

MINISTER OF URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ADDRESSES KHOMASDAL CONSTITUENCY RESIDENTS



[L-R]: City of Windhoek Councillor Ian Subasubani, Her Worship Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek Cllr Teckla Uwanga, Minister of Urban and Rural Development Hon Dr Peya Mushelenga, Chairperson of the Nation Council and Khomasdal Constituency Councillor Hon Margaret Mensah-Williams, and City of Windhoek Councillor Immanuel Paulus.

At a packed event held on 25 February 2018, Hon. Dr Peya Mushelenga newly appointed Minister of Urban and Rural Development accompanied by Chairperson of the Nation Council and Councillor for Khomasdal Constituency Hon. Margaret Mensah-Williams, and City of Windhoek's Deputy Mayor Cllr Teckla Uwanga as well City of Windhoek's Councillor Immanuel Paulus and Cllr Ian Subasubani. At the event Hon Peya Mushelenga urged City's residents to work together with the Ministry so as to ensure mutual cooperation and that the Ministry will work together with institution that are committed to address the housing backlog in the city such as Shack Dweller Association, as they have demonstrated their commitment to the provision of low cost housing. Hon. Mushelenga also expressed concern that it is not conducive to build thousands of houses if people cannot afford them, but to rather build houses that people can afford.

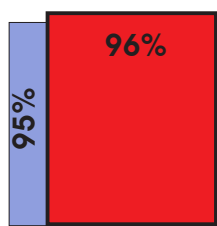
on the activities, reports and draft plans for the constituency. Chairperson of National Council and Councillor for Khomasdal Constituency Hon. Margaret Mensah-Williams pointed out to the residents that, one of the main big plans for the settlement is to provide electricity installation to households as well provide street lights.

Also, present at the occasion, City of Windhoek's Councillor Ian Subasubani, urged the public to remain patient while the City iron out the teething in the speedy implementation and aligning of City of Windhoek projects as per Public Procurement Act that was introduced last year. Further, Hon. Mensah-Williams cautioned the resident to refrain from illegally connecting electricity as this will in turn endangering their lives and that of other community members, and that it's also one of the contravention of municipal bylaws. Hon. Mensah-Williams, encourages the community members to work together to fight crimes in their neighbourhood and to join the neighbourhoods watch groups in their respective areas.

The meeting took place at the City's informal settlement in Otjomuise, with the aim to update the community

WATER ALERT

Windhoek's water consumption is alarming. During this summer extra caution to save water is required.



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Allowance 95% (482970 m³)

Consumption 96%



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Dear Resident, it is a pleasure to bring the second edition of the Aloe, in this edition we detail some of the main hitlist of the City achievements and challenges. It a pleasure to note that the City continue to make strides in the delivery of serviced municipal land for residential housing, as the City of Windhoek's Council leadership approved 213 erven in February to would be new household owners. The City will also electrify 4,000 formalised residential housing in the informal settlement, a welcomed development that will bring one of the much-needed municipal services to our informal residents.

Amongst the challenges, the city urges resident to refrain from illegal electricity connection, as well illegal land occupation, residents are urged to be patient and follow correct procedures in obtaining land, the even approved is a reflection that following correct procedures in obtaining land is the right way to go. Public private project initiatives are bearing result to augment the city's own financial resources in providing land for residential housing development.

In 1990 Our Nation gained its Independence, the City of Windhoek as an extension of central government, equally joins the nation in celebrating this very important historic day. From mere observation in order to explain as to how far we have progressed over the years

COMPLIMENTS TO PARKS & GARDENS

Mr. Wilfried Hahner , a resident of Windhoek, complimented Mr. Jaco Fourie section head logistics and his team at Parks and Garden Division of the City of Windhoek, for a job well done as follows:

"I just want to sincerely thank you and your team for eradicating the thorn bushes along Hintrager Street in Pionierspark.

