

Mayor Shikongo sets the tone, calling for business unusual in 2010

In his maiden remarks for the year at January Council Meeting, Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Matheus Shikongo expressed his joy that the City and the country have received good rains during the past few weeks and that the dam levels have recorded good inflows, citing recent statistical information available which shows the levels of dams of importance to Windhoek; being Von Bach, Omatako and Swakoppoort; at 79%, 28% and 91% respectively. Shikongo further noted that the year 2009, was again a year of striking contrasts, citing the challenging municipal issues on one hand and the global economic meltdown on the other hand which impacted negatively on the City's ability to deliver services.

Mayor Shikongo also noted that it was also during that same year the Namibians from all walks of life exercised their democratic rights in the Presidential and National Assembly Elections held in November 2009. He thus

congratulated Windhoek residents and indeed all Namibians on the mature conduct that they have exercised during the elections, which were free of violence and indeed fair. He noted, "This shows that Namibia has come of age, united in the diversity of her people, democracy and tolerance". At the same time, he congratulated the SWAPO Party and the President elect, Cde Hifikepunye Pohamba for the overwhelming victory.

In welcoming the New Year 2010 Shikongo said, "Fellow Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Strategic Executives, it should not be business as usual. We should start this year with shoulder on the wheel of service delivery" he said while quoting, Rt. Hon. Prime Nahas Angula's recent remarks to his staff members that "civil servants are not in the business of cheating the public. We will be accountable for our actions or non-actions". The Mayor thus called for total commitment and perform-



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Queen's Baton Relay brought joy to Windhoek

The City Hall along Independence Avenue was filled with activities on January 29, 2010 as high school learners, members of the public and city employees were cheering on the Commonwealth Baton Relay bearers, a traditional curtain-raiser to the Commonwealth games. The 664 millimetres long baton made of 9 carat solid gold, weighing 1.9000 grams was escorted by members of the Special Field Force as it made its way past the enthusiastic crowd en route to the office of the Mayor.

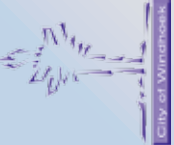


Cllr. Lenea Shaetonhodi seen on the picture above with Reginald Benade and the picture below with Beata Naigambo



The Queen's Baton Relay, is an event similar to the Olympic Torch Relay. It is a relay around the world held prior to the beginning of the Commonwealth Games as a great tradition of the Commonwealth Games. The relay started at Buckingham Palace in England, on October 29, 2009 where Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II handed over the baton containing her message to the first of thousands of Baton bearers. The baton is scheduled to travel through 70 nations; over 240 days covering an estimated 190,000 kilometres across land, air, sea, steam trains and even

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From the editor



Ndangi Katoma

A time to say thank you all,

In my editorial note of January, I said that the year 2010 promises to be a rewarding and exciting year in many respects. I highlighted few reasons from a corporate and global perspective but there are also many personal reasons from which some people may wish to reflect on. For yours truly, it is about time to make some few changes. As a result, this is my last edition of Aloe as your editor and it has been a rewarding experience to work for the City of Windhoek and serve the people of this great City.

If I should reflect on my experience at the City, I would simply say, in the end, the journey left a vastly positive deeper impression than the stations along the railway line. I believe that we can all maintain our City the proud of our nation if we continue to do the right thing-take active part in the running of the City's affairs but equally important, pay for the municipal services provided so that we can continue to enjoy those services, while at the same time enable the City to be sustainable, amidst a challenging socio-economic environment.

In the same vein, the City should continue to find innovative ways to improve the service and ensure value for money of our ratepayers. This is important if we are to meet the high and ever changing expectations of our clients as expressed in many communication mediums ranging from City wide public meetings, letters, sms of the day, telephone calls, emails etc. while mindful of the saying (with due respect) that "the customer is the mother of all dictators". I leave you with Mayor Shikongo's reiteration on his conviction on local governance that "our democracy must bring its material fruits to all, particularly the poor, marginalized and vulnerable. We have set ourselves an ambitious agenda, so we should all work together to achieve these goals". Keep well.

Letters

Dear Editor,

Traffic situation bad and steadily worsening

I know it is a good strategy to focus on the good things that are happening in our town, but I feel compelled to talk about the anarchy on our city roads which has been getting steadily worse, despite the apparently large number of traffic police available to make a difference.

