

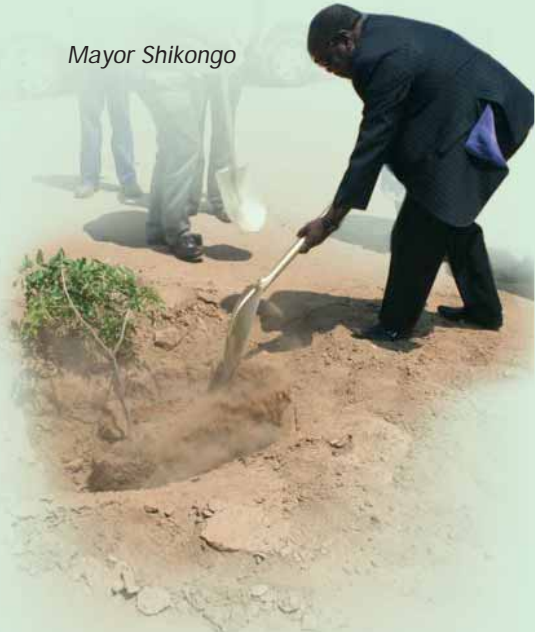
International Arbor Day observed in Windhoek



The City of Windhoek, celebrated the International Arbor Day for the first time, by planting trees around the city on Friday 8 October. On this day, individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees.

In an attempt to bridge the almost visible divide between the southern affluent parts of the City and the previously neglected North Western areas, the City of Windhoek planted approximately 300 trees to create a sustainable green landscape in the northern area of Windhoek as well. The trees were planted at the Oponganda Cemetery, Katutura Cemetery, Khomasdal Cemetery as well as the Old location cemetery. Street trees were also planted in Hosea Kutako Drive. Besides the aesthetical value street trees also have many other benefits to residents in terms of economical values, traffic calming and providing shade to pedestrians. The City will continue planting trees within the City. Plans are underway to plant about a 1000 trees on the same day next year.

Mayor Shikongo



Mr. Mayumbelo



Cllr. Claassen and Ms. Brandt



Ms. Sibindi and Mr. van Wyk



Mr. Uakazuvaka



Cllr. Ilonga

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Editor's desk



Liz Sibindi

Dear valued clients, residents of the City of Windhoek and readers of the Aloe.

It is my pleasure to be back at your service after a good 8 weeks of sick leave. May I take this opportunity to apologise that you didn't receive the last Aloe. Organisational internal challenges didn't allow us to produce an Aloe in September.

This edition of the Aloe takes us into taking care of mother earth, "Windhoek moving towards a green City". A new Solid Waste Policy has been adopted and launched on October 26 2010. More about that in the next edition but there are several articles lined up in this regard in the issue you hold in your hands.

Enjoy Reading

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- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

1

Limitation at Olympia Satellite Landfill site for vehicles < 1.5 ton

Dear valued clients be informed, that the Olympia garden refuse and building rubble landfill site will be closed for all trucks. Only vehicles with a carrying capacity of less than 1.5 ton will be allowed at the Olympia Satellite Landfill Site as from 1 November 2010.

The Olympia Satellite Landfill Site is originally designed for residents only, its capacity is limited and the City is planning to close it by end February 2011. This site will be replaced by the Kleine Kuppe Transfer Station, which is currently under construction. The reason for this change in operations is to slow down the rate at which the site is filled.

All site users with vehicles larger than 1.5 ton and all building contractors wanting to dispose of either garden refuse or building rubble are advised to make use of the Pionierspark Satellite Landfill Site, situated about 700m west of the Western Bypass/Bernt Carlson road T-Junction.

The City of Windhoek appreciates the co-operation of all residents and businesses in ensuring that sustainable waste management practices are implemented.

