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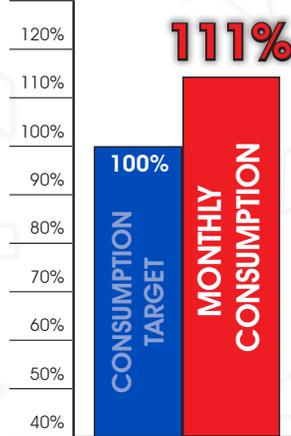
MONTHLY WATER WATCH

January 2025

This month's water consumption is

11% OVER

target:



save water
EVERY DROP COUNTS

Windhoek is experiencing **Category C, Water Scarcity** **10% WATER SAVINGS** required to sustain the water demand.

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City of Windhoek proudly elected its new mayor on 12 January 2025, read her inaugural statement on page 5





as Cllr Ndesihafela Larandja was elected Mayor, with Cllr Clemensia Hanases as Deputy Mayor. They will lead the City Council in concluding its term as we approach the Regional and Local Authority Elections in November 2025. As they take on this responsibility, let us support their efforts in guiding our city in the direction we all aspire it to go.

Nature, too, responded to our hopes, as long-awaited rains graced our city a much-needed relief amid persistent water scarcity. However, while the rains were a blessing, their intensity also posed challenges, particularly for residents in low-lying areas. Severe flooding displaced several families, necessitating immediate intervention. In a swift and coordinated response, the City of Windhoek, with the support of key stakeholders such as the Office of the Prime Minister and the Khomas Regional Council, stepped in to provide relief. Affected residents were relocated to higher ground at Farm 508, where they received emergency assistance, including food and transport. This response reaffirms the City's unwavering commitment to the well-being of its residents and highlights the spirit of unity that binds us as a community.

As we navigate the months ahead, let us honor the memory of our Founding President by upholding the values he championed: unity, resilience, and an unyielding commitment to building a better Namibia.

Let us also continue working together to address shared challenges, from water conservation to urban development, ensuring that Windhoek remains a city of opportunity, progress, and inclusive growth.

May 2025 be a year of strength, renewal, and collective success!

Lydia

Editorial

A Time of Reflection and Resilience

Dear Readers of the Aloe,

As we welcome the new year, the months of January and February 2025 have brought both moments of celebration and profound sorrow for Namibia and the City of Windhoek.

On 8 February, Namibia lost a towering figure in its history the Founding President, His Excellency Dr. Sam Shafiqhuna Nujoma, who passed away at the age of 95. His departure leaves a profound void in the hearts of Namibians, as we mourn not only a leader but the architect of our independence. Dr. Nujoma was a liberator whose name is forever etched in the fabric of our democracy. His tireless dedication to the nation, unwavering commitment to freedom, and vision for a self-reliant Namibia remain an enduring legacy. The City of Windhoek joins the nation in paying tribute to this great statesman, recognizing his pivotal role in shaping the Namibia we call home today.

Despite the sorrow that February brought, the year began on a high note with the successful hosting of the annual New Year's Eve celebrations. As the clock struck midnight, fireworks lit up the Windhoek skyline, ushering in 2025 with renewed hope and optimism.

In the same spirit of transition, the City of Windhoek welcomed new leadership

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The City of Windhoek joins the nation in mourning the passing of the **Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation, H.E. Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma**. His extraordinary legacy is deeply woven into the history and development of our city, reflecting his unwavering dedication to Namibia's liberation, unity, and progress.

Dr. Nujoma was not only the architect of Namibia's independence but also a visionary leader whose foresight and resolute leadership played a pivotal role in shaping the country's identity. His tireless pursuit of freedom, equality, and social justice laid the foundation for a democratic Namibia, where all citizens could enjoy their fundamental rights and opportunities for growth.

Windhoek, as the capital city, was central to many of the key milestones in Dr. Nujoma's journey. From his leadership in exile to his triumphant return upon independence, the city has been a witness to his enduring legacy. It was here that he took the oath of office as Namibia's first President on **21 March 1990**, marking the dawn of a new era for the nation. Under his leadership, Windhoek evolved into a dynamic hub of governance, economic

development, and cultural diversity. His efforts in building state institutions, promoting infrastructure development, and fostering unity among Namibians have left an indelible mark on the city's growth and progress.

Beyond political leadership, Dr. Nujoma was a champion of social and economic transformation. His commitment to education, healthcare, and national infrastructure development laid the groundwork for a more inclusive society. The expansion of essential services, improvements in public utilities, and strategic urban planning initiatives during his tenure significantly contributed to Windhoek's modernization.

The City of Windhoek remains committed to upholding the values Dr. Nujoma championed **unity, freedom, self-reliance, and prosperity for all Namibians**. His vision for an independent and self-sufficient Namibia continues to inspire our policies and developmental efforts, ensuring that his contributions are not only remembered but actively built upon for future generations.

As we reflect on his remarkable legacy, we reaffirm our commitment

to preserving his ideals and fostering a city that embodies his dreams for Namibia one of peace, resilience, and inclusive development. Windhoek's appreciation of the Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation, H.E. Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma's contribution is evident in the City Council's efforts to honor his name. In August 2005, the Sam Nujoma Stadium, one of the country's largest soccer stadiums, was named after him in the heart of Katutura. Additionally, one of Windhoek's longest and most prominent roads, Sam Nujoma Drive, bears his name. These, along with various buildings officiated by Namibia's first president, serve as enduring tributes to his leadership and lasting impact on the nation.