Not only have the bushes been removed, which were growing into the street and totally covering the pavement (so that pedestrians had to walk on the street), but also treated

with pesticide.

I love nature and our green spaces, but these bushes became a risk for pedestrians and motorists.

This awesome work cannot be left unnoticed. Thanks so much again for keeping the streets safe for our fellow citizens".



of our independence; one does not have to look far as City of Windhoek as the capital city of our country is an important yard stick in reflecting the progress and developmental achievements made over the last 28 years of our independence.

A fact further complimented by the head offices of major local business economic players and commercial banks who are based in Windhoek, which is an important feat in the speedy implantation of strategic business decisions.

Further, many notable achievements have been made with regard to the City of Windhoek as a local authority tasked with ensuring delivery of municipal services, such as continued sustenance of an investor friendly

climate, continued development and maintenance of road infrastructure, availing land for commercial and residential development, ensuring sustainable usage of the natural environment, and ensuring tranquil and harmonise neighbourhoods.

Happy 28 Years Namibia!!!



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CITY CONCERN OVER ILLEGAL ELECTRICITY CONNECTION IN WINDHOEK



Image illustrating electricity and illegal electricity connections.

Illegal electricity connections lead to electricity accidents of electrocution, death, damage to equipment and in some case fire.

The issue of illegal connections cannot be tackled by the City of Windhoek alone, and thus urge resident that are involved in illegal electricity connection stop the practise.

Household that are formally connected to the electric grid claim to be assisting other informal households when allowing them illegal electric connection access, and in the process, render themselves guilty towards the safe handling of electricity.

The City's Electricity Department has noted with grave concern that amongst the motivating factor why formalised households tend to allow illegal connections points from their premises is for financial gain as they end up charging high rates in lieu of these connections.

To address plight of people living in informal settlements, the City has made budget provision of N\$ 20 Million

in the 2017/18 financial year toward informal settlement electrifications of about 500 households. The City of Windhoek Council leadership also approved at its monthly council meeting in February this year, as part of the five-year Strategic Transformation Plan 2017 - 2022 electrification of 4,000 formalised household in the informal area, to clear the back log of electricity access in those areas especially where illegal connections are happening.

The practise of illegal connection in Windhoek results in both direct loss in revenue as results of electricity theft and there are two scenarios that cause loss in revenue through indirect cost due to increased maintenance:

- Where the customer with a / legal connection from City of Windhoek bypass his meter to illegally supply others /himself; there is loss of revenues to City of Windhoek depending on the unaccounted units. However, these cases are very minimal as are easily detectable by the City from consumer's consumption

patterns and accounts for a mere 2% of the motive behind the illegal connection.

- Where the customer with a legitimate connection from City of Windhoek did not interfere with his meter but illegally supply to others beyond the metering point; In this case, there is no electricity theft hence no revenue lost but rather an indirect cost associated with overloading of network equipment's thereby instantly damaging the equipment's and shortening their lifetime. The majority (98%) of the City illegal connections are falling in this category.

The fines are regulated and is current staggered at N\$7,935.00, N\$11,902.50 and N\$18,515.00 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd offence respectively.

The City is considering to review existing Electricity Supply Regulations to make provision for opening cases to offenders.

Report illegal electricity connections to the City's Electricity Control Room, at tel.: 061 - 290 2452 / 3 / 4





CITY ALARMED OVER CONTINUED THEFT OF SEWER MANHOLE COVERS



For illustration purpose an image of the sewer manhole cover.

Following incident of sewer manhole cover theft, the City of Windhoek is aware of residents stealing manhole cover for financial profit. The city is appealing to its residents to report anyone

trying to vandalize or steal these manhole covers to the local authorities immediately. With Windhoek being the most populated urban area in Namibia, the city is striving to position itself in a manner to better deliver on the core mandate of delivering basic services to the residents of Windhoek.

