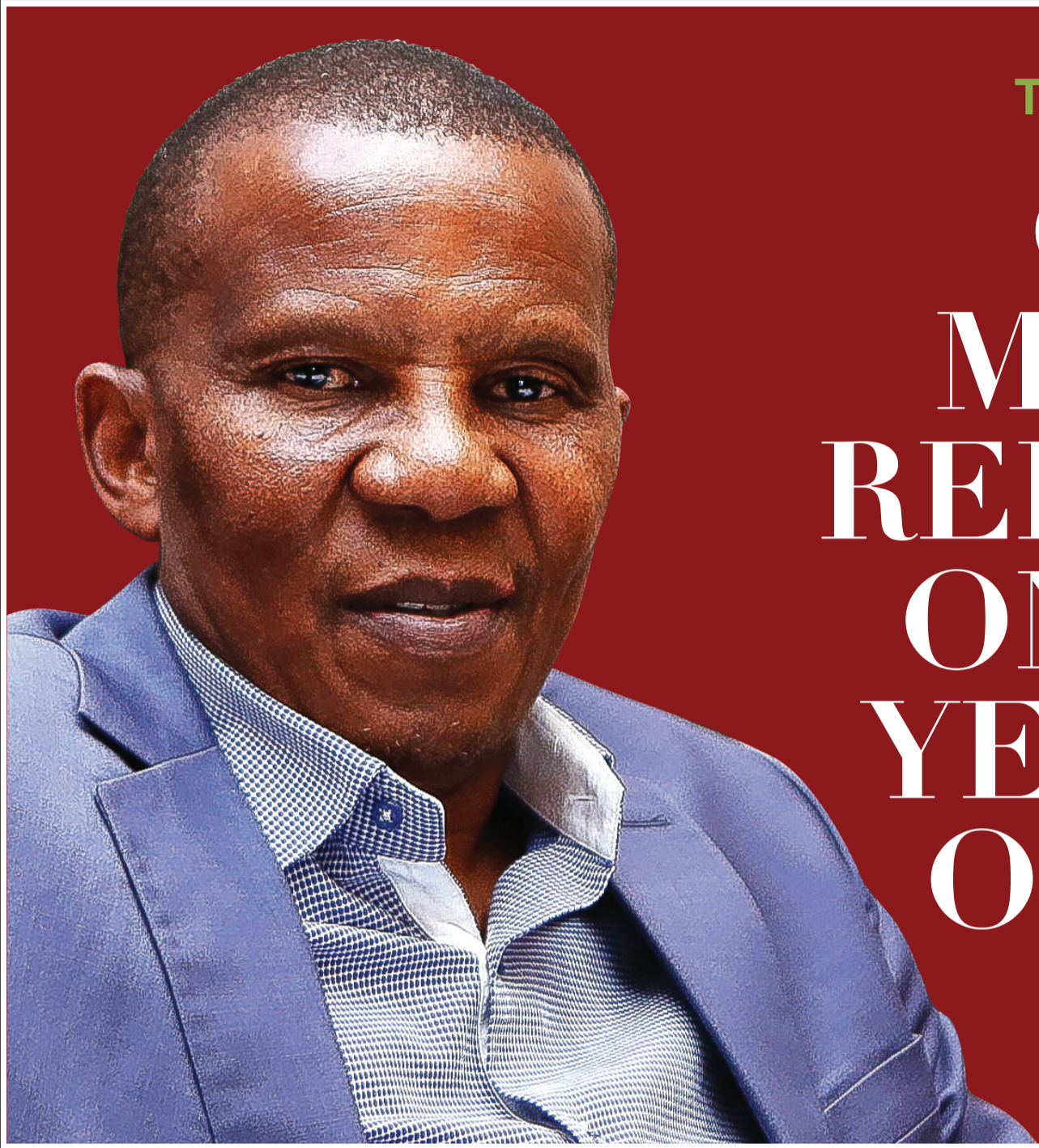
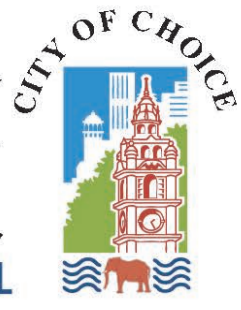


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# AmaNadi and their new dawn

By SIYETHABA MHLONGO

THE cold weather did little to dampen the spirit of jubilation amongst the traditional community of AmaNadi on August 9 during the installation of the interim leader. Ndlunkulu Zamathuli is the wife of the late iNkosi Sondelani Zondi, who passed on some five years ago. This is a very significant event for the family and the community as it unequivocally illustrated that after the passing away of the iNkosi which robbed the community of its leader, the family has been able to identify someone who can lead the community.

Celebrations were plentiful as the young and old were ecstatic with the installation of the new leader. Women were ululating and men were exploding in song, traditional hymns and mantras – it was beautiful all around.

The climax of the day was the business everyone present had come to witness – the installation of uNdlunkulu as interim leader of the Zondi Nadi traditional community. She looked majestic, being surrounded and accompanied by senior Zondi elders. You could feel there was change in the air and the future looked good for the community. Amongst other royalty present was iNkosi Nsikayezwe Zondi and iNkosi Mthuli, father to uNdlunkulu and mayor Themba Njilo.



A DAY WRITTEN IN HISTORY: Ndlunkulu Zamathuli being flanked by members of the AmaNadi community during her installation  
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# Students' wish to pay it forward through reciprocity

Thousands of students consider Msunduzi to be a home away from home, also want to give back

By **SIYETHABA MHLONGO**

**Y**EAR in and year out, Msunduzi Municipality plays host to thousands of students who enrol to study at various institutions of higher learning in order to acquire various qualifications. Amongst these institutions are universities as well as Technical & Vocational Educational and Training [TVET] colleges. This newspaper visited a number of these institutions with the aim of gaining intimate knowledge of their offering to would-be students.

In an interview Msunduzi News conducted with the Secretary General of the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Student Representative Council [SRC] Mr Phiweyinkosi Mungwe, a number of the students' dreams and wishes had been realised at these institutions. Mungwe conceded that the municipality has been a home away from home for scores of students and expressed their wish to reciprocate by giving back through the development of the city. He proceeded to plead with the mayor not to leave them out of the city's economic development plan and strategies so that this is inclusive and all-encompassing for them as the youth and

beneficiaries of the city.

