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Ndlambe Municipality's Compassionate Initiative: Fruits and Water Bring Comfort to Patients at Port Alfred Hospital

Pictured: Ndlambe Special Programmes Unit Manager Mluleki Ncapayi with patients at Port Alfred Hospital.

In a heartwarming display of community care, Ndlambe Municipality's Special Programs Unit, under the dedicated leadership of Mluleki Ncapayi, recently embarked on a mission to provide solace to patients at Port Alfred Hospital. This initiative sought to go beyond the routine medical care, emphasizing the municipality's commitment to social responsibility.

Patients gathering at the Outpatient Treatment Bay (OTB) were in for a surprise on an ordinary day. Mluleki Ncapayi, the unwavering manager of the Special Programs Unit, orchestrated a thoughtful gesture that elevated the spirits of those seeking medical attention. Fresh fruits and cool water were distributed, not just as a means of quenching thirst, but as a holistic approach to nourishing both body and soul.

Ncapayi, a beacon of empathy at the hospital, highlighted the significance of choosing Port Alfred Hospital for this compassionate outreach. "This hospital stands at the center, both geographically and symbolically," he explained. "People travel from distant areas to access essential medications here. This small act of kindness goes a long way for those early risers."

The municipality's commitment unfolded as a monthly pilgrimage to hospitals, a mission articulated by the Special Programs Unit. Their purpose was clear—to provide a comforting oasis for patients awaiting medical attention, offering respite in the form of water and fruits. It became a tangible demonstration of solidarity, a poignant reminder that, even in the face of health challenges, the community cared.

Ncapayi's unwavering commitment and the municipality's dedication painted a narrative of shared responsibility and communal support. The Port Alfred Hospital transformed into more than a mere medical hub; it became a haven where compassion was an integral part of the healing process. The story of Ndlambe Municipality's social responsibility unfolded, one act of kindness at a time, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those who needed it the most. In the backdrop of health struggles, compassion met community needs, creating a tapestry of warmth and humanity that transcended the clinical confines of the hospital walls.



Trappes Trading Cooperative Embraces a New Beginning with Mayor Ncamiso's Generosity!

Pictured: Ndlambe Municipality Mayor Mrs K Ncamiso, Speaker Andile Marasi and members of the cooperative.

In a heartwarming turn of events, the Trappes New Beginning Trading Cooperative found a beacon of hope when Ndlambe Municipal Mayor K.C Ncamiso, accompanied by Speaker Andile Marasi and SMME manager Godukile Mbolekwa, unveiled a transformative surprise on the 14th of December at the iHire.

With optimism in the air, Mayor Ncamiso addressed the eager cooperative members, declaring the day as one of "new beginnings" and promising to equip them with the means for a self-sustaining future. The highlight of the surprise was the unveiling of essential tools, including a Husqvarna 61 chainsaw, a Husqvarna 143R-11 brushcutter, a rolux rake, a lasher eco wheelbarrow, along with crucial supplies like oil guard 2 stroke and chain saw lubrication.

The cooperative members, brimming with gratitude and optimism, absorbed the moment as Nandipha Tamani expressed her elation, stating, "We are very thankful to mama mayor. These tools will help us a lot for starting this business. We will no longer use borrowed axes and pangas to cut the wood and grass."

More than just a donation, that generous gift symbolized a key unlocking doors of opportunity. It served as a catalyst for a new era of growth, prosperity, and self-sustainability for the Trappes New Beginning Trading Cooperative. The tools bestowed upon them were not just instruments; they were the seeds of a flourishing future, sown by Mayor Ncamiso's commitment to fostering positive change.



A Tale of Compassion Unfolds in Marselle

Pictured: Ndlambe Municipality Mayor Mrs K Ncamiso, Ecawa Music Festival Founder Ivy Madyo, ANC chairperson Thembisile Bili, ANC councillor Zandisile Myali and Sindiswa Ziqula.

In the serene setting of Marselle, a heartwarming story of compassion and community unfolded as Ivy Madyo, organizer of the Ecawa Music Festival, teamed up with the Ndlambe Municipality to assist Sindiswa Ziqula, a housebound resident in January.