As we bid farewell to our revered leader, we express our deepest gratitude for his unwavering service to the nation. His legacy will continue to guide us in our mission to build a city and country that thrives on the foundations he so selflessly laid.

Heroes do not die; they grow wings and soar into eternity, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



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Windhoek Welcomes 2025 with All-White Countdown Celebration

By: **George Dinyando**, (Communication Intern)



The crowd having fun at the NEW YEAR countdown

The City of Windhoek ushered in the new year with an exciting celebration at the City's head office parking lot on Independence Avenue. The event, which drew over 1,000 attendees from all corners of the city, kicked off with a fun-filled Kiddies Corner from 14:00 to 20:00, before transitioning into the main festivities.

The highlight of the evening was the "All-White Party" theme, where guests dressed in white to mark the countdown to 2025. The event featured live performances from local artists including DJ Castro, Yeezer, Oteya, TKB, and many others. Chester, known as the House Prince, led the highly anticipated countdown.

Samuel, an attendee, expressed his optimism for the year ahead, sharing his hopes of pursuing his dreams, embracing positive energy, and leaving behind the challenges of 2024.

Among the notable figures at the event was Harold Akwenye, the City of Windhoek's Manager for Corporate Communication, Marketing, and Public Participation who attended to celebrate with the community.

Overall, the night was filled with joy, excitement, and a strong sense of unity as Windhoek rang in the new year with energy and optimism for 2025.



DJ CASTRO performing his hit songs and dance moves at the NEW YEAR countdown.



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Mayor's corner



Under this section we bring you the voice of our city's leadership. This column features highlights of the latest announcements, speeches, and statements from the Mayor, providing valuable insights into the vision, plans, and actions that are shaping our community. Stay informed and engaged as we navigate the path of growth and development together, under the guidance of our Mayor.

Acceptance speech by the newly elected Mayor, Cllr. Ndeshihafela Larandja

Honourable Councillors and esteemed residents of our city, I stand before you deeply honoured and humbled, ready to embrace the responsibility you have entrusted to me. This moment is not just about one individual assuming a role; it is a testament to our shared vision of what our city can become when we unite our efforts, dreams, and determination.



We are a city of resilience, innovation, and boundless potential. Our streets are filled with the energy of hardworking families, visionary entrepreneurs, and courageous dreamers. Together, we have faced challenges head-on and proven that no obstacle is undefeatable when we stand as one.



Dear residents, as your Mayor, I pledge to lead with integrity, to listen to your voices, and to act boldly for the benefit of all our residents. I will work tirelessly to ensure that every neighbourhood thrives, every child has a chance to dream big, and every citizen feels at home in this city.

The City of Windhoek is blessed with breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and

vibrant culture. We possess resources and attractions that can place us among the world's most sought-after destinations for beauty and tourism. Yet, we also face real challenges that we cannot ignore.



Today, many of our communities lack sufficient access to sanitation and clean water. These issues affect not only the health of our residents but also the image and potential of Windhoek as a global tourism destination. Addressing these foundational needs is not only a moral responsibility but also a critical step in realizing our vision for a thriving city that attracts visitors while providing dignity and opportunity for all who live here.



As your Mayor, I pledge to make this a top priority. We will launch initiatives to expand and modernize our sanitation system, invest in sustainable water infrastructure, and work closely with communities to ensure these essential services reach every neighbourhood. This effort will lay the groundwork for the growth of a world-class beauty and tourism industry while improving the quality of life for every resident.

A thriving beauty and tourism industry is a source of pride for all of us, but that is just the beginning. To grow our beauty and tourism sector, we will:

Promote and enhance the natural and cultural assets that make the City of Windhoek unique. Organize events such as local market days and cultural festivals to showcase our diverse traditions.

Partner with local businesses and entrepreneurs to develop affordable, sustainable beauty business plans and create new experiences that attract visitors from around the world. Implement sustainable tourism practices that balance economic growth with environmental stewardship, ensuring our city remains beautiful for generations to come.



However, no leader can achieve this alone. The true strength of the City of Windhoek lies in its people. Your voices, passion, and ideas are the heartbeat of our progress. I invite you to hold me accountable, share your aspirations, and stand with me as we shape the future of Windhoek together.

Together, we can create a city with clean streets and flowing water. As I mentioned earlier, the success of our journey depends on all of us. Progress isn't built in offices or council chambers alone. It is forged in the collective spirit of our people. It is your ideas, your passion, and your hard work that will shape the future of our city.

Let us dare to be ambitious, set an example for others, and ensure that the City of Windhoek remains a beacon of hope, opportunity, and excellence.

Thank you for your trust and this incredible honour. Let's get to work.





The Spirit of Christmas Lights Up Zoo Park

By: **Anna Shiimi**, (Communication Intern)



City of Windhoek employees, dressed in their Christmas market t-shirts, pose for a picture, ready to serve the public.



Handmade crafted toys, key holders, and a variety of wild animals, all created with talent and skill.

The annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony brought a vibrant buzz to Zoo Park as residents from all walks of life gathered to witness the official start of the festive season. The park was brimming with excitement, with attendees ranging from children and youth to adults and even members of the working class, who made their way straight from work to join the celebration. Adding to the festive cheer was the much-anticipated arrival of Father Christmas, who delighted children with goodies, creating cherished memories for families.