"What I am humbly requesting from the Msunduzi Municipality is seeing opportunities being set aside for University of KwaZulu-Natal PMB, Durban University of Technology PMB as well as those of other institutions of higher learning for purposes of on-the-job training and exposure. This will ensure that we do not only get a feel of the professional environment but this will only mean that we will be serving the Msunduzi community," added Mungwe.

When quizzed about how this could be achieved, he suggested that an urgent consultative forum be set up between student leaders and the city leadership so that both parties can agree on a workable approach to the proposal from the student leader.

Mungwe emphasised that this would not only benefit the city and its residents but would also assist the students by giving them much-needed experience, something which has become a requirement for applying for professional or specialist positions. Responding to Mungwe's submission, Mayor Themba Njilo assured the student community that there are already programmes in place which are designed to hone their skills and these are producing the desired results. However, he was quick to add that there is no harm in looking for further opportunities



**STANDING UP TO BE COUNTED: UKZN Student leader Phiweyinkosi Mungwe**

(Picture by: Igunundu Press Images/Siya Meyiwa)

for the council to work and strengthen collaborations.

"As a responsible council, we take and treat all students as our own children. Collaborative engagements as well as making opportunities for internship and volunteerism available for them is something we greatly encourage, hence we have quite an uptake of students within our administration in order to assist them hone their skills. We even take this further by

permanently employing some of them on a full-time basis upon completion of their training and development stints as part of our retention strategy. Following the submission made, the Mayor's Office will set up a meeting with all student formations and related stakeholders in order to come up with a workable and sustainable programme that will be mutually beneficial to all the parties involved in the matter," concluded the Mayor.

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**AmaNadi came in their numbers to witness the new dawn**



**Ndlunkulu Zamathuli**



**Family elders led by iNkosi Nsikayezwe Zondi**

During the installation, something else extraordinary was taking place by default. As uNdlunkulu was installed, her maiden family, AmaThuli, were also present. UNdlunkulu was standing with her father iNkosi Mthuli, who is also the Chair of the Regional House of Traditional Leaders.

UNdlunkulu looked prepared for the occasion, showing that she had accepted the royal baton to lead, something that she confirmed during an exclusive interview on the sidelines of the event. "Not in my wildest dreams did I think I would be in such a place at this juncture

Through careful consideration and old age wisdom, the family felt it befitting that I assume this honourable role. The more pressing issue is that we need to hit the ground running to ensure that service

delivery reaches all our people, working together with the municipality. There is a lot that still needs to be done," said uNdlunkulu.

She also said that while there is a services backlog, it is not like they will be starting from scratch because there are some services available and they do engage and share ideas of how to best take the area and its people forward. In terms of development and economic opportunities, these should not benefit individuals but the community as a whole.

At a personal level, she is involved with a support group called Ithemba Labafelokazi [Hope for the Widows], which aims at assisting local widows with starting businesses and other local economic imperatives.



**iNkosi Mthuli**

(Pictures by: Igunundu Press Images/Siya Meyiwa)

## **Counsel**

Speaking about the significance of the installation, City Mayor Themba Njilo said this signifies a new dawn for the community but there must be an urgency to address issues as five years is a long time as progress was not happening at the desired pace.

He also said that he was over the moon that the event took place, which is testimony to what had been uttered during ancient times.

"I am really happy with the ceremony taking place. Today, the community has a new leader and even better about this is that this leader is a woman. When iNkosi passed away, there was a dark cloud hanging over the community but this brought a bright day for the clan with the new leader," said Njilo.

The mayor also advised that national

and provincial departments would have to work closer with the council in order to extend services, which are much-needed by members of the community.

Speaking on behalf of traditional leadership, iNkosi Mthuli congratulated the Zondi clan for achieving the feat that they did through this event and encouraged them to work together in bringing about unity and economic development. This would send a strong message that they are not a community of losers.

A family representative Mr Nhlanhla Zondi shared the treacherous terrain they have gone through as a family, something which is now of the past. Indeed the ceremony was a blessing and a beginning of a new dawn for the Zondi community of Nadi.

# City Mayor reflects on two years in office

In an exclusive interview, the Mayor does not shy away from the challenges that are facing the city but also reflects on the successes achieved in the past two years during the current administration's tenure.

By **NHLANHLA MTAKA**

**I**N terms of the appointment with the City Mayor, the interview was scheduled for ten in the morning. To his credit, he had arrived an hour earlier. Ahead of the start of the interview, he had to be excused in order to address what was communicated as an emergency. With everything thrown into the fray, the Office of the Mayor duly apologized and rescheduled the interview for later on in the afternoon. While this may have seemed to be an inconvenience, even though it was touch and go for the mayor, this gave first-hand experience of how challenging and complex the mayor's position is or can become.

The City Mayor's Office, which is nestled in the heart of the city's hustle and bustle, is a reflection of the city's tapestry of communities as it deals with and assists people from all walks of life. If it's not attendees of meetings of various bodies within the city, it was phones ringing off the hook making all sorts of queries.

When the interview did finally take place, Mayor Njilo kicked off matters by querying if his sincere apology was extended to journalists for being inconvenienced. Upon receiving confirmation, he breathed a sigh of relief. When, the interview commenced, what was rather surprising and refreshing was the mayor's candidness on what challenges the city continues to face, hence the unscheduled interruptions earlier.

"The reason that led to us starting this late is a matter that has to do with our military veterans, which they feel has taken a very long time to resolve. During the meeting, it became apparent that there was a breakdown in communication on the side of the council as the matter in question was finalized a long time ago. What this says to us is that it remains critical that we be in constant communication with all stakeholders regardless of the progress or lack thereof on matters we should be feeding back on," said the Mayor.

Having commenced his stint as Mayor two years ago, this is something residents view in varying lights. Some have quipped that the position of Mayor should have been given to someone who was previously part of the status quo and not "a rank outsider" while others felt that someone like Mayor Njilo who has previously worked with communities and does not have a tainted governance record is the right person to put the city on the correct trajectory.

