to the fire", said Athenkosi Mxokozeli, one of the fire victims. "We are so grateful for the assistance that we have received so far," she said.

Ever ready to help a hand were officers and staff from the Safety and Security Directorate, with Metro Police officers spending some time with 30 kids who are boarders at the Lonwabo Special School in Motherwell. And a good time was had by all – especially the kids and the Metro Police Chief, Yolande Faro! Welcome gifts included games, toys and clothing.

NMBM Traffic and Licensing Services served its 67 minutes at the Lukhanyiso Child and Youth Care Centre in KwaNobuhle, Uitenhage, donating mattresses, food and clothing, with the generous aid of sponsors.

The Legal Process staff at the



Traffic & Licensing Services at the Lukhanyiso Centre, KwaNobuhle



NMBM Waste Management linked up with Project NMB Clean City

Traffic Department (Sidwell) gave their cleaner a day off to relax, cheerfully taking up her mops and brooms and cleaning their kitchen, toilets and offices themselves.

Altogether 20 staff members from the Subdirectorates Environmental Health of the Public Health Directorate visited the Vulumzi High School in Motherwell, educating its 680 learners on tobacco awareness, the health implications of illegal dumping, and about environmental health as a future

career option. The Project NMB Clean City Task Team, involving the NMBM Waste Subdirectorates, in partnership with SPAR Eastern Cape and Sanctor Primary and Secondary Schools, hosted a community clean-up in Sanctor. On Saturday 20 July 2019, another municipal initiative was a 5 km Mandela Walk at Vulumzi High School to honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela. Staff from many municipal directorates participated in the Walk.



Electricity to fire victims: Cllr Andile Lungisa assists

Business resilience and commitment encouraging – Top 50 Bay businesses

Executive Mayor Mongameli Bobani thanked the Top 50 Bay businesses, awarded at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in June, for their resilience despite tough market conditions and for their commitment to invest in the prosperity of the Metro.

The Top 50 Business Awards are annually awarded to complying local companies in terms of set criteria.

“We see a future where many more businesses establish operations in our city without too much red tape and bureaucracy, improving supply chain networks for the local business sector. We are now establishing a One-Stop Shop for business in the Office of the Executive Mayor. This will enable greater efficiency when rezoning, building plan approvals, business licences and procurement of land amongst others are required.

“We foresee better monitoring, evaluation and tracking of applications with this change. It will potentially entice more investments and discourage disinvestment.

“We see a city where commercial competition leads to greater job creation, innovative start-ups, new product offerings

and generally better services for the end-consumers, Nelson Mandela Bay residents.

“We see a city where business works closely with local, province and national government to deal with social issues such as inequality, joblessness, crime and a lack of opportunities.

In terms of the Top 50 Programme, local companies are adjudicated as Top Exporters, Top Investors, Top Newcomers, Long Standing Companies and Top Job Creators, amongst others.

• Revised criteria necessary

Mayor Bobani appealed to the NMBM Executive Director for Economic Development, Tourism and Agriculture, Anele Qaba to expand the categories to include Innovators, Social Entrepreneurs and Digital Transformation enterprises.

“I am strongly suggesting that you also include these categories, as we find ourselves in a digital era known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which requires different engagement with both business and residents.

“Changes in market behaviour and new technologies force us to participate with the best interests and preferences of our target audiences at heart.

“Social entrepreneurship challenges business to make money and improve the plight of their fellow citizens at the same time.

“We see a city where we innovate continuously and become a model coastal city by uplifting the poor and growing the middle class. This will change our fortunes, as our municipality is currently overly dependent on grant funding,” Mayor Bobani said.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Some of the award-winning Top 50 companies included: Volkswagen South Africa, Isuzu Motors South Africa, Ford South Africa, Shatterprufe, Radisson Blu, Boardwalk Sun International, Makro, SA Canvas Port Elizabeth, Smartstone Port Elizabeth, Exclusive Hospitality Concepts, BLC Attorneys, RV Footwear and Fred Footwear.

Other recipients were Oracle Media, TTQ Leisure Group, Mantis Collection, Sovereign Foods, BKB, Cape Produce Company, SRCC Holdings, Aspen Pharmacare, Coca-Cola Sabco, S4 Integration, Hoola Creative Industries, Blacksheep Industries, Labournet, AIDC, FAW and Talhoda Fishing Enterprise.

