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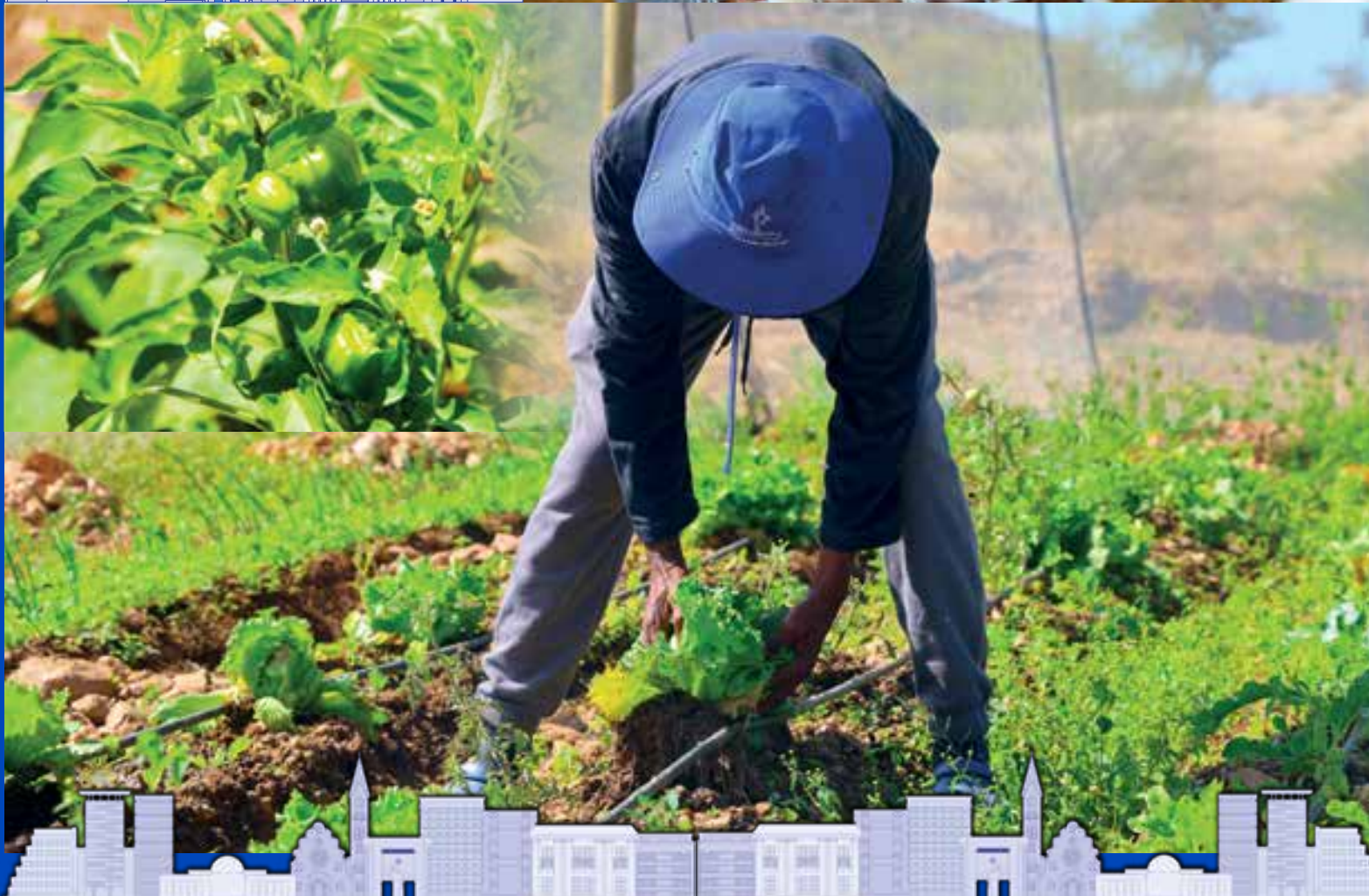
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Editorial



The month of May unfolded with a strong sense of progress and unity. It is an inspiring reminder of what can be achieved when a city moves with shared purpose and with each milestone adding a meaningful thread to the fabric of our capital.

At the heart of this momentum was the resounding success of the 2026 Windhoek /Ae //Gams Arts and Cultural Festival, held from 8 to 9 May. The festival once again affirmed its place as a true celebration of unity in diversity, reflecting Windhoek's identity as a vibrant cultural melting pot with an estimation of over 4000 participants. It brought together diverse voices and energies, reinforcing the spirit that continues to shape Windhoek as an inclusive and dynamic city.

In the same spirit of inclusivity, the City remained steadfast in its efforts to keep our environment clean, safe, and liveable, while also advancing sustainable approaches to maintaining cleanliness. During the period under review, the Mayoral Clean-Up Campaigns continued with meaningful impact in Olympia and Groot-Aub. Residents, stakeholders, and City teams worked side by side, showing that lasting change begins at grassroots level. Participants were also encouraged to move away from single-use plastics, with reusable bags distributed as part of the campaign, reinforcing practical steps toward environmental responsibility. These initiatives not only restored public spaces but also strengthened a growing culture of stewardship and shared responsibility across the city.

Still on environmental matters, the City hosted a guided media tour of the Gammams Wastewater Treatment Plant and the new Goreangab Water Reclamation Plant. The tour formed part of ongoing efforts to raise awareness and appreciation of how wastewater is treated and purified to potable standards. It also highlighted one of Windhoek's most remarkable achievements, turning water recycling into a sustainable source for the city. In a context where water scarcity

remains a constant reality, this advanced technology stands as a testament to bold innovation and long-term planning, ensuring that every drop continues to count towards a more secure future.