In his welcoming remarks, City of Windhoek CEO Moses Matyayi extended heartfelt greetings to the crowd. With warmth and gratitude, he addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of community, family, and reflection during this special time of year.

"It is my great honour to stand before you this evening, on behalf of the Municipal Council of Windhoek, as we gather to celebrate one of our city's cherished traditions – the annual Christmas Lights Switching-On Ceremony," said Matyayi. "Thank you for joining us as we officially usher in the festive season, a time of joy, reflection, and togetherness."

Matyayi reminded residents of the significance of giving thanks and celebrating life's blessings. He reflected on the year's journey, acknowledging the challenges overcome and the achievements celebrated. "The festive season is a time of hope and wonder, where dreams come alive. It allows us to reflect on our accomplishments and prepare for a brighter year ahead. Let us thank the Lord for guiding us through the past year and bringing us to

this moment of joy and togetherness," he shared.

The CEO also highlighted the importance of family during the festive season. He noted how many attendees arrived with their loved ones, emphasizing the event's role in bringing people closer. "As I look around, I see so many of you with your spouses and

children. This moment is a celebration of family, kindness, generosity, love, peace, and joy," he remarked.

The ceremony featured a lineup of performances showcasing local talent and creativity, filling the park with music, laughter, and festive cheer. As the Christmas lights illuminated Zoo Park, they symbolized hope and unity for the city's residents. Matyayi encouraged everyone to embrace the season's values, inspiring them to spread kindness and generosity. "Let the lighting of these Christmas lights serve as a beacon of warmth and love," he said. "May the spirit of the festive season fill our hearts, inspiring us to make Windhoek and Namibia a better place for all who live and visit here."

Addressing the youth, Matyayi expressed gratitude for their enthusiasm and dedication throughout the year. He also extended his best wishes to all residents



The residents sit, enjoying the music by DJ London as they await the lighting of the Christmas lights by City of Windhoek officials.

and visitors. "May your homes be filled with laughter, peace, good health, and love. As we prepare for the journey ahead, let us walk together with faith and determination. Travel safely, cherish your loved ones, and have a joyful festive season," he concluded.

on the other hand, the Junior Mayor expressed heartfelt gratitude and pride on behalf of the Junior Council, highlighting the magic of the evening. "The Christmas lights around us are more than just decorations; they reflect the unity, joy, and togetherness we share as a community in Windhoek," they remarked. The vibrant Christmas market added charm to the event, showcasing handmade crafts, delicious treats, and holiday decorations while supporting local businesses. As the evening concluded, the Junior Council expressed gratitude to all who attended, celebrating the spirit of Christmas and the strength of the Windhoek community.



Mayor visits relocation area of flood victims to ensure dignified living for affected families

By **Cillie Kapolo** (Corporate Communication Officer)



Section Head: Settlement Development Metusalem Ashipala is guiding the mayor and other councilors on the way forward regarding service provision in the new settlement



Mayor Ndeshihafela Larandja with Councilor Ilse Keister at the relocation site.

In the wake of the recent floods that swept through Otjomuise, 7de and 8st Laan areas, the Mayor of Windhoek, councillor Ndeshihafela Larandja, alongside fellow councilors and city officials, visited the relocation site for displaced families to assess the progress and map out the way forward.

The flash floods, which severely affected 282 households and 1,189 individuals, left many homes washed away and families struggling to recover from the loss of their belongings. As part of the City of Windhoek's ongoing efforts to support these displaced families, 102 households have been successfully relocated to a safe area in Goreagab, located within the Samora Machel constituency.

During the visit, Mayor Larandja was joined by other officials to inspect the new settlement area, ensuring that services are being provided to ease the challenges faced by the affected families. "The

municipality has already identified key locations for essential infrastructure, including three sites for water points, road clearance efforts to facilitate public transportation access, and plans for a police station, health center, and schools to serve the relocated community," stated Metusalem Ashipala, Head of the City of Windhoek Human Settlement office.

"The response to this emergency has been commendable," said Mayor Larandja. "We are committed to ensuring that these families are not only given shelter but also provided with the dignity and services they need to rebuild their lives. I am pleased with the swift action of the City of Windhoek, as well as the collaboration with other stakeholders in the provision of emergency relief."

In addition to the relocation, the City of Windhoek in collaboration with other stakeholders has provided the affected families with temporary shelters, including

tents and mattresses, as well as food, transportation, and access to water and sanitation facilities. The municipality continues to prioritize the well-being of the displaced residents as they transition to safer grounds.

The Mayor expressed appreciation for the combined efforts of all involved, including regional and central government, humanitarian organizations, businesses, and community members, in ensuring that flood victims receive timely assistance during this challenging time. The city remains dedicated to restoring normalcy for these families and ensuring that they can access essential services as they start to rebuild their lives.

The City of Windhoek will continue to monitor the situation and work on long-term plans to prevent future flood risks and further improve infrastructure in the affected areas.





Relocation of Flood Victims from Otjomuise Riverbed to Farm 508 of Goreangab Dam

By: **Anna Shiimi**, (Communication Intern)



City of Windhoek prepares to transport the belongings of relocating flood victims to their new homes.



Otjomuise flood victims dismantle their homes as they prepare to relocate to Goreangab Farm 508.

