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Insight from the Mayor: Closing October 2025



As we close the month of October, I wish to extend heartfelt appreciation to all residents of Msunduzi for your ongoing support, cooperation, and commitment to the development of our city. Each month brings both challenges and achievements, and October has been no different, yet together, we continue to move forward with purpose and hope.

This month saw several meaningful activities that brought our communities and the municipality closer together. We successfully hosted clean-up across various wards, strengthened our public participation and service delivery outreach programmes, and continued responding to infrastructure and sanitation challenges to improve living conditions for our residents. Our youth and women empowerment initiatives, along with community safety awareness programmes, demonstrated our shared commitment to building a city that is inclusive, safe, and thriving.

We also engaged with communities through public meetings and stakeholder dialogues aimed at ensuring that our youth's voices shape the future of Msunduzi. These efforts reflect our vision of a responsive and accountable municipality where collaboration drives real progress.

As we enter the final stretch of the year, I urge all residents to continue working with us to keep our neighbourhoods clean, report service issues promptly, and support one another as active citizens. Together, we can build a resilient and sustainable city that delivers for all.

Let us continue in the spirit of Batho Pele, putting people first as we move toward a brighter and more united Msunduzi.

Warm regards,

Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla

Mayor – Msunduzi Municipality

Launch of the Njoms Rehabilitation and Worship Centre

By Phumla Mdletshe

Photos: Sasha Ramchund

Mayor Mzimkhulu Thebolla attended the launch of the Njoms Rehabilitation and Worship Centre at City Hall. The center will provide a wide range of rehabilitation and healing services, as well as skills training to assist individuals in reintegrating into society. The programs offered will include motor mechanics, emotional and psychological support, legal aid, financial assistance for those in need and more.

"We would like to thank Njoms for establishing this rehabilitation and worship center. This center is a vital step toward healing and reintegration. By offering support and skills, we're giving individuals the tools they need to rebuild their lives and contribute to a safer, stronger community", said Councillor Thebolla.



Qina Mbhokodo Public Engagement

By Andile Mahlaba

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

Msunduzi's Madam Speaker Cllr. Eunice Majola hosted the Qina Mbhokodo Public Engagement in Sweetwaters at Mashaka Hall joined by Mgungundlovu District Deputy Mayor Cllr. S. Dlamini and various organizations' representatives.

The event focused on women's empowerment, aiming to educate, inspire, and empower women, fostering gender equality and holistic well-being. It highlighted personal growth, independence, and collective upliftment, urging women to support each other and confidently claim their space in all aspects of life.

Cllr. Eunice Majola, emphasized the vital role women play in shaping society, highlighting their profound impact on history and their ongoing contributions when united and working collaboratively towards a common purpose.



Indigent Registration Programme Empowers Vulnerable Households

By Samukelo Mbanjwa

Photos: Noxolo Mazibuko

The Indigent Registration Programme continued at Sinamuva Primary School in Ward 22, led by the Msunduzi Municipality's Finance Department in collaboration with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

This important initiative supports vulnerable households by ensuring access to essential municipal services. Beneficiaries include child-headed households, pensioners, and individuals earning below the R6,000 monthly income threshold.

In the same spirit of community upliftment, residents also gathered for the Indigent Registration Programme in Ward 34 at Eastwood Hall. This essential outreach, also spearheaded by the Msunduzi Municipality's Finance Department in partnership with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, received strong support from Cllr Ram Roy and dedicated community leaders.

More than just an administrative process, the programme serves as a vital lifeline for households in need—helping to restore dignity and improve quality of life for some of the municipality's most vulnerable residents.



Msunduzi Diwali Festival

By *Sasha Ramchund*
Lungelo Sithole

Photos: *Sasha Ramchund*
Lungelo Sithole



His Worship, the Mayor, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, joined the Midlands Hindu Society in the auspicious lamp-lighting ceremony at City Hall, marking the start of the Diwali celebrations. The lighting of the lamp symbolises the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil — ushering in peace, prosperity, and positivity.

The festivities continued as the skies above Golden Horse erupted in a kaleidoscope of colours during the Msunduzi Diwali Festival. The evening edition of Day 2 was a breathtaking celebration of the Festival of Lights, with a dazzling fireworks display that beautifully captured the spirit of triumph, hope, and renewal.

Joining in the joyous occasion were His Worship, the Mayor, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, and Mr. Manoj Barathi, Consul (CPV and CA), as the community came together to revel in vibrant cultural performances, delectable food stalls, and meaningful spiritual observances. A radiant celebration of Diwali — where the light within shines brighter than ever!

Fuze Aviation Academy Open Day

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Photos: Noxolo Mazibuko

The Msunduzi Municipality Airport hosted the Fuze Aviation Academy Open Day, an exciting and informative event aimed at engaging the public and inspiring future aviation professionals. The Open Day was designed to educate learners, parents, and community members about the Fuze Aviation Academy, its academic offerings, and the wide range of career opportunities available within the aviation industry.

Excitement filled the air as attendees explored aircraft, met professional pilots, and delved into the fascinating world of aviation. The event also highlighted Fuze's unique approach to education, which begins as early as Grade 8 and continues through to Grade 12. This early-start model is specifically designed to groom and prepare learners from a young age, helping them focus on the key subjects required for a successful career in aviation.