When asked if he expected to be deployed as the city's first citizen and what material changes this had on his life, he said: "Perhaps I must start by saying that I would not have agreed to taking up this position as city mayor if it was going to turn me into a person that I am not. I therefore accepted the position as a request and a mandate that aligned and is harmonious with what I have been doing all along with communities. The only difference is that I now do this in an official position as city mayor."

Testimony to what Mayor Njilo is saying is illustrated by the fact that even though he is now the City Mayor, he has continued with his philanthropic work through the Themba Njilo Foundation. Amongst the foundation's many interventions is their project that provides housing for the homeless and destitute.

## Capital City Status

Owing to the charity work that he has conducted over the years prior to joining the council, he conceded that this has increased the appetite for communities in terms of service delivery. He also said that as a council, they have started providing answers and addressing service delivery challenges that are facing the city.

"When I came on board, there were a number of issues that needed to be dealt with rather urgently to ensure that Msunduzi Municipality takes its rightful place as the capital city of KwaZulu-Natal. Other



(Picture by: Igunundu Press/Siya Meyiwa)



**A MAN ON A MISSION: The different faces of Mayor Themba Njilo** (Pictures by Igunundu Press Images/Banele Bhengu)



regional cities like Durban and Richards Bay cannot be looked at as capital cities while that title rightfully belongs to us. Having said that, I do accept that there are extraordinary things that we still need to accomplish in order to make a success of what we are faced with," added Mayor Njilo.

He also revealed that there are a number

**“ Other regional cities like Durban and Richards Bay cannot be looked at as the capital city while that title belongs to us and rightfully so.**

of priority areas he has identified that will elevate Pietermaritzburg's capital city status which include major infrastructure developments. The mayor was quick to add that this cannot be accomplished by the council alone but with requisite support and co-operation from the business sector, both big business as well as small and medium enterprises.

"There is nothing that pains me like when our people are forced to leave their areas in order to access infrastructure in the city while they reside in our council's area of jurisdiction or when guests have engagements here in Pietermaritzburg but end up having to sleep in other cities like Durban. That results in loss of income for the city and its businesses, which is totally unacceptable. As a council, we would have fallen short of delivering on our mandate if, together

with other stakeholders, we have not turned around this situation," said a visibly irked Mayor Njilo.

The Mayor went on to underscore the need for the city to take advantage of opportunities in the tourism sector as Msunduzi Municipality is rich with historical sites and heritage.

"Major cities the world over have become an attraction largely because of their tourism industry and I have no doubt that the area of Msunduzi can gain a lot by walking down the same road. We are known for, amongst others, historical sites and corridors, something that appeals to tourists.

Another matter of concern for the mayor is the issue of sordid politics, one that almost brought the programmes of council to a standstill.

"Under normal circumstances, politics is supposed to bring solutions to challenges faced by people and institutions. This is the same politics that brought change to this country, which was led by the African National Congress and other parties in order for us to enjoy the freedom that we live under today. Unfortunately, what we are experiencing currently is nothing short of kangaroo politics, which only results in bloodbaths. This turns a productive and positive environment into one of negativity and destruction.

"It is not a great thing for a place like Msunduzi to be notorious for butchering leaders and civil servants. It is my prayer that we rid this place of such sordid politics and return it to its rightful place. Politics must be a shield that protects our communities and not a dagger that tears apart our well-being" emphasized the Mayor.

Njilo went further to say that he has hope for political parties, regardless of who they

represent, to do their level best to ensure that service delivery is the order of the day in the Msunduzi jurisdiction.

## On the City Manager

With the city manager having been suspended recently, Mayor Njilo felt that it is not opportune for him to make public comment on the matter as legal processes are currently underway but was quick to add that the decision was taken for the benefit of the residents of Msunduzi because they deserve better.

Explaining the processes that led to the suspension of the City Manager, Njilo said all public service and local government legislative framework were followed. "The decision was taken at the level of full Council and in ensuring that there was a smooth transition in terms of the administration of the city, the Council's Chief Financial Officer Neli Ngcobo was appointed in an acting capacity as City Manager. This has stabilised the administration and is steering us in the right direction.

"Regulations that govern public and municipal government dictate that we request the provincial arm of municipal governance [Department of Corporative Governance & Traditional Affairs] to assist with sourcing an external candidate to temporarily fill the vacancy as Ms Ngcobo has her other full time and primary responsibilities in her role as CFO, which should go unhindered," explained the mayor.

● *In the next edition, the City Mayor will delve into greater detail on current and future infrastructural development project plans for the next two years.*

# Human Settlement: Urban African architecture



Imbali Township today (Picture by: Igunundu Press Images/Banele Bhengu)

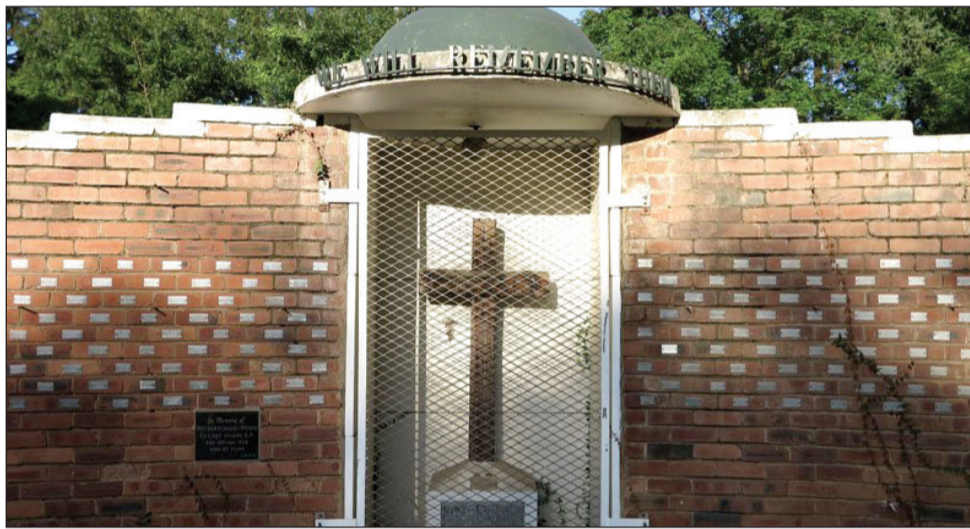
UMsunduzi has a rich and diverse history, from human settlement, architecture, political struggle, and to different cultures. Today we briefly present the history of urban African architecture.