I focus on two things only in this letter:

1. Excessive speed of motor vehicles approaching the John Meinert Intersection along Hosea Kutako Drive. I regularly need to turn right into Hosea Kutako Drive from the one way road north of the BP Garage. Traffic coming from the left (north) in particular approaches at incredible speed. I know personally of speeds of over 160 km/h from the times when traffic officers /did /trap there. The speed of cars on this stretch of road is alarming. It is not just taxis that are the offenders, though they do appear to be the main culprits. It is very worrisome waiting in the middle of the road between the islands for a gap to turn into the traffic, since one feels exposed and vulnerable to the number of high speed cars bearing down on one. The worry is that the cars might collide and spin out of control. Indeed a lot of high speed overtaking, ducking and weaving is going on most of the time. I have several times in the past requested that something urgently be done about speeding there. This should preferably not be done using old fashioned gatsometers, with traffic officers and vehicles in plain sight for road user to see. What used to happen is that suddenly /almost all cars slacked off to ridiculously slow speeds as soon as the traffic officers were in place. The transformation was dramatic but short lived. As soon as the officers packed up it was high speed business as usual. This was clearly an ineffective means of long term speed control. Now that speed cameras are available, the city police could amass millions of dollars and or effectively reduce the rate of speeding in the city in a very short space of time. A number of alternatives are possible, speed reducing (not very steep) humps similar to the ones in Avis suburb on the outskirts of town are one idea.

2. Red traffic light offenders. It is no exaggeration when I say I witness at least one, and often multiple red traffic light offences ranging from jumping the traffic lights to turning right long after the light has turned red to just plain and simple driving straight through an intersection when a traffic light is red. Despite the potential danger of this, I have never seen a driver warned or apprehended for such offences.

Driving in Windhoek is becoming an increasingly unpleasant and dangerous pastime. Do the traffic police have the will to make a difference? Is the public's image of a lazy uninterested officer who is also prone to speeding unjust and fictitious? I challenge the traffic police to prove that the current image is indeed fictitious.

David Joubert

Dear Mr Joubert,

The issue you raised is of concern to many residents in our City. Equally, it is of great concern to the City's management including the City Police. It is recognized that this is not to play the blame game but to pinpoint the actual reality in establishing solutions for the way forward. In doing that, inevitably we should talk about the good, the bad and the ugly in order to establish and address problems or challenges of this nature. The City accept a fair amount of blame for

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ance in fast tracking programmes on poverty eradications among the residents, particularly in the informal settlements, saying "Our efforts and activities in these areas should be visible and felt by the people who have given us the mandate".

The Mayor noted that Council in its current budget have made allocations towards the improvement of sanitation and electrification in the informal settlements and that he would like to see these projects rolled out before the end of the current budget. "We have spoken a lot about most of these developmental issues, henceforth, we must act now" said the Mayor while mindful of the limited resources at the City's disposal.

Shikongo also stressed that this year marks the last term of the mandate of the current Council, after Regional and Local Authority Elections that will be held in November 2010. Therefore, the Mayor said, "we merely have ten months to improve on what we have set ourselves in 2004. Our efforts should be geared to leaving behind a strong foundation, on which the incoming Council build". This entails that the City should strengthen its programmes around job creation, poverty eradication and economic empowerment. The City should also continue to work with communities through consultations and scheduled public meetings; in order to obtain inputs to developmental plans and programmes. Above all, the Mayor concluded, "we should continue to mobilize central government's support in order to ensure sustainability".