Visitors received valuable information about the diverse career paths available in the field — from piloting and aircraft maintenance to air traffic control and airport operations.

The Open Day reflected Fuze Aviation Academy's ongoing commitment to making aviation education more accessible and to nurturing the next generation of aviation professionals. It was a day filled with learning, inspiration, and a shared passion for taking to the skies.





Miss Msunduzi 2025 Top Finalists

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi Photos: Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Miss Msunduzi, together with Intsha Yomnzansi Modeling Agency, proudly presented the top finalists for the Miss Msunduzi 2025 beauty pageant.

These exceptional young women officially advanced to the next phase of the competition as they continued their journey toward the prestigious title of Miss Msunduzi 2025.

The purpose of the programme was to train, mentor, and prepare the finalists for the upcoming stages of the pageant. Through a series of workshops and practical sessions, the finalists were equipped with valuable skills in public speaking, confidence building, and the essential qualities of being true ambassadors for Msunduzi.

The event successfully celebrated beauty, purpose, and leadership — marking an inspiring chapter in the Miss Msunduzi 2025 journey.





Miss Msunduzi 2025 pageant

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Photos: Nosipho Caluza

Msunduzi Municipality Youth Development Office, in partnership with Intsha yoMzansi, proudly hosted the Miss Msunduzi 2025 pageant at the City Hall. The event showcased the confidence, talent, and poise of young women from various wards within the municipality in both Teen and Senior categories. Winners were as follows:

Senior Category

- Queen: Snethemba Shange (Ward 35)
- 1st Princess: Nomvelo Mcwabe (Ward 05)
- 2nd Princess: Zenanzi Mbanjwa (Ward 01)

Teen Category

- Queen: Sandiswa Makhowane (Ward 35)
- 1st Princess: Gene'h Gumede (Ward 34)
- 2nd Princess: Zethembiso Mthembu (Ward 29)

These remarkable young women embodied elegance, intelligence, and community pride. They will go on to represent Msunduzi in various municipal programs and community initiatives, serving as positive role models for local youth.





Mayor Gives Warm Send-Off to Msunduzi U15 Football Teams

By Andile Mahlaba

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

City Hall hosted a send-off ceremony for our U15 boys and girls football teams ahead of their participation in the FNB Football First U15 Nationals 2025 Tournament in Soweto. The tournament is proudly organised by FNB and annually features teams from Msunduzi.

His Worship, the Mayor, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, welcomed the teams and offered words of encouragement and best wishes as they prepare for their upcoming matches.

While the tournament is an FNB initiative, the Msunduzi Municipality was proud to play a part in sending off our young stars and continues to support initiatives that nurture youth talent. We wish the teams great success in representing the City of Choice!





Men Take a Stand: “Khuluma Ndoda Sikuzwe” Dialogue Addresses GBV and Men’s Well-being

By Samukelo Mbanjwa

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

Ward 21 Councillor Zuma, hosted a powerful engagement session at Muzi Thusi Primary School. The gathering brought together men from the local community for an open dialogue on pressing social issues, including Gender-Based Violence (GBV), men’s health, and positive community involvement.

The event, themed “Khuluma Ndoda Sikuzwe” (Speak, Man, Let Us Hear You), was attended by various stakeholders including representatives from the Zondi Royal House, and members of the South African Police Service (SAPS). Councillor Zuma convened men to engage frankly on matters affecting them and their families. The session sought to restore the vital role of men in society by encouraging honest conversations about challenges such as gender-based violence, mental health, and the cultural stigma surrounding emotional expression. Discussions delved into the often-overlooked issue of GBV against men, the concept of silenced masculinity, and societal expectations that “indoda ayikhali” (a man doesn’t cry) — a belief that has left many men suffering in silence.

“As the Office of the Councillor, together with the men’s forum, we took it upon ourselves to call men from all walks of life, especially those aged 40 years and older, to come together and discuss these issues openly,” said Cllr Zuma. “We want this to be an ongoing programme that will eventually include teenage boys our future fathers and leaders because as the saying goes, ‘igontshwa isemanzi’ (a tree is shaped while it is still young).”

The Khuluma Ndoda Sikuzwe initiative aims to create safe spaces where men can share their experiences, learn from one another, and find solutions to social challenges affecting their well-being and family life. By encouraging men to speak out and support each other, the programme hopes to promote healing, accountability, and stronger family values within the community. This engagement marks a significant step towards fostering a community culture of dialogue, mutual respect, and collective responsibility ensuring that men play a proactive role in building a safer, healthier, and more compassionate society.

Mayor Thebolla Sends Off Pietermaritzburg Grannies Football Team Ahead of National Tournament

By Andile Mahlaba

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

The Pietermaritzburg Grannies In Football Training team visited the first citizen of the city Mayor Cllr. Mzimkhulu Thebolla at City Hall. This was their last stop on route to Cape Town for the Grannies Soccer Tournament which will be a one day event on Friday the 10th of October in which 22 teams will be competing for top prize.