Municipality is experiencing theft of sewer cover mainly in the suburbs North of the city (Okuryangava, Goreangab, and Hakahana) especially in riverbeds and remote locations. The city is urging its residents that, it's illegal to remove City properties without consent and anyone caught can be fined a N\$ 1000 as per the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) or jail if non-compliant.

It's important for the residents to understand that the sewer manhole cover is there:

- To prevent the public from dumping items that do not belong in the sewer into the manholes, which can cause blockages and cause waste water to spill over the environment.
- It prevents damaging the equipment at the water treatment plants
- It also prevents people from falling into the manholes as well as vehicles who drive over them from being damage.

The city is forced to devise new strategies that are costly in order to deter theft of manhole covers, such as installing synthetic covers that cannot be sold for cash, as well as covers that have locking devices so it cannot be removed.

To report sewer manhole cover theft or vandalism to City of Windhoek properties to: 061 – 290 3690/3381/2402.

RESIDENTS IN SOWETO RECEIVE A NEW MODERN PLAY PARK.



Councillor Immanuel Paulus, and Mr Suen Awaseb with Strategic Partners from Wandadee Group.

On behalf of Council leadership and executive management, Councillor Immanuel Paulus, handed over the new Soweto play park to the resident of Soweto on 08 March 2018 in Windhoek. The play park was constructed in Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement, by Wandadee group.

facilities. The technologies equipment used for the park are proudly produced by a Namibian company Bezers that is based in Windhoek. Cllr Paulus urges private entities to get on board in following the trend emulated by Wandadee group and so that more facilities can be availed to neighbours within the city.



Children enjoying the new installed playing facilities at the playground

"City of Windhoek's parks and playgrounds continue to serve an important recreational aesthetic ambiance, as well as physical education role in communities and in particular to pre-primary institutions, playgrounds are essential for the human lives and more specifically for children's physical development and add value to their functional anatomy, indicated Cllr Paulus at the event.

Cllr Paulus, further stated that, the City of Windhoek will continue to support the type of engineered methodologies used at this playpark for future play parks and family parks development, and urged the public at large to take ownership of the availed playpark and that it should not be used for social evils but for the purpose its designed for in positively benefiting the community.

The play park was constructed in record time and is equipped with durable and low maintenance

Playing a key role in educating communities at the epicentre of Hepatitis E outbreak: Mr. Andries from City of Windhoek's Road Traffic Sign and team, installing the signboard at the four way of Havana on 20 February 2018.





"FOOD IS FUNDAMENTAL" FARM OKUKUNA LAUNCHED



Suvi – Helena Valkonen (Representative: Finnish Embassy), Ina Neuberger Wilkie (Senior Project Manager, World Future Council), Cllr. Ananias Niizimba, Antje Schidlowski (Namibia Future Farming Trust), Donovan Wagner (Eloolo Permaculture Initiative)

In the North-Western part the City of Windhoek, on the border of the informal settlements of Goreangab, a visionary new project was born on Wednesday 21 February 2018. Farm Okukuna wants to improve food and nutrition security in the capital's northern settlements. At this sun downer event, City of Windhoek Councillor Ananias Niizimba pointed out that "Farm Okukuna will be the centre for a number of programmes, including growing food, marketing it, supporting small enterprises and entrepreneurship and - also very important - improving nutrition". The City of Windhoek has provided the erf, fencing and will organise basic services such as security, electricity, and safe water for gardening. Councillor Niizimba stressed that "Farm