Windhoek was blessed with good rains in the first week of January, bringing much-needed relief to the region. However, the heavy rains also brought devastation, as some houses in the Otjomuise informal settlement, located in the riverbed, were washed away. Residents were left shocked and devastated, with many losing their belongings, including bedding, food, clothing, and even national documents etc. The City of Windhoek has demonstrated its commitment to safeguarding the well being of its residents by initiating efforts to relocate flood victims to safer grounds. This marked a moment of hope as families prepared to leave the dangers of the Otjomuise riverbed behind and start a fresh. Farm 508 at Goreangab Dam is part of a broader initiative to improve living conditions and ensure safety for those affected by the floods.

Families impacted by the floods have been allocated demarcated plots at Goreangab Dam. to date 104 households have been relocated and have already set up their home structures, embracing their new beginnings with a sense of joy and relief. To provide comfort and dignity to the relocated residents, the city has ensured the availability of

essential services, including water and ablution facilities. Efforts to relocate additional flood victims are ongoing, reflecting the city's tireless dedication to safeguarding lives and restoring dignity to its communities.

With the support of the government, the City of Windhoek has maintained a peaceful and structured relocation process. Residents are moved only when they are ready and after their current structures have been fully dismantled. This approach ensures that cleared areas remain secure, preventing illegal reoccupation. Any attempt to erect structures in these cleared spaces will be deemed illegal and addressed accordingly in accordance with the municipal by-laws.

At reception tents were provided to ensure everyone has shelter. Additionally, each family has received essential supplies, including mattresses, stoves with gel fuel, blankets, water jerry cans, and shared handwashing units. Roads have been cleared for easier access, and basic services such as water and sanitation facilities have been established.

The relocation site has been earmarked for residential development and future services, including a school, a police station, and a hospital. This initiative highlights the City of Windhoek's commitment to creating sustainable communities and providing a safe environment for its residents. As the relocation exercise continues, families are preparing to rebuild their lives with the support of a caring and dedicated city. Meanwhile, some business minds residents have already set up home based shops, with two established so far.

The City of Windhoek extends its heartfelt appreciation to its key stakeholders, including the Office of the Prime Minister, the Khomas Regional Council, the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, and the Ministry of Health and Social Services. Their collaboration and timely assistance have been instrumental in restoring dignity and saving lives.

Together, as a united community, the City of Windhoek reaffirms its dedication to supporting its residents in rebuilding their lives and fostering a brighter future for all.



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Flood Victim Finds Relief After Receiving Donations

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The Otjomuise flood victims patiently wait as they receive much-needed donations from generous Good Samaritans.



A grateful flood victim smiles with joy as she receives much needed donated items, bringing relief and hope in a time of need.

Justina Thomas, one of the victims of the recent floods in Otjomuise whose home was washed away, expressed relief after receiving donations from the Khomas Regional Council and the Office of the Prime Minister. The donations, which included 200 mattresses, 200 blankets, and bio-heat stoves, have provided some comfort to those affected by the disaster.

Clemens Mafwila, the Chief Regional Officer of the Khomas Regional Council, outlined plans to further develop the area by establishing a clinic, a police station, and new primary and secondary schools. He confirmed that children relocated to the site would be enrolled in nearby

schools to minimize long commutes. Furthermore, the Regional Council will provide school supplies, including stationery and uniforms, to children who lost their belongings in the floods. Mafwila also reassured residents that those who lost national documents in the floods are on a list for prioritized processing by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In a bid to further support the affected children, the 4x4 Initiative donated school shoes to those impacted by the flooding.

Collaboration among key stakeholders, including the City of Windhoek, the Office of the Prime Minister, Khomas Regional Council, and relevant ministries, has led to significant progress in addressing the needs of the relocated residents. On January 9, 2025, officials handed over sites for police and medical facilities, with construction expected to begin in the medium term. Efforts to improve road networks around the relocation site are also underway to enhance accessibility.

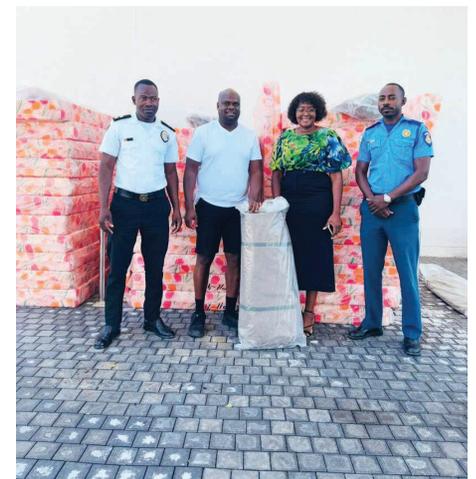
Plans to build an educational facility for relocated children are advancing, and new water points, including one located just 100 meters from the site, will provide residents with better access to clean water.

Authorities have emphasized the importance of relocating residents from flood-prone riverbeds to safer locations. While the relocation remains voluntary, the focus remains on ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents.

The City of Windhoek remains committed to providing essential services such as sanitation, healthcare, and education through a phased approach and thanked residents for their cooperation during the transition.



Flood victims receive much needed, a symbol of hope and community support during difficult times.



The Office of the Mayor receives seventy (70) mattresses, including six (6) donated by Xwama in collaboration with Rani Group, which were handed over to flood victims.



