



COUNCIL DONATES FLATS TO POLICE



Police Barracks donated to the Namibian Police by Council

The Swakopmund Municipal Council has achieved yet another milestone by donating flats to the Namibian Police. The donation of a 2 026 m² blocks of flats to the Namibian Police demonstrates Council's commitment towards a safe and crime free society.

Until now, the Namibian Police found it difficult to transfer officers to Swakopmund because of accommodation shortages. The availability of accommodation will boost the efforts of the Safety and

Security Ministry to ensure the safety of all Namibians and visitors by seconding more officers to Swakopmund. The Chairperson of the Management Committee, Councillor Ndara Salomon who handed over the donation to the Namibian Police on behalf of the Mayor and called upon the community to assist the Police in their efforts to fight crime. Councillor Salomon attributed the decreasing crime statistics to the good relationship between the Police and the community.

The Police statistics show that crime in the Erongo Region and Swakopmund in particular has subsided due to the active partnership between the Police and the community. With the inception of community policing structures in Swakopmund, the public is assured of the assistance of the Namibian Police at all times, stated Councillor Salomon.

The complex is situated in Mondesa in the former Single Quarters and consist of 21

(twenty one) sleeping quarters, ablution and kitchen facilities.

The donation was accepted by the Deputy Minister of Safety and Security, Honourable Erastus Uutoni. Also in attendance were the Governor of Erongo Region, Honourable Cleophas Mutjavikua and the Inspector General of the Namibian Police, Lieutenant-General Sebastian Ndeitunga and the Regional Commander of the Erongo Region, Samuel //Hoebob.

B2 TRAFFIC CIRCLE OPENED



The Mayor of Swakopmund, Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes (centre) pictured with the Chairperson of the Management Committee, Councillor Nehemiah Ndara Salomon and Municipal staff members and contractors during the opening of the Traffic Circle on the B2 main road.

The traffic circle at the entrance of town on the B2 main road was recently opened by Her Worship the Mayor, Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes. Vehicular traffic has increased considerably over the last decade and that requires the implementation of different road transportation approaches.

A traffic circle provides a smooth movement of vehicles and is less stressful to motorists. Swakopmund has one of the best road network infrastructures in the country and Council continues to invest in the maintenance and construction of roads. A well maintained road infrastructure is a catalyst for investment and economic growth.

Meanwhile, the Traffic Section received complaints from the public about the parking of trucks, overnight in residential areas. These trucks are often parked in front of residential entrances, create noise pollution and cause unpleasant fumes.

Some of the trucks are equipped with cold storage facilities and the continuous operation of the cooling compressor causes sleepless nights for residents. It is required of truck drivers to park their vehicles at the truck port in order not to inconvenience other residents whilst Council is busy considering appropriate measures to address the matter.



MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND

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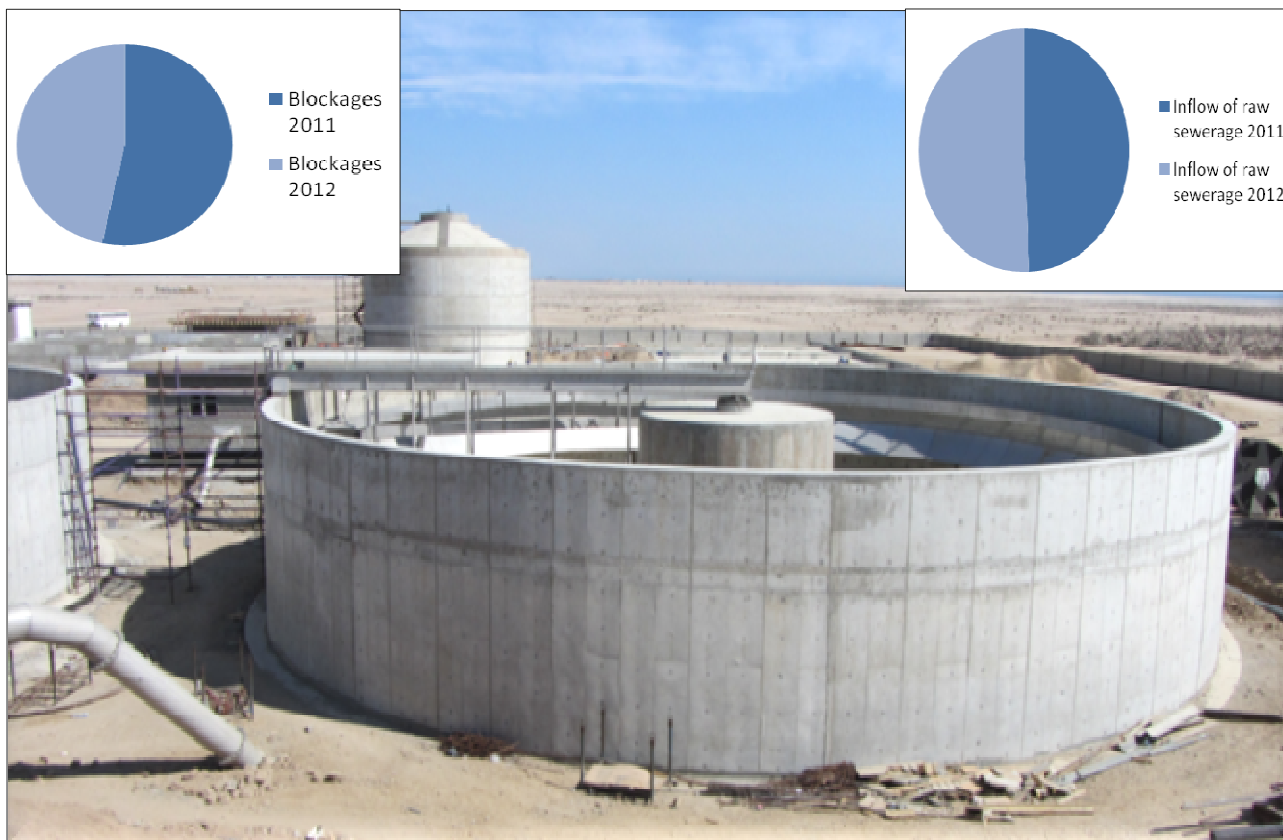
- No supply of goods or service delivery should be done without receipt of an official **ORDER** from the Municipality of Swakopmund.
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We trust that we can be assured of your valued support in our aspirations to be as proficient as possible.

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PROGRESS: NEW SEWERAGE PLANT



New Sewerage Plant

The construction of the new multi-million dollar Waste Water Treatment Plant is progressing well and is expected to be commissioned during 2013. The tender was awarded to Botes & Kennedy Namibia, a civil engineering company, on 03 December 2010 at a total cost of N\$134 Million.

The project was divided into various phases, ranging from design, construction of civil structures, the installation of the electrical and water supply, the laying of waste-water rising mains and the purified effluent discharge mains, the installation of the mechanical equipment and the electrification, instrumentation and partial automation.

It will take up to three months to get all micro-biological processes started and balanced. The plant requires the service of well trained operators to ensure operational efficiency and proper handling of the multi-million

dollar investment. Experienced operators will run the plant for a period of six months, while municipal staff are being trained on the job.

The new Waste Water Treatment Plant is wholly financed by Council and no loans or grants were sourced from external sources.

Once the new plant is operational, it will generate sufficient effluent water which will be used for gardening and other purposes.

Council already resolved to beautify and 'green' Public Open Spaces which will be used by the community as recreation parks. Effluent water will be supplied to larger parts of the town and will be made available to interested residents for gardening.

The completion of this project will bring much needed relief to the residents living in the surrounding of the current sewerage plant as they have experienced bad odours for years.