Meanwhile, Farm Okukuna continued to flourish as a symbol of green innovation and food security. Its productive fields, sustainable farming practices, and contribution to accessible, locally grown produce demonstrate how urban agriculture can thrive even under challenging conditions. Farm Okukuna stands as a living example of resilience in action, showcasing how opportunity, sustainability, and environmental care can come together to nourish both people and possibility.

Taken together, these initiatives tell the story of a city that is not only responding to its challenges, but actively shaping its future, one defined by sustainability, inclusivity, and innovation. Windhoek continues to show that progress is most meaningful when it is shared, visible, and rooted in community.

As we move forward, let us do so with renewed purpose: to build on these achievements, deepen collaboration, and strengthen our commitment to a cleaner, greener, and more resilient Windhoek, one that works for all who call it home.

Until next time, keep warm!

Lydia Amutenya

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The Mayor's Take

By Cillie Kapolo (CPRP), Communications Specialist

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.

Dear Residents,

As your Municipal Council, we remain committed to building a city that is safe, connected, innovative and responsive to the needs of all residents. I am pleased to share several important developments that demonstrate the progress being made across Windhoek.

Windhoek Advances Towards Becoming a Smart City

The City of Windhoek is in the final stages of developing its first People-Centred Smart City Strategy in partnership with UN-Habitat through the UNITAC Project. This landmark strategy will guide our efforts to harness technology and data to improve service delivery, strengthen citizen participation, enhance urban governance, and improve the quality of life of all residents.

The strategy has been informed by extensive consultations with stakeholders and will provide a roadmap for sustainable urban development. Once adopted, it will position Windhoek as one of Africa's leading smart cities.

Supporting this vision is the significant progress made in commercialising the City's municipal fibre optic network. The project has laid the foundation for a commercially viable digital platform that will enhance connectivity, attract digital service providers, stimulate innovation, and create new municipal revenue opportunities.

Crime Reduction Shows Positive Results

Creating a safer city remains one of Council's priorities. Crime statistics for the period 1 January to 31 May 2026 indicate encouraging progress, with notable reductions in several crime categories compared to the same period last year.

House break-ins decreased by 27%, robberies by 22%, murders by 14%,

attempted murders by 10%, and theft by 7%. These improvements are the result of strong cooperation between law enforcement agencies, neighbourhood watch groups, and residents.

While these gains are encouraging, challenges remain. Theft from motor vehicles, armed robberies, and serious assault cases have increased. Residents are therefore encouraged to remain vigilant, secure their properties and vehicles, and continue working together with law enforcement to keep our communities safe.

Addressing the Challenge of Children Living and Begging on the Streets

Council remains deeply concerned about the growing number of children observed begging at intersections, shopping centres, and other public spaces across Windhoek.

Beyond the safety risks posed by children approaching motorists in traffic, there are serious concerns about their welfare, well-being, and possible exploitation. Many of these children appear vulnerable and in need of social welfare, healthcare, and child protection support.

Council believes that enforcement alone cannot resolve this challenge. A coordinated response involving government institutions, child protection agencies, immigration authorities, civil society organisations, and communities is required.

Residents are encouraged to support recognised welfare organisations and shelters rather than giving money directly to children on the streets. This approach helps ensure that assistance reaches those in need while discouraging practices that may place children at further risk.

A motion addressing this matter has been tabled before Council for consideration.

Progress on Road Repairs

The City continues to prioritise road maintenance across Windhoek. Between February 2025 and May 2026, a total of 85,074 mid-sized potholes were repaired, while larger potholes covering more than 68,765 square metres were rehabilitated through patchwork repairs.

Contractors have been appointed in accordance with public procurement requirements, and repair works continue across various suburbs as part of the City's ongoing pothole repair programme. These efforts are aimed at improving road safety and ensuring a more reliable transport network for residents.

Improving Waste Management Services

To strengthen waste management services, Council procured 35 skip containers earlier this year, with five already deployed in Havana.

Plans are underway to procure an additional 50 skip containers during the next financial year, with approximately 20 earmarked for Havana. This investment will help address growing waste management needs and improve cleanliness across communities.

Moving Forward Together

The progress highlighted above demonstrates Council's commitment to improving service delivery, enhancing public safety, investing in infrastructure and preparing Windhoek for a smarter and more sustainable future.

Together, through active participation, responsible citizenship, and collaboration, we can continue building a city that offers opportunity, dignity, and a high quality of life for all.

Councillor Sakarias Unona Mayor of Windhoek



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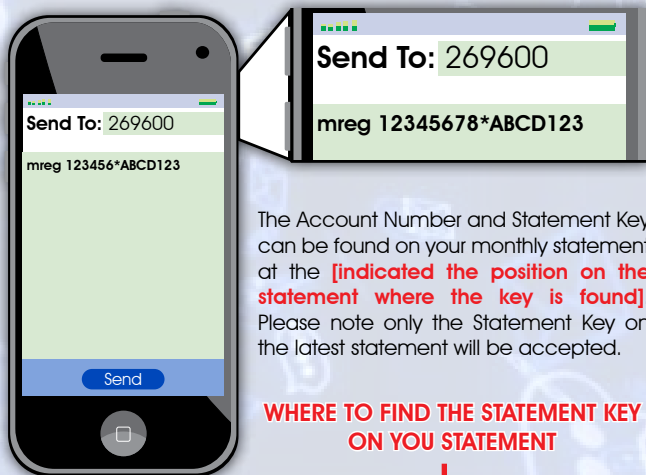
SELF-READING (SMS)

This service allows you to submit your monthly water / electricity meter reading via SMS. Below is the information on how to register and submit your reading.