Reflection on Positive Highlights of the City of Windhoek in 2024

By: **Anna Shiimi**, (Communication Intern)

The City of Windhoek concluded 2024 on a positive note, marking a year of significant achievements and milestones. These initiatives reflect the city's dedication to enhancing the quality of life for its residents and positioning Windhoek as a progressive and sustainable urban hub.

Major Achievements

One of the key accomplishments of the year was the successful conclusion of the Token Identifier (TID) project, a crucial milestone in the city's technological advancement. Additionally, the installation of mass lights in Havana Extension 4, the provision of public water taps, and the implementation of the Mass Housing initiative demonstrated the city's commitment to improving essential services and infrastructure for its residents.

The introduction of the City App and the E-Bus Ticketing System further showcased the city's strides towards digitization and smart city development, making it easier for residents to access services and public transportation.

Community Events and Engagements

Windhoek hosted several vibrant events that brought the community together and celebrated the city's cultural diversity and entrepreneurial spirit. The Kapana Festival, Spring Market, and Christmas Market attracted a significant number of residents, who expressed their appreciation for these initiatives. Many have called for these markets to be held more frequently, suggesting they occur three to four times a year.

In line with global environmental efforts, the city also observed Zero Emissions Day also known as (ZeDay), an international initiative aimed at promoting environmental consciousness and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This

annual event encouraged individuals, businesses, and governments to adopt sustainable practices and minimize their carbon footprints.

Strategic Partnerships

The City of Windhoek strengthened its local and international partnerships in 2024 by signing memorandums of understanding with key stakeholders, including MTC, Namibia Airports Company, Welwitschia University, and the International University of Management. On an international level, the city established agreements with Eswatini, the City of San Antonio in the United States, and the City of Bremen in Germany, fostering global collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Presidential Visit and Economic Empowerment

The city had the Honor of hosting Vice President Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, who visited Windhoek's stalls in Katutura and engaged with emerging entrepreneurs. This visit highlighted the city's efforts to support small businesses and economic development.

To address the ongoing water scarcity, the city launched awareness campaigns to educate residents on water conservation. Additionally, through a partnership with the European Union, Windhoek opened a Waste Buy-Back Centre, allowing residents to sell recyclable waste. This initiative not only promotes environmental sustainability but also provides an opportunity for residents to earn income and alleviate poverty.

Sports and Heritage

Windhoek, in collaboration with Vivo Energy, hosted a marathon that raised funds for the Mayor's Office to support community initiatives. The city also paid tribute to the fallen heroes of Namibia's liberation struggle by renaming streets in their honor, a gesture deeply appreciated by their

families.

The City Police headquarters was renamed after Chief Abraham Kanime, acknowledging his pioneering efforts in establishing the City Police and his invaluable contributions to maintaining law and order.

Ongoing Challenges and Resilience

While the city faced challenges during the year, including the loss of valued colleagues, it remains committed to overcoming obstacles and improving where possible. The introduction of ongoing cleaning campaigns, involving city officials and residents in various constituencies, is one such effort aimed at maintaining a cleaner and healthier environment for all.

Courtesy Visits and Global Recognition

The City of Windhoek welcomed numerous courtesy visits from local authorities, African counterparts, and international delegations, reinforcing its reputation as a city open to collaboration and innovation.

Conclusion

As we reflect on 2024, it is evident that the City of Windhoek has made a remarkable progress across various sectors. From infrastructure development and technological advancements to environmental sustainability and community engagement, these achievements highlight the city's dedication to creating a thriving and inclusive urban environment. While there is always room for improvement, the positive strides made this year inspire confidence for an even brighter future in 2025.





Signing of memorandum of understanding with the city of Bremen is His Worship Dr. Andreas Bovenschulte and her worship Queen Omagano Kamati



Signing of memorandum of understanding between the CoW and MTC CEO Moses Matyayi and Dr. Licky Erastus



Signing of memorandum of understanding with San Antonio, His Worship Ron Nirenberg and Her Worship Queen Omagano Kamati



Signing of memorandum of understanding with the International University of Management is Prof Osmund D. Mwandemele and CEO Moses Matyayi



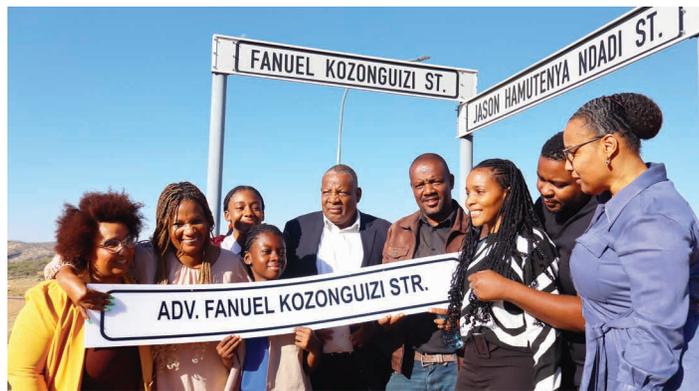
Launch of houses from the Mass housing programme



The launch of the Mayoral Clean-up Campaign



Groundbreaking Ceremony of the High Mast lights



Street renamed to ADV. Fanuel Kozonguizi Street





Avis Community Revamps Playground

By: **George Dinyando**, (Communication Intern)



Left to right Sanri Uys, Natasha Parkiason-hossaini and Manager of Parks Uakazuvaka Kazombiaze at the revamped park in AVIS.



Beautifully revamped park in (AVIS).