“... a model coastal City uplifting the poor”



Nelson Mandela Bay Executive Mayor, Cllr Mongameli Bobani



NMBM Executive Director: EDTA, Anele Qaba

Be confident! Girls encouraged to access the Energy Sector

As part of celebrating Mandela Month, the Association of Municipal Electricity Utilities (AMEU) and Women in Electricity (WiE) from the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality’s Electricity and Energy Directorate presented career guidance and encouragement and handed out sanitary towels to female learners at the JJ Jolobe High School in Motherwell on 12 July 2019.

The two-fold programme supports schoolgirls who do not have access to the basic necessities needed to manage their menstrual cycles and also introduce them to the energy industry.

“Nelson Mandela said, if you want to change the world, help the women”, said WiE Chairperson (Eastern Cape) and NMBM official Fakazile Nkomiyahlaba. “If we help the girls to be confident with who they are, then they will be better able to make the right choices and right decisions to reach their full potential and fulfil their destinies.”

According to Zimkhitha Wopa, an educator at the school, some of the girls tend to absent themselves during their menstrual cycles due

to lack of personal hygiene products. “It is really a challenge, and I am so grateful for this gift. It will go a long way to assist our girls”, said an emotional Wopa.

The visitors took turns to motivate the girls. “Sometimes when considering the place in which you are growing up, you may feel hopeless and despondent. However, where you come from does not have to define your future. I refused to allow my background to determine where I am going, because I am not my past, I am not the circumstances that I was born under, because you do not choose to be born in poverty”, said Sibongile Zenzile, NMBM Deputy Director: Transmission, Electricity & Energy.

WiE is a department within AMEU. Its mandate is to groom females in the electrical field. The programme provides fundamental building blocks within the electricity sector to unleash the full potential of women within the industry. A key objective of the programme is to help girls know and understand that they can access careers and industries traditionally associated with men only.



Proud municipal officials awarded by Province gather in City Hall

Metro’s ‘Superstars in Service Delivery’ scoop Provincial Awards

They are known among their co-workers for their dogged devotion to duty, infinite patience, astounding energy, commitment to the public and for always going the extra mile! It was no surprise when ‘Mr Fix-it’ from the Mayoral Office, Zonile Ndoni, recently scooped a Provincial Service Delivery Award, while the Help Desk Section of the Budget & Treasury Directorate’s Revenue Management and Customer Care Subdirectorate scooped a Best Public Service Award. The awards were handed over during Public Service Day Celebrations at the Nangoza Jebe Hall in June.

Humbly accepting the awards, the recipients explained what motivates them. First of all: Batho Pele principles, which require government official to be unfailingly polite, open and transparent and to deliver good service to the public.

Zonile Ndoni heads the quick-moving and fast-acting Rapid Response Task Team (RRTT) located in the Mayor’s Office, which resolves urgent or long-standing service delivery complaints and address aspects that create a negative image of the city. The married father of two admits to being a workaholic:

he starts working at 4 am and goes to bed at the midnight hour. He warmly thanked his family for their support, as well as the municipal leadership and other government departments, together with the “ordinary and vigilant residents of the Metro.”

Congratulating him, Executive Mayor Mongameli Bobani stated that the Award was well deserved, as few could match Ndoni’s energy, drive and commitment.

Very deserving award winners are the Help Desk staff members at the NMBM Budget & Treasury Customer Care Section. Their devotion to the public is such that they attend outreach programmes in communities, after-hours as well as over weekends and assist the poor who cannot get to a customer care centre for assistance. They also attend to queries and applications at Imbizo’s and functions arranged by SASSA, Home Affairs, the Premier’s office and Ward Councillors. In fact, they are always ready at the drop of a hat to drive out to any destination to assist customers. They often assist with the overflow of customers in banking halls to ensure that customers are not returned home unassisted when the banking halls are too full for the counter staff to manage by close of day.

The ‘Elite Eight’ of the Help Desk team are: Ntosh Hempe, Tamie Sinuka, Barbara Gobodo, Mishaan Dana, Hayley Bailey, Amanda Oxen, Nozuko Nyezwa and Delre Miller.

Municipality's 2019/20 R12,6 billion Capital and Operating Budgets focus on the poor

'2019 / 2020 Budget is credible and funded'



Jackson Ngcelwane

The City's 2019/2020 budget, adopted on 21 June 2019, has something for everyone, including the embattled Uitenhage Dog Pound (R1 million towards its infrastructure). However, the Budget focuses on the poor communities of the Bay: of the R1.8 billion apportioned in the Capital Budget, R835 million has been allocated to poorer wards, representing 91% out of the total of R922 million allocated for spending in all 60 municipal wards.

In his Budget speech, Mayor Bobani promised the faster implementation of key catalytic projects, greater efficiency and greater fiscal responsibility, and the prioritisation of the

eradication of the housing backlog.