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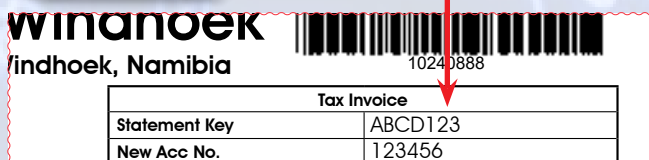
You will be required to register your cell phone number to an Account by sending an SMS with your account number and statement key to 269600. Please note, only one registration per Account is allowed but a single mobile phone can register to more than one Account.

Your SMS should look like this: **EXAMPLE**
mreg (space) accountNo*statementKey → send to 269600



The Account Number and Statement Key can be found on your monthly statement at the [indicated position on the statement where the key is found]. Please note only the Statement Key on the latest statement will be accepted.

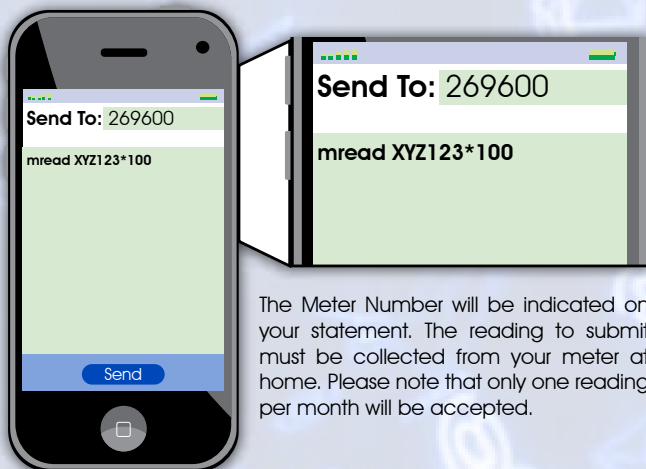
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2. Reading Submission

Once your cell phone number is registered to an Account, you are eligible to submit your monthly reading by sending an SMS to 269600. Send separate SMSes for water & electricity readings.

Your SMS should look like this: **EXAMPLE**
mread (space) MeterNo*Reading → send to 269600



The Meter Number will be indicated on your statement. The reading to submit must be collected from your meter at home. Please note that only one reading per month will be accepted.

How to read your electricity meter



Read only the 5 white digits

How to take your water reading



Read only the first 4 black digits

NB: A FEE OF N\$0.40 WILL BE CHARGED PER SMS.

READINGS TO BE TAKEN AND SUBMITTED BETWEEN 20TH AND 31ST OF EVERY MONTH.

E-MAIL SELF-READINGS AND FAX READINGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The City of Windhoek is experiencing challenges in accessing some properties to take meter readings. Clients are however encouraged to register and submit readings via sms.

TO AVOID ESTIMATIONS ON THE ACCOUNT, CLIENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER FOR SELF – READINGS VIA SMS.

For further enquiries on sending readings via SMS kindly contact our Customer Contact Centre at 290 3777.

By submitting your water and electricity meter readings you will then ensure that your statement reflects the actual charges for both electricity and water consumption.

Your cooperation in this regard will be much appreciated.

The City of Windhoek remains committed to deliver effective and efficient municipal services, thereby enhancing the quality of life of all our people.

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Media Gets First-Hand Experience of Windhoek's Advanced Water Reclamation Process

By Lydia Shifa, Communication Specialist

On Friday, 22 May 2026, the City of Windhoek hosted members of the media on an educational tour to three key facilities responsible for wastewater treatment, water reclamation, and water quality testing.

The tour was aimed at enhancing public awareness and providing first-hand insight into the City's integrated water management processes, which ensure that water supplied to residents consistently meets the highest drinking water quality and public health standards.

being discharged into the environment safely, but is not yet suitable for human consumption.

The water treated at Gammas is then transferred to the City's New Goreangab Water Reclamation Plant, where it undergoes a rigorous ten-stage treatment and disinfection process to achieve a potable drinking water standard. During the visit to the reclamation plant, the Managing Director of the Windhoek Goreangab Operating Company (Pty) Ltd (WINGOC), the company that is

approximately five days before the water is released to the City for distribution. Once received, the reclaimed water is blended with water supplied by NamWater and, when necessary, water sourced from the City's boreholes before being distributed to consumers across Windhoek. Reclaimed water currently accounts for approximately 20 per cent of the city's drinking water supply.

To ensure ongoing compliance with national and international water quality standards, both the reclaimed water and



Process Engineer Justina Haihambo briefs media representatives at the start of the educational tour of the Gammams Wastewater Treatment Plant

The visit commenced at the Gammams Wastewater Treatment Plant, where Process Engineer Justina Haihambo guided media representatives through the various stages of the wastewater treatment process.

Haihambo explained that the process begins with physical screening to remove large solids, followed by biological and chemical treatment stages that break down organic matter and eliminate pollutants and contaminants. At the completion of this process, the water is sufficiently treated to the standard of

operating the plant on behalf of the City, Dr Thomas Honer, took the media through the ten treatment steps, which include: oxidation and pre-ozonation, powdered activated carbon dosing, coagulation and flocculation, dissolved air flotation, dual media filtration, main ozonation, biological activated carbon filtration, granular activated carbon filtration, ultrafiltration, disinfection and stabilization. Through these rigorous processes, the water is transformed into high-quality drinking water.