The Avis community has rebuilt a playground into a vibrant, safe, and inclusive space for families after raising N\$42 880 on fundraising initiatives. The initiative, driven by local mothers Natasha and Sanri, aims to provide children with a stimulating environment where they can play and form friendships while also fostering a sense of unity among the wider community.

The idea for the playground upgrade came during a dinner at Natasha and Ramin's home, where Sanri shared her vision for improving the park. They joined hands together and took the first steps to get the project off the ground. "When we noticed the state of the playground, it became clear that this wasn't just about our own families—it was a need for the whole community," Natasha said.

To fund the project, Natasha and Sanri organized a community fundraiser on 26 October, which featured a variety of activities, including a bouncy castle, bike rides, and a bake sale. Natasha stated that "The event was a huge success, thanks to generous donations from local sponsors such as Robiati Distribution and NamTrans, as well as contributions from families in the community, and the event raised a total of N\$42,880 for the project."

Natasha and Sanri emphasized the role of local residents in ensuring the park's upkeep, alongside support from the

City of Windhoek. "We hope this project inspires the city to recognize the need for such spaces in other neighborhoods and that the community's efforts will be supported through the rates and taxes we already pay," said Natasha.

To ensure the park remains well-maintained, the community plans to collaborate on repair costs and future fundraising efforts. By fostering a sense of shared responsibility, the organizers hope to create a lasting bond between residents and the space.

Since the park's reopening, it has become a place for both children and parents to connect. Sanri shared a touching encounter with a 10-year-old girl who had been waiting for years for a playground like the one they had built. "She told me she'd been waiting for three years, and to see her so happy was an incredibly rewarding moment," Sanri reflected.

For Natasha, the most memorable moments have come from seeing the park bring people together. "Just driving by the playground and seeing families enjoying it—children playing, older people reading on benches—has made it all feel worthwhile," she said.

Natasha and Sanri expressed their deepest gratitude to the CEO of the City of Windhoek for helping secure the

necessary approvals, as well as to the Parks Division for their ongoing support. Special thanks were also extended to sponsors like NamTrans and Robiati Distribution and to the families whose generous donations made the project possible. Acknowledgments were also made to local neighbors who volunteered their time and resources, including the Uys family, who painted the park's fences, and the Neuditendorf complex, which covered the expense of bush clearing. The collective effort, from fundraising to physical labor, highlights the power of community-driven initiatives in creating lasting change.

For Natasha and Sanri, this project is not just about one playground—it's about setting an example for other neighborhoods. "Community-driven initiatives can transform not just physical spaces but also the bonds between people," Natasha said. "When neighbors come together with a shared vision, we create something that benefits everyone."

This project is a testament to what can be achieved when communities come together with a common purpose. Both Natasha and Sanri emphasized the importance of service to the community, with Natasha citing her Baha'i faith and Sanri drawing from her Christian values as guiding principles behind the project.



A Testament to Skill and Dedication: Mr. Jason Amwiigidha and the Power of Local Industry

By: **Eeno Nangolo**, Intern (Investment Promotion) and **Leonora Joodt**, (Section Head: SME Development and Promotion)



Fourth from left Mr. Jason Amwiigidha operating from the City of Windhoek stalls Menarovandu Industrial Stalls in Attie Potgieter Street-Katutura

This article celebrates the remarkable journey of Mr. Jason Amwiigidha, a shining example of entrepreneurial spirit and dedication within the Namibian business landscape. As a member of the Namibian Association of Metal Fabricators (NAMF) and owner of Web Steel CC, Mr. Amwiigidha has not only built a thriving business but also serves as an inspiration to aspiring entrepreneurs and skilled tradesmen.

Operating from the Menarovandu Industrial Stalls in Attie Potgieter Street-Katutura, Mr. Amwiigidha has garnered widespread recognition for his exceptional welding expertise. His commitment to excellence is evident in the meticulous craftsmanship of his

products, which range from robust gun safes and sturdy construction benches to practical washing poles.

Recently, the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) bestowed upon Mr. Amwiigidha a significant contract to fabricate storage boxes for the 2024 ballot papers. This momentous achievement is a testament to his dedication to business development, technical prowess, and the unwavering trust placed in local SMEs by national institutions. This contract not only underscores the importance of supporting local businesses but also highlights the crucial role of skilled trades in the development of our nation.

Beyond his entrepreneurial endeavours, Mr. Amwiigidha embodies a spirit of mentorship, generously sharing his knowledge and expertise with students at the Vocational Training Centre (VTC). By nurturing the next generation of skilled tradesmen, he ensures the continued growth and prosperity of the local industry.

Mr. Amwiigidha's success story serves as a powerful reminder that with hard work, dedication, and a commitment to excellence, even the most ambitious dreams can be realized. His achievements inspire us all to strive for excellence, support local businesses, and recognize the invaluable contributions of skilled tradesmen to our community.





Keep your home Mosquito free simple and effective control methods

By: Ms. Celeste Mouton (Section Head: Safety, Health & Environment)

Summer's hot weather and seasonal rainfall create the perfect conditions for mosquitoes to thrive.

The warm temperatures accelerate their life cycle, leading to an increase in eggs being laid and hatched.