ILLEGAL ELECTRICITY CONNECTION TO BE PENALIZED



AS REVISED ELECTRICITY MISCELLANEOUS TARIFFS FOR 2009/2010 FINANCIAL YEAR APPROVED

The consumers of electricity who use electricity illegally are now faced with a charge of N\$2 000.00, which excludes other service fees associated with it. This was resolved by the City Council last year in an attempt to curb widespread illegal and dangerous electricity connections, amongst others. Some of the additional tariffs as well as other amended tariffs as approved per Council Resolution 371/10/2009, are shown in the table below, following approval by the Electricity Control Board (ECB):

APPENDIX F OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY REGULATIONS	DESCRIPTION	TARIFF 2008/2009	TARIFF 2009/2010	VAT	TOTAL (VAT Inclusive)
5.(f)(i)(ff)	Removal of pole fuse or disconnection of service cable on request of client	264.00	264.00	39.60	303.60
5.(f)(ii)	Special reading of meter	80.00	119.38	17.91	137.29
5.(f)(iii)(a)	Testing of meter	190.00	216.89	32.53	249.42
5.(f)(iii)(b)	Testing of circuit breaker	190.00	216.89	32.53	249.42
5.(f)(iv)	Electrician called to locate and rectify faults	264.00	264.00	39.60	303.60
REGULATION 10(3)	Replacement of damaged meters:				
5 f(vi)	- Conventional	325.00	354.49	53.17	407.66
5 f(vi)	- Prepaid	485.00	548.10	82.22	630.32
	Repair of damaged Prepayment meter and conventional meter due to vandalism	220.00	220.00	33.00	253.00
	Replacement of damaged Ripple Control Receiver due to tampering & vandalism or damages caused by consumer's negligence	670.00	863.35	129.50	992.85
10.(4)	Illegal Wiring and Tempered Metering Installation	-	1739.13	260.87	2000.00
5f(vi)	Conversion to Prepaid Metering	560.00	630.22	94.53	724.75
	Conversion from Prepayment to kWh	375.00	407.66	61.15	468.81

Baton Relay: from page 1

elephant backs, conveying the Queens message to its final destination in Delhi, India on 6 March 2010.

As a Commonwealth country, Namibia was proud to be associated with the Queen's Baton Relay. Officiating at the event, Councillor Linnea Shaetonhodi said "It is indeed an honour for us that you have chosen Windhoek, the capital

City of Namibia to form part of the distinguished Queen's Baton Relay route. It is also gratifying to note that the baton, is here with us today in Windhoek" she added. The relay will conclude at the opening of the Commonwealth Games on 3 October 2010 in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, where the baton will be handed back to a representative of the Queen.



Safety tips for driving on Wet Roads



The City of Windhoek keeps recording several car accidents (some of them fatal) due to wet roads and poor driving skills and conditions in the rain. Don't become a statistic. Herewith, the City provides some practical tips to help you know how to recognize dangerous conditions to drive safely on wet roads.

1. Why is driving in the rain so risky?

As the road gets wet, oil and grime that have settled into the pavement rise to the surface. The road gets extremely slick and slippery, making it more difficult to get traction.

2. Slow down

The best thing you can do to prevent an accident on a slick road is to slow down. When you drive slowly, a greater amount of the tires tread makes contact with the road, giving you better traction. Try to drive at a steady pace, and avoid jerky movements when braking, accelerating, or turning.

3. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you

It takes up to three times longer to stop on a wet road than a dry one, even if your tyres are designed for wet weather and are of good quality, but please remember:

- Don't trail closely behind other vehicles; three car-lengths is a safe distance to be behind a vehicle that is in front of you
- Be alert for brake lights ahead of you
- Always turn on your headlights so that other cars can see you
- Drive without the cruise control; it will help you to be more aware

4. What to do if you lose control of your car

If your car starts to skid, try this:

- Don't slam on the brakes
- Apply the brakes in a firm but steady manner
- Steer in the direction of the skid
- If your car has anti-lock brakes, apply more pressure to the brakes but do not pump them

If there is water on the road, you may be in danger of losing control of your car due to hydroplaning. Hydroplaning occurs when

your tyres glide across the surface of the water on the road. If you start to hydroplane:

- Take your foot off the gas, but don't slam on the brakes
- If you have a manual transmission, push down on the clutch and let the car slow down on its own
- If you have automatic transmission, hold the steering wheel steady and lightly apply the brakes



5. Do not drive if you are tired or distracted

Driving in wet weather requires extreme alertness, particularly at night. If you are tired, find a safe place to pull over and take a rest. Avoid distractions such as eating, drinking, talking on the phone, fiddling with the radio, or handing items to children in the back seat - anything where you need to take one or both hands off the wheel.