To grasp every opportunity at its disposal to improve economic conditions in the city, all unspent funding by the institution for the previous financial year will be added to the 2019-20 Capital and Operating Budgets to specifically address the needs and concerns of the poor and unemployed.

Acting CFO explains budgeting process

NMBM Acting Chief Financial Officer Jackson Ngcelwane commented that budgeting is a lengthy process, not an event, regulated by the many laws and regulations applicable to local government.

"Budgeting is a lengthy process, not an event" – Acting CFO, Jackson Ngcelwane

To an upbeat Ngcelwane, the 2019/2020 budget is credible and funded. As is required by law, the biggest slice went to the previously disadvantaged areas.

Explaining this process, Ngcelwane said, "The long budgeting process is led by the Executive Mayor, who establishes a plan of action for the coming

financial year.

"This plan must be tabled to Council on or before the end of August. There are important dates that may not be missed: for example, by or before March, we must have a Draft Budget in place, that then goes to Council. Around April, it must go for public participation. Through the Budget

and Integrated Development Plan (IDP) meetings, the communities in our 60 Wards identify their prioritised projects linked with budgets."

"The Draft Budget must also be submitted to institutions such as National Treasury, which critically analyses it to see if it is credible (balanced and funded)."

Based on the limited resources available, the Budget will make some people happy, and others not. Ngcelwane pointed out the huge infrastructural backlogs in township areas, with some roads not properly tarred or not tarred at all, and the lack of multipurpose centres or community halls or even basic facilities in some areas.

In terms of the Budget, the following tariff increases were introduced from 1 July: 7.7% for property rates; 7.5% for sanitation, water and refuse; and 13.04% for electricity, subject to Nersa approval.

Mandela Bay Anti-Fraud and Corruption Hotline not a toothless bulldog: Siyabonga Gwija

The perception that municipal officials are corrupt and that fraudulent activities taking place in the city are left unabated, is wrong, so says Siyabonga Gwija, NMBM Assistant Director and Head of the Forensic Investigating Unit.

Gwija, who reports to the NMBM Internal Auditing Director on the 10th floor, Starport Building in the Port Elizabeth CBD, believes that while a lot more still needs to be done to help the electorate understand his office's mandate, whistle-blowers would agree, especially those who have used the NMBM Anti-Fraud and Ant-Crime Hotline. Criminal activities, fraud and corruption in the Municipality named after the icon of freedom, peace and social justice are reported and are seriously punishable.

"In fact, we have a portfolio of evidence in the Office of the City Manager, confirming that the city is serious about fighting theft, fraud, corruption as well as irregular and wasteful expenditure," said Gwija, praising whistle-blowers who had come forward.

The Municipality's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Hotline number is 041 506 5522. It is always busy as it is advertised on the almost 350 000 municipal account statements printed each month. In the previous financial year, 103 complaints were received. Of these, 53 were fully investigated, while 50 are still pending, according to Gwija. Both municipal employees and



members of the public make use of the Hotline.

Gwija urged whistle-blowers to continue reporting cases and assured them of their safety and anonymity.

"When we receive a tip from the Hotline, we analyse and check if it requires investigation. We then do a preliminary investigation among witnesses and the accused before taking it to the relevant directorate for further investigation. At this point, we review if the matter is only administrative or if there is a criminal element requiring the intervention of the Police, for instance. If so, SAPS will do their own investigation and make an arrest, if needed. Otherwise, the case is taken to the Municipality's Accounting Officer to check the contravention of legislation, said Gwija, adding that the most serious recommendation they offered as punishment was that the relevant official be fired.

Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality injects more than R40 Million into cleaning and greening project to ensure a Clean City

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality is walking the talk when it comes to its commitment to keep the City clean: more than R40 million rand has been budgeted for the 2019/20 financial year to pay 43 co-operatives across the City as part of its Clean and Green Programme. Over a period of three years, more than R100 million is expected to be spent on the Programme.

The services rendered by the co-operatives will also assist the Municipality in accessing some areas that are not easily accessible by waste collection vehicles. They will also assist the Municipality with community awareness programmes, in addition to focusing on cleaning up illegal dumping sites and general litter picking on roadside areas.

Each co-operative is expected to employ between 10-15 people.

Speaking at the launch of Programme, Nelson Mandela Bay's Executive Mayor, Cllr Mongameli Bobani, said he was very pleased that the majority of the co-operatives appointed were led by women. "This initiative is not only focusing on cleaning the City. We are also, for the first time, making a bold statement as this administration that previously disadvantaged people on the ground will benefit, with a particular focus on women. When we say we will redress



Cleaning and greening our City ... City Leadership at launch of War on Waste Programme

and empower, we walk the talk! This is just the beginning: more projects of a similar nature that will improve service delivery and empower the people at the same time are in the pipeline," said Executive Mayor Bobani.