Guided by Ndlambe Mayor K Ncamiso, a group of Good Samaritans, including ANC councillor Zandisile Myali and ANC Chairperson Thembisile Bili, collaborated with Madyo to make a difference in the lives of two students from the Ziqula family. With schools about to reopen, the family sought support from Ndlambe Municipal Manager Adv Rolly Dumezweni, who promptly engaged Madyo in the mission.

Touched by the urgency, Madyo purchased full school uniforms for Ilanga Ziqula in grade 7 and Lathitha Ziqula in grade 11, aiming to ease the burden on the wheelchair-bound parent, Sindiswa.

During the emotional presentation of the uniforms, Sindiswa expressed profound gratitude, emphasizing divine timing. Thembisile Bili highlighted the responsibilities shouldered by 12-year-old Ilanga, who cares for his grandmother post-school. Bili appealed for assistance in providing a Cirrus Electric Power Wheelchair for Sindiswa.

Amidst the touching narrative, Ndlambe Municipal Mayor acknowledged Ivy Madyo's selfless act, praising the collaboration between the municipality and the Ecawa Music Festival organizer. This partnership not only supported the Ziqula family tangibly but also showcased the strength of community bonds and compassion, inspiring others to make a positive impact.



Ndlambe Municipality's Employee Wellness Day Unveils a Day of Unity and Well-being

Pictured: Ndlambe Municipality workers during the annual wellness day.

On a scorching Friday, 1 December 2023 morning in Port Alfred, the Civic Centre Hall and surrounding streets came alive with an unexpected energy for Ndlambe Municipality's Employee Wellness Day. While many anticipated a typical race, the event turned out to be a transformative experience focused on the well-being of the municipality's workforce.

The day commenced with a walk and run, drawing both walkers and running enthusiasts through the streets to the vibrant Titi Jonas. The venue was transformed into a hub of information and education, where the staff's health and overall well-being took center stage.

Inside Titi Jonas hall, the atmosphere shifted from physical activity to mental stimulation. Engaging activities, including tricky questions and camaraderie-building exercises, filled the air. Aerobics activities electrified the room, breaking the ice and fostering connections among employees.

More than just a day of fun, the event took a holistic approach to wellness. Professionals from various fields, such as the Department of Health, Mobile Mammography, and various medical schemes, addressed critical issues like health conditions, inheritance, and finances—common challenges faced by employees.

Corporate Services Director Lazola Maneli-Payi highlighted the event's significance coinciding with World AIDS Day, encouraging voluntary medical check-ups. Ndlambe Municipal Mayor K.C Ncamiso delivered a heartfelt Christmas message, praising employees as pillars of the municipality vital in delivering essential community services.



Ndlambe Municipal Infrastructure Update: Proactive Measures for Sustainable Progress

Pictured: Ndlambe Municipal Manager Adv. Rolly Dumezweni, Director for infrastructure Development Mrs Noluthando Vithi-Masiza, Director for Community for Protection Services Mrs Nombulelo Booyesen and Director for Corporate services Mrs Lazola Maneli-Payi.

In a strategic move to uphold the optimal functioning of municipal infrastructure, ADV R. Dumezweni, the Municipal Manager of Ndlambe, spearheaded a crucial site visit yesteryear. Accompanied by a delegation of Ndlambe Municipal directors, the team conducted a thorough examination of key areas, including Alexandria, Marselle, and Kenton-On-Sea, under the scorching sun.

During the visit, the team meticulously assessed the state of existing infrastructure and monitored the progress of ongoing projects. ADV R. Dumezweni, leading the delegation, went beyond observation, emphasizing the urgent need to prioritize the maintenance of municipal infrastructure.

In an address to the assembled directors, he highlighted the pivotal role of proactive maintenance in ensuring the longevity and functionality of municipal assets. In a bold move, ADV R. Dumezweni announced plans for a follow-up site visit, personally overseeing advancements made since the initial inspection.

Ward councillors, Phumlani Khungwayo of Ward 2 and Zandisile Welcome Myali of Ward 3, actively participated in the visit. Collaborating with Municipal Manager's staff members, they shed light on pressing challenges in their communities. This collaborative effort reflects a commitment to addressing community concerns and fostering sustainable development.

The site visit, more than a routine inspection, became a symbol of the municipality's dedication to transparent communication, proactive governance, and the relentless pursuit of progress. The echoes of this visit are expected to resonate in the ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Ndlambe.