Africans were housed in compounds and barracks in the city and established semi-rural informal settlements in the areas such as Vulindlela. In the 1950's African Christians acquired the farm Welverdiend (Edendale) and a village was laid out in a Voortrekker grid pattern with Europeans.

■ Vulindlela, a semi rural area in which homes show a mixture of traditional Zulu and European architecture.

■ Sobantu was established in 1920 in an attempt to formalize where and how Africans lived. During the Apartheid era the Group Areas Act defined the areas in which different race groups could live and the townships of Imbali and Ashdown grew in size.

# Heritage meets tourism: Other areas of interest in Msunduzi



## The Weeping Cross of Delville Wood

The Weeping Cross is located in the Pietermaritzburg Garden of Remembrance. Dedicated to soldiers who died during the two World Wars, the Garden of Remembrance with its Delville Wood Cross is a popular attraction in Pietermaritzburg. The somber Garden of Remembrance is actually quite attractive and contains a number of monuments in honor of servicemen who died on the battlefields of the World Wars.

In 1916 a number of South African troops were sent to France to the village of Longueval to provide support to the British in World War One. The South African brigade was ordered to occupy the French wood and hold it at all costs to protect British troops who had just taken the adjacent village of Langueval. Shells razed

the woods, slamming into trees and leaving only a few tree stumps intact.

By July 18 the South Africans had been driven from their trenches, the wounded could not be evacuated and reinforcements could not get through. After the battle, three wooden crosses were cut from the few remaining stumps and presented to Durban, Cape Town and Pietermaritzburg as memorials. The Pietermaritzburg cross, which is made from Scots Pine, is the only one that weeps. The cross has been named the Weeping Cross of Delville as it is known to "weep" around the time of the July anniversary of the World War One battle in which South African soldiers lost their lives. Locals believe that when the last remaining soldier of Delville breathes his last breath, the weeping will end. Visitors to Pietermaritzburg are encouraged to stop at



the Garden of Remembrance and view the Weeping Cross of Delville Wood.

## Queen Elizabeth Nature Reserve

When visiting Pietermaritzburg one is exposed to variety of experiences within short distances. The Queen Elizabeth Park offers Wildlife and nature experiences within fifteen minutes drive from Pietermaritzburg CBD.

Situated in Hilton on the northern slopes of Pietermaritzburg, the Queen Elizabeth Nature Reserve is home to many beautiful species, including impala, blesbok, zebra, bushbuck, dassies, grey and blue duiker and crowned eagles.

Queen Elizabeth Park also serves as an excellent birding destination, and visitors can expect sightings of crowned eagle, African Emerald Cuckoo, Olive Woodpecker, both

Tawny-flanked Prinia and Drakensberg Prinia, four species of canaries, an assortment of weavers, Common Waxbill and Zitting Cisticola to mention a few.

The park which serves as headquarters of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife also contains numerous indigenous and exotic plants. Several cycad species and endangered daisies can also be found occurring naturally in the grasslands.

The reserve offers visitors picnic areas with braai and ablution facilities. Within the reserve you will find a small resource centre that offers regular environmental education workshops throughout the year. A model 'environmentally friendly' bird garden and the popular iDube trail is a circular self-guided hiking trail found within the reserve which is available to visitors.

Source: [www.pmbtourism.co.za](http://www.pmbtourism.co.za)

# Local Tourism goes beyond borders

By **SIYETHABA MHLONGO**

The tourism sector is one of the critical cogs in the local economy sphere and with September being Heritage Month, Msunduzi has a number of plans and events lined up in as far as culture, heritage and tourism are concerned. This means that it will not be business as usual for players in this sector.

Between September 14 to 16, the Duzi2Sani will be taking place between Msunduzi and the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho, starting at Broadway Lifestyle in iMbali. The start of the event will be characterized by good music and great food as attendees bid farewell to all the participants.

Head of Msunduzi Tourism Ms Gugu Mvelase (pictured) said that they have invited scores of people to come and personally witness what both Msunduzi Municipality together with the Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma District Municipality have in store for residents and tourists alike. Emphasising on the Southern African tourism linkages, she said this will also mean that the stakeholder relations between the two countries will be strengthened.

"If we are able to visit other countries,



conversely they are also able to visit ours to see what it is that we have in store for them. By so doing, the tourism sector in the two countries will grow and reap the benefits," said Ms Mvelase. She especially emphasized that communities need to reap the real benefits of tourism.

"As tourists will visit various areas, we will ensure that products and services are procured and consumed

for the benefit of the communities. This way, there will be a hive of economic activities," she added.

During the launch of the Tourism Month activations, Ms Mvelase explained the role and mandate of the Msunduzi Pietermaritzburg Tourism Association [MPTA] as looking after the interests of stakeholders within the tourism sector, which includes accommodation establishments, event organisers, travel & tours as well as other establishments that benefit from tourism spin-offs. In addition, it is also the voice of the tourism community within council.

She also said that MPTA's contribution to the tourism sector is invaluable and carries a lot of benefits for the city. As a result, we benefit tremendously from their presence and gain a lot," said Mvelase.

# Turning the tide against illegal dumping, littering

The municipality in urgent need of public partnership to improve image

By LUVUYO THAHLA

THE negative perception of the Capital as one of the dirtiest cities has Msunduzi leadership really concerned. This follows several media reports about waste that is found lying in all unexpected areas all around the city. This means certain areas of the city fail to properly dispose of waste and as such this gives the municipality a very bad image.

The situation has meant that the council needed to come up with new strategies of dealing head-on with the issue of illegal dumping. Addressing the issue of waste and illegal dumping, the Mayor Themba Njilo said the complaints from the different sections of the community are quite legitimate and went on to say the direct intervention of the community may help ease the situation.

“Indeed, one of the municipality’s mandates is to ensure a safe and clean environment, which includes waste management. Living in a clean environment is one of those rights enshrined in the constitution. It is for this reason that as Msunduzi we will continue addressing illegal dumping, not only in the inner city but also in townships and areas under the control of aMakhosi,” said the Mayor.