For any enquiries please contact: .
Andrea Hewicke at 061 - 290 3110/3111

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Moratorium on all new Shebeen Application

Following the outcry from the public and the general observation of the mushrooming of Shebeens in the City, the Management Committee requested an investigation into the concern and propose possible measures to improve the situation.

In this regard, a moratorium is placed on all new applications received from May 2010 till further notice when the

investigation is completed. The old approved Shebeens may operate until further measures will be proposed and approved by Council. This new measure will be applicable as and when renewal applications will be submitted in the New Year.

The process is anticipated to take about 4 months to complete. New Shebeen applications will be considered again

only after this investigation. Interested residents and business people are still welcome to submit their applications though, they will only be considered after the completion of the above investigation.

Valued clients of the City of Windhoek are welcome to dial the following numbers for more clarity, 290 3517, 290 2042 and 290 2294.

Join hands against Biodiversity loss

Biodiversity is the variety of all living things, their genetic make-up, and the natural communities in which they occur.



The protection of Camelthorn corridors has been identified as priority action area by the forum. Camelthorn trees have a very important role in the functioning of our alluvial plains. Sadly, many of them are chopped down or damaged, despite their protected legal status.

The City of Windhoek in collaboration with Enviro Dynamics, recently called all stakeholders to take action by joining a Biodiversity Forum for Windhoek. The first meeting for the Forum was held in August 2010.

A steering committee was instituted and put forth a list of priority action areas meant to facilitate biodiversity management in Windhoek. The City of Windhoek will implement the actions in conjunction with the partners in Biodiversity.

Biodiversity is essential for the benefits the ecosystems can provide to humans and hence for human well-being. Biodiversity loss has direct and indirect negative effects on factors such as food security, the vulnerability of ecosystems, health, energy security, clean water and the availability of basic goods which individuals need in order to earn an income.

The partners in this initiative now call on all other interested persons, groups and organisations with a passion for Biodiversity, to join the Forum. For more information, please contact Ms Sigi Horsthemke at: sigi@envirod.com , Tel: (061) 223 336 or emailing at: shk@windhoekcc.org.na

International day for disaster reduction



From the left: Evance Chapasuka from SADC, Cllr. Elaine Trepper, Prime Minister Right Hon. Nahas Angula, Ms. Kari Egge UN Resident Co-ordinator and Ms. Dorkas Kapembe-Haiduwa the Secretary General of Namibia Red Cross Society.

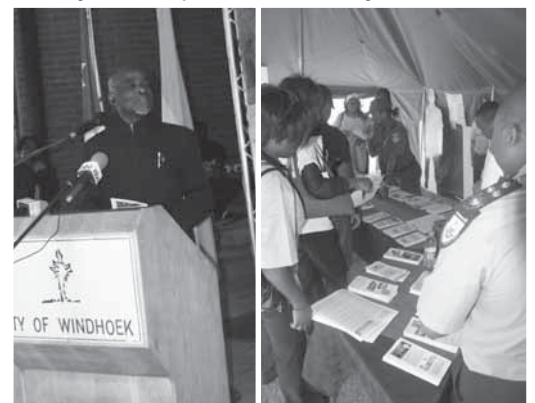


The City of Windhoek in partnership with the Office of the Prime Minister and UNDP, commemorated the annual International Day for Disaster Reduction under the theme, "Making Cities resilient, My City is getting ready". The International Day for Disaster Reduction, is commemorated annually on every second Wednesday of October. At the same event, the Right Hon. Prime Minister Nahas Angula of the Republic of Namibia also launched a two year campaign with the aim to making Cities resilient.

The colourful event, with exhibition stands was held in the Zoo park and attended by members of the Civil society, private sector, various regional council representatives, higher learning institutions and learners of the Hochland high secondary school, who performed an informative play related to climate change.



Cllr. Trepper with Chief Emergency Management Mr. Raymond Kapia and Erwin Skrywer.