6. Get your tyres checked

Driving with bad (or bald) tyres can only make things worse. Try this:

- Check your tyres regularly for tread wear; the treads should be at least 1/16 in depth to perform safely in the rain
- Have the air pressure checked at least once a month
- Have the mechanic rotate the tyres as part of your routine maintenance to ensure even wear.



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tolerating a culture of speeding and motorists ignoring traffic rules by way of ineffective law enforcement, at times. While the City has been implementing isolated law enforcement campaigns or routine day to day enforcement, it remain imperative that law enforcement should be conducted scientifically to educate the driver in establishing changes to driving behavior or culture to realize a desired results. This is because many drivers have possibly adopted a simple attitude: why should I obey rules / laws if others get away with it? But is it fair to blame all the anarchies on our roads to ineffective law enforcement? What about the driver-you, me and other drivers driving 100 000 plus vehicles on our road in Windhoek? Must we only be changed by the law? What can be done by the (qualified) drivers to change our behavior other than effective law enforcement?

I know that we have reached the point where reasons such as lack of staff, ineffective fines, non-supportive systems and courts to blame have become unacceptable to many. We need to benchmark with other main cities that have done away with speedcalming on their main arterial streets and learn from them in dealing with our reality- and it takes two to tango, strict law enforcement and personal driving behavioral change. One thing I am sure about is that yes, the traffic police have the will to make a difference.

Editor

Dear Editor,

We would like to commend on one of your most valued managers, Mrs. T.A. Xaba, Manager of Billing and Revenue Collection for her outstanding professionalism and excellent customer care abilities.

We are residents of Swakopmund and have been a rate payer for City of Windhoek since 1987. The key to one of our properties in Windhoek was lost by one of your employees and so our water and electric consumption since October 2009 was not read resulting to excessive amounts shown in our statement. Several telephone calls from Swakopmund did not solve the matter. We therefore visited one of your offices where they keep the keys on the 14th of January 2010 to try and solve the matter but we left this office frustrated because of the attitude of the person in charge. We went back at 2pm and knocked at Mrs. Xaba's office. She made us welcomed and instantly apologised for the inconvenience and we left her office very happy and satisfied at 2:15pm. and the matter was solved instantly.

THANK YOU MRS. XABA. We wish you well and keep up with the good work!

R and S Ghiassi Razavi
Swakopmund

Dear Mr and Mrs Razavi,

Thank you for your email. It is certainly pleasing to receive this positive feedback. Equally, it is our commitment to continuously improve on our customer service and this entails dealing with those who do not live up to our customer service standard within the organization. We thus apologise for the otherwise not so good service that you received from other colleagues in the same department.

Editor.

Wenke vir die gemeenskap oor misdaadvoorkoming t.o.v huisbraak

Die inbreker wat huishoudelike goedere steel verkoop dit om geld te bekom. Die oorsake van hierdie kriminele gedrag sluit in sosiale faktore soos armoede, werkloosheid, druk vanaf vriende en sosiale status. Omgewings-faktore kan ook bydra tot huisbraak. Residensiële areas waar die inwoners nie omgee vir hul bure nie bied gunstige kriminele geleenthede. Die rol van aangeleerde gedrag word duidelik in die verskillende metodes van huisbraak weerspieël.

Ligte afleweringvoertuie en meubelwaens word gebruik om eiendom vanaf ingebreekte huise te verwyder. Dit is meestal suksesvol in die dele van die stad waar die bure nie kontak met mekaar het nie. Selfs al sou die bure so 'n bedrywigheid opmerk, sou hy dink dat die ander persoon trek en nie verder aandag gee nie. 'n Ander metode om eiendom vanaf huise te verwyder sonder om suspisies te lyk, is 'n besigheidsvoertuig. Met 'n elektriese-herstelwerk-voertuig kan die verwydering van elektriese toebehore 'n logiese verduideliking verskaf.

Inbrekers hou huise dop en weet daarom wanneer die inwoners afwesig is. 'n Tendens wat besig is om toe te neem is die van die oortreders wat voorgee om tuinwerkers te wees. Baie huiseienaars maak gebruik van tuindienste. Daarom is dit moeilik vir bure wat nie bewus is van mekaar se aktiwiteite nie, om te onderskei tussen die werklike en vals tuindienste.