Njilo further said: “As the municipality we can buy trucks and hire security personnel to monitor the situation but it is only through the active involvement of the communities that our efforts will begin to yield tangible results. It is the community that can discourage the scoundrels that continue to breed waste, giving our city such bad image,” concluded the Mayor with an indignant tone.

In visiting some of the areas of concern



**TURNING THE TIDE:** The municipality recently acquired new equipment to keep the city clean (Picture: Igunundu Press Images/Siya Meyiwa)

with an aim of soliciting views from communities, what became apparent was the issue of overcrowding among the city dwellers. This has a negative impact in that the waste produced cannot be disposed of in the waste plastic bags provided by the municipality. As a consequence of that, the municipality has spent millions of rands filling up the site in New England Road where people illegally dump all types of garbage. Currently, the department has 337 permanent staff on the council payroll.

## Future plans

Commenting on the municipality waste management plans going forward, Mr Cyril Naidoo, the Acting Manager said the department has employed additional staff so that, among other things, they will monitor the indiscriminate illegal dumping of waste. Naidoo also revealed that the plan is for illegal dumping sites to be converted into community vegetable gardens to feed families. The municipality has already set up seven such gardens in the following areas:

Pelham, Grange, Prestbury, South Road, Sobantu, Eastwood and Hilton. Furthermore, the municipality has recently purchased eight brand new waste collecting trucks at a cost of R18 672 000 in total, a tractor costing R3 500 00, a TLB at R877 409 and three tipper trucks that carry 3 tons each at a cost of R2 875 019,50 each. In the past, the municipality had to hire the services of these pieces of equipment at a tune of R1 182 000 a month which amounted to R14 184 000 a year.

# City expedites industry body registration for its engineers

By LUVUYO THAHLA

ENGINEERING Council of South Africa (ECSA) a statutory body responsible for the registration of engineers as skilled artisans has been invited by Umsunduzi Council to begin in earnest with the programme of registering engineers and artisans with an aim of making them qualified. The infrastructure manager, Mr Sechaba Kunene said, “Our objective as the Council is to have as many technologically skilled personnel as it is possible. We need to have them in ECSA committee and other fields of technology. It is thus important that they are fully qualified as would be expected from technologically oriented people.”

The Departments of Roads, Electricity, Water and Sanitation and Human Settlements were part of the meeting. They wanted to see for themselves what the programme entails and how best it could benefit their departments. The staff had questions about registration and personal benefits from the programme; Kunene told the staff that it is their technical skills shortage that has in the past forced the Council to source skills from outside to get work done. This route has proven financially strenuous on the Council.

Kunene’s words sparked a heated debate. Mzovela Qwabe remarked that Engineers are invariably looked down upon compared to other professions.

“Doctors can open private practice but Engineers cannot do likewise”, noted Qwabe. Eric Nene from ECSA said doctors are fully accredited; hence they can open private practices. He challenged Engineers to respect their profession and obtain



**George Lebelo, Ngangenkosi Mpisi, Eric Nene (ECSA Assessor, Reviewer and Moderator), Brenden Sivparsad, Jothie Moodley (ECSA Provincial Coordinator), Sechaba Kunene and Cllr Naleni Naidoo**

full accreditation; otherwise they will be treated as ordinary mechanics despite their qualification. This then has a negative impact on their salaries. They therefore cannot be remunerated and afforded benefits as would qualified engineers. Once one has been accredited as a fully qualified and specialist engineer ESCA has a responsibility of providing continuous refresher courses.

“Many engineers fail to compile reports, something we ensure to provide continuous training on. This you will do once registered, at least be able to compile a report of 6000 words,” said Nene.

Jothie Moodley from ECSA reported that registration with ECSA is not compulsory but it is currently debated in Parliament. “You are lucky to have the Council that is

so proactive. This will work to everyone’s advantage”, remarked Moodley.

Councillor Naleni Naidoo thanked ECSA on behalf of the Council. He expressed his appreciation for the initiative. “What is exciting is the fact that our communities will be assisted by fully accredited engineers they can best rely upon”, concluded Moodley.

## Editor's Note

### Access to information

**W**ELCOMED to your new Msunduzi News. The right of access to information - as embodied both in the Constitution and enacted legislation - is not only important for its facilitation of an accountable and democratic government in which power is exercised rationally and its open to public scrutiny, it is also important in that it is closely linked to other rights. It allows an individual to access information that may have an impact on her or him so that she or he can meaningfully exercise the other rights in the Bill of Rights. In ensuring popular participation and access to information as prescribed by local government legislative framework and our constitution, we have decided to expand platforms for engagement. We also aim to expand our reach.

From now on, you will receive your copy fortnightly in both isiZulu and English. The paper will be distributed in all municipal and government offices and buildings, clinics, hospitals, police stations, garages, shopping malls, schools, institutions of higher learning, libraries and in taxi ranks. In addition, you will have your digital copy when visiting our new website [www.msunduzinews.com](http://www.msunduzinews.com)

To us, Msunduzi News is not a propaganda platform but rather a tool for engagement. While part of the content will inform you about how municipality works and giving feedback, we are interested in your participation. Hence we encourage you to share your ideas and your story.

The paper will promote community journalism in areas within Msunduzi. This will be through working with high schools and young people who will be given platforms to tell local stories. This, we believe, will promote citizenship amongst youth and popular participation within the community in general. As part of citizen education, the various newspaper editions will be themed in order to impart valuable knowledge on the work of the municipality and service delivery. For this edition, the City Mayor gives an honest analysis of his first two years in office while we also take you on a journey of the installation of the AmaNadi leader. In addition, students from institutions of higher learning share on how they see their role in helping moving Msunduzi forward and we also share a story of how local entrepreneurs armed with a dream of making African dolls that look like them went on to fuel their journey by walking away with R1 million in prize money at an inaugural competition.

We are looking forward to engaging with you through our social media platforms but most importantly, we are inviting you to come with us on this journey in order to fully engage us on that which speaks to you and your appetite for local news.