Division takes proactive measures to combat mosquito breeding, the cooperation of every household is essential to keeping these pests under control - or even eliminating them completely.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

At the household level, you can help prevent mosquito breeding by following these simple steps:

1. Kill Mosquito Larvae Outside Your Home

- Use larvicides to treat large bodies of water that cannot be covered, dumped out, or used for drinking.
- Always follow label instructions when using larvicides.
- Alternatively, contact the Health & Environment Services Division or a registered pest control service provider for assistance.

2. Keep Mosquitoes Out

To prevent mosquitoes from entering your home:

- Install or repair window and door screens.
- Keep doors, including garage doors, closed. Avoid propping them open.
- Use air conditioning when possible.

3. Control Mosquitoes Inside Your Home

- Mosquitoes often rest in dark, humid places such as under sinks, in showers, closets, under furniture, or in laundry rooms. If mosquitoes enter your home, they may start laying eggs indoors. Take these steps:

Once a week, empty, scrub, turn over, cover, or discard any items that hold water, such as vases or flowerpot saucers, to eliminate mosquito eggs and larvae.

If mosquitoes persist after installing screens and emptying water-holding containers, use an indoor insecticide. Consider hiring a pest control professional to treat affected areas inside your home. By taking these simple precautions, you can help protect



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The map must always be used in conjunction with the malaria advice text
This map is only intended as a guide and is not exact. Bite avoidance measures should be taken in all areas

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Regional Information



Airports and Ports



As shown on the map above, the Khomas region is not a malaria-endemic zone. However, mosquitoes can still become a significant nuisance.

While the City of Windhoek's Health & Environment Services



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Windhoek's Mix Settlement benefits from new sanitation project

By Taimi Haihambo (Communication Intern)



Her Worship, Cllr. Ndesihafela Laranja, delivers her speech at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Sanitation Hub.

In a significant step toward improving living conditions in Windhoek's Mix Settlement, the City of Windhoek, in partnership with Vivo Energy Namibia, recently held a groundbreaking ceremony to officially launch a vital sanitation project. This initiative aims to uplift the community by providing essential sanitation facilities, significantly enhancing the overall well-being of residents.

During the event, Her Worship Cllr. Ndesihafela Laranja shared details about the project's funding, explaining that the collaboration with Vivo Energy began during the Windhoek Marathon on 25 May 2024. The marathon, which

attracted over 3,000 runners, raised a total of N\$ 296,358.55. "Additionally, Cllr. Queen Omagano Kamati, former mayor of Windhoek, has pledged an extra N\$ 50,000 through the Windhoek Mayoral Trust Fund, bringing the total raised to N\$ 346,358.55 to support this initiative," Her Worship said.

The funds will be used to construct a sanitation hub featuring eight toilets, two water points, and two urinals, with a total budget of N\$ 600,000. The City of Windhoek will cover any additional costs to ensure the community gains access to proper sanitation facilities.

Lazarus Nafidi, speaking on behalf of Vivo Energy's managing director, urged the community to continue supporting such initiatives. "Participating in events like the marathon not only promotes fitness but also brings tangible benefits to the community, especially in areas like education and health," he explained. "Through our continued efforts, we aim

to foster positive change and support community-driven projects."

The residents of Mix Settlement, which houses over 1,400 shacks, have long struggled with inadequate sanitation, relying on just three toilet hubs and a broken bathroom. Community leader Julia Ndango expressed her excitement about the new project, recalling how water and sanitation had been top priorities in the settlement's action plan. "I am overjoyed that the City of Windhoek has listened to our concerns and acted quickly to help us," she said.

Gottlieb Leonard, another community leader, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing how the new sanitation hub would provide much-needed privacy and convenience. "Currently, there's no privacy when using the facilities, and we often have to resort to the bush," Leonard explained. "This project will not only improve privacy but also help reduce unpleasant odors by properly containing waste underground."

The City of Windhoek and Vivo Energy Namibia have previously collaborated on initiatives such as a 2023 marathon that raised funds for the donation of 572 books, which were distributed to Nathanael Maxuillili and Greenwell Matango community libraries. This ongoing collaboration highlights their shared commitment to enhancing the well-being of Windhoek's communities.



Community members of Mix Settlement gather at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Sanitation Hub.



Mayor Cllr. Ndesihafela Laranja, alongside CEO Moses Matyayi, Executives, and community members, officially breaking ground for the Sanitation Hub.





Media releases and public notices

We often release important information to the public, through the media, in the form of media releases and public notices. Many of these only appear once in some media, so to support the longevity of public messages, and to help ensure that our residents remain updated, we include selected ones in the Aloe.

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ELECTRICAL SAFETY DURING RAINY SEASON



NB SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Elevate Electrical Appliances:** If you live in a flood-prone area, elevate electrical appliances and outlets above potential flood levels to reduce the risk of electrical hazards.
- 2. Do Not Walk in Floodwater Near Electrical Equipment:** Never walk through floodwaters if there is electrical equipment or power lines nearby, as water is an excellent conductor of electricity.
- 3. Stay Away from Power Lines:** If you see downed power lines, stay at least 9 meters away and report them immediately to the authorities.
- 4. Avoid Using Wet Hands to Operate Electrical Devices:** Always ensure your hands are dry when using electrical switches, outlets, or appliances. Water is a conductor of electricity, and wet hands increase the risk of electric shock.
- 5. Inspect Electrical Wiring After Flooding:** After a flood, have a qualified electrician inspect your electrical system for damage before restoring power. Wet or damaged wiring can pose a serious hazard.