The Mayor wished our ladies all the best of luck and safe travels and hopes they will return with the trophy back to the City Of Choice





2026 Comrades Marathon Race Launch

By Bongani A. Nyembe

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

Deputy mayor Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize attended the 2026 Comrades Marathon Race Launch at Comrades House. The Comrades Marathon is one of the biggest racing events with global recognition. The launch was what many may call a trip down memory lane as they remembered their recently fallen heroes and who's families the Municipality sends its condolences to.

The launch was also attended by none other than the current 2025 comrades marathon men's winner Mr. Tete Dijana and many more prestigious guests. The launch also unveiled the new slogan "Ska Fela Moya" which translates to "don't give up" which will surely be embedded in minds of all future comrades marathon participants.

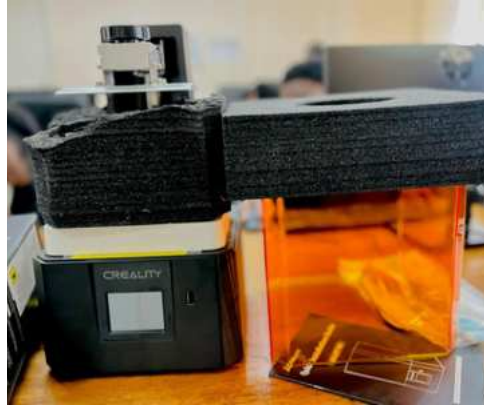
The next marathon next year will be an up-run in which the City Of Choice will welcome all runners at the finish.



SALGA Tech Games Project Team Conducts Site Visit and Equipment Handover

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Photos: Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi



As part of the ongoing implementation and readiness preparations for the SALGA Tech Games, the project team conducted site visits to selected venues across KwaZulu-Natal, including Msunduzi Municipality, to officially hand over equipment from SALGA in support of the initiative.



Pietermaritzburg Stands in Pride for Luyanda Zuma

By Communications team

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

Good vibes, and hometown pride filled the space outside the Bessie Head Library as the community came together to show support for our very own Luyanda Zuma — Miss South Africa Top 9 finalist, born and raised right here in the City of Choice!

The city was painted with pride as Pietermaritzburg once again proved that it produces queens. Miss South Africa finalist Luyanda Zuma graced Msunduzi with a special visit to the Bessie Head Library, where she hosted a heartfelt meet-and-greet session that inspired all who attended.

Local aspiring models joined citizens of the City of Choice to cast their votes in support of Luyanda's journey. Our first citizen, Mayor Cllr. Mzimkhulu Thebolla, also cast his vote and extended his well-wishes to Luyanda as she continued to represent Pietermaritzburg on the national stage.





Grandparents and Grandchildren GBV and Cancer Awareness Walk

By Amanda Ngcobo

Photos: Bongani A. Nyembe

The Msunduzi Mayoral Special Programs Office, in partnership with the Department of Justice, Department of Health, Department of Social Development, the South African Police Service, and Lifeline, participated in the Grandparents and Grandchildren GBV and Cancer Awareness Walk held at Thuthuka Hall

The purpose of the program was to bridge the generation gap by encouraging grandchildren to walk alongside their grandparents, promoting healthy lifestyles, and reminding the youth that older people are also vulnerable just like children. The event also aimed to spread awareness about Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the importance of early cancer detection.

Senior Manager Political Office Mr. Sandile Zondi, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the event. "When we were growing up, we were told to listen to our elders because they have wisdom and knowledge. Today, I can attest to that, and I am truly impressed by how healthy and active you all are. I also encourage everyone to go for regular health check-ups so that we can beat cancer early.





World Homeless Day

By Samukelo Mbanjwa

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

At the homeless shelter in Mayors Walk Pietermaritzburg of Ward 27, the Inkunzi Isematholeni Foundation together with the Msunduzi Municipality and various government departments, hosted a special event to commemorate World Homeless Day. Ward 27 Councillor Cllr. Daniel Kemp was also in attendance and provided a welcome address.

The programme celebrated and encouraged individuals who have successfully overcome drug addiction, acknowledging their courage and the support from families, the Foundation, and partners who continue to help them rebuild their lives.

This day reminded everyone of the importance of unity, care, and giving hope to those working towards a better future.

The facility, which is provided by Msunduzi Municipality, provides a home for the 69 homeless girls and allows Inkunzi Isematholeni Foundation to provide rehabilitation facilities and resources for them. To commemorate the day, 61 girls officially completed their rehabilitation programme and are now returning to their families and rejoining society.



Mothers & Daughter Dialogue Therapy Session

By **Thandeka Dlamini**

Photos: **Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi**

Msunduzi municipality Employee wellness programme In collaboration with various stakeholders hosted Mothers & Daughter dialogue therapy session at City Hall.

The session focused on the deeper purpose of the mother and daughters relationship, highlighting how they can nurture and groom each other emotionally, spiritually, and socially. A strong emphasis was placed on the importance of women in society and the different roles they play in building strong communities.

The speakers shared valuable insights on spiritual healing, taking responsibility, and building resilience. They encouraged women to prioritize self-care, including regular health check-ups and monitoring for chronic illnesses. The session addressed the need to guide and groom teenage girls, preparing them for the challenges and responsibilities they will face as they grow into adulthood. The event was a success, and attendees expressed interest in having more events like this in the future.