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# Msunduzi's one in a million



Pietermaritzburg born Nonhlanhla Mthethwa, the winner of Standard Bank's My Fearless Next competition

## By MANUNU MAPHUNGUBWE

**I**T is often said that new products in the market that have a huge chance to make it in terms of sales and consumption are the ones that are born out of a frustration to satisfy or address a dire need by a consumer. A case in point is how Richard Branson felt that he, and others, deserved a better customer experience and customer service than the one they were getting from the dominant players in the aviation market then. Virgin Airlines was then born out of this need and frustration that Branson experienced. Other similar examples include Steve Jobs' Apple products including the iMac, iPhone and iPad.

When Pietermaritzburg's Nonhlanhla Mthethwa had a baby daughter, she wanted her toddler to be able to play with a doll that resembles her child as she wanted to instill a sense of pride and self-love as an African child. During a time when Africans are trying to find out more who they are and where they



**“ We were blowm away by the quality of the applicants and we are truly honoured to be able to bestow this prize on our inaugural winner, Nonhlanhla Mthethwa, to enable her to engage in her business fearlessly**

come, it was important for Ms Mthethwa that her daughter does not suffer some kind of identity crisis in a continent that has had its fair share of colonization.

She then started a small business with Luleka Nzimande, a friend of hers who hails from nearby Richmond. The company then started three labels, which includes Baby Thando which houses the African doll.

“She has been created using African features so that girls play with dolls that look like them. It is important to ensure that at an

early age we show the little ones that they are beautiful in their skin tone, their afro hair and they matter and someone took time to make doll in their likeness,” she said.

She also said that she is keen to have the dolls manufactured in Msunduzi, which is currently not the case, in order to curb unemployment while transferring skills “especially to the youth of the city”. However, she was quick to add that if this was going to happen, funding and other forms of assistance from the city would be vital.

“We want to put our city on the map, to be recognized as the producers of a beauty South African brand,” she added.

The duo participated in Standard Bank's campaign that assists South African entrepreneurs turn their side hustles into their

main hustles, My Fearless Next where she won R1 million in prize money as part of this gruelling competition. They have been nominated for a number of awards including as finalists in the Gagasi Shero Awards.

Standard Bank's Senior Marketing Manager Cleo Zwane said they were overwhelmed by this campaign, which exceeded their expectation. “We were blown away by the quality of the applicants and we are truly honoured to be able to bestow this prize on our inaugural winner, Nonhlanhla Mthethwa, to enable her to engage in her business fearlessly,” he concluded.

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**CONTRACT No. SCM 05 OF 18/19**  
**APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR UPGRADING OF GRAVEL ROADS IN VULINDLELA WARD3 (MPANZA ROAD)**

**TENDER NOTICE**

The Msunduzi Municipality hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the upgrade of gravel roads in Vulindlela Ward3 (Mpanza Road), from gravel to 1.2 km long and 5m wide surfaced road with associated storm-water.

Only tenderers with CIDB grading of 5CE or higher and who are B-BBEE Level 1 and 2 Contributors will be considered for appointment. Tender documents will be made available to tenderers from 12h00 on Thursday, 06 September 2018. Tender documents can be downloaded and printed at the tenderer's cost from the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal on [www.etenders.gov.za](http://www.etenders.gov.za).

Printed copies of the tender documents shall also be available from the Supply Chain Management Unit Offices, 5th Floor, A S Chetty Centre, 333 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, as from the abovementioned date and time, at a non-refundable tender deposit fee of R854.45 (including VAT) for each document drawn. Only cash, bank guaranteed cheques or EFT payments will be accepted. The cut-off time for the purchasing and collection of tender documents shall be 14h00 on Monday, 17 September 2018.

For any technical related enquiries, please contact Thokozani Mchunu (Roads and Transportation Unit) on direct Telephone No. 033 – 392 2098 or e-mail address [thokozani.mchunu@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:thokozani.mchunu@msunduzi.gov.za).

For any procurement related enquiries, please contact Phwe Mthlale (Supply Chain Management Unit) on direct Telephone No. 033 – 392 2486 or e-mail address [phwe.mthlale@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:phwe.mthlale@msunduzi.gov.za).

A compulsory Tender Briefing Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17 September 2018, in the Exco Boardroom, 4th Floor, A S Chetty Building, 333 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, commencing promptly at 10h30. Tenderers arriving at the meeting after the stipulated starting time above will be disqualified. Further, all Tenderers attending the meeting must be in possession of a complete tender document failing which the Tenderer shall be disqualified. Tenderers producing only the Tender Briefing Certificate at the meeting will not be considered. Only one representative per Company or Consortium will be allowed to attend the above meeting.

Tenders contained in sealed envelopes and marked with "Contract No. SCM 05 of 18/19" and the Contract Description must be placed in the Tender Box located in the Foyer, Ground Floor, City Hall, 169 Chief Albert Luthuli Street (formerly Commercial Road), Pietermaritzburg, 3201, not later than 12h00 on Monday, 01 October 2018, when they will be publicly opened. Only tenders placed in the Tender Box shall be accepted.

Tender Validity Period: Four (4) months commencing from the closing date of tender.

Tender Adjudication/Evaluation Criteria: The tender shall be evaluated on the 80/20 Preference Point System in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017, issued in terms of section 5 of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act No. 5 of 2000. The functionality for Stage one shall be evaluated on the following criteria: -

Functionality for Stage One shall be evaluated on the following criteria:	Maximum Points
1 Number of roads & associated storm water with kerb and channel projects completed by the bidder	20
2 Project Manager	35
3 Site Agent / Foreman	30
4 Labour Intensive Construction Certificate for Project manager or Site agent/foreman	15
5 Project implementation plan	20
6 Schedule of required plant owned by services provider (Minimum required). Points will only be allocated if proof of ownership is attached, .i.e. certified copies of the log books registered under company or owners of the company or affidavit or proof from plant hire confirming availability of plant in a form of a letter.	25
7 Locality – proof of residence to be supplied and municipality reserve the right to verify address.	20
8 Bank rating	15
<b>Total Functionality Points</b>	<b>180 Points</b>
<b>Threshold to qualify for Stage Two: 70%</b>	<b>126 Points</b>

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**MS NELISWE NGCOBO (ACTING CITY MANAGER)**

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**SUPPLY AND SERVICES CONTRACT No. 7 OF 2018 – SECTION 3**  
**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS IN BULK AND CYLINDERS INCLUDING SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OXYGEN, ACETYLENE, MAGMIX, RITE, ETHYLENE AND ARGON GASES IN CYLINDERS**

**TENDER NOTICE**

The Msunduzi Municipality hereby invites tenders from suitably experienced Service Providers for the Supply and Delivery of Liquefied Petroleum Gas in Bulk and Cylinders including Supply and Delivery of Oxygen, Acetylene, Magmix, Rite, Ethylene and Argon Gases in Cylinders.