Okukuna would not be possible without the partners who bring in expertise and funding". The Namibia Future Farming Trust (NFF) has already successfully established 11 aquaponics sites in Windhoek and is the proud winner of the Namibian 2017 Sustainable Development Awards. At Okukuna Farm, NFF will be setting up hydro-/aquaponics, with initial funding from the Finnish Embassy. Community members will be trained and encouraged to use traditional methods for preserving leafy greens (steaming and drying) to produce ekaka or ombindi. Suvi Valkonen of the Fund for Local Co-operation of the Embassy of Finland called for more stakeholders to come on board: "Here we have land, work and know-how. Let's make this

project profitable and beneficial for the communities". Permaculture will be a further focus at Farm Okukuna. The Eloolo Permaculture Initiative has proved that this method is very suitable for growing food in Windhoek's testing climate. At Farm Okukuna they will develop, with volunteers, systems that work on a small or medium scale and can be easily adopted and enhanced by local communities on the farm and in the informal settlements, such as tree-grass-animal systems and home-yard systems. The Permaculture designers and trainers are funded through the Liselotte Stiftung, a foundation from Hamburg, Germany. Farm Okukuna is also envisioned to be the nucleus for further developing Windhoek's food system to be more sustainable, inclusive, safe and diverse and to provide healthy and affordable food to all.

The World Future Council and the City of Windhoek have been engaging for a number of years on such programmes. Ina Neuberger Wilkie of the World Future Council, who is a member of the executive committee of Farm Okukuna, pointed out the significance of the project. A recent study of the African Food Security Urban Network in co-operation with UNAM found that food insecurity in Windhoek's informal settlements has increased from 89% to 92% over the past 9 years. "People need to be able to eat enough, healthy and diverse food. People, who do not eat well, cannot learn well and will not work well. Food is fundamental", she stressed. It is against this background that the City of Windhoek has confidence that the envisaged project will positively contribute in the fight against hunger and poverty in the city.

CONGRATULATION TO THE CITY OF WINDHOEK'S CONTINUED SUCCESS AT THE PMR AWARDS



At the PMR award ceremony receiving the City of Windhoek awards are (L-R): Constable Romeo Simasiku, Chief Abraham Kanime, Assistant Superintendent Hileni Enza Wilhelm and Constable Edmund Khoaseb.

The City of Windhoek remain consistence winner for the last six years in being nominated and receiving various PMR Africa Awards. As per awarding ceremony

that took place on 12 March 2018, at Safari Hotel, in numerous categories as per various functions areas of the organization.

The categories that the City was recognised

in at PMR Awards are as follows:

- CATEGORY: PRO-ACTIVE MAYORS
- CATEGORY: MUNICIPALITIES DOING MOST FOR SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT
- CATEGORY: MUNICIPALITIES DOING MOST TO ATTRACT FOREIGN/ INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT
- CATEGORY: MUNICIPALITIES DOING MOST FOR JOB CREATION
- CATEGORY: MUNICIPALITIES DOING MOST TO FIGHT CRIME
- CATEGORY: MUNICIPALITIES DOING MOST TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE INFRASTRUCTURE

The awards received are a reflection of the City of Windhoek's Council Leaders, Management and personnel continued hard work in making sure that resident of the City are provided for with efficient and effective municipal services, despite challenges of limited resources.

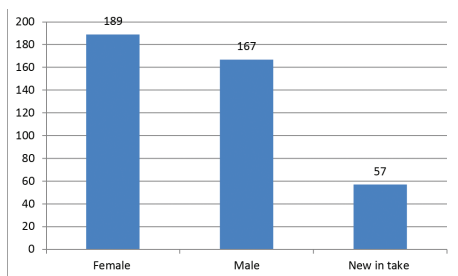




NATHANIEL MAXUILILI SOUP KITCHEN IN PERSPECTIVE



Orphans and Vulnerable children receiving their daily meal



Total Number of Males and Females Registered at the Nathaniel Maxuillili Soup Kitchen in 2018.

The City of Windhoek with the financial assistance from external stakeholder took the initiative to start up a soup kitchen in its attempt to compliment Government support to curb hunger.

The Nathaniel Maxuillili Soup Kitchen situated in the informal settlement of Babylon in Tauno Hatuikulipi Street, Katutura is aimed at providing Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) with at least one nutritional meal per day during the

week in order to encourage the children to stay in school and to grow into active productive citizens.