Day 1: 2025 uMgungundlovu District Municipality Mayoral Games

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Photos: Andile Mahlaba
Samukelo Mbanjwa

The 2025 uMgungundlovu District Municipality Mayoral Games kicked off across multiple venues in the City of Choice, with Msunduzi proudly represented across several sporting codes. Day 1 was filled with passion, skill, and unwavering team spirit as our athletes showcased the true heart of the City of Choice.

At Caluza Indoor Sports Centre, the Msunduzi Netball Team displayed exceptional teamwork and determination in their spirited match against uMngeni Municipality. They took an early and commanding lead, demonstrating outstanding skill and unity on the court.

Meanwhile, over at Pillars Academy, our Msunduzi Girls Football Team delivered a thrilling performance in an action-packed match against uMkhambathini Municipality. The game concluded with a hard-fought 2-2 draw, reflecting the team's resilience, passion, and remarkable cohesion.

The Games also extended beyond the field and court to the mental battlefield at Truro Hall in Northdale, where the Msunduzi Chess Team showcased strategic excellence. Their focus, discipline, and impressive play highlighted the depth of talent our city continues to nurture.

To round off the day, our Msunduzi Men's Football Team took to the pitch at Albany Sports Ground in a fiercely contested match against uMshwathi Municipality. The game ended in a 1-1 draw, with our boys displaying strong teamwork, skill, and fighting spirit throughout.



Day 2: 2025 uMgungundlovu District Municipality Mayoral Games

By Phumla Mdletshe

Photos: Andile Mahlaba
Samukelo Mbanjwa

Day 2 of the 2025 uMgungundlovu District Municipality Mayoral Games continued to bring excitement, competition, and community spirit across multiple venues in the City of Choice.

The morning kicked off at the Athletics Track Stadium, where the atmosphere was filled with determination and anticipation. In the boys' 5000-metre race, Team Msunduzi delivered a strong performance, holding on to second place after a challenging and competitive run.

Over at the Albany Sports Ground, the soccer action continued as the Msunduzi Men's Football Team took to the pitch against uMngeni Municipality. With exceptional teamwork and tactical play, our boys dominated the match and secured a solid 2-0 victory, showcasing confidence, discipline, and true competitive spirit.

Meanwhile, at Protea Sports Ground, the Games celebrated cultural heritage and diversity through Indigenous Games and Volleyball. Athletes from across the district participated with pride, unity, and passion. Boys and girls competed with heart, giving their best efforts to secure top positions in these meaningful and culturally-rooted sporting events.



UMsunduzi Library Services Ikhuthaza UbuCiko, Amasiko Nobuzwe eNcwadi

By Amanda Ngcobo

Photos: Noxolo Mazibuko

UMsunduzi Library Services ubambe umcimbi wokugubha ubuciko namasiko, obuholwa nguKhansela Mkhize wase-Ward 39, kanye nezinduna nezinkosi zendawo. Lo mcimbi ububanjelwe eNcwadi, esizweni samaQadi.

Bekugcwele injabulo nobungane njengoba izimbali zesizwe kanye nomphakathi bebonakalisile ukuzigqaja ngamasiko abo. Lo mcimbi uhloswe ngokubungaza amasiko nesintu, kanye nokufundisa ngokuziphatha okuhle nokukhuthaza intsha ukuthi iqhubeke nokuziphatha kahle, ifunde ezikoleni, futhi ithande ukufunda izincwadi ukuze ibalekele izilingo zomhlaba.

Ngaphezu kwalokho, kube nesikhathi sokwazisa abahlanganyele kulo mcimbi lapho kwabelwana khona ngezinto zokubonga.





Stakeholder engagement session held at the KZN Christian Council

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

His Worship, the Mayor of Msunduzi, Cllr. Mzimkhulu Thebolla, together with Madam Speaker, Cllr. Eunice Majola, attended a stakeholder engagement session held at the KZN Christian Council Multipurpose Hall.

The purpose of the gathering was to bring together pastors and religious leaders from across the Msunduzi Municipality for a meaningful meet and greet and prayer session. The event served as a platform to engage with the municipal leadership, discuss challenges faced within places of worship, and highlight the vital role faith organisations play in building and supporting communities.

This initiative forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen partnerships between the municipality and various sectors that contribute to social cohesion and community development.



Exam Prayer for Grade 12 learners

By Thandeka Dlamini

Photos: Andile Mahlaba



Msunduzi Municipality's Deputy Mayor Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize hosted an Exam Prayer for all grade 12 learners at St. John High school in Ward 39.

Cllr. Mkhululi Mkhize welcome all learners, teachers, municipal officials and stakeholders who supported the programme. The purpose of the programme was to pray, give praise and glory to God, for Grade 12 learners for their upcoming matric exams.

"We are seeking God's presence and guidance, especially for the Grade 12 learners as they prepare to begin their final exams. We encourage all learners to strive for excellence", said the Deputy Mayor urging all Grade 12 learners to work hard and stay focused during this important time.

The speakers, who are locals of Ward 39 and former students, delivered powerful motivation to all learners, encouraging them to be diligent and committed to their studies. They reminded learners that through hard work, they can access all the opportunities and qualifications that education offers.