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The City of Windhoek Customer Contact Centre has been receiving calls from residents enquiring about an apparent “Commissioner” of the City Police demanding that residents should make payments on their accounts via the E-wallet payment method.

Residents are also apparently threatened with arrest if they do not comply. Please note that this is a scam and residents should not act upon any demands made by the scammers.

Please report scammers to the City Police on 061 – 302 302 or send them an SMS on 4444.

For any enquiries, please contact our Customer Contact Centre on 061 – 290 3777.



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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025



SUBJECT	DATE	TIME
Ordinary Council Meeting	27 February	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	27 March	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	30 April	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	28 May	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	26 June	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	31 July	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	28 August	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	25 September	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	30 October	17:30
Ordinary Council Meeting	20 November	17:30

Nomination, Election and Inauguration of 2025/2026 Office Bearers

1 December



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SAFETY ALERT FLOODED ROADS

- Floodwaters can be deeper than they appear
- Follow road signs and safety warnings.
- Report flooded roads to authorities.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS FLOODED ROADS!
Stay Safe, Stay Alert!
Your life matters more than a shortcut!



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PUBLIC NOTICE

ROADWORKS ON ABENTEUR STREET (PHASE 2) IN KLEINE KUPPE EXTENSION 1

27 January 2024

The public is hereby informed of the ongoing construction work to upgrade Abenteur Street, spanning from the corner of Bandom and Ambrose Streets to the corner of Sandwich and Ambrose Streets.

Please note that the construction period has been extended from 31 January 2025 to 30 April 2025.

We kindly urge all road users to follow traffic signage around the construction area as per below. Exercise caution for your safety and to avoid disruptions.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PORTION A OF ERF 849, ROCKY CREST (±80M² IN EXTENT), PRINCIPE ROAD, ROCKY CREST

20 January 2025

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 50(3)(a)(ii) of the Local Authorities Act, Act No 23 of 1992 that the Municipal council of Windhoek proposes to close temporarily the under-mentioned portions as indicated on locality plan, which lies for inspection during office hours at the office of Urban Policy, Room 515, City of Windhoek, Independence Avenue.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PORTION A OF ERF 849, ROCKY CREST (±80M² IN EXTENT), PRINCIPE ROAD, ROCKY CREST

Portion A of Erf 849 Rocky Crest, Principe Road, will be leased to PowerCom (Pty) Ltd to erect a communication tower.

Objections to the proposed closing are to be served on the Secretary: The Urban and Regional Planning Board, Private Bag 13289, and the Chief Executive Officer, City of Windhoek, P.O. Box 59, Windhoek, within 14 days after the appearance of this notice in accordance with Section 50(3)(a) (iv) of the aforesaid Act.

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TOWN PLANNING OFFICER
URBAN POLICY DIVISION



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LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO RENT?

Here are some tips to help you stay safe from fake rental scams:

- ✓ Always insist on seeing the property in person before making any payments. If the landlord is hesitant or refuses, that's a red flag.
- ✓ Try to meet the landlord or property manager in person. This helps verify their identity and gives you a chance to ask questions about the property.
- ✓ Request copies of the property's title deed and the property owner's identification documents to ensure they have the right to rent out the property.



- ✗ Never pay a deposit or any fees before signing a lease and confirming the property's legitimacy. Be wary of apparent property owners asking for payment through untraceable methods like electronic wallets or cash.

Be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true. Scammers often lure victims with unbelievably low prices.

Toll free: 061 302 302 SMS Line: 4444



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PUBLIC NOTICE

SCAM ALERT – Fraudsters calling residents to offer them jobs at City of Windhoek for a fee

17 January 2025

The City of Windhoek would like to inform the public of a fraudulent scheme that has been brought to our attention. Some residents have reported receiving phone calls from scammers offering them jobs at the City of Windhoek. The fake positions include cleaner, driver and secretary. The callers are demanding payment amounts between N\$ 150.00 and N\$300.00.

The fraudsters are using various numbers to contact the public but some of the numbers identified are as follows:

- 0813837033
- 0813711722
- 0813299965

Residents are cautioned that the City of Windhoek will never ask for payment for employment. To report similar scams, contact City Police at **061 302 302** or **SMS at 4444**.



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Aloe “seen around”



The first family affected by flooding in the Otjomuise riverbed receives bedding essentials and other items on their first day at their new location.



PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR LIBERATION ICON: Windhoek Mayor, Her Worship Cllr. Ndeshihafela Lalandja, signs the book of condolence at the residence of the late Founding President, His Excellency Dr. Sam Shafiqshuna Nujoma, on 9 February 2025.



German (Berlin) students alongside Windhoek students from various schools after their successful collaboration meeting.



Newly elected Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Clemencia Hanases, Her Worship Ndeshihafela Lalandja and Chairperson of Management, Cllr. Ilse Keister.



The new office bearers; Seated (Left to Right): Deputy Mayor Clemencia Hanases, CEO Moses Matyayi, and Her Worship Ndeshihafela Lalandja. Standing (Left to Right): Cllr Bernadus Araeb, Alderwoman Fransina Kahungu, Cllr Jurgen Hecht, Cllr Joseph Uapingene and Cllr. Ilse Keister, Chairperson of Management Committee.

Learn more about the stories behind these photos on our social media channels!



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The new relocation area for flood victims at portion of farm 508 near Goreangab dam.



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