Navorsing wys dat huise wat op hoeke geleë is, naby hoofweë, langs oop velde, naby winkels en kafees, waar mense saamdrom, en huise sonder sekuriteitsmaatstawwe meer weerloos is vir huisbraak. 'n Verduideliking daarvoor is die beskikbaarheid van verskillende ontvlugtingsroetes en 'n maklike geleentheid om 'n misdaad te pleeg.

Hoe voorkom ons hierdie kriminele aktiwiteite?

Die volgende wenke is 'n paar voorkomingsmaatreëls. :

- Mense behoort nie ligte afleweringswaens of taxis wat meubels vanaf huise verwyder toe te laat sonder ondervraging nie.
- Inwoners moet die aanduidings dat hulle nie tuis is nie ken, want dit is waarna inbrekers oplet. Die vermyding van hierdie indikasies kan die inbreker mislei. Algemene indikasies is oop/toe vensters, die afwesigheid van voertuie en 'n verwaarloosde tuin.
- Inwoners van huise op straathoeke, langs hoofweë, naby winkels en kafees behoort hulle waaksaamheid op te skerp. Die installering van voorkomingsmaatreëls is 'n verdere stap om die weerloosheid van hierdie huise te verminder.



Bly veilig!!

City's PRO respond to sms concerns



The following summarised sms have appeared in the Namibian Newspapers recently

Sms: City allows dumping of building rubble, garden and household refuse on the sidewalks in Acacia. This is not only a bad sight but dangerous and a health hazard.

Response: The City does not allow for building rubble, garden and household refuse to be dumped on any sidewalks, not in Acacia or any

where within the borders of the City of Windhoek. In fact, the City continues to inform and educate the residents about the dangerous consequences of illegal dumping such as in the case of flooding. The City further recognizes the residents as partners in enforcing adherence to its bylaws for the common good of all. The residents are therefore requested to report any act of illegal dumping to the number 290 31 10 and provide as much detail as possible to such a location, the vehicle registration number or address of those involved in illegal dumping because it is illegal to dump building rubble or heavy garden/household refuse at any place other than the demarcated landfill sites. Once again, the City does not allow illegal dumping and requests the co-operation of the residents in bringing the culprits to book. Together, we can overcome.

Sms: What the City does with the tent church in Clemens Kapuuu street and the brick church at the same place. Residents were not approached to comment or object against these churches.

Response: The owners of the tent bought the plot number 8081, zoned for church activities, therefore there was no need to source comments from the neighbours. The neighbours however are welcome to contact the City Police as and when the noise from the church becomes unbearable. The 24 hours toll free number to dial remain 302 302.

Sms: Flooding of the river in Clemens Kapuuu street

Response: The City of Windhoek carries the safety and interest of the residents at heart. The concern of a bridge along Clemens Kapuuu street has not fallen on deaf ears. However, constructing a bridge is a very costly exercise and therefore competes also with other equally important capital projects such as upgrading of intersections and road extensions. In order to manage the limited financial resources and achieve the same results, the City considers implementing alternative options. In the case of Clemens Kapuuu street, the residents in the area have different alternative access routes to get to their destinations as and when the river flows and during floods in particular. The residents are also urged to pay attention to the traffic signs provided for and must not disregard the signs and drive through the river while flooding. The City constructed a concrete drift at the problem area along the river concerned in order to allow for an unhindered water flow during the rain. The City continues to urge residents to stop illegal dumping or dumping of building and garden refuse into open spaces and rivers as the latter obstructs the flow of rain water and result in unnecessary flooding. It is important to also note that three years ago, the City constructed one bridge in Khomasdal which cost about N\$ 4million. In the same vein, two concrete drifts were upgraded, one in Khomasdal and another in Goreangab, which each cost the City between N\$500 000 and N\$750 000 each. This is just to show how costly the exercise of constructing bridges and concrete drifts is.

A case in point Klein Windhoek river which is a high risk as it has 7 drifts. A number of years ago, Klein Windhoek, Eros and Ludwigsdorf only had one access at Gevers street leaving residents who needed to get to their destination (such as the air port) stranded during flooding,. This situation prompted the City to intervene and to date the river has two bridges and there are three intersections providing an alternative access point to the area at Gevers street, Mission road and Robert Mugabe.