Exam Prayer Ceremony for Grade 12 learners at Enqabeni Hall

By **Amanda Ngcobo**

Photos: **Andile Mahlaba**

The Msunduzi Municipality, Area-Based Management unit (ABM), in partnership with various stakeholders, hosted an Exam Prayer Ceremony for Grade 12 learners at Enqabeni Hall in Ward 3.

The purpose of this programme is to invite God's presence and guidance upon Grade 12 learners as they begin their final examinations. We acknowledge the many challenges they face during this crucial period, including spiritual and physical difficulties. Through prayer, we seek God's protection, strength, and intervention to remove every obstacle that could hinder their progress. Our heartfelt desire is for each learner to be filled with God's wisdom, peace, and favor as they prepare for and write their final exams.

Msunduzi Municipality wishes all the best for all Grade 12 learners as they head into their final examinations



Msunduzi Municipality Launches Street Naming and Road Sign Installation Project in Tamboville

By Amanda Ngcobo

Photos: Sasha Ramchund

Cllr Eunice Majola, together with Msunduzi Municipality officials, officially launched the Public Places, Street Naming and Road Sign Installation Project in Tamboville, Ward 38.

Speaking at the launch, Cllr Majola highlighted that “the purpose of this project is to make it easier to access locations for businesses and ambulances in case of emergencies, as well as to improve public transportation.”

The street naming and road sign installation work has already begun in Edendale and Imbali Units, marking a significant step towards improved accessibility and service delivery within the municipality.



Trashion Show

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Photos: Noxolo Mazibuko

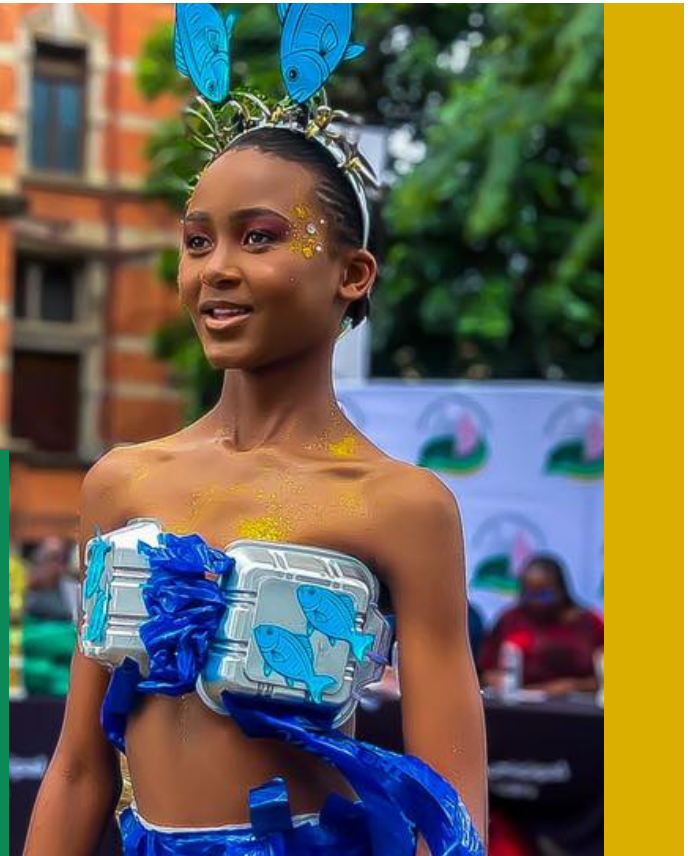
Msunduzi Municipality's Bessie Head Library hosted a Trashion Show competition in collaboration with local schools.

The aim of the event was to showcase the creativity and talent of learners by encouraging them to repurpose waste materials into innovative and artistic fashion designs. The initiative not only promoted environmental sustainability and recycling awareness, but also fostered artistic expression and strengthened community involvement.

Participating schools included Newton, Arthur Blaxall, Kukhanyeni, and Open Gate. All the schools truly shone, impressing the audience with their unique designs and confident

- 3rd Place: Kukhanyeni
- 2nd Place: Arthur Blaxall
- 1st Place: Newton

The success of the event was made possible through the contributions of multiple stakeholders who played a vital role in its planning and execution. The organisers expressed their gratitude and hope to attract even more stakeholders and partners for future editions of the competition.



More Work and Less Talk: Msunduzi Municipality Commits to Action and Results

By Anele Makhanya

Photos: Lungelo Sithole

Msunduzi Municipality's newly appointed Municipal Manager, Mr. Mndebele, met with municipal staff to introduce himself and set the tone for a new chapter of action and accountability.

During the session, Mr. Mndebele officially launched the municipality's new operational theme, **"More Work and Less Talk,"** which reinforces the collective commitment to accelerating service delivery and restoring public confidence in the Municipality.

Addressing the staff, Mr. Mndebele spoke passionately about teamwork, discipline, and dedication to the people of Msunduzi, emphasizing that the time for words is over and the time for action has begun. In his own words, he declared:

"We are ready to serve."

A number of internal matters and key focus areas were discussed to ensure that all departments are aligned towards achieving tangible results on the ground. The energy and enthusiasm from today's engagement showed that our employees are motivated, united, and ready to go the extra mile to serve our communities.



Child-Headed Household Programme

By Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

Photos: Sasha Ramchund

The Msunduzi Municipality's Area Based Management Unit, in collaboration with the HIV/AIDS and Social Services Departments, successfully hosted a Child-Headed Household Programme at the Copesville Community Hall in Ward 29, under the leadership of Councillor S. Madlala.