Department of Small Business Development to make a meaningful contribution to the growth of Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

Pictured: Ndlambe Municipality Local Economic Development (LED) official Mr Nceba Robiyane.

In the heart of the Ndlambe Municipality, a small but significant event took place on November 2, 2023 at the Titi Jonas hall, leaving a lasting mark on the local community. It was a day filled with hope and opportunities, where the Ndlambe Municipality joined hands with the Department of Small Business Development to make a meaningful contribution to the growth of Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

The hall was buzzing with anticipation as 68 local SMMEs gathered, eagerly waiting to receive a much-needed boost for their businesses. For these entrepreneurs, the tools of trade they received were not just objects; they symbolized dreams and aspirations, a step closer to a brighter future.

Ndlambe Municipality's commitment to uplifting informal businesses was on full display that day, as they embarked on a mission to empower the local community. The gesture represented a genuine dedication to helping small businesses thrive and contribute to the local economy.

The moment arrived, and the recipients of the tools of trade could hardly contain their excitement. Sixty-eight lucky SMMEs from across the Ndlambe area were granted the resources they needed to expand and flourish. The assortment of tools was carefully selected to cater to a wide range of businesses, from grass cutting equipment to salon machines and kitchen appliances, the donations covered a spectrum of essential trade tools.

For those in the landscaping and gardening industry, the grass cutting equipment was a valuable addition, enabling them to serve their clients more efficiently. Hairdressers and salon owners were thrilled to receive state-of-the-art salon machines that would enhance the quality of their services, attracting more customers. And for those in the culinary world, the kitchen equipment opened up opportunities to explore new culinary horizons and offer diverse menu options.

As the SMMEs collected their tools of trade, smiles lit up the room. The atmosphere was charged with a sense of possibility, where dreams were within reach, and the journey to success had been given a much-needed push.

The impact of this initiative reached far beyond the Titi Jonas hall that day. It was a testament to the power of collaboration and the belief in the potential of small businesses to transform communities. With their new tools in hand, these 68 SMMEs were now better equipped to thrive and create jobs, supporting the local economy in Ndlambe.

The Ndlambe Municipality and the Department of Small Business Development had not just donated tools; they had sowed the seeds of progress, ensuring that the dreams of these small business owners would flourish and, in turn, uplift the entire community. This heartwarming story was a reminder that when government institutions partner with local businesses, great things can happen, and the future looks brighter for all.



Ndlambe Municipality top achievers ready to take on the world.

Pictured: Ndlambe Municipality Director for Corporate Services Mrs Lazola Maneli-Payi with Sarah Baartman Municipal Manager Ms Unathi Daniels and Ndlambe Municipality top achievers.

Recently the Municipal Manager of Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Ms Unathi Daniels, and Ndlambe Municipality Corporate Services Director, Ms Lazola Maneli-Payi, honoured the Top Achievers for the Class of 2023. The two top learners for the District hail from Port Alfred, they matriculated from Kuyasa Combined School last year and are currently studying at

Nelson Mandela University through the Top Achievers Bursary. Today these young ladies received a luggage set which will make travelling home on weekends and holidays a breeze. Today's handover shows women celebrating women. It is a true reflection of the dedication to empowering young girls across our district.



Ndlambe Traffic Department Reopens to Joyful Residents!

Pictured: Port Alfred residents queuing at the traffic department.

We were thrilled to share the exciting news that the Ndlambe Municipality proudly announced the reopening of the Ndlambe Traffic Department! The announcement had reverberated through our streets, reaching eager ears and sparking a sense of excitement among the residents.

That morning, as the doors of the Traffic Department swung open, the atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm. One of our cheerful local residents, Linda May, captured the general sentiment as she expressed her joy with a gleam in her eyes. "We are very happy, we have been waiting for it," she exclaimed, her voice carrying a hint of relief.

Linda went on to share the lengths to which residents like herself had gone before the reopening, driving all the way to Alexandria to fulfill their motor vehicle needs. "But this will save me my nerves driving to Alex," Linda remarked, a smile playing on her lips. Glancing around at her fellow residents, all adorned with happy faces, she continued, "And everybody is so friendly here today, which makes it better. It is all new and good, and we are very excited. The service is even better."

As Linda spoke, the smiles among the people in the bustling department became evident. The dedicated staff is working tirelessly, ensuring that each interaction is not just a transaction but a positive experience for the residents.