For more information/clarity, or to lodge any complaint, residents are welcome to contact the PRO, Ms Liz Sibindi at 290 2382, email: els@windhoekcc.org.na or Customer Care Officer, Ms Justine Valindi at 290 2690, email: vjn@windhoekcc.org.na



World Wetlands Day 2010



Each year on 2 February, World Wetlands Day (WWD) is celebrated worldwide. It marks the date of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar, on the shores of the Caspian Sea. **WWD** was celebrated for the first time in 1997 and made an encouraging beginning. Each year, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and groups of citizens at all levels of the community have taken advantage of the opportunity **to undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and benefits in general. In Windhoek, it is therefore important to highlight the importance of wetlands here and what we can do to protect them.**

This year WWD is celebrated under the theme: "Wetlands, Biodiversity, and Climate Change." 2010 is a big year for biodiversity and has been proclaimed by the United Nations as the International Year of Biodiversity. It all began in 2001 when the European Union agreed that "biodiversity decline should be halted with the aim of reaching this objective by 2010". With the recently concluded climate conference in Copenhagen, this year the City will also look at the impact of Climate Change for present and future wetland ecosystem health.

Wetlands are classified as areas where there is permanent or tempo-



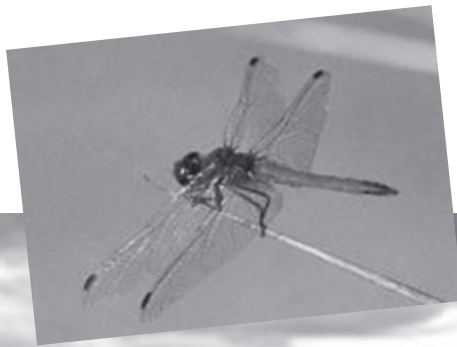
rary surface water. Wetlands include perennial and ephemeral rivers, floodplains, pans, lakes, sinkhole lakes and water-filled caves, dams, springs, swamps, marshes, seeps, oshanas, and estuaries. From the above definition and classifications of wetlands all the major ephemeral rivers that run through Windhoek (e.g. Klein Windhoek and Avis rivers) and the associated tributaries and dams such as Avis and Goreangab Dam can be classified as wetlands of conservation importance.

The river systems around Windhoek are ephemeral. This

means that water courses carry water only for a short period after heavy rainfall. The open water habitat encompasses several dams and pools situated in and around the Windhoek municipal area. In the Windhoek townlands, the only two bodies of open water of any real extent are the Goreangab and Avis dams, both being artificial reservoirs. These water bodies supports many bird species that would otherwise not be in the Windhoek area, and are thus very important contributors to bird biodiversity. The dams are thus threatened by pollution resulting from industrial activities and urban waste as well as agricultural management practices.

The ephemeral water courses are dominated by riverine thickets that provide stability and protect the river banks from erosion. This habitat is dominated by big tree species such as *Acacia karroo* which provides nesting sites to numerous bird species and shelter to various small invertebrates. The integrity of ephemeral rivers in Windhoek is threatened by the over harvesting of *Acacia erioloba* (Camel thorn) pods, the invasion of alien invasive species such as *Prosopis*, sand mining activities (depletes the seed bank on the topsoil and destroy the river banks), canalization of the river bed and the illegal dumping of rubble and waste in river beds.

It is very important for all residents of Windhoek to ensure that our wetlands are protected. This can be achieved by increasing awareness and environmental education on wetland importance and values.



WHAT AND WHERE IN WINDHOEK

MARCH 2010

REGULAR

Every Tuesday

Windhoek Harriers Road Running Club, all runners and walkers are invited to attend time trials commencing at 17h45 every Tuesday from United Sports Club in Olympia. Beginners and advanced runners and walkers are welcome. Races are held on a monthly basis. Charles Gordon can be contacted at Tel: +264 (0) 811 249471

EXHIBITIONS

Until 30 April

John Muafangejo Art Exhibition. Venue: National Art Gallery of Namibia, c/o John Meinert & Robert Mugabe Avenue. Tues-Friday 08h00-17h00, Sat 09h00-14h00.