The purpose of this programme was to raise awareness and provide support to individuals and families caring for children, particularly those in child-headed households. The initiative aimed to empower caregivers and community members with essential knowledge about the unique challenges faced by child-headed households, as well as the available support systems.

The event received support from various stakeholders, including Pietermaritzburg Mental Health and the Udlala Nathi Organisation, both of which contributed significantly to the day's programme. The programme concluded with closing remarks from local ward councillors, who expressed their sincere appreciation for this initiative to the ward.



USomlomo ubambe umhlangano nezinduna kuMasipala waseMsunduzi

By Bongani A. Nyembe

Photos: Samukelo Mbanjwa



Namuhla, Somlomo, uKhansela Eunice Majola, ube nomhlangano neziNduna (abaholi bomdabu) ehholo leDolobha, ezindlini zoMkhandlu. Umhlangano ububanjwe kanye neCOGTA (ezokuBusa ngokuBambisana neziNdaba zoMdabu).

Inhloso yalokhu kuxoxisana bekuwukucacisa ngeqhaza lobuholi bendabuko kanye namakhansela ezigceme. UKhansela Eunice Majola ugcizelele ukubaluleka kokugcina ubudlelwano phakathi kobuholi bobubili ukuze kuthuthukiswe ukuhlinzekwa kwezidingo emphakathini.

I-COGTA ichaze kabanzi ngohlelo olusetshenziswa ukuqoka ubuholi bendabuko futhi yazisa bobabili abaholi ngezindlela ezahlukeneyo abangazisebenzisa ukulwa nobugebengu emiphakathini yabo.

Ngaphezu kwakho konke inhloso enkulu bekuwukuvumela abaholi bendabuko kanye namakhansela esigceme ithuba lokwabelana ngemibono yabo ngomunye nomunye nokuthi bangayisiza kanjani imiphakathi yabo.



Book Launch of Asithandile Meyiwa

By Noxolo Mazibuko

Photos: Noxolo Mazibuko

the Msunduzi Municipality's Bessie Head Library proudly hosted the book launch of Asithandile Meyiwa, a talented young author from Edendale Technical High School. Still in high school, Asithandile has already accomplished what many only dream of, she's a published writer whose work reflects her passion, dedication, and determination.

The event was filled with joy and inspiration as her peers, schoolmates, and teachers many of whom have played a guiding role in her journey came to support and celebrate her achievement.

Asithandile's success is proof that age is no barrier to greatness.



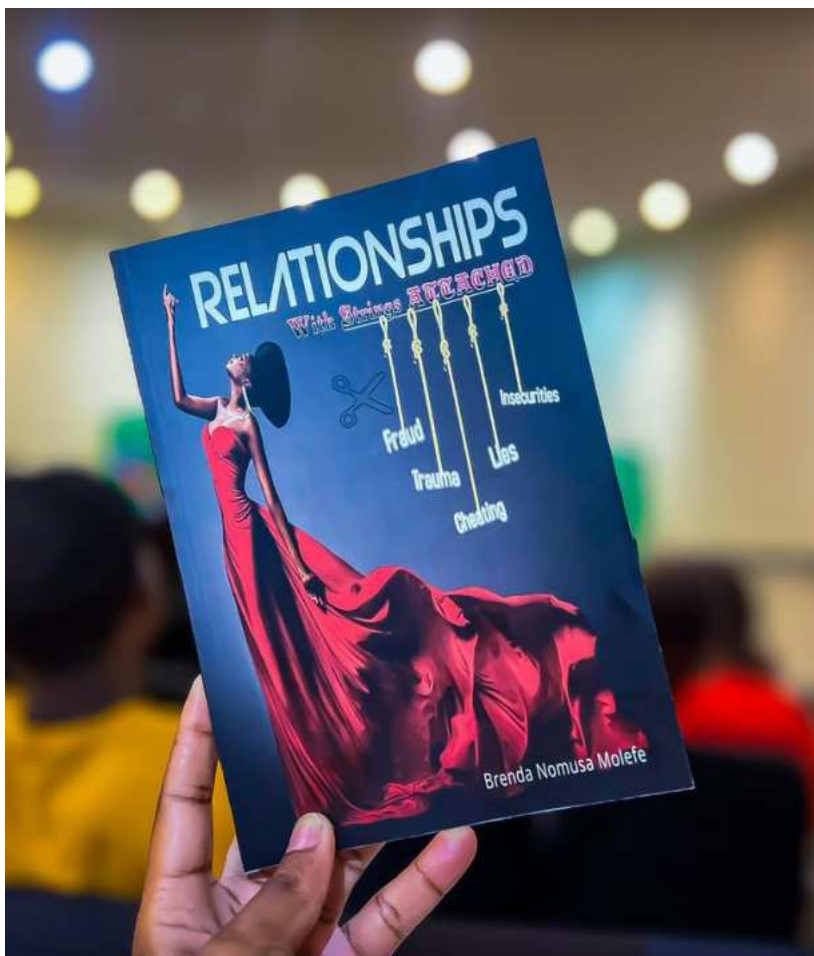
Book launch of Relationships with Strings Attached by Brenda Nomusa Molefe

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The Msunduzi Bessie Head Library hosted the much-anticipated book launch of Relationships with Strings Attached by Brenda Nomusa Molefe.