60-year-old Liziwe Feleza from the Uthinga Ntaka Ndini Cooperative in Motherwell expressed her gratitude about the project. "I am so excited about this project. At my age, I was not sure that I would ever get a project from the Municipality. This is an opportunity to clean the City, our own City. We will not only do the cleaning, we will go as far as spreading awareness about the

dangers of illegal dumping". Feleza lives with two of her children and five grandchildren. Before the appointment of her co-operative, she was unemployed.

Mayoral Committee Member for Public Health, Cllr Yoliswa Pali, said that as the political head of the Portfolio she would ensure strict political oversight over this Programme. "Myself working with the Public Health Standing Committee, we want to make sure that the people really do the work on the ground. There has to be visible change in our areas. Gone are the days when our people lived in filth that exposes their children to health hazards," said Cllr Pali.

How to read a Municipal Statement

Ever been confused by your municipal statement? Or simply worried that you may not read or interpret the entries on it correctly? *Let us help you!*

On the right, you will see a municipal statement that we created specially to explain to you exactly what each term or item on a municipal statement means. The circled entries indicated by the numbers in the blue and red circles on the left and right of the statement are explained in the similarly numbered entries in this section.

We trust that the explanations will help you read your own municipal account with ease and give you peace of mind, knowing that you are interpreting your statement correctly.

• **NOTE: While the statement to the right reflects standard items and terms, it was created for explanatory purposes only and the amounts and figures on the sample are fictitious.**

EXPLANATION OF ENTRIES (CORRESPONDING WITH NUMBERS ON STATEMENT)

- 1. **Contact numbers** to utilise for any query or error on this statement.
- 2. **Date** on which statement was printed. Cash payments made after this date or EFT payments made less than 2 working days before this date will **NOT** appear on this statement. Please check the

date of your receipt.

3. **Your municipal account number.** Use this as reference for electronic payments.

4. **Overdue balance** brought forward from your previous statement.

5. **Payment received** since the previous statement date.

6. **Interest charged** on the overdue balance as at the date (03/07) the new services billed on this account, taking into account the balance brought forward, as well as payments received up to the billing date. Interest is charged from the due date of the previous statement at the prescribed rate of interest (currently 10.25%).

7. **Pre-paid electricity meter** installed on the property, in respect of which account is rendered. This does not relate to the postal address.

8. **Contact numbers to use in order to provide correct meter number**, should meter number on the statement be incorrect.

9. **Arrears**, inclusive of current balance.

10. **Overdue balance** that is payable IMMEDIATELY and not by the due date indicated in the right hand yellow block.

11. **Current account** and due date by which it is payable (does **NOT** include the arrear balance).



nelson mandela bay
MUNICIPALITY
PORT ELIZABETH | UITENHAGE | DESPATCH

TAX INVOICE
9999 999999

Page 1
Ward Number 01
Deposit 850,00

VAT REG No: 4490193473
1 TEL: 506 5555 FAX: 506 1304

2 STATEMENT DATE : 03/07/2017

3 ACCOUNT No : 600 123 456 789

Prof/Dr/Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss
A N EXAMPLE

DATE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
30/06	BROUGHT FORWARD	4 440,70
01/07	999999 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT	2 300,00CR
	17/18 GEN RATES TOTAL 19308,82	
	ERF 99999990000	
03/07	99 EXAMPLE STREET	
	READINGS TO 19/06/17 RTE 999999999	
	NEXT METER READING IS SCHEDULED FOR 19/07/17	
	METER READING CONS.	

	WATER	
	05A/KGKD9999 1234 18,0	314,38
	AVAILABILITY CHARGE	41,49
	VAT @ 14%	49,82
03/07	SEWERAGE RTE 999999999	147,96
	VAT @ 14%	20,71
03/07	SEWERAGE AVAILABILIT RTE 999999999	41,49
	VAT @ 14%	5,81
03/07	17/18 REFUSE CHARGE ERF 99999990000	93,47
	VAT @ 14%	13,09
03/07	17/18 GEN RATES ERF 99999990000	1609,06
	(MarketValue-Reduction) *RatingFactor/Months	
	(1750000-15000)*0,011129/12	
	VAT @ 0%	0,00
03/07	INTEREST	
03/07	ROUNDING DISCOUNT	18,29
	-----	1 609,06
	7 ELECTRICITY PREPAID METER NO/S: 0419999999 SITUATED AT: 99 EXAMPLE STREET, EXAMPLE PARK, PORT ELIZABETH	
	8 IS/ARE LINKED TO THIS ACCOUNT. IF THIS IS INCORRECT CONTACT 041 506 5555, FAX 041 506 1304 OR EMAIL customercare@mandelametro.gov.za	
	-----	6 18,29
		0,07CR
	TOTAL PAYABLE:	9 4 496,20
	Pre-paid electricity meter will be blocked for arrears owing on this account.	