Dr Honer noted that the complete treatment and reclamation process takes

“These tests monitor various water quality parameters, including chlorine levels, which play a critical role in eliminating harmful bacteria and ensuring water safety.”

the City's broader water distribution network are continuously monitored and tested by the City of Windhoek internationally accredited Water Laboratory.

The laboratory, located at Gammams Wastewater Treatment Plant, has been accredited by the Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service (SADCAS) since 2015, demonstrating its adherence to internationally recognised testing standards. It remains the only accredited water laboratory in Windhoek and one of only a few accredited water testing facilities in Namibia.

During the laboratory visit, Acting Chief Scientist Laura Ashipala explained that





water samples collected from the distribution network in Windhoek are tested twice weekly and undergo extensive microbiological and chemical analyses. These tests monitor various water quality parameters, including chlorine levels, which play a critical role in eliminating harmful bacteria and ensuring water safety. Ashipala also shared the latest water quality results for the city with the visiting media representatives.

longstanding success in water reclamation continues to serve as a

model for sustainable urban water management worldwide.

The City of Windhoek remains one of the world's pioneering municipalities in the reclamation of wastewater for drinking purposes and has hosted various familiarization visits from delegates across the world, who want to replicate the City's success story. As water scarcity and climate-related challenges continue to affect communities globally, many cities are increasingly adopting water reclamation technologies to secure reliable and sustainable water supplies.

By recycling treated wastewater, municipalities can reduce pressure on limited freshwater resources, protect ecosystems, minimise environmental pollution, and strengthen resilience against droughts. Windhoek's



A glimpse into the advanced treatment process at the Gammams Wastewater Treatment Plant, where wastewater is carefully treated before it is sent to the new Goreangab Water Reclamation plant.



Journalists drinking reclaimed water at the end of the treatment process at the New Goreangab Water Reclamation Plant, experiencing firsthand the quality of water produced through advanced reclamation technology.





Cleaning with Purpose: How Windhoek East is Setting the Standard for Civic Pride

By Anna Shiimi - Communication Trainee



Windhoek East Constituency Councilor Jochen Rudolf Traut giving a vote of thanks to the attendees who came to assist with the cleaning at the constituency.

On an ordinary Saturday morning in Windhoek East constituency, something extraordinary unfolded, not through grand speeches alone, but through action, unity, and a shared sense of responsibility.

The parking lot of Woermann Brock (Olympia) became more than just a meeting point, it transformed into the heartbeat of a movement. Residents, city officials, and members of the Ministry of Defence gathered shoulder to shoulder, armed not with titles, but with a common mission, to reclaim and preserve the cleanliness of Namibia's capital.

Leading the charge was the City of Windhoek's Mayor, Councillor Sakarias Uunona, joined by Councillors Jochen Rudolf Traut and Jesaya Ikali. But this was not merely a symbolic appearance. It was a powerful demonstration of leadership meeting community, where words of encouragement were matched by visible participation.

Their message was simple, yet profoundly resonant, Windhoek belongs to all of us.

"Today we are here together," one leader emphasized, "but keeping Windhoek clean is not a one-day effort. It is a daily responsibility. When one of us wins, we all win."

A Community Already Leading by Example

What stood out most during the campaign was not just the effort of the day, but the

condition of the constituency itself. Many areas in Windhoek East were already impressively clean, a testament to residents who have quietly embraced environmental responsibility long before the campaign arrived.

This sense of ownership is exactly what the campaign seeks to ignite across the entire city. Windhoek East is not just participating; it is setting the pace.

If every suburb were to follow its example, Windhoek could confidently reclaim its reputation as one of Africa's cleanest cities, a title rooted not in policy alone, but in the everyday actions of its people.

More Than Cleaning, A Cultural Shift

At its core, the Mayoral Clean-Up Campaign is about more than picking up litter. It is about reshaping attitudes and habits. This year's theme, "Go Green, Skip the Plastic," highlights a growing urgency to rethink everyday choices, particularly the widespread use of plastic bags that continue to harm the environment long after their use.

Residents were encouraged to adopt reusable cloth bags, a small yet impactful change that reflects a broader commitment to sustainability.

As one message echoed throughout the event

"A vibrant city is a reflection of the

pride we carry in our hearts. When we unite to care for our streets, parks, and neighbourhoods, we aren't just cleaning, we're building a healthier, safer, and more beautiful home for us all."

The Power Lies with the People



Residents, City of Windhoek officials, Namibian Defence Force officers, and councillors pictured cleaning in the Windhoek East constituency.

While the City of Windhoek continues to play its role, the campaign made one point unmistakably clear, the future of the city's cleanliness cannot rest solely on municipal efforts.

- It lies in individual responsibility.
- It lies in residents who choose not to litter.
- In households that keep their surroundings clean.
- In communities that take pride in where they live.
- The call to action is not complicated, it is personal.
- If not you, then who?

A City Worth Caring For

Windhoek's journey toward becoming Africa's cleanest city once again is not a distant dream. It is already underway, one street, one neighbourhood, one resident at a time.

And if the energy witnessed in Windhoek East is anything to go by, the city is well on its way.

Because in the end, a clean city is not built by campaigns alone, it is built by people who care enough to make it happen.



