



# BLOUBERG News

*"Fetiša Molaetsa"*

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Four years of service -

**Mayor reaffirms**

Blouberg

Municipality's

commitment to

continue delivering

services to

communities,

Her Worship Cllr  
Maria Thamaga  
MAYOR

## VISION

A participatory municipality that turns prevailing challenges into opportunities for growth and development through optimal utilization of available resources.

## MISSION

To ensure the delivery of quality services through community participation and the creation of an enabling environment for economic growth and job creation.

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Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga Mayor

Dintlhakgolo mabapi le kabo ya ditirelo

Re mo ngwageng wa bone wa term ya rena morago ga dikgetho tša mebasepala ka November 2021. Re rile ge re tsena ra tshephiša gore **Every day at Blouberg should be Mandela day.** Le gore re swanetše **go kitima ka lebelo go abela batho ba rena ditirelo.**

Mo mengwageng ye mene re kgonne go fihlelela tšeo di latego;

### Mohlakgase

Re kgonne go abela metse ye sekete le metšo ye senyane mohlakgase yeo e akaretšago di village tše; Witten(625 households), Lekgwara(40 households) Diepsloot(19 households), Swartz (45 households), -Bayswater (30 households), Mochemi (25 households), Mongalo (50 households) and Sweethome (70 households) mohlakgase. They are now having electricity like all of us.

Mošomo wa go aga Senwabarwana sub-station o tšwela pele. We are currently constructing phase 3

## Service delivery highlights

of the sub-station.

### Ditsela

Re kgonne go aga ditsela tše latelago Witten 2,4 km, Alldays 4 km, Senwabarwana phase 11A 2,8 km & Senwabarwana phase 11 B 2,4 km, Lethaleng to Pickum 6,2 km, Mochemi 4,4 km. Ka mašelang a disaster grant re kgonne go dira Sefihlampyana, Kgatla, Dantzig (under construction)

Re kgonne go reka di grader tše tharo tše di swa gore re kgone go kaonafatša ditsela tša rena.

Re kgonne go aga traffic cycle ya mathomo ka gare ga toropo ya rena ya Senwabarwana.

We have also handed over sites to contractors for construction of the following roads for 2024 financial year; Kwarung, Thalane, Senwabarwana D1200 (other critical streets within the town) and Alldays internal streets.

Re leboga le ba Public works ka maitekelo a go kaonafatša tše dingwe tša ditsela tša rena go swana le ya Blouberg to Buffelshoek clinic le Taaibosch internal streets. Re tshepha gore ba tla re thuša ka tsela ya D1589 from Makgato to D 3287 Eldorado to Ga Dankie on D3292 towards Kibi, Ga Moleele to Schoongezicht to Ga Dikgale to Uitkyk le tše dingwe.

### Creches

Bjalo ka karolo ya rena ya go tsenya letsogo





mererong ya early childhood development, re kgonne go aga Mongalo le Danzig creches. Di filwe community di a šoma.

### Tlhabollo ya moruo le tša temo

Programme Director Through the local economic development grant we were able assist 8 LED Projects over the past four years.

Ka thušano le ba Venetia mine dipeakanyo tša go aga agri-hub di gatetše pele. E tla thuša go kgokanya balemi ba rena le mmaraka.

### Business licensing function

Go thoma ka di 01 November 2024 masepala o file maikarabelo a go aba di licence tsa dikgwebo. Se se tla thuša badudi ba rena go hwetša thušo ka se kgauswi.

### Mapatlelo le diholo

Re kgonne go aga Senwabarwana sports complex le Pinkie-Sebotse sports facility. We are happy that these facilities are utilized by our communities.

Re kgonne go aga holo ya Cooperspark ga bjale setšhaba se a e šomiša.

### Masepala wa difoka

Re kgonne go hwetša difoka tše ntšhi mabapi le tšhomišo ya rena ya mašeleng a diprotšeke bjalo ka Municipal infrastructure Grant(MIG), Intergrated national electrification programme(INEP) le Municipal disaster recovery grant(MDRG). Godimo gat se kamoka re filwe sefoka sa good governance

awards. Re mo maemong a pele go mebasepala ya selegae Afrika Borwa ka bophara.

We were able to do more with little. Lebelo la rena le re thušitše gore re kgone go hwetša di tšhelete tša kokeletšo ka MIG, INEP le MDRG.

Re kgonne go dira tše ka moka ka baka la tšhomišano le tlemagano le Magoši a rena,- Makhanselara, bašomi, di ward committee le ditšhaba tša rena. Diphihlelelo tše ga di re gore ga go na ditlhotlo. A swaraneng ka matsogo o lwantšha tšeo di šaletšego morago.

O.R Tambo o kile a bolela a re, ke a mo tsopola “Ge le gopola gore ntwaga ya tokologo e boima, emang go fihlelela re tseya pušo. Go tlo ba boima go feta fa” Indeed the work of building a united, non-racial, non-sexist democratic and prosperous South Africa was not easy.

But we are encouraged by the progress of the past 30 years of democracy. Kgole ke fao re tšwago.

**The lives of our communities have changed for the better.** We have provided democratic governance, basic services, free health services, free education and social security net for our people.

OR Tambo once said “We all belong to South Africa, and South Africa belongs to us”

Re le badudi ka moka ba Blouberg, we all belong to Blouberg Municipality and Blouberg Municipality belongs to all of us. A re swaraneng ka matsogo and make Blouberg Municipality a better place for future generations.

Ke a leboga.



# The rehabilitation of Senwabarwana town streets well in progress

Potholes in the Senwabarwana central business district will soon be a thing of the past. The construction of Senwabarwana Internal Streets and Stormwater Control Phase 1 project is well in progress. The project has a total budget of R20 343 660.89 and is scheduled to run for six(6) months.

## SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

- \* Site Clearance
- \* Rehabilitation of base layer - 977m
- \* Laying of 80mm Paving blocks 2370m
- \* Laying of pre-cast concrete kerbs
- \* Laying of 60mm Paving blocks (side walk)
- \* Construction of openlined drains ( V-drain and Trapezoidal drain with the bottom width of 1m and top width of 4m and 1m deep)- 400m.
- \* Construction of 1200 mm diameter 100D stormwater pipeline with inlet and outlet structure - 520m
- \* Construction of 900 mm diameter 100D stormwater pipeline with inlet and outlet structures - 240m
- \* Construction of 750 mm diameter 100D stormwater pipeline with inlet and outlet structures - 80m
- \* Construction of 600 mm diameter 100D stormwater pipeline with inlet and outlet structures - 460m
- \* Surface overlay (fog spray) - 1690m
- \* Patchworks (Edge breaks) - 520m
- \* Road signs and markings
- \* Finishing of the road and clearing site
- \* Construction of Kerbs inlets
- \* Construction of traffic circle and
- \* Construction of a bridge - 2X ( 2x 1500 x 1200).





# Tsela ya 4.4KM e tšwela-mohola badudi ba Ga-Mochemi bao ebago kgale ba tlaišega

## Mochemi Access Road



Tsela tšeo di sepelegago ga ntšhi ke bohwa le goba sešupo sa boikgantšho ditšhabeng, ebile go feta fao ditsela di thuša go kaonafatša maphelo a badudi. Ditsela tšeo di sego maamong a maleba di ditela hlabologo ya dikgwebo le go thatafatša tšhepetšo ya ditirelo tša tšhoganetšo. Lege mmušo o ikemišeditše go kaonafatša le go bea ditsela maamong a kaone, mašelang ke yona temana ya goba hloba-boroko. Le ge gole bjalo, Badudi ba Ga-Mochemi ebile babangwe ba bao ba hlegilego ge Masepala wa Blouberg o kaonafatša tše dingwe tsa ditsela. Badudi bao barego ke kgale ba lebetšwe, ba reta masepala goba o ba kwetše bohloko.

Dikhilo-mitara tše 4.4 tšeo e bego ele tsela ya mobu, ga bjalo di kaonafaditšwe gomme dikoloi di sepela mathe-di-theding. Tsela yeo e bego ele tlhoba-boroko bjalo e maamong a kaone fao bana ba dikolo le barutiši batla kgonang goya dikolong le ka dinako tša dipula. Tsela e nngwe ya dikholomitara tse 6.2 le yona e hotše badudi ba Lethaleng go leba Pickum, fao bana babego ba lla nakong ya dipula ge ba swanela ke go leba dikolong. Morago ga gore Meyara Cllr Maria Thamaga a kwe sello sa badudi ba Lethaleng, le go bona ka a gagwe maahlo nakong yage a etetše lefelo leo, o netefaditše gore tsela yeo e beiwa ntlhoraneng ya lenaneo la go kaonafatša ditsela.

Meyara Thamaga o re ga bjalo masepala, mo nakong ya mengwaga e me bedi o phethile tsela ya dikhilo-mitara tše 2.4 kua Witten, 4 gola Alldays, le 4.2 ka mo Senwabarwana. O re nkgao e tla tšwela pele goja nk-gawana ele ge masepala o tupiša lerole morero-mogolo ele go kaonafatša maphelo a badudi.

“Re lebeletše ka kudu ditsela tšeo di yago dikolong le mafelong a tša maphelo, gomme ebile gare le bale teropo ya rena ya Senwabarwana le ya Alldays”.

# Delapidated Alldays town streets are getting a fix

## DILAPIDATED ALLDAYS TOWNSHIP STREETS AND STORMWATER CONTROL SYSTEM ARE GETTING A FIX

The rehabilitation of Alldays Internal streets and stormwater control Phase 1 project is well in progress. The Council approved the R14 773 444.88 budget in 2024/25 financial year for the project. The construction works have been scheduled for six (6) months.

### THE SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

- The reconstruction of 1000m(1km) road with two pavement layers and 40mm asphalt surfacing and rehabilitation of other roads.
- Site Establishment

- Site Clearance
- Cut to spoil existing pavement layers
- Preparation of existing pavement layer
- Construction of two pavement layers (C4 Sub base, G3 Base)
- Storm water drainage (Manholes; catch pits and concrete v drain)
- Installation of Gabion and Reno Mattresses
- Kerbing and channeling
- Patch and repairing edge break
- Priming
- Surfacing (asphalt)
- Slurry Seal
- Road Marking
- Road furnisher





## Mochemi, Mongalo and Sweethome extensions now have electricity

One hundred and sixty-five (165) households at Mongalo (70), Sweethome (70), and Mochemi (25) village extensions have been electrified. Mayor Maria Thamaga officially switched on their completed projects.

These projects were the municipality's response to requests made by community members during Integrated Development Plan (IDP) public consultation meetings.

Upon handing over the projects to the respective communities Mayor Thamaga called on community

members to buy electricity and refrain from meter tempering as those who will be found at fault risk their electricity disconnected and face a hefty fine of R10 000.

Mayor Thamaga also donated start-up electrical appliances to the three families where symbolic switch-on took place. Mayor accompanied by the Whip of Council, Cllr Johanna Rangata switched on the lights and also donated start-up electrical appliances. She further thanked those that were involved in the project from the beginning to the end for a job well done.





## AVON E IKGANTŠHA KA MOAGO-KGOPARARA (AVON MPCC)

Multi-Purpose Community Centre ke lefelo leo gantshi mmušo o kgobokantšhago dikgoro le