OVERDUE 10 2140,70

UNLESS PAID WITHIN 14 DAYS, SERVICES WILL BE SUSPENDED.

THIS MONTH 2355,50

PAYABLE BEFORE 11 01/08/2017

PLEASE READ INFORMATION OVERLEAF

Dam levels at 18 July 2019

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	VOLUME OF WATER
KOUGA	44.31%	44.06%	55 470 MI
CHURCHILL	93.32%	93.38%	32 908 MI
IMPOFU	22.93%	22.54%	23 835 MI
LOERIE	69.53%	68.64%	2 077 MI
GROENDAL	55.93%	55.33%	6 440 MI
CURRENT COMBINED AVERAGE CAPACITY	43.17%	42.88%	120 730 MI

www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za
waterleaks@mandelametro.gov.za



DON'T WASTE A DROP!

KEEP TO 50e PER PERSON PER DAY TO SAVE THE BAY

nelson mandela bay MUNICIPALITY

Isaqhuba intlekele yamanzi

Umthamo wamanzi ethu uyehla! Ewe, sisandul' ukufuman' iimvulan' ezintle kwezi nyanga zimbalela zidlulileyo, kodwa zimbalela eziwe kwii-cathment areas ukuguqula iimeko kumthamo wamadama asithungelayo. Nceda ukhumbule ukuba iimeko zembalela zisaqhuba ngoko izithintelo zamanzi ezingqingqwa zisasebenza.

- **Musa ukusebenza amanzi kamasipala nakuyiphina kwezi zilandelayo:**
 - Ukugcwalisa amanzi kwii-swimming pools
 - Ukunkcenkeshela isitiya sakho
 - Ukuhlamba isithuthi sakho

- Ukuhlamba iindonga kwakunye neepavumente
- **Unakho ke kodwa, ukusebenzisa ezi ndlela zokufumana amanzi:**
 - Amanzi emvula agcinwe kwitanka lamanzi
 - Amanzi asuka kwi-Ground Water Point eseMotherwell (eMangwabeni)
 - Amanzi asuka kwi-borehole ebhalisiweyo
- Ukusebenzisa ngaphezulu kwe-15 leelitha ngenyanga uyakuzibhaqa ufakelwa izithintelo.
- Khumbula: Ukunqanda ukuvuza kwamanzi. Nceda ukuchaze usincede sikhusele amanzi!
- **Please heed the call – let there be water for all! Report water leaks and abuse: 0800 20 50 50**

Our Multi-faceted Fire Services

Fire prevention tips to see you safely through winter

The three major recent fires causing havoc and devastation to families in the Metro have highlighted the importance of fire safety and being fire conscious. The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's Fire and Emergency Services Division has nine fire stations across the Metro and, contrary to popular belief, they do not only fight vegetation and house fires.

These men and women also attend to hazardous goods in transit accidents, hazardous chemical spills, water related incidents, cliff or multi-storey building rescues, motor vehicle accidents, underground entrapment and confined space rescues, ship fires, and train and aircraft accidents.

In addition, the NMBM Fire Safety Division is responsible for scrutinising building plans and ensuring that specific building regulations are complied with. This Division also conducts

municipal By-law compliance inspections on a daily basis.

The Fires Safety Officers are also responsible for running a Community Fire Safety Education programme, with the Officers visiting local schools to teach and empower learners to be fire conscious. "When you teach a child, you teach a home," insisted Andre De Ridder, NMBM Director of Fire & Emergency Service, a years veteran in the service. At these visits to schools, the Officers always teach the kids to 'stop, drop and roll' when catching fire, as this is easy for them to remember and teach their families and friends.

The Fire Safety Division also visits local communities on a daily basis to teach them the do's and don'ts of fire and candle safety. "If we can prevent even just one fire, we have achieved something. People think being a firefighter is this glamorous life where you are a hero. But it's a tough profession, both physically and

emotionally. It's horrible seeing people burnt beyond recognition," said De Ridder. He stated that, lacking electricity, residents in impoverished areas have no option but to make use of fires, paraffin and candles for lighting and warmth.