Done and dusted! The City of Windhoek Mayoral Clean-up Campaign Goes Rural

By **Steven Kashekele**, Corporate Communication Officer



Former Street children currently under the care of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, together with members of the City of Windhoek Junior Council, proudly joined the clean-up campaign in support of environmental stewardship.



City of Windhoek Deputy Mayor, Councillor Albertina Amutenya, and Windhoek Rural Constituency Councillor Demetreo Beukes lead by example as they participate in the clean-up campaign, demonstrating their commitment to a cleaner and healthier Groot-Aub.

The Groot-Aub Clean-Up was a resounding success. Thank you to everyone who joined the City of Windhoek Mayoral Clean-up Campaign in Groot-Aub, a settlement located approximately 60 kilometres south of Windhoek, within the Khomas Region, and administered by the Khomas Regional Council, with ongoing service collaboration and outreach support from the City of Windhoek, on Saturday, 23 May 2026. Starting from the Constituency Office, community members gathered with energy, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to building a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment. Your participation reflected strong civic pride and a deep sense of responsibility toward the community.

Together, we demonstrated the power of unity in action. Residents, volunteers, and City teams worked side by side collecting litter, clearing public spaces, and restoring

the natural beauty of Groot-Aub. The atmosphere was vibrant and uplifting, with a shared understanding that small actions create lasting impact. Every bag of waste collected was a step toward a more sustainable future for the community.

We extend sincere appreciation to all participants, including local leaders, youth groups, and community stakeholders who dedicated their time to make the campaign a success. The City of Windhoek Mayoral Clean-up Campaign continues to serve as a powerful reminder that environmental responsibility begins at community level. Groot-Aub has now set a strong example of how rural constituencies can actively contribute to keeping Namibia clean and green.

Looking ahead, the City of Windhoek remains committed to expanding this initiative across the entire city throughout the year. The campaign will continue in other priority areas, including Stop n Shop, Onghete, and Ongava Street in the Tobias Hainyeko Constituency, which are scheduled to follow soon. These upcoming activations will ensure that no community is left behind in the drive for a cleaner Windhoek.

Groot-Aub has proven that when people come together, real change happens. Let this momentum continue as we work towards a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable Windhoek for all.

We encourage every resident to take ownership of their surroundings, whether at home, in public spaces, or within their neighbourhoods. Simple actions such



Community members of Groot-Aub pace to their assigned cleaning section at the start of the clean-up campaign, ready to contribute their time and effort towards creating a cleaner and healthier environment for all.

as proper waste disposal, recycling, and community participation can make a lasting difference. The success in Groot-Aub is not an end, but the beginning of continued collective action for environmental sustainability across the City of Windhoek. Together, we build a cleaner tomorrow for all.



Young residents of Groot-Aub enthusiastically take part in the clean-up campaign, demonstrating that environmental responsibility begins at an early age. They were joined by CoW Deputy Mayor, Councillor Albertina Amutenya, Councillor Toini Ambambi, and Windhoek Rural Constituency Councillor Demetreo Beukes.

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- Direct deposit at any Commercial Bank;
- Electronic / Online Banking;
- ATM payments (FNB clients only)
- Cellphone Banking;
- Standard Bank Paypulse;



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Account Holder: City of Windhoek
Bank: First National Bank
Account number: 55500033613
Branch: FNB Business
Swift / BIC Code: FIRNNANX

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Payment confirmation can be send to email: payments@windhoekcc.org.na

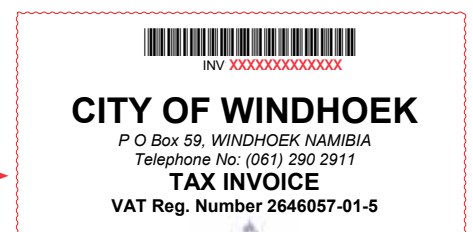
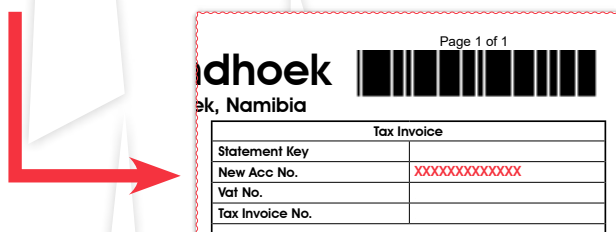
Please note: Only **genuine proof of payment** should be submitted to our office. Kindly take note that **submitting fake proof of payment is a criminal offense.**

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Council adopts motion on Angolan Children begging at Windhoek intersections and streets

By **Cillie Kapolo** (CPRP), Communications Specialist



The Angolan children seen around the streets in the capital.

The City of Windhoek Council has adopted a motion calling for urgent intervention to address the growing number of young children roaming the streets and traffic intersections of the capital.

The motion, tabled by Councillor Ignatius Semba during the Council meeting held on Thursday, 04 June 2026, raised concerns over an estimated 150 children, believed to be of Angolan origin, who are frequently seen at traffic intersections selling wooden sticks and knobkerries, and soliciting money from motorists and members of the public.

Councillor Semba noted that the presence of children at busy intersections, some estimated to be between the ages of five and seven, poses significant safety

risks to both the children and road users. He further expressed concern that the situation is escalating and requires urgent attention from relevant authorities.

"The safety and welfare of these children must be prioritised, while ensuring that motorists and pedestrians are not placed at risk," said Councillor Semba.

As part of the motion, Council resolved that the Office of the Mayor engage relevant national authorities and stakeholders to explore sustainable interventions and seek a lasting solution to the matter.

Following deliberations, Council adopted the motion and referred it to the Management Committee for further consideration and recommendations before a final course of action is determined.