Tender documents will be made available to tenderers from **12h00 on Wednesday, 22 August 2018**.

Tender documents can be downloaded and printed at the tenderer's cost from the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal on [www.etenders.gov.za](http://www.etenders.gov.za).

Printed copies of the tender documents shall also be available from the Supply Chain Management Unit Offices, 5th Floor, A S Chetty Centre, 333 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, as from the abovementioned date and time, at a non-refundable tender deposit fee of **R512.90 (including VAT)** for each document drawn. Only cash, bank guaranteed cheques or EFT payments will be accepted.

For any technical related enquiries, please contact Ms Flora Tseleli (Parks, Sports and Recreation Unit) on direct Telephone No. 033 – 392 3520 or e-mail address [flora.tseleli@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:flora.tseleli@msunduzi.gov.za).

For any procurement related enquiries, please contact Vinay Mohanlal (Supply Chain Management Unit) on direct Telephone No. 033 – 392 2852 or e-mail address [vinay.mohanlal@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:vinay.mohanlal@msunduzi.gov.za).

Tenders contained in sealed envelopes and marked with "Supply and Services Contract No. 7 of 2018 – Section 3" and the Contract Description must be placed in the Tender Box located in the Foyer, Ground Floor, City Hall, 169 Chief Albert Luthuli Street (formerly Commercial Road), Pietermaritzburg, 3201, not later than **12h00 on Monday, 17 September 2018**, when they will be publicly opened. Only tenders placed in the Tender Box shall be accepted.

**Tender Validity Period:** Four (4) months commencing from the closing date of tender.

**Tender Adjudication/Evaluation Criteria:** The tender shall be evaluated on a Two Stage Evaluation System – Stage One: Functionality and Stage Two: 80/20 Preference Point System in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017, issued in terms of section 5 of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act No. 5 of 2000. The Functionality for Stage One shall be evaluated on the following criteria:-

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
1	Locality of Dealership	60 Points
2	Experience of Supplier	40 Points
<b>Total Functionality Points</b>		<b>100 Points</b>
<b>Threshold to Qualify for Stage Two</b>		<b>60% (60 Points)</b>

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**DATABASE REGISTRATION FOR WARD-BASED SUPPLIERS**

Msunduzi Municipality invites businesses within the boundary of the municipality to register in the municipal ward based database aimed at empowering local businesses.

**Requirements:**  
 The following documents must be attached to your application:-

- CSD Number or MA number
- Valid BBB-EE Certificate (If its level 1 or 2 EME/ QSE must attach an original sworn affidavit)
- CIDB number (construction)

**Registration forms are obtainable at the following Areas:**

- Economic Development Unit, 9th Floor, Professor Nyembezi Building, 341 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg
- Northern Areas: at the following ward councillors offices ( Wards 25,28,29,30,31,32&34)
- Central Areas: at the following ward councillors offices ( Wards 24,26,27,33,25,36,37&38)
- Edendale Areas: at the following ward councillors offices (Wards 10,11,12,16,20,21,22&23)
- Imbali Areas: at the following ward councillors offices ( Wards 13,14,15,17,18&19)
- Vulindlela Areas: at the following ward councillors offices (Wards 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9&39)

**Times for collections:**

The collection times will be from 08:00 to 12:45 and from 14:15 to 16:00, Mondays to Fridays, from 10 September 2018, in the venues as indicated. Completed documents are to be returned to Economic Development Unit, 9th Floor, Professor Nyembezi Building, 341 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg. Registration forms must be accompanied by relevant supporting documents. The closing date for submission of registration forms and supporting documents is the 15 October 2018, at or before 11:00am.

For all enquiries, kindly contact Mr. Simtholile Myeni on direct telephone No. 033 392 2842 or email: [simtholile.myeni@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:simtholile.myeni@msunduzi.gov.za) OR Mr Thamsanqa Dlamini on direct telephone No. 033 392 2552 or email: [thamsanqa.dlamini@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:thamsanqa.dlamini@msunduzi.gov.za)

Yours sincerely  
**Ms Nelisiwe Ngcobo (Acting City Manager)**  
**Msunduzi Municipality**

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**SUPPLY AND SERVICES CONTRACT No. 27 OF 2018 – SECTION 2**  
**APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE MICROBIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF POTABLE WATER**

**TENDER NOTICE**

The Msunduzi Municipality hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced Service Providers for the Microbiological and Chemical Analyses of Potable Water.

Tender documents will be made available to tenderers from **12h00 on Wednesday, 22 August 2018**.

Tender documents can be downloaded and printed at the tenderer's cost from the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal on [www.etenders.gov.za](http://www.etenders.gov.za).

Printed copies of the tender documents shall also be available from the Supply Chain Management Unit Offices, 5th Floor, A S Chetty Centre, 333 Church Street, Pietermaritzburg, as from the abovementioned date and time, at a non-refundable tender deposit fee of **R204.70 (including VAT)** for each document drawn. Only cash, bank guaranteed cheques or EFT payments will be accepted.

For any technical related enquiries, please contact Vishal Singh (Environmental Health Unit) on direct Telephone No. 033 – 392 2343 or e-mail address [singh@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:singh@msunduzi.gov.za).

For any procurement related enquiries, please contact Vinay Mohanlal (Supply Chain Management Unit) on direct Telephone No. 033 – 392 2852 or e-mail address [vinay.mohanlal@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:vinay.mohanlal@msunduzi.gov.za).

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**Tender Validity Period:** Four (4) months commencing from the closing date of tender.

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**Data Collection**  
**General Valuation of Property (GV 2019)**

The Msunduzi Municipality General Valuation for 2019 has commenced and data collection is underway. All property types will be revalued.

Valuers and data collectors will be visiting certain properties to update the property information.

For residential properties, the valuers will use 3D aerial photography and street video imagery to check the property information, and then if necessary will undertake site inspections.