Shanghai Delegation, led by Mr. Shen Hongguang, 21-25 September

A nine member delegation of Shanghai paid a reciprocal visit to the City of Windhoek during September 21-25 2010. The Visit was led by Mr. Shen Hongguang, Head of Organisation Department of CPC, Shanghai Municipal Committee. The visit was aimed at pursuing discussion on areas of co-operation that were agreed upon during the Windhoek delegation visit to Shanghai.

During this visit, a Windhoek Shanghai Youth Exchange Program was initiated by the Founding Father of the Namibian Nation, Dr. Sam Nujoma. Through this program, 10 Windhoek grade 11 participants, selected from diverse communities of Windhoek, undertook a trip to Shanghai on October 15, 2010.

The Cities of Windhoek and Shanghai have been partners, collaborating in addressing common challenges such as worldwide urbanization and seeking solutions for sustainable development as well as best usage of cultural heritage since signing of the co-operation agreement in 1995. Initial areas of co-operation were, Technical support, Early childhood development and promotion of tourism and trade.



Mr. Shen Hongguang handing over a donation of about 300 books for the Greenwell Matongo Library



Mayor Shikongo in consultation with the delegation



Mr. Shen Hongguang signing the visitors book

City of Windhoek found to be friendly to the physically challenged

The Lions Club organized an initiative aimed at verifying if the City of Windhoek is friendly to the physically challenged members of our society. The CEO of the City of Windhoek, Mr. Niilo Taapopi was taken on a tour of Windhoek in a wheelchair to establish just how friendly the City is to people with handicaps. Various shopping malls, banks, restaurants, the Magistrate's Court in Katutura and the City's cash hall were visited.

The exercise found that most establishments do cater sufficiently for people with special needs but improvements could be made where pointed out, such as, the tour found that some customer counters were too high for people in wheelchairs to reach.



International day for older persons

Ministry of Health and Social Services and the City of Windhoek yet again hosted this year's International Day for Older People. This annual event maintains its position on the City's annual event calendar. The United Nations declared that the theme of this year be: "*Older Persons and the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals*".

Addressing the audience, Councillor Veico remarked that, the lack of necessary means – mainly financial resources, hampers the City's efforts to adequately address the plight of our older residents". While celebrating the day, Veico challenged corporate Namibia and all able bodied citizens to contribute to initiatives aimed at uplifting the living standards of our senior citizens.

In its effort to mitigate the said challenges, The City in 2008 resolved to exempt pensioners from paying bus fares. The City of Windhoek also introduced a deliberate program, called the Older Persons Support Program aimed at:

- Promote active aging
- Improve living conditions of older persons
- Support initiatives of older persons in the City
- Integrate older persons in socio-economic activities
- Address their social, physical and emotional well-being
- Recognize their contribution in the community
- Respect older persons dignity

Through this program Council amongst others wishes to assist older people with income generating projects, and also avails venues such as Khomasdal/katura Community Hall free of charge for older people related activities.

The City of Windhoek thanks the Ministry of Health and Social Services for their continuous support in this and other projects, the University of Namibia for availing students who served the elderly and the older persons who assisted the City to mobilize their peers in their community and old age homes.



/Ae // Gams Arts and Cultural Festival 2010

In September of each year, the City celebrates the onset of spring with the annual /Ae //Gams Arts and Cultural Festival. This was no different this year. The City of Windhoek is committed to the development of arts in Windhoek and recognised that our local artists desperately need a platform to display their talent. Since 2001 the /Ae // Gams Arts and Cultural Festival has evolved to a truly Windhoek festival that is integrating all disciplines of the arts, hence, the motto "Diverse Cultures and One Vision"

This year, this vibrant and diverse festival took place at various venues in and around the City from the 8th to 11th September 2010 and featured music, theatre, dance, children's art workshop, cultural performances and exhibitions with a blend of several exciting international collaborations.