Councillor Ignatius Semba during the council meeting tackling a motion of the Angolan children





Farm Okukuna: Where the City Breathes Green

By **Steven Kashekele**, Corporate Communication Officer



THE VIEW - Farm Okukuna, the beating green heart of the City of Windhoek.

Just beyond the busy streets of Windhoek, where the sound of traffic slowly fades into the whisper of the wind, lies a remarkable place known as Farm Okukuna. To many, it is simply a farm. But to those who have walked its fertile grounds, watched the sunrise paint its fields in gold of Goreangab Dam, and felt the cool earth beneath their feet, Farm Okukuna is much more, it is the beating green heart of the City of Windhoek.

The story of Farm Okukuna begins with a simple but powerful vision: to create a sustainable source of fresh produce while nurturing the environment and empowering communities. In a city where water is precious and agriculture faces many challenges, this vision was ambitious. Yet, through dedication, innovation, and care for the land, Farm Okukuna transformed into a shining example of what is possible when people work in harmony with nature.

From dusk, as the first rays of sunlight touch the fertile fields, Farm Okukuna comes alive. Rows of vibrant vegetables,

including spinach, tomatoes, onions, and other crops, stretch across the landscape, reflecting the hard work and dedication of the people who care for them. What makes the farm particularly remarkable is its commitment to sustainable agricultural practices. Through efficient irrigation systems and responsible land management, the farm maximizes production while conserving precious resources.

Farm Okukuna plays a vital role in supporting food security for the city. The fresh produce harvested from its fields supplies local markets and institutions, ensuring that residents have access to nutritious, locally grown food at affordable prices, with some produce available for as little as N\$20, making healthy food more accessible to the community.

Beyond agriculture, the farm serves as a valuable source of employment and skills development. It provides opportunities for workers to gain practical experience in modern farming techniques while supporting their families and communities.

For many, Farm Okukuna represents more than a workplace, it is a place of growth, learning, and opportunity.

Visitors are often struck by the farm's peaceful atmosphere. Despite being closely connected to the city, it offers a refreshing escape into nature. Birds, trees, and open green spaces create an environment that showcases the importance of preserving natural resources within an urban setting.

Farm Okukuna is a testament to what can be achieved when vision, innovation, and environmental responsibility come together. It demonstrates that sustainable agriculture can thrive even in challenging conditions, providing benefits that extend far beyond its fields.

As Windhoek continues to grow, Farm Okukuna remains a shining example of the city's commitment to sustainability and community well-being. It is not only a source of fresh produce but also a source of pride, a living reminder that a greener, healthier future is possible for all.



SIGNAGE - Farm Okukuna is a productive agricultural farm focused on sustainable crop and livestock farming, contributing to local food supply and food security. The farm is located just outside Windhoek in the Goreangab Dam area.



David Kamonde and a colleague, both interning at the farm, gaining hands-on experience in the cultivation and production of fresh agricultural produce.



Layers and fresh organic eggs produced at Farm Okukuna, ready for distribution to local markets and consumers.



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FARM OKUKUNA

The sun is shining, and our fields are bursting with fresh, vibrant vegetables! We are excited to share that our garden at Farm Okukuna has grown beautifully.

Come visit and enjoy organic, farm-fresh produce at affordable prices:



SPINACH (500G) - N\$15.00
LETTUCE (500G) - N\$15.00
EGGS (PER TRAY)
 - Large: N\$70.00
 - Medium: N\$60.00

Support local and enjoy the freshness straight from the farm. We look forward to seeing you!



DIRECTIONS AND LOCATION INFORMATION:

- ✓ Area: Farm Okukuna is located on Goreangab Dam Area, Erf No: 3192, Windhoek
- ✓ Direction: North-West of Windhoek City Centre.
- ✓ Context: Located near the Goreangab informal settlement.
- ✓ Proximity: Accessible from areas passing through the Goreangab suburb.
- ✓ 3 km from Goreangab four Intersection, right turn immediately crossing Goreangab valley/river
- ✓ No delivery

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/Ae //Gams Arts and Cultural Festival brings Namibia's heritage to life in the heart of Windhoek

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Windhoek Mayor, Cllr. Sakarias Uunona, and the City's CEO, Moses Matiyayi, add the final brushstroke to a collaborative artwork by a local artist, symbolically marking the official opening of the Festival.



Festival-goers soak up the vibrant atmosphere and enjoying live performances from some of Namibia's finest musical talents.

The heart of Windhoek came alive with colour, rhythm, creativity, and cultural pride as residents and visitors gathered for the Windhoek /Ae //Gams Arts and Cultural Festival, hosted in the City of Windhoek Parking Area along Independence Avenue.

The annual festival, which celebrates Namibia's rich and diverse cultural heritage, transformed the city centre into a lively cultural hub where communities from different backgrounds proudly showcased their traditions, customs, music, dance, food, and craftsmanship.

Throughout the festival, visitors were treated to captivating cultural performances by various traditional groups representing Namibia's diverse communities. Traditional dances, songs, and storytelling performances gave festivalgoers a unique opportunity to experience and appreciate the beauty of Namibia's cultural identity and the traditions that continue to shape communities across the country.

One of the highlights of the festival was the cultural village experience, where different groups showcased their traditional way of life, attire, customs, and daily practices. The festival also celebrated local culinary traditions,

offering a wide variety of authentic traditional cuisines from across Namibia. Visitors had the opportunity to taste and enjoy traditional dishes while learning about the cultural significance behind different foods and cooking methods.