The reopening of the Ndlambe Traffic Department was not just about paperwork and formalities; it was a celebration of a community coming together, of streamlined services, and, most importantly, of happy faces reflecting the positive changes in their daily lives.

Local Residents Applaud Traffic Department Online:

Pen Lloyd Stapleton: "We would just like to thank the Ndlambe traffic department (Port Alfred) for their exceptional service! 2 visits to the traffic department and both times extremely efficient and helpful! What a pleasure dealing with the friendly helpful staff!"

Colleen Denniss: Can't agree more did my renew of my driver's license and EVERYONE was polite and pleasant. And 2 weeks later got a phone call to say my license was back for collection. I was blown over.



Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) Annual Stakeholder Forum in Port Alfred

Pictured: Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), Ndlambe Municipality Officials and other relevant stakeholders at SEDA's annual stakeholder forum in Port Alfred.

The 15th Annual Stakeholder Forum by the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) brought a wave of excitement to Port Alfred on September 19, 2023 igniting the ambitions of entrepreneurs under the theme 'Ecosystem Collaboration Enhanced to Accelerate the Growth of Small Enterprises.'

The event, hosted at the Port Alfred Civic Centre, commenced with a vibrant exhibition featuring Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) showcasing innovative products and services. Entrepreneurs from Eastern Cape passionately displayed their businesses, symbolizing a moment for them to shine.

Andile Marasi, Ndlambe Municipal Speaker, welcomed distinguished guests on behalf of Mayor K.C. Ncamiso, emphasizing the vital role of supporting emerging businesses as the lifeblood of the community.

SEDA Board's Chairperson, Xoliswa Daku, marked the forum's beginning by cutting the ribbon at the Civic Centre, opening doors for attendees to explore the world of SMMEs. The Civic Centre buzzed with energy as the local community engaged with entrepreneurs, making purchases and providing encouragement.

The event transitioned to the Royal St. Andrews Hotel for its second phase, where corporate giants such as Mercedes-Benz, Johnson & Johnson, Border Kei Business Chamber, and ABSA explained their roles in supporting SMME growth. Abey Kgotle, representing Mercedes-Benz, virtually shared the company's commitment to empowerment.

The forum showcased a dynamic collaboration between entrepreneurs and stakeholders, fostering a supportive ecosystem for the growth and success of small enterprises in the region.



Sparkling Success at Ntak' Azilali Christmas Lights Switch-On!

Pictured: Ntak' Azilali recreational park in Port Alfred.

'Tis the season to be merry, and what better way to kick off the festivities than the enchanting switch-on of Christmas lights at Ntak' Azilali, fondly known as Krantz! The event, a collaborative effort between CDR and the Ndlambe Municipality, unfolded with an electrifying air of excitement, marking the official beginning of the holiday season.

Despite the absence of Ndlambe Municipal Mayor K. Ncamiso, the charismatic Speaker Andile took center stage and stole the spotlight. Before the gathered crowd, Speaker Andile eloquently defined Port Alfred as a premier tourist destination. With infectious enthusiasm, he highlighted Krantz as a favorite pitstop for travelers from Gqeberha and East London, who often indulge in delightful braais against the backdrop of Krantz's picturesque beauty.

Krantz, with its scenic allure, has become a haven for those seeking the perfect holiday retreat," exclaimed Speaker Andile. "Today, as we illuminate this town with the brilliance of Christmas lights, we are not just celebrating the season, but also inviting more visitors to experience the undeniable charm of Port Alfred."

The evening took a melodious turn as the talented band, led by the maestro Monde Fani, graced the stage. Their enchanting melodies echoed through the night, captivating the audience and setting the perfect festive mood. Attendees found themselves irresistibly drawn to the rhythm, with feet tapping and spirits lifting. Monde Fani's band created a magical atmosphere, encouraging everyone to join in the joyous celebration.

The switch-on of Christmas lights at Ntak' Azilali was more than a spectacle; it was a community coming together to embrace the spirit of the season and showcase the beauty of Port Alfred. As the lights shimmer and glow, they serve as an invitation to all to experience the warmth and hospitality of our beloved town.

Let the festive season begin, and may the glow of the Christmas lights at Krantz illuminate the hearts of residents and visitors alike!





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