The new plant is designed in such a way that minimal odor is expected to emanate from it. The location of the site and wind direction was considered when the site was determined. Swakopmund generally experiences southerly winds during most part of the year and the location of the new Sewerage Plant is ideal to prevent odor from polluting suburbs.

A dedicated team of staff members under the Sewerage Section is responsible for the normal day-to-day maintenance of the town's sewerage network. The sewerage team was responsible for the opening of 1645 blockages during last year compared to 1883 during the previous year. This shows a reduction in sewerage network blockages which normally result from the dumping of foreign objects into the network. The total inflow of raw sewerage into the Sewerage Works for last year is 2 184 452m³ compared to 2 111 660m³ the previous year.

Editor's Desk



Dear Reader

The Town of Swakopmund will next year host a number of international events starting with the World Adventure Tourism Summit which will bring tourism gurus to Swakopmund and the SAIMSA games which will bring local authorities across the SADC region to the town.

At national level Swakopmund continues to attract high level conferences and gatherings thanks to the enabling environment created by Council, the community and the private sector. The residents, especially those from the disadvantaged community, should come on board and make sure that they are part and parcel of the tourism development agenda.

Tourists, when visiting Africa want to experience and feel African. They want to eat traditional food, play traditional games, learn African languages and attend traditional functions. Thus, a paradigm shift, in terms of policy is needed to ensure that the African element receives prominence in our tourism industry. Better incentives should be given to those who are promoting African culture and tradition.

Regards

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NEW WHEELS FOR THE MAYOR



The official vehicle of the Mayor of Swakopmund. It's a black Mercedes Benz C200 with a personalized number plate. (Insert) The Mayor receiving the car keys from the dealer.

PROJECT SHINE - A SHINING EXAMPLE



Deputy Mayor Juuso Kambueshe and Ms Lydia Mutenda on his left, Mr Robeam Ujaha (second from right) and Mr Abel Kationdorozi (second from left) pictured with other members of Project Shine.

Project Shine is a shining example of a functioning Public Private Partnership (PPP). The aim of the project is to reduce the negative effects of recyclable materials and other pollutants on the environment by sensitizing the community through local non-governmental organization to claim ownership of the environment.

The project was launched on the World Environmental Day, 5 June 2007 by her Worship the Mayor of Swakopmund Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes. Project Shine has thirteen corporate organisations on board whilst seven non-governmental organisations are also part of the project.

The Coordinator of Project Shine, Mr Robeam Ujaha has the following to say regarding the importance of this project: "It is vital especially to the public to participate because

it enables them to take responsibility and ownership of the environment. In addition, public participation also invoke in our youth a sense of pride and responsibility that promotes positive lifestyles, behaviour and action change towards environmental sustainability. The issue of environmental sustainability is a global challenge that requires a collective decision. We therefore should set ourselves the goal to form partnerships towards conserving, protecting, and caring for the environment."

Project Shine is a true manifestation of the ability and commitment of the citizens of the world to take care of mother earth.

Mr Ujaha was very enthusiastic about the road charted by Project Shine thus far and the future prospects of the project. "Looking at what has been accomplished through this

project in the last 5 years of existence, we must be proud of our collective achievements and our effort through this project are highly recognised, not only locally but also by our international guests, partners and friends. Furthermore our future generation will be very proud of us for ensuring environmental sustainability thanks to Project Shine", enthused Mr Ujaha.

Just like any other project, Project Shine encounters a number of challenges such as the lack of environmental clubs at schools to ensure that the youth are aware of the value of a clean and sustainable environment. The project is now focusing on promoting the 3Rs (Reduce, Recycle & Reuse) as part of environmental education. Therefore, in order to achieve this objective, the establishment of environmental clubs at primary and secondary school level is of paramount importance.