For sectional title properties, the survey diagrams will be used. Other information relating to views and quality shall be collected on site, where required.

The team of professional valuers will also engage with business and agricultural owners on the process and collect the necessary data based on the property type. The data collection is being undertaken in compliance with international standards and best practice.

**WHAT WILL MUNICIPAL VALUERS/DATA COLLECTORS DO AT YOUR PROPERTY?**

- Collect and confirm data for property valuation.
- Measure your building, where necessary, to update records.
- Discuss property details with you and request information affecting the value of the property.
- Obtain current postal information.

Please assist in the process as your participation will result in the better quality of the Valuations. Valuers and data collectors will have ID cards and letters of delegation, and you may request this to verify their identity, or alternatively call the project office at 087 354 6006 / 033 392 2455/0333922279/0333922274/0333922579 or 0333922869 if you need to identify them.

You will be notified of your new property valuations in February/March 2019 which becomes effective on the 1st July 2019.

Special arrangements can be made to allow access by contacting the project office on 087 354 6006 / 087 354 6029/ 0333922274.

You may also direct any queries to the email address: [info@evaluations.co.za](mailto:info@evaluations.co.za)  
 Tel: 087 354 6006 / 033 392 2455/0333922279/0333922274/0333922579 or 0333922869  
 Email: [info@evaluations.co.za](mailto:info@evaluations.co.za) ; [chazile.ndhlovu@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:chazile.ndhlovu@msunduzi.gov.za); [shaun.rajah@msunduzi.gov.za](mailto:shaun.rajah@msunduzi.gov.za)  
 Offices Hrs: 08h00-16h00. Queries may also be submitted via email.

## Msunduzi: The capital city of major sporting events



THE ULTIMATE RACE: The Comrades Marathon



CYCLING FOR DEAR LIFE: The Amashovashova Cycle Race

By **SABELO MAPHUMULO**

**A**LTHOUGH Msunduzi continues to face a number of socio-economic challenges like unemployment but it remains the capital city of sports when it comes to hosting major events across all sports codes and producing world class, professional sports stars.

Since time immemorial, history has shown that Msunduzi has played host to various events – including the ones that are not so prevalent amongst the black population.

One of the flagship events and one that is the longest running event in the city is the Comrades Marathon, which has been hosted for almost a century, having first taken place in 1921. The start and finish lines of the greatest race of human kind alternates between the cities of Durban and Pietermaritzburg every year.

Because of its physical and mental demands on the participants, global reach and popularity, the race attracts athletes not only from the continent of Africa but also the world over.

Another major event that has its roots in Msunduzi is the world renowned Amashovashova, which is a gruelling cycle



NAVIGATING TROUBLED WATERS: The Duzi Canoe Marathon

event that also links the capital city with Durban. Having started in 1986, it takes place annually during the month of October and unlike the Comrades Marathon, this one does not alternate the start and finish lines between the two cities.

During the busy December holidays and upon the return of many residents from vacations in January, there is always a

buzz of activity in Pietermaritzburg as this period signifies the start of the Duzi Canoe Marathon, which kicks off at Camps Drift in the Msunduzi River and ends in the Mngeni River in Durban. This is again another major event that renders the two cities inseparable. The Provincial Department of Sports & Recreation does not need to be quizzed on how they feel about these major events that

continue to put not just these cities but also the KwaZulu-Natal province on the global map as it has continually supported these drawcards over many years.

History was made in 2003 when the Pietermaritzburg Oval hosted the Cricket World Cup and the Proteas played Kenya and Zimbabwe. Ultimately, Australia played and beat India in the epic final.

The list of global sporting events that are hosted in Msunduzi is long and the BMX Racing World Championship, which was hosted in 2010, is yet another one.

One major sporting event that is synonymous with swimming and Pietermaritzburg is the Midmar Mile that takes place in February and hosts the Open Water Swimming event that has more than 16 000 entrants that also include international participants.

When we talk about major sporting venues in Pietermaritzburg, the Harry Gwala Stadium has to be on top of that list. As you may know, it was named after the local struggle icon Harry Gwala and is the home ground for Maritzburg United, which plies its trade in South Africa's Premier Soccer League [PSL].

The list of soccer legends that are from Msunduzi is a long one as so many of them have played in both the PSL and the National First Division [NFD].

## Msunduzi: An endless supply of SA's soccer gems

By **SABELO MAPHUMULO**

**WITHOUT** a shadow of doubt, South Africa is a nation famous for its love and passion for soccer. To illustrate this, you just need to look at the passion of football fans, infrastructure in terms of world class stadia, the skill and agility of players and a professional league that ranks amongst the best in Africa.

Msunduzi Municipality has played a major role in being an endless supply of skilled resources in terms of talented players, something that continues to be a key ingredient in South Africa's soccer scene. Apart from producing seasoned and successful players, the city has three teams which play in the various soccer leagues.

Two of these, Maritzburg City and Edendale Juventus who ply their trade in the ABC Motsepe while the third one, Maritzburg United, is the leading light in the Premier Soccer League.

Amongst those that are from Msunduzi and have made a name for themselves include Siphesihle "Mbesuma" Ndlovu who is a midfielder Maritzburg United and walked away with the Young Player of the Year in the PSL. This much-deserved recognition earned him a national team call-



Siphesihle Ndlovu

up by Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter to bring more dimension to the national team's midfield.

Another gem from Msunduzi is Mabhuti "Bhubesi" Khenyeza who is a prolific striker. Amongst the major teams he has played for there is Lamontville Golden Arrows,



Mabhuti Khenyeza

Ajax Cape Town, Kaizer Chiefs, Mamelodi Sundowns, Supersport United, Mpumalanga Black Aces and AmaZulu FC, the latter being his current team.

Others include Dumisani Zuma, Wiseman Meyiwa, Philani Zulu, Nkosingiphile Ngcobo, Ryan Moon [Kaizer

Chiefs] Siyanda Zwane [Arrows] Bandile Shandu [Maritzburg United] AMazulu's Jabulani Ngcobeni and Sduduzo Dlamini, Khulekani Madondo and Xolani Ngcobo [Richards Bay FC] playing in the National First Division] and Sphelele Mkhulise [Mamelodi Sundowns FC].