The Soup Kitchen has been in existence for the past twelve (12) years now and has made a huge difference in the lives of those OVC being fed and as well as their family members.

With financial assistance from the external stakeholder, four (4) Volunteers cook two (2) meals per day for three-hundred-and-fifty six (356) OVCs from the surrounding areas of Babylon such as Okahandja Park, One Nation, Ongulumbashe and Kilimanjaro, Monday to Friday.

The children ages range from two (2) to sixteen (16) years. 70% of those children are enrolled in schools but those ones who did not reach school going age are still at home. Some are at day cares and kindergartens.

In 2018, a total number of 356 OVC - 16 orphans and 340 vulnerable children, will receive one cooked meal per day, whereas as 350 OVC were fed in 2017.

CITY OF WINDHOEK AND BREMEN TECHNICAL TEAMS MET TO CONCRETISE PROJECTS



City of Windhoek's technical team pictured with the visiting Bremen team during the technical meetings.

The City held technical meetings during the 2nd week of February this year aimed at learning from the City of Bremen the best practices in environmental management of municipal waste and deriving economic benefits from waste management. The teams also shared technical information that can help the city pave the way towards implementing desired capital projects in the areas of sanitation, renewable energy, waste recycling, and climate change.

Amongst the best practice learned from the Bremen team are, that cities can gain economic benefits from waste, such as fertilisers for agricultural use, RDF (Refuse-derived Fuel)

that can be sold to energy intensive industries. In addition generate electrical energy that can be supplied to the city's electric grid, methane can also be obtained from the city's landfills and be sold for further income. Waste such as plastics, paper etc., can be recycled into useful commodities and in turn move towards zero waste to the landfills. The delegation also impart knowledge on how the City can enter viable PPP projects on waste and sanitation.

The City is charting ahead to set up a climate change desk pending recruitment of climate change experts. The climate change employees will drive the implementation of the City of Windhoek's climate change strategy. The world

is challenged with increased global emissions that are at the centre of global warming and with increased global temperature, access to water becomes harder with the most affected areas being urban cities.

The City of Windhoek's sister city agreement with the City of Bremen is more than 20 years old and its benefits include students exchange programme that continue to benefit students in Namibia and Germany. Backyard oil mechanic is amongst some the projects carried out, to help mechanics manage engine oil waste better, once an engine oil depo is set up City can also derive economic benefit as the waste engine oil can be sold to the shipping sector.

ADDVENTURE PITCH NIGHT



The judges and the pitchers on stage at the Warehouse Theatre

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Government in collaboration with the Namibia University of Science and Technology's FABI Lab, Standard Bank Enterprise Banking and the City of Windhoek, hosted the ADDVENTURE Pitch Night, on 8 March 2018 at the Warehouse Theatre.

"ADDVENTURE is a local adaptation with a twist of the internationally acclaimed "Dragon's Den" concept which is aiming to provide entrepreneurs access to business support services. The platform caters for start-up innovators and is expected to be an exciting event which will aim to introduce local innovative business start-ups to stakeholders who will offer business support service through access to funding and mentoring amongst other forms of support. This platform serves to connect emerging entrepreneurs and innovators to prospective investors, collaborators, fellow entrepreneurs and the general public" comments Kirstin Wiedow of FABI Lab.

The occasion witnessed how a total of

eight (8) ventures competed in the pitching slots to win the prize money sponsored by Standard Bank Namibia as the main sponsor.

"The ADDVENTURE platform offers local entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch their innovative ideas and locally developed products to potential investors and business support organisations. They do so in a bid to secure funding, access to facilities and other business support services that can stimulate their business growth", says Caroline Girard of GIZ.

"The aim of the ADDVENTURE Pitch Night, is to give local businesses greater capacity in line with the National Development Plan, with a focus on youth enterprise development as outlined in the Harambe Prosperity Plan", adds Leonora Joodt Head of SME Development and Promotion at the City of Windhoek.