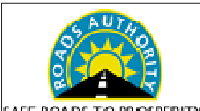
Mr Ujaha, expressed apprecia-

tion to the stakeholders for their unwavering support contribution towards the success of the project. He stated further that the contribution by the stakeholders serves as a motivation for others to maintain our beautiful town in a clean and tidy condition through collective efforts.

"Your presence at our side is proof of your commitment to your people and environment", stated Mr Ujaha who is the Public Health Environmental Practitioner.

The project was extended to incorporate the beaches of Swakopmund, desert east of the landfill site and the Swakop River as well as the main entrance routes from Arandis.

Plans for the establishment of the Regional Centre of Expertise Committee at the coast are at an advanced stage. The body will focus on the protection and management of our unique environment at the coast.



MUNICIPAL AIDS DAY COMMEMORATED



Deputy Mayor Juuso Kambueshe (front row centre) pictured with the Chairperson of Management Committee Councillor Nehemiah Ndara Salomon.

The Municipal Aids Day was commemorated on 19 October 2012 in the Council's Chamber.

The main objective of the event was to create awareness amongst Municipal workers on the prevalence of HIV / Aids in the work place and the possible precautionary measures that should be taken to assist those affected and infected.

The event was organised by the Municipal Aids Committee (MAC) which is composed of members drawn from all the departments. The MAC has a mandate to address all HIV / Aids related matters and meets regularly to deliberate on the best strategies to implement in order to circumvent the spread of HIV / Aids.

Mr Bernhard Kamatoto and Ms Herlyn Uiras, both who have been living with HIV for sometime gave motivational speeches and shared their life experiences regarding the disease.

The message from the two speakers was loud and clear that there is light at the end of the tunnel and that being HIV positive is not a death sen-

tence as many see it.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Juuso Kambueshe who is also the Chairperson of the Municipal Aids Committee, spoke extensively on the impact of HIV / Aids to the employees and employers and how it affects productivity levels. The Deputy Mayor urged all stakeholders to come up with workable solutions to address the HIV / Aids situations in work-places.

Mr Hosabe Honeb, who was the master

of ceremony at the event encouraged all present to take the bull by the horns and vigorously accelerate the fight against HIV / Aids. He indicated that not even the sky should be the limit in the fight against HIV/Aids. "How can the sky be the limit as if we know how high it is," asked Mr Hosabe Honeb.

The event was a resounding success and was well attended by Municipal workers from all sections and departments. For the first time the Council Chambers was filled to the rafters and many struggled to find seating space.



Members of the Municipal Aids Committee pictured with Mr Bernhard Kamatoto (second from right) and Ms Herlyn Uiras (front centre).

INTERNATIONAL TIES



Council's delegation which visited Malmö in Sweden pictured with the hosts.

The relationship between the city of Malmö in Sweden and the Swakopmund Municipality continues to grow from strength to strength since its inception in 2008. Various projects mainly with the focus on sustainable development and the preservation of the environment are dealt with.

The first phase was on Waste and Renewable Energy and the second phase is on Eco-tourism and Education for sustainable development. The solar energy project has resulted in a wide spread knowledge and interest in solar energy and also installation of solar panels, for example at the Municipal Rest Camp. The solar installations have been built by trainees from less affluent areas in Swakopmund, trained by a Swedish solar expert. The installation of solar energy at the Municipal Rest Camp has reduced Council's electricity bill and residents are encouraged to consider solar energy as an alternative and cost effective option to reduce our dependence on conventional electricity. Media reports have it that Namibia is expected to experience a deficit in the supply of electricity and solar energy might be a viable option.

The waste project has resulted in a well functioning recycling system. The City of Malmö and Sweden in general is advanced with waste recycling which is worth emulating.

Tourism is regarded as an important industry in both Malmö and Swakopmund; however, it can have a negative impact on the local environment. This is especially true in Swakopmund where special precautions need to be taken to preserve the sensitive desert landscape. The project aims to develop the local economy and at the same time enhances the awareness of environmental issues among local operators.