• General Candle Safety:

- Safe candle holders have a bottom that is heavier than the top, making the holder more stable and less likely to fall over or to be bumped over. If a candle is placed in a glass jar or bottle, a third of the container should be filled with sand.

- Never place a burning candle on or near anything that can catch fire, such as curtains.

DO'S AND DON'TS AT YOUR HOME:

• Do's:

- Know the emergency telephone number of the NMBM Fire and Emergency Services. It is 041 585 1555.

- Keep a fire extinguisher at home – this simple measure can save the lives of your family.

- Ensure that all flammable liquids and gases are kept out of reach of small children.

- Ensure that your primus stove works properly; and keep it away from any material that can ignite or burn.

• Don'ts:

- Don't place any candle or heaters near any consumable material.

- Don't let children play or be alone with matchers.

- Don't overload wall plugs, as it could cause an electrical short circuit and start a fire.

- Don't smoke in bed.

You might fall asleep and the smouldering cigarette could cause a fire.

- Don't leave your stove unattended whilst cooking.

Paraffin fires are a menace every winter, especially in informal and rural areas where paraffin

stoves are used to warm shacks or dwellings during cold days and nights. As they are oil based and burn longer, they cause serious, very deep burns.

• To prevent paraffin fires, residents of the City are advised to:

- Build their homes at least 3 meters apart to prevent fires from spreading.

- Ensure that your home has more than one exit.

- Always keep stoves and heaters on a flat surface.

- Always turn stoves and heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

- Always keep paraffin, lighters and matches in a safe place.

- Only use child-proof caps on paraffin bottles.

• Should a paraffin fire occur, do NOT:

- Clean burn wounds with cotton wool, rags or any disinfectant chemicals. Only use clean water and never cover open burn wounds with bandages.

• Always remember:

Keep a bucket of sand ready to douse any paraffin fires and should a fire break out, call the Municipality's Fire and Emergency Services from outside your home, once you are safe, at **041 585 1555**.

Message from the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality

The City mourns the passing of a freedom fighter and renowned actress, Mama Nomhle Nkonyeni.

We reap and enjoy the benefits of freedom through the legacy you've left behind.

Hamba kahle Mam'Mpangela!





The poetic duo Eve's Apple (centre front) with NMM Art Museum staff

Eve's Apple and the NMM Art Museum's School Shoe Campaign for Mandela Month

“You can make a difference too, with just a pair of shoes.”

Still want to make a difference in Mandela Month? Join the campaign of the poetic duo Eve's Apple, in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, to donate school shoes for junior school children.

Yes, up to and including 31 July, you can still drop off a pair of new black school shoes at the NMM Art Museum in Park Drive. The shoes can be for either boys or girls, but must be in sizes 10 - 13 (small) and 1 - 5 (large). They will go to really needy young school kids at local schools. Mandela's love for children was well known – so not better cause to honour his memory!

Mbongeni Khumalo and

Luyanda Ndasana make up Eve's Apple entertainment. These two young poets are passionate about changing the world for the better through art, poetry and literature. They approached the Art Museum earlier in the year with their campaign to help underprivileged youngsters to get new school shoes.

• **For any queries, contact the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum on tel 041 506 2000 OR the Poetic Duo: Mbongeni Khumalo and Luyanda Ndasana at 071 538 1725 / 074 896 9609**

Three Must-see Exhibitions now at the Art Museum: Be delighted, be surprised, be nurtured!

Which of the three exhibitions currently on show at the Art Museum would interest you most? Let's consider:

• First, there is the **Spring in Autumn Exhibition**, which celebrates the beauty of flowers and landscapes, taken from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum's permanent collection.

Comment by Assistant Director: Emma O'Brien: "Through this exhibition, we wanted to bring some joy and light to the cold autumn/winter days, and what better way than through flowers and landscapes? - from the richest oils to the airiest watercolours!"

Opening date: 3 June 2019 – Closing date: 31 July 2019

• Or maybe your interest will lie in a remarkable exhibition of national importance: **Sanlam Art Collection 1918 – 2018: Centennial: A Century of South African Art**.

The Sanlam Art Collection holds more than 2000 items associated with more than 500 South African artists whose works cover more than a century. Sanlam is once again sharing this collection with all South Africans through a touring exhibition to venues across the country.

Comment by Assistant Director: Emma O'Brien: "This is a must-see – for everybody! Don't miss it! You will fall in love with the works, be mesmerised and transported – superb!"

Opening date: 25 July 2019 – Closing date: 30 August 2019.