In addition to entertainment and food, the festival created an interactive learning environment through free craft workshops and demonstrations. Children, youth, and adults participated in hands-on activities including pottery-making, crocheting, wood crafting, and jewellery beading. These workshops not only promoted creativity but also encouraged the preservation and transfer of indigenous skills and traditional knowledge to younger generations.

The festival also strongly promotes and supports local talent by providing a platform for Namibian artists to showcase their music and connect with audiences from across the country. Festivalgoers were entertained by energetic performances from some of Namibia's well-known artists, including Top Cheri, Exit, Jericho, DJ Vuyo, Kalux, Swart Baster, Loco Sounds, Ongoro Nomundu, and many others. Their performances added excitement and entertainment to the festival while celebrating Namibia's growing creative and music industry. The inclusion of local artists not only created an enjoyable

atmosphere for attendees but also highlighted the importance of investing in and celebrating homegrown talent.

Families particularly enjoyed the welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, with a range of child-friendly activities available throughout the festival grounds. Many parents brought their children to experience the educational and cultural value of the event, making it both a recreational and enriching family outing.

The /Ae //Gams Arts and Cultural Festival continues to contribute to social cohesion, tourism promotion, and community development within the capital city. Beyond the performances and activities, the festival carried a deeper message about unity, identity, and cultural appreciation. It served as a reminder that Namibia's strength lies in its diversity and that preserving culture remains essential in building pride, understanding, and connection among communities.

With free entrance and activities accessible to all, the /Ae //Gams Arts and Cultural Festival, which took place on 08-09 May 2026, once again proved to be more than just an event; it was a celebration of people, heritage, and the spirit of Namibia in the heart of Windhoek.





Namibia's celebrated artists, DJ Vuyo and Swart Baster, electrify the crowd with energetic performances during the festival.



The famous Okapana made its way to the festival too, Lekker smelling foods were indeed served.



Culture takes centre stage as Ovahimba, Nama and Tswana communities proudly showcase their traditions through captivating dance, music and cultural performances.





CoW Continues Its Winning Legacy at NALASRA Games

By **Steven Kashekele**, Corporate Communication Officer



Honourable James Sankwasa, Namibia's Minister of Urban and Rural Development, showcases his football skills as he dribbles the ball during a soccer match at the 15th NALASRA Games in Grootfontein.

The City of Windhoek has once again demonstrated why it remains one of the most dominant forces in local authority sport for the past 3 consecutive years, delivering an outstanding performance at the 15th Annual Namibian Local Authorities Sports and Recreational Association (NALASRA) Games, held in Grootfontein from 25 to 30 May 2026.

A delegation of 180 participants, comprising athletes and supporters, represented the city at the prestigious event. Through determination, teamwork, and discipline, the City of Windhoek emerged as the Overall Champion, further cementing its reputation as one of the most successful municipalities in NALASRA history.

The City achieved notable success across several sporting codes, including volleyball, tug of war, netball, marathon, darts, and pool. Athletes displayed exceptional skill and sportsmanship throughout the competition, proudly representing the capital city both on and off the field.

One of the standout performances came from the City's Pool Team, which delivered a flawless campaign. The team secured an impressive 10 gold medals and a major championship trophy. In the singles competition, players won four gold medals after playing nine matches from the group stages to the final without losing a single game. The doubles competition, which followed a knockout format, saw the team claim six gold medals after winning all four matches leading up to the final. Remarkably, the Pool Team completed the entire tournament undefeated.

The City of Windhoek Sports Club President, Kupaha Uazukuani, praised the achievement, describing it as a reflection of the dedication and unity demonstrated by all participants.

"We are proud of the team's achievement at the 15th NALASRA Games, where we were crowned overall champions. The team's commitment, discipline, teamwork, and professionalism contributed to an impressive medal haul of 9 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze medals, while demonstrating



The City of Windhoek Netball Team poses for a group photo with the CoW Deputy Mayor, Councillor Albertina Amutenya, during the 15th NALASRA Games in Grootfontein, where the City was crowned Overall Champion.

strong unity and support across all sporting codes." The President says.

The President further noted that the Games were about more than winning medals, highlighting their role in promoting employee wellness, healthy lifestyles, unity, and camaraderie among members. The event provided an opportunity for participants to strengthen relationships, encourage physical and mental well-being, and showcase the positive impact of sport within the organisation.

Over the years, the City of Windhoek has built a proud tradition of excellence at the NALASRA Games, consistently ranking among the top-performing local authorities in Namibia. This year's success once again reflects the City's commitment to employee development, teamwork, and sporting excellence.

The Sports Club Committee extended its appreciation to all athletes, coaches, team managers, supporters, sponsors, and organisers whose efforts contributed to the remarkable achievement.

As the celebrations continue, the growing collection of medals and trophies serves as a powerful reminder that success is built on hard work, determination, and unity. The City of Windhoek has once again proven itself a sporting powerhouse among Namibia's local authorities and a worthy champion of the 15th NALASRA Games.



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"I Love Windhoek -You've Got to Love 061." City of Windhoek participants pose for a spirited group photo during the official send-off to the 15th NALASRA Games, proudly showcasing their team spirit and city pride.



A delegation of 180 staff, comprising athletes and supporters, proudly represented the City of Windhoek at the 15th NALASRA Games in Grootfontein.



One of the standout performances of the tournament came from the City of Windhoek Darts Team, which delivered a flawless campaign and contributed significantly to the City's overall championship success.