The project will bring the local operators in the tourism and event sector on board as they are important stakeholders and advocates for enhanced environmental awareness among the tourists. Both public and private operators share a common interest of minimizing the environmental impact of tourism, and to maximize collective economic benefits. Swakopmund needs to protect its fragile environment and natural heritage from exploitation and destruction. The scenic dunes and other topographic features need to be protected by all in order to reduce the negative impact that tourism.

JOKES



Attorney questioning

Scene: A courtroom where a witness is testifying in a case involving a man biting off the ear of another man during a fight. After supplying testimony which was very bad for the defendant, the witness was being cross examined by the defendant's attorney.

Attorney: You said that you saw the defendant and the plaintiff in a fight?

Witness: Yes.

Attorney: You then said that you were concerned for your safety and that, because of this concern, you sought shelter elsewhere?

Witness: Yes.

Attorney: You further stated that during this time of seeking shelter, you turned your back to the fight at hand?

Witness: Yes.

Attorney: And THEN you testified that that was when the defendant bit off the plaintiff's ear??!!

Witness: Yes.

Attorney: Well, that makes for an interesting question then! If your back was turned to the fight then you obviously MUST have had the plaintiff and the defendant out of your field of vision, correct?

Witness: Yes, correct.

Attorney: Well then, did you SEE the defendant bite off the plaintiff's ear?

Witness: No.

Attorney: (Smugly) THEN HOW DO YOU "KNOW" THAT THE DEFENDANT BIT OFF THE EAR OF THE PLAINTIFF IF YOU DID NOT SEE HIM DO IT??!!

Witness: I saw him spit it out.

(Dead Silence)

Attorney: No more questions.

SWAKOPMUND TO HOST INTER-MUNICIPAL GAMES

The Swakopmund Municipal Sports and Social Club has been participating in the Southern Africa Inter-Municipal Sport Association Games (SAIMSA Games) since 2007 when the Games were hosted by our neighbouring town Walvis Bay, and has been a member ever since. The club has established themselves as a force to be reckoned with and has won various accolades since they started participating. During the Games in Botswana in September this year, the club scooped a Gold medal in Golf and Silver in the women's volleyball.

Swakopmund was fortunate to win the bid for hosting the SAIMSA Games for the year 2013. The five day games are an annual event and rotate among SADC countries. The games will be held during the last week of September (22-28 September 2013).

The event is the biggest Inter-Municipal sports event in Southern

Africa and it is important that the Municipality is well prepared to host it in terms of infrastructure (sport and recreation facilities), accommodation, security, health and emergency services.

Hosting the games will attract about 5 000 participants throughout SADC to the town, thus contributing extensively to the economic boom of the town. Accommodation facilities in the town, as well as all tourist establishments and local businesses will benefit significantly during the period. This will also contribute to the marketing of the town as a whole.

The public is urged to make the necessary preparations in order to make the event a success.

The challenge is for Swakopmund to make this event a memorable one. Our experience in Walvis Bay, South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland and Botswana has taught us great lessons.

Various technical committees will be established to coordinate the event.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year's Christmas Fair is slated from 14-15 December 2012 and the venue remains the Palm Tree Area near the Amphitheatre.

The Christmas Fair is an annual event on the Swakopmund Social Calendar and attracts a huge number of exhibitors from all over the country.

A total of 98 Business Stalls will exhibit products ranging from souvenirs, artifacts, food and entertainment for the kids.

The space that used to be taken up by the marquee tent of the Dutch Reformed Church is available this year, therefore any other organization or club interested is welcome to apply to make use of the area for their tent. For applications contact Ms Barbara Ramos Viegas at Telephone 064-4104215 or email at bramosviegas@swkmun.com.na



Members of the Swakopmund Municipal Sports and Social Club pictured with the Mayor (fourth from right) and Councillor Ferdinand Hamukwaya (third from left)