• Or maybe the works on display in the third exhibition, **Step into My Shoes**, will interest you most. The exhibition includes prints and drawings from the Art Museum's permanent collection. Works on display explore African spirituality, celebrate Township life and reflect on socio-political issues related to feminism, poverty and liberation. Cyprian Shilakoe, Dumile Feni and William Kentridge are on display alongside the Museum's Biennial Winners, Linga Diko and Ethna Frankenfeld.

Opening date: 10 July 2019 – Closing date: 15 August 2019

Art Museum opening hours:
Weekdays: 09h00 – 16h30
(closed Tuesday mornings)
Entrance free.

The Art Museum will be open from 9:15 – 12:45 on the second Saturday in the month and the last Sunday in the month.

• **Contact us:**
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum
Address: 1 Park Drive, Port Elizabeth 6001
Telephone: 041 506 2000
Fax: 041 586 3234
E-mail: artmuseum@mandelametro.gov.za
Website: www.artmuseum.co.za
Follow us on facebook



Book launch initiative for Youth

Nascent Minds Book Club was recently launched in Uitenhage.

NMBM library assistant in Uitenhage, Nolubabalo Mapapu stated that Nascent Minds Book Club was a newly established book club for young people who shared a passion for reading and all things literature related.

Mapapu said that the objective of the book club was to create a safe and fun platform for young people to come and share their reading interests, talk about issues affecting the youth and also engage with local authors so that they could learn from their experience in the publishing world.

She could not hesitate to

call on residents to grab this opportunity and be counted in history as a literature pioneer.

"Our aim is to redefine reading and literature culture as a whole. We seek to change the youth's mind-set from using reading as their hobby. We hope to see them utilising it as a tool to enhance the mental capacity that is necessary to combat global issues that affect them. We hope to see a youth that takes an active part in improving skills development, technological advancements and create social cohesion", Nolubabalo Mapapu concluded.

Khaya Siwa has committed in applying programmes that will improve the objectives of the book



For the love of reading ... Join the Nascent Minds Book Club!

club.

"Currently, libraries are providing a platform for local authors to submit their published books for review so that they can be included in our libraries collection.

"We refer our local authors to the Centre for the Book (NLSA)

and also DSRAC where they can find funding to assist them to publish their material. Libraries have also contact with some of our local publishers, who also assist upcoming writers however, they can. Imbizo Arts in Motherwell, NU6 holds workshops on a weekly basis for those are interested in

becoming writers", Siwa said.

Among attendees at the club launch were local authors and literacy advocates such as Mafa Bavuma and Madoda Ndlakuse.

Ndlakuse also agreed that book clubs are fashionable tools to assist in improving reading and writing in young people, emphasising that South African readers should read more about the African continent, with its diversities of cultures and languages.

Meanwhile *Born for This* book author, who was also the programme director of the day, Mafa Bavuma, stated that the launch of the book club was much needed by aspiring authors who needed a platform to showcase their work and motivate each other.

"It came as a big surprise that I was asked to be the guest speaker at the event. At the launch, I did not only share my book with other authors, but also my life experiences and why I wrote my autobiography *Born for This*", Bavuma added.

Nozipho “Intsimbi” Bell on the verge of making history

‘I’ll make it rain in the ring that day!’

Before publishing *Bay News*, professional boxing lass Nozipho “Intsimbi” Bell of Walmer Township was to face the UK’s Terri Harper for the vacant International Boxing Organization (IBO) World Female Super Featherweight title in Rotherham, England on Friday, 19 July.

Bell was hoping to make history. For starters, she had overcome the most difficult hurdle of a boxer challenging a British boxer in the UK: 101 compliance issues, including MRI and MRA Medical Tests.

Trainer Caiphus Ntante was optimistic that former SA Junior Lightweight and current World Boxing Federation (WBF) Female Featherweight Champion Bell would steal the show on the day, following her questionable loss to the Polish WBO Female Featherweight Champion Ewa Brodnicka last year.

“We are now preparing for the fight and looking at making history. We do not

underrate Harper: she is the WBC International champion, unbeaten in seven fights and with a great amateur record. But Nozipho is hungry for success and knows what it means to fight away from home. She will not let the judges decide the outcome of the fight,” said Ntante.

With 12 fights, nine wins, three knock-outs, two draws and a single loss, Bell could be the second South African Female boxer to hold two world titles at the same time, following East London’s Noni Tenge, who held WBF and IBF World Titles, including the WBA interim title.

Interestingly, Tenge who now holds the WBF title, is training with Bell at Caiph camp in Sidwell.

