

Mayor Njilo wins our hearts at the 2016 izimbizo

After barely 3 months in office, His worship, the Mayor Cllr Themba Njilo received a very warm welcome in all the areas he visited for his Mayoral IDP Izimbizo. The Vulindlela community set the bar high in terms of attendance, by filling up Ncwadi sports field for the Mayor's address.

The other areas visited were Edendale at the Lay Centre sports field, Central at the City Hall, Imbali at Willowfontein sports field and Northern at Tamboville sports field. In addressing the communities, the Mayor presented various projects from the Municipality's 2016/17 Integrated Development Plan (IDP), which includes upgrading of gravel roads, installation of water and sanitation pipes, the construction of houses, the maintenance of community recreational facilities and executing youth programmes with the aim to develop communities and increase service delivery.

Among the bigger projects is the Jika Joe Community Residential Units Housing Project, which consists of 1133 units to accommodate low income earners. These izimbizo were also a platform for the community to ask questions and raise their concerns to Council.

In his speech, the Mayor urged the youth of Msunduzi to use their skills and special talents to make a sustainable living and to stand out from the crowd – while making reference to *Idols* finalist Noma, who is a Msunduzi resident. He also pleaded with all community members to save water, stop illegal electricity connections, stop land invasion and to keep Msunduzi clean.

