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3 September 2022

After five years the Alliance Francaise Street Music Festival is back with a bang!



On 3 September 2022, Stanley Street in vibey Richmond Hill once again rocked the residents of the Bay. Thousands danced in the street and sampled the best authentic offerings of Nelson Mandela Bay at the Alliance Francaise Street Music Festival.

Two music stages, unique crafters, buskers, restaurant special offers, specialised bars, food trucks, fire dancers, fun children's games, food tastings and performances by some of the Bay's brightest talents delighted and enthralled the crowds.

From early in the morning to late in the evening residents came in their thousands to soak up the atmosphere, entertainment and offerings.

Nelson Mandela Bay Executive Mayor, Cllr Eugene Johnson, expressed her excitement about the return of this unique family event with that French flair and style.

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I'm overjoyed to see so many residents turning up for the Street Music Festival after the COVID-19 restrictions. I'm also very excited about the welcome boost this will give the economy of the City.
- Executive Mayor Eugene Johnson

8 September 2022

Meeting of the SALGA Mayoral Council in Buffalo City



On 8 September 2022, thousands of mayors from across South Africa gathered in East London for a two-day SALGA Council of Mayors Conference. The SALGA Council of Mayors has, since its formation in 2016, gathered and hosted mayors to deliberate and collaborate on matters concerning service provision, local governance and strengthening municipalities to carry out their constitutional mandate.

The President of South Africa, His Excellency, Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the keynote address. He encouraged mayors to lead the country's transition to renewable energy sources, efficient water use management, effective solid waste management, and the construction of climate-proof infrastructure and green transportation.

The Executive Mayor of Nelson Mandela Bay, Cllr Eugene Johnson, was part of a panel that addressed water and sanitation issues. She spoke about the ongoing drought, which affected water supply in the Metro.

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I came to seek advice from my peers about the water crisis that we are experiencing in the Metro. I am very grateful for the good advice that I received from Mayors from other municipalities and from the SALGA leadership, which will be implemented.
- Executive Mayor Eugene Johnson

10 September 2022

NMBM Mayor and COSAFA bosses comfort grieving New Brighton family during visit

NMBM Executive Mayor, Cllr Eugene Johnson, brought comfort and condolences to the bereaved family of three children who died in a shack fire in New Brighton. She also assured the family that they could count on the City's support in the aftermath of their tragic bereavement. Donations were made to the bereaved family.

Mayor Johnson made this commitment during a visit to the family on Saturday, 10 September 2022, leading a delegation of stakeholders, including COSAFA leadership.



The delegation also visited the site where Thulani (5), Likuwe (3) and Lanele (11 months) tragically succumbed to their injuries.

“We are here for you during this difficult time of grief and pain. We share your pain and we will support you during your time of grief. The leadership of COSAFA wanted to show their support, as they recognise the pain you are experiencing. As a stakeholder, they are members of our community. My office, including the Ward Councillor's office, is open to offer support where possible, as you prepare to say goodbye to your loved ones, whilst you are also attempting to rebuild your lives after this tragedy.”

“It is God who gives, and it is God who takes away. May you find comfort from the fact that we recognise and share your pain. Know that God is ever faithful and will comfort your loved ones,” Mayor Johnson said.

The bereaved family thanked the Executive Mayor and COSAFA leadership for their words of comfort and the donations made.

10 September 2022

Young NMB girls benefit from COSAFA's off-pitch legacy programme



The partnership between the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality and COSAFA once again bore positive results on Saturday, 10 September 2022, when more than 100 young local girls took part in a soccer tournament championed by legendary former Bafana Bafana player, Mark Fish.

The Fast Footie tournament saw 16 players from eight local schools across the City, including Ilinge Primary School, Phaphani High School, KwaMagxaki High School, Khwezilomso High School and Siyaphambili Primary, battling it out at the Walmer Sportsfield as part of the COSAFA off-pitch legacy programme.

The tournament aims to grow the football intelligence of the players and boost the participating schools' sport development efforts. The teams also received sport equipment, including kits and soccer balls.

Pupils and teachers alike welcomed the tournament and expressed their gratitude for the sport equipment donations.

11 September 2022

Thrilling 2022 Hollywoodbets COSAFA Women's Championship Final in NMB

Thousands of Bay residents filled the Isaac Wolfson Stadium to watch the exciting 2022 HOLLYWOODBETS COSAFA Women's Championship final.

Fans were allowed to watch the games live during this year's tournament after two years of no access to stadiums due to COVID-19 regulations. Zambia scored the winning one goal during extra time.



NMBM Executive Mayor, Cllr Eugene Johnson, said that the song and cheer from the crowds was proof that residents were hungry for sport action and the City was committed to create an enabling environment for major sports events.

“We are proud to have once again provided an incident-free tournament. The revenue generated through events like these provides welcome economic boosts to many local sectors. It has been thrilling for us to be at the centre of all this action which, of course, has a bigger goal, namely the development of women's football. Congratulations to Zambia, and hard luck to Banyana. Despite the loss, we are proud of them; it was a tight game.”

Eastern Cape MEC for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Nonceba Kotsiwe, also congratulated the winners. She commented that the Eastern Cape is developing into a sporting destination of note, as this was already the fifth year that the COSAFA Championship was hosted in the province.