The book delves into the profound impact that various types of relationships have on our lives, exploring how they shape and define us in countless ways. The event was graced by the presence of Molefe's family, friends, and a community of book lovers who were eager to engage with this powerful work.





Day 1: Building Better Communities - Social Housing Workshop Kicks Off in Msunduzi

By **Samukelo Mbanjwa**

Photos: **Andile Mahlaba**

Day 1 of the Social Housing Workshop was held at Harry Gwala Stadium, bringing together Msunduzi Municipality's Human Settlements, the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA), and Ubuhlebebu Projects.

This collaborative session aims to strengthen understanding of the National Social Housing Programme, identify local opportunities, and address key housing challenges within our communities.

Together, stakeholders are building capacity, sharing insights, and driving sustainable development to ensure dignified housing for all.

Day 2: Building Better Communities - Social Housing Workshop Kicks Off in Msunduzi

By Bongani A. Nyembe

Photos: Samukelo Mbanjwa

Day 2 of the Social Housing Workshop was in full swing at Msunduzi Local Municipality, with key stakeholders including the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA), Ubuhlebebu Projects, and municipal officials engaging in insightful discussions on housing policy and land release strategies.

The session focused on developing effective Social Housing Policies, exploring land management and financial frameworks, and strengthening collaboration among key departments. Together, we're shaping sustainable solutions that promote access to dignified, affordable housing for our communities.



Phase One of N3/R603 Umlaas Road Interchange Officially Opened

By Phumla Mdletshe

Photos: Andile Mahlaba

Deputy Mayor Cllr. Mxolisi Mkhize joined the Honourable Minister of Transport, Barbara Creecy, MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Honourable Siboniso Duma, Mkhambathini Mayor Cllr N.W. Ntombela, uMgungundlovu District Mayor Cllr M. Zuma, and SANRAL officials for the official opening of Phase One of the N3/R603 Umlaas Road (Dardanelles) Interchange.

This significant infrastructure upgrade is designed to improve traffic flow and enhance safety for all road users. The new interchange has been constructed to accommodate high traffic volumes and marks a milestone in the broader efforts to modernise key transport corridors.

Motorists are urged to drive with caution and strictly adhere to speed limits when using the new interchange. Excessive speeding poses a serious risk to all road users and undermines the safety benefits of this major investment.



UMsunduzi Kubungazwa Usuku Lokufunda Ngolimi Lwebele eMarket Square

By Amanda Ngcobo

Photos: Noxolo Mazibuko

Umtapo wolwazi ngaphansi koMkhandlu kaMsunduzi, ubambisene neGcinamasiko Art & Heritage Trust kanye nomnyango wezobuciko i-Art and Culture, kubungazwe umcimbi wokufunda ngolimi lwebele obubanjelwe eMarket Square.

Umama uGcina Mhlophe, ongumsunguli weNozincwadi, unxenxe abafundi nothisha ukuba bangayeki ukufunda izincwadi, ngoba ukufunda kuyisidlo somqondo nomphefumulo, futhi kucija ubuhlakani nokucabanga okujulile.

INozincwadi (Mother of the Books) ibingumxhasi omkhulu walomcimbi, ogujwa minyaka yonke ngenhloso yokugubha ukubaluleka kokufunda izincwadi ezikoleni nasemiphakathini, kubantwana kanye nakubantu abadala.

Lomcimbi ubuhanjelwe abafundi bezikole ezahlukene kanye nothisha, kanti abafundi baveze amakhono abo ngokufunda izincwadi, ukudlala imidlalo yeshashalazi, kanye nokuhaya izinkondlo ngezilimi ezahlukene.





SALGA KZN DSAC Games 2025 Parade

By **Thandeka Dlamini**

Photos: **Sasha Ramchund**

The Mayor of Msunduzi Municipality, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, together with the Speaker, Eunice Majola, and Senior Manager in the Political Office, Sandile Zondi, proudly joined the SALGA KZN DSAC Games 2025 Parade and Draw Launch hosted by uMgungundlovu District Municipality.

With cheers, music, and unity filling the air, the leaders walked from UNISA to Market Square, celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship and community pride!



SALGA KZN DSAC Games 2025 Draw Launch

By Bongani A. Nyembe

Photos: Samukelo Mbanjwa

The Mayor of Msunduzi Municipality, Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla, together with his delegation of leaders and officials, proudly joined the MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture, Mr. Mntomuhle Khawula, the District Mayor, Cllr Mzi Zuma, and fellow mayors, deputy mayors, and officials from across KwaZulu-Natal for the vibrant SALGA Games Parade and Draw Launch hosted by uMgungundlovu District Municipality.

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Games are held annually to promote social cohesion, youth development, and local economic growth. They serve as a platform for young talent to showcase their skills and gain well-deserved recognition.

The launch was alive with excitement, featuring notable sports activists and media personalities rallying behind this inspiring initiative. This year's games will be proudly hosted by uMgungundlovu District Municipality, with events taking place across various venues right here in the City of Choice.