The City of Windhoek Pool Team celebrates after winning 10 gold medals and a championship trophy, completing the tournament undefeated.

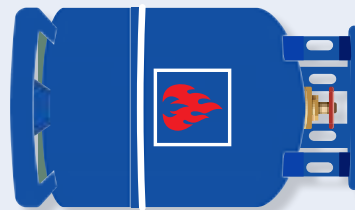


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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF STANDBY GENERATORS & SOLAR PV (PHOTOVOLTAIC) SYSTEMS

Start date of Amnesty: 16 September 2024

Due date of Amnesty: 16 September 2026

The City of Windhoek's Electricity Department is announcing a mandatory registration process for all embedded generators, including standby generators. This measure is necessary due to the evolving nature of our electricity distribution network and the potential hazards posed by these generators, such as feedback into the grid that can endanger operating personnel, cause network instability, and damage equipment.

1. **Registration Requirement:** All clients must register their embedded generators, including standby and solar PV systems, within the next 24 months (inclusive of weekends and public holidays), starting from the date of this notice. Failure to do so will be considered an illegal wiring offense, which may result in penalties.
2. **Inspection Process:** All generators will be subject to general inspections by City Council inspectors. This will include:
 - Testing for interlocking systems to prevent parallel operation with the grid.
 - Visual inspections and testing.

Clients must address any substandard wiring issues identified during the inspection before approval is granted.
3. **Licensing for Large Generators:** Standby generators with a capacity exceeding 500kVA must possess a generation license in accordance with the Electricity Act, 2007. Please attach this license to your registration application.

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Note: Registration is a requirement under the Distribution Grid Code: Electricity Act, 2007.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety and stability of our electricity network.



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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATS

Your questions answered



By Lydia Shifa, Communication Specialist

We share a lot of valuable information with residents on our social media channels and thought it's only fair that we share that with our Aloe readers as well. You can be part of the conversation with #Social Media Chats every month, where we share a selection of informative questions and answers that were discussed on our social media channels.

Q: City of Windhoek, why are people allowed to sell vehicles opposite Meatco when there are no basic amenities, such as toilets, at the site?

Please note that the City of Windhoek has not granted formal approval for vehicle sales operations at this location. Consequently, the activity is not authorised under any approved zoning or land-use framework for this purpose.

The City does not permit business activities to operate from premises that fail to meet the required public health, sanitation, and environmental standards. Any commercial activity conducted without complying with these requirements is regarded as unlawful and may be subject to investigation and enforcement measures.

The City remains committed to protecting public health, promoting environmental sustainability, and upholding the dignity and well-being of all residents and visitors.

Council has already approved the township development, and the next step is submission to the Township Board for final approval of the township establishment. Once the statutory approval process has been completed, implementation will proceed in phases according to the approved township layout and engineering service plans.

The programme will strengthen tenure security by providing residents with access to legally recognised erven through formal township processes. In addition, residents can expect the gradual rollout of municipal infrastructure, including roads, water, sanitation, and electricity services.

It must be emphasised that permanent housing for every resident cannot be delivered immediately within this period, as the programme is primarily focused on land servicing, formalisation and infrastructure provision.

Portion A of Farm 1007 make provision for approximately 804 dwelling units through a combination of single residential and general residential developments.

The current approvals mainly relate to land formalisation, township establishment and servicing infrastructure, and not the immediate delivery of fully constructed houses by the City. As such, the majority of the approved opportunities consist of legally recognised plots that will support incremental housing development over time.

The focus remains on creating serviced land, securing tenure, and establishing the infrastructure foundation necessary to support sustainable long-term housing delivery and urban development.

Q: Why do residents have to pay KPI Parking Management for parking in the city, and what legal authority does the company have to manage municipal parking?

Q: When the City of Windhoek says it is formalising the Otjomuise informal settlement, what does this mean in practical terms? Will residents receive brick houses, or will existing structures simply be recognised and serviced?

The formalisation of the Otjomuise informal settlement involves transforming the area into a legally recognised and properly planned township. This process includes the surveying of plots, construction of roads, and provision of water, sanitation, electricity, and other municipal services.

The process is not limited to simply recognising existing shacks, it includes the upgrading of living conditions and the integration of the area into the formal urban structure of Windhoek. While not all residents will immediately receive completed brick houses from the City, the programme creates serviced and legally recognised residential erven that enable residents to progressively develop permanent housing over time.

Q: The City of Windhoek recently announced the approval of township establishment and informal settlement formalisation projects that will create a total of 1,108 erven in Otjomuise and Hadino Hishongwa. Does this mean residents will receive completed houses, serviced plots, or a combination of both?

The Council resolution approved on 7 May 2026 forms part of the City's long-term township establishment and informal settlement formalisation programme, which includes developments on Farms 1007 and 1008.

Collectively, the approved township layouts provide for more than 1,108 erven, comprising single residential erven, general residential erven for higher-density housing, business erven, public open spaces, institutional land, and municipal service sites. Furthermore, developments on the Remainder and

KPI Parking Management operates under a formal five-year service agreement, with an option for extension, awarded by the City of Windhoek through an open procurement process conducted in accordance with the Public Procurement Act.

The company's operations are further supported by the Municipal Council of Windhoek Parking Meter Regulations, which provide the legal and regulatory framework for the management of paid parking within designated areas of the city.

The contract between the City of Windhoek and Keyplot Investments (KPI) was signed in December 2022 following the completion of the public procurement process. The implementation phase commenced thereafter, with KPI officially assuming responsibility for parking management services on 19 June 2023.



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