01-31 March

Joe Madisia retrospective art exhibition (1980-2010) of Black and White Prints, venue: FNCC, Robert Mugabe Avenue, free Entrance.

10 March

"When we were young" A story of four young people who had different dreams and life experiences. These stories are portrayed in this Namibian film. Namibian artists only. Venue: National Art Gallery Namibia, Robert Mugabe Avenue, 09h00-17h00, Mon-Fri. Tel: (061) 231 160

15-31 March

20th Independence Celebration Anniversary Art Exhibition, showcasing a variety of work of Namibian artists only. Venue: National Art Gallery Namibia, Robert Mugabe Avenue, 09h00-17h00, Mon-Fri. Tel: (061) 231 160

23 March

COTA Art Exhibition, Venue: College of the Arts on Fidel Castro Street. Time: 18h00, Free Entrance

CARNIVAL

27 March

College of the Arts (COTA Carnival) formerly known as Mardi Gras Carnival, will be taking place at the College of the Arts. It will start with a parade at 10h00-11h00 from the Theatre School on Robert Mugabe Avenue to the COTA on Fidel Castro Street. Refreshments will be available for sale and the carnival will finish at 16h00. Tel: 061-374 102

STAGE PERFORMANCE

04 March

Joey Rasdien, South African stand up comedian, at NTN on Robert Mugabe Avenue. Starts: 20h00 Entrance Fee: N\$120-00. Tel:



PUBLIC NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) NEW UJAMS WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The City of Windhoek (CoW) proposes, as part of a wider infrastructure upgrading scheme for the Brakwater area, the installation of a new waste water treatment plant (WWTP) to meet the demands of the growing numbers of clients within the northern parts of Windhoek.

The new Ujams Waste Water Treatment Plant will be a 'Conventional Treatment with Filtration' system, designed to handle effluent from the Northern Industrial Zone, Lafrenz Industrial Zone and the not yet developed Eastern Industrial Zone (design flow in the year 2028).

The proposed WWTP site is located some 900m north of the existing Ujams pond treatment system situated on CoW owned land. The overall area demand for the conventional treatment plant is ca. 2.6 ha. General infrastructure services like potable water, 400 V power supply (1,000 kVA), telecommunication and a connection to the existing main collector from the Northern Industrial Zone will be provided. A new access road will be provided from the existing gravel road that connects the ponds to Highway B1.

The City of Windhoek appointed Urban Green cc to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the NEW Ujams Waste Water Treatment Plant as per the requirements of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) of 2007 and Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy (1995).

The aim of this EIA is to identify key environmental issues associated with the construction, operation and decommissioning of the plant and put forward mitigation measures of key environmental issues identified.

As part of the EIA requirements all Interested and Affected Parties are invited to:

- Register with the appointed Consultant to receive and respond to all correspondence distributed during the course of the EIA.

For further enquiries please contact the following people.

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E-mail: urbangreen@way.na

City of Windhoek
Mr. Pierre van Rensburg
061 - 290 2407
Ms. Grazy Tshipo
061 - 290 2373



STAGE PERFORMANCE continues

05 March

Genova & Dimitrov, a Piano Duo, will be hosted by the College of the Arts performing various compositions. Venue: COTA Concert Hall, Fidel Castro Street. Time: 20h00. Entrance Fee: N\$40-00/ Adults & N\$20-00/ Children.

24 March

Kareyce (Cameroon) and Bholoja (Swaziland) will be sharing stage on this day at the NTN, Robert Mugabe Avenue. Show starts: 19h00 for 20h00. Tickets: N\$40-00 (advance) & N\$ 50-00 (at door).

25 March

African Performing Arts Concert, Venue: College of the Arts, Fidel Castro Street. Entrance Fee: N\$10-00/ adult and N\$5-00/ children. Time: 19h00

24 March

Student Concerts, COTA Concert Hall, College of the Arts, Fidel Castro Street. Time 19h00. Entrance Fee: N\$ 10-00/adults and N\$5-00/children.

26 March

Lecturer's Concert, COTA Concert Hall, College of the Arts, Fidel Castro Street. Time 19h00. Entrance Fee: N\$ 20-00/adults and N\$10-00/children.

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