Netball for Growth Coaching and Umpire Clinic

By Lungelo Sithole

Photos: Lungelo Sithole

The Msunduzi Municipality's Youth Development Office successfully hosted a Netball for Growth Coaching and Umpire Clinic at Nqabeni Hall in Ward 3, bringing together young people for a day of learning, teamwork, and community building.

The initiative focused on developing coaching and umpiring skills, while promoting discipline, leadership, and collaboration among participants. Through practical training and interactive sessions, the clinic equipped aspiring coaches and umpires with the knowledge and confidence to contribute to the growth of netball within their communities.

The municipality remains deeply committed to supporting youth development programs that empower young people, nurture talent, and foster positive social engagement. Events such as this reflect Msunduzi's ongoing efforts to create platforms that encourage active participation, personal growth, and community upliftment through sport.



Batho Pele Workshop Empowers Newly Appointed Champions

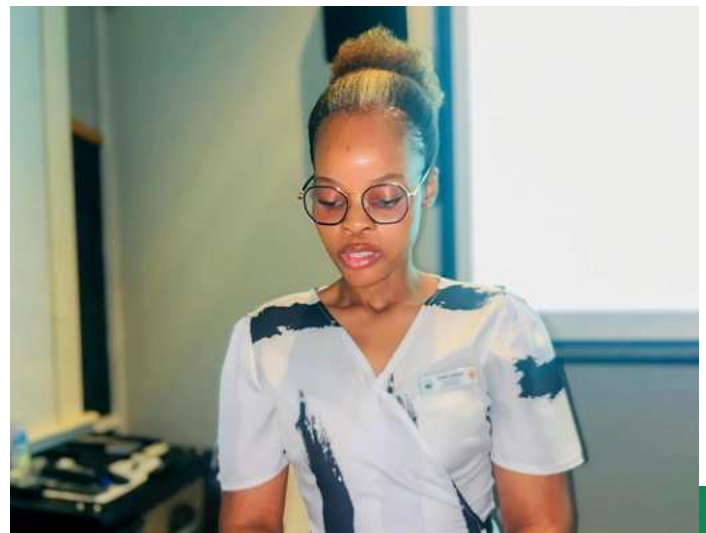
By Samukelo Mbanjwa

Photos: Hlelelwe Mkhwanazi

The Msunduzi Municipality Batho Pele Principles and Complaints Management System Unit hosted a Batho Pele Workshop to welcome the newly appointed Batho Pele Champions from various departments.

The purpose of this workshop was to educate the new champions on how to apply and promote the Batho Pele principles effectively within their departments. It also focused on introducing monitoring tools and practical methods to ensure these principles are implemented in daily service delivery.

Representatives from CoGTA were also in attendance, sharing their knowledge and expertise on how to strengthen the application of the Batho Pele principles and improve public service delivery within the municipality.



Empowering the Future: Msunduzi Municipality Engages Youth in KwaDambuza

The Msunduzi Municipality, in partnership with the Services SETA and the Department of Social Development, hosted a Stakeholder Engagement at the KwaDambuza Youth Development Centre in Ward 21.

His Worship, the Mayor, Cllr. Mzimkhulu Thebolla, together with Msunduzi's Madam Speaker, Cllr. Eunice Majola and ward councillors from the Municipality engaged directly with the youth of Msunduzi on development opportunities and community empowerment initiatives.

The engagement continued with a panel discussion, where each stakeholder shared their career journey and outlined the services and opportunities offered by their respective organizations. This was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session, providing young people with the chance to engage directly with the panelists.

The session provided a valuable platform for young entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners, fostering meaningful dialogue and practical learning. With participation from diverse sectors and organizations, the event proved to be an enriching and insightful experience for all attendees, reinforcing Msunduzi Municipality's commitment to empowering youth and strengthening community development.

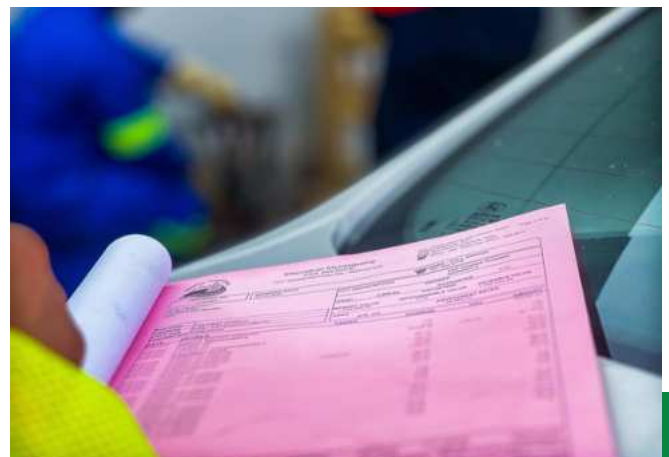


Operation Qoqimali

Captions and Photos by Communications team

Msunduzi Municipality continues to enforce accountability across the city, disconnecting electricity and water services for government departments, businesses, and residents with overdue municipal accounts. Illegal reconnections are being met with penalties and immediate disconnections.

As the Qoqimali Team operates throughout Msunduzi, we reaffirm our commitment to recovering outstanding revenue and ensuring all customers pay for the services they receive.





Service Delivery Efforts