The Pitch Night were preceded by a Red Bull Amaphiko workshop hosted by Siviwe Mbinda, a well-known South African entrepreneur and Lize Ehleres NAMA award winning and "Most

Socially Responsible Artist".

Dennis Isaacs Head of Enterprise Banking at Standard Bank views Pitch Night as a great concept for bringing about innovative ideas that could otherwise solve societal challenges. "It is a great opportunity for the bank, as we realize that we can potentially help these businesses become contributors of economic growth in Namibia. The bank does not just view entrepreneurs through a commercial lens but sees a responsibility in actively supporting the business growth of existing and potential businesses. We are supporting the event by providing the prize winning amount of N\$20 000" states Isaacs.

The winner of the first ADDVENTURE Pitch Night was Beauty the Chief Mallowist of Fluffy mallowis. She walked away with the N\$ 20,000.00 prize money sponsored by Standard Bank as well as admission to the Bokamoso Entrepreneurial Centre that will provide affordable incubation space to her for the next three years while also assisting her to navigate challenges in the business through the provision of business support services.



Winner of Addventure Pitch Night and the N\$20,000.00 SPONSORED BY Standard Bank, Beauty the Chief Mallowist of Fluffy mallowis



The Judges, Dennis Isaacs Head of Enterprise Banking at Standard Bank, Zurilea Steenkamp Manager Economic Development at City of Windhoek, Siviwe Mbinda owner of Siviwe Tours and Uajo Akwenye CEO of One Economy Foundation



EMPOWERING THE YOUTH, RED BULL HOST BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMAPHIKO WORKSHOP.



Participants at the recently held entrepreneurial Amaphiko workshop, held in the capital city recently.

On Thursday, 8 March 2018, Red Bull Namibia held a workshop that was attended to about 20 local entrepreneurs in various business fields, with same principal goal of finding solutions to social issues and uplifting the local community by creating jobs. Red Bull Amaphiko is the Zulu word for "Wings" and is a platform created for social entrepreneurs, with the mission to give wings to pioneers who are making use of their talent, creativity and energy to solve social problems and make a difference in a country.

Mr. Siviwe is a successful entrepreneur, founder of the Langa based Non-Profit Organisation called Happy Feet Youth Project; owner of Siviwe Tours; and Co-Founder of Vamos Travel. He is a recognized Red Bull Amaphiko Social Entrepreneur (2016-2017) and his newest venture is as co-founder and director of iThuba Innovation Hub located in Langa, Cape Town. Siviwe and Lize shared their experiences on their trial and tribulation journey to becoming successful social entrepreneurs. The program continued by hearing and understanding the issues locals

face with their current/future innovative business plans including a Q&A session. The workshop provided an open view and broader perspective on the importance of forbearing our local community members and their social puzzles.

Siviwe also shared deeper personal experiences about business itself and the financial transformation it brings about in the community, and also touched on the topic of what exactly it means for one to be able to make a difference in the local community through being a social entrepreneur, and by making a psychological difference in the lives of the local community members through the apparatuses of entrepreneurship.

Nadja Geiger, Brand Manager of Red Bull Namibia in expressing her satisfaction on the successful hosting of the event, indicated that Namibia has many talented entrepreneurs who need support so that they too can make positive impact within the local communities and most of all to be able to create the much-needed jobs.

The event took place at the Warehouse Theatre, and was hosted in collaboration with GIZ, Fabrication Laboratory (Fablab), Standard Bank and City of Windhoek. The outcomes of the event will go a long way as the youth empowered will further put to work their experiences within their communities.



The event was hosted by the NAMA award winning and "Most Socially Responsible Artist", Ms. Lize Ehlers, and co-moderated by special guest & well known South African entrepreneur, Mr. Siviwe Mbinda

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