Nelson Mandela Bay is a boxing mecca, producing fighters of the calibre of Mzukisi “Laciar” Sikali, Lindi “School Boy” Memani, Zolani “The Tiger” Petelo, Vuyani “Wonder Boy” Nene, Phumzile “Sweet Boy” Madikane and Christopher “Chris Kid” Dlamini. The last time a local male boxer won a South

African title, however, was when KwaNobuhle’s Mbulelo Nyanda beat Limpopo’s Phathutshedzo Nemukongwe to win the national Flyweight title on 15 August 2003. Nyanga lost the national diadem in his first defence against East London’s Vuyani Kheswa four months later.

Since then, female boxer Nomampondomise Xhotyeni of KwaNobuhle made history beating KwaZulu-Natal’s Nomvelo Magcaba in September 2014 to win the SA title she lost against Bell in September 2016. Otherwise, apart from Walmer’s Siphosethu Neisane, who won the WBF International Strawweight title in 2016 (which he lost without defending owing to inactivity), Lungisa Jikani lost twice in a challenge for the SA Junior Welterweight title in 2015 and 2016 respectively, while Anelisa Gungqisa lost to Makhanda’s Mziwoxolo Ndwayana in a challenge for the WBF International Welterweight title in December 2016.



Nozipho Bell

Nelson Mandela Bay ASA 21.1km Championships: Saturday, 27 July 2019

Records are expected to tumble at the Nelson Mandela Bay Athletics South Africa 21.1km Championships, which incorporates the CAA Southern Region Championships, on Saturday, 27 July. The Championships will be held from Pollock Beach, with distance options being either 5 km (fun run) or the 21.1 km run.

Credited as the fastest and richest (R700 000 to compete for!) half marathon in South Africa, the event boasts not only a generous racing purse and lucky draw prizes, including a brand new Datsun Go!

The Eastern Province Athletics President, Selby Thabethe, said the local committee was proud to have hosted this prestigious event on the road running calendar since 2014.

Commented Executive Mayor Bobani: “I can happily confirm that the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality will provide the required logistical and other support for the Championships. We are very proud to be associated with this event.

“The sport of Marathon running has its own unique appeal to a diversity of cultures, and has done wonderfully in promoting social cohesion and unity.

“The Municipality is aware that the Championships will



“The Championships will create exposure and interest in both our city and nationally.”
– Executive Mayor Mongameli Bobani

create exposure and interest in both our city and nationally. This will further consolidate our reputation as a multi-sport discipline destination. Events such as these bring a welcome boost to our hospitality and associated industries, and we are looking forward to hosting a large contingent of all competitors, organisers and supporters.

I would like to thank and commend all the main sponsors of the Championships for supporting the event.

For these and other reasons, the Municipality is fully committed to raising the profile of the Championships and ensuring its smooth running, so as to speak, in every way possible!”

Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium fit to host 46 000 fans this coming Season!

The city is delighted to declare that the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, home to the EP Kings, Southern Kings and Chippa United FC, is in tip-top shape to host capacity football and rugby crowds as the new season is about to commence.

Some important ‘housekeeping’ took place during the off-season period. NMB Stadium Manager, Mpho Mokonyama, stated that the off-season period offered a golden opportunity to refurbish the pitch. In addition, broken chairs were replaced, as were faulty lights and boilers in the change-rooms – in fact, everything that was not in 100% condition was either fixed or replaced.

Proudly doing the grand tour, Mokonyama states that the pitch is in ‘mint condition’, following its rehabilitation after the closure of the 2018/19 Premier Soccer League season in May. The right drainage, earthworks required and choosing the right grass seed mixture for the environment in which the stadium is situated ensured the current lush green state of the pitch.

Adding to the enjoyment of spectators and the thrill of the games will be the

technologically advanced big screens that are currently being installed at the Stadium, at a cost of R7 million. The current screens will be in use until the end of September. The installation of the new screens will not affect the activities of the upcoming season or events of the day, Mokonyama was quick to explain. “Because our Stadium is now ten years old, most of its equipment and machinery have reached the end of their useful life spans. Replacing them will require us to dig deep into our pockets. We also intend to buy new digital screens in the course of this financial year - these are the screens we make available to fans/supporters to use for their own information purposes.”

During the interview, the superfit ‘giants’ of the Southern Kings arrived at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium for a training session. Southern Kings flanker, Ruaan Lerm, said that his team was working ‘very hard’ preparing for the start of the coming season. Kestrel Contractors–Natural Football Pitch Construction

• **The NMB Stadium will host Chippa United on their Premier Soccer League encounter when they play against Stellenbosch on the 3rd of August 2019.**