The highlights of this year's festival were amongst others:

- **Street market** offered **locally produced crafts**, an **international cuisine exhibition** and a **children's art workshop** on 11 September 2010, from the 8th to the 12th September 2010 in the Zoo Park.
- The **Mayor's concert** featured Stephan Ludik, Gal Level, Olive Groove, and many more artists, taking place in the Zoo Park Amphitheatre on Saturday 11th September 2010 from 18:00.
- Performance by **KAKKARAT** a music group from **Finland** at the Zoo Park Amphitheatre and that by **Aly Keita** at the FNCC



Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Agnes Kafula looking on the Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture, Hon. Kazenambo Kazenambo and the Minister of foreign Affairs Utoni Nujoma beat the drums, signifying the official opening of the 2010 /Ae //Gams festival activities

New buses to the City of Windhoek

The long awaited bus fleet of the City of Windhoek had been delivered. The City purchased additional twenty new buses through its tender procedures to compliment the current fleet of fifty-nine buses.

The expansion of the bus fleet will allow the City to expand the Municipal bus service coverage in the City, by enhancing existing trips and introducing new routes to suburbs currently not receiving the service.

The twenty buses are supplied by Scania Truck Namibia and Mercedes Benz with each company supplying ten (10) buses respectively. As per contract, Scania and Mercedes Benz have to train the bus drivers on Product Knowledge and issues such as the functionality of the new buses, such as: daily inspection, understanding the different features on the bus and effective and efficient driving techniques to mention but a few.

Scania Truck Namibia was the first to train bus drivers of the City of Windhoek. Three bus drivers and one driver for heavy duty vehicle were sent to Scania-South Africa's Driver Training Academy to attend a Train

the Trainer Workshop from 26-30 July 2010. The four drivers were trained in order to continue training the rest of the drivers. They are Mr Gottlieb Haraseb, Mr Edward Kuhanga, Mr Elvis Nguaike and Ms Annelly Venancio.

Mercedes Benz the second supplier of the other ten buses is also expected to

carry out similar training for the drivers of the buses supplied by them. The City of Windhoek is responsible for public transport services, to ensure the residents mobility and accessibility to various sectors in and around the City and to ensure that the service meets the needs of passengers by improving levels of service and cost thereof



Minister of Regional Local Government and Housing, Hon Jerry Ekandjo, Mayor Shikongo, MD of Scania Southern Africa, Mr. Christoffer Ljungner together with the City of Windhoek Councillors.

City of Windhoek and Vantaa cooperates on Strategy Works Planning and Formulation

A delegation of two, from the sister city of Vantaa payed a reciprocal visit to Windhoek as part of the Good Governance Component between the two cities from 10-16 October 2010. This follows a visit by Cllrs JJ Shikongo and Hangapo Veico in June 2010. It was agreed and confirmed that, going forth, the two cities shall cooperate on Strategy Works- Planning and Formulation.

The City of Vantaa has good experience in the subject of Good Governance Practice and will assist the City of Windhoek in their

5 year strategic plan. The Vantaa delegation of two are Cllr. Paula Lehmuskalio (attached to the cooperation) and Ms. Eija Salla, responsible for audit and quality assurance for strategic works in the City of Vantaa.

Besides visiting projects funded under this agreement, the delegates make a presentation on Vantaa Strategy after attending presentations on the City of Windhoek HR practices by Ms. J. Joseph Strategic Executive of Human Resource.



In the pictures Cllr. Paaula Lehmuskalio and Ms. Eija Salla from the city of Vantaa seen with Cllr. Veico, Ms. Eiman, Ms. Sibindi (on the left) and an official from the Penduka Womens Project (on the right).

City enhances Zonal Policing with 50 more vehicles

Since the commissioning of the City Police Service in December 2005, the Service has embarked upon operational activities aimed at containing the crime situation in the City. The City of Windhoek Deputy Mayor Cllr. Agnes Kafula remarked during the recently held handing over ceremony of 50 vehicles to the City Police Department in the Capital.

Kafula noted that although notable achievements had been made, the Department encountered setbacks saying, "the allocation of adequate resources remains a major challenge to the council". She therefore appealed to all relevant stakeholders to invest in the municipal police service in order to enable it to efficiently fight

crime in the City as well as to protect lives and properties of both residents and visitors alike.

She observed that for the five years of City Police operations alongside the Namibian Police Force, crime within the borders of the City has reduced remarkably. The Service further introduced a friendly public facility through a Toll free number 061 302302 and SMS line 4444, thanks to business partners such as Telecom Namibia for the sponsorship. The City Police also introduced several initiatives to bring the service closer to the people and for effective and efficient crime prevention and apprehension of criminals such as Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving, Zonal Patrol, CCTV as well as Intelligence Driven Policing.



Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek Council Agnes Kafula (L) joined by the City's Governor Sophia Shaningwa as she hands over the key to the Chief of City Police Abraham Kanime (C) during the handing over ceremony of 50 vehicles to the City Police in the capital recently.

Members of the City Police Service taking the salute as Deputy Mayor Cllr. Agnes Kafula drive pass during the handing over ceremony.



WINDHOEK SHOW

The City of Windhoek scooped the Golden award in the indoor exhibitors category, at the recently held Windhoek Agricultural show. Seen on the pictures are some of the officials who worked at the City stand flaunting the certificate with the PRO of the City, Liz Sibindi.



WHAT AND WHERE IN WINDHOEK

October 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.

Every Saturday

Green Market/ Biomarket, fresh vegetables are available and milk products and many organic products are on sale. Venue: 3-5 Umland Street in Klein Windhoek. Time: 09h00-12h00. For more information please contact Inge Glaue: 061 - 239 555.

THEATRE, MUSIC & FILM

3-20 November

Namibia Film Award Screenings: Watch all the local films that have been entered and accepted for the awards at the FNCC cinema from 3 to 13 November. For more information please contact FNCC at www.fncc.org.na, communication@fncc.org.na, Tel: 387 330.

12-13 November

Performance by the Maranatha Singers. Venue: Christuskirche, NG Moedergemeente. Time: Both performances start at 19H00. Tickets are available at Lorna's Fashions in Maerua Mall and Esteria Pharmacy in Independence Avenue at N\$50,00 adults and N\$20 for children.

20 November

NTN Theatre Awards 2010: Start at 19h00 for 20h00 at the NTN on Robert Mugabe Avenue. For more information please contact National Theatre of Namibia at Tel: 374 400, e-mail pro@ntn.org.na. www.ntn.org.na

20-21 November

National Theatre of Namibia Charity Concert. An annual Concert "In Aid of the Aged and the Vulnerable" Start at 19h00 for 20h00 at the NTN on Robert Mugabe Avenue. For more information please contact National Theatre of Namibia at Tel: 374 400, e-mail pro@ntn.org.na. www.ntn.org.na

EXHIBITIONS

12 November

I Live Art, The Visual and Performing Arts Department at UNAM hosts an annual exhibition and fashion show. These two events have grown in strength over the years and the quality of works produced deserves a larger platform; so much so that the FNCC is now co-hosting these exciting events. For more information please contact FNCC at www.fncc.org.na or Tel: 387 330.

29 November 2010-28 January 2011

Energy: An Exhibition by FNCC's Photography Students. Energy flows all around us in different forms and shapes. For more information please contact FNCC at www.fncc.org.na, communication@fncc.org.na, Tel: 387 330.

29 November 2010-28 January 2011

Celebrating 10 Years FNCC: 10 Years FNCC is the title of a multimedia exhibition bearing testimony to the service, dedication and hard work this centre has delivered since its inception in 1991 and since its official inauguration on its current premises in 118 Robert Mugabe Avenue on December 1, 2000. For more information please contact FNCC at www.fncc.org.na or Tel: 387 330, communication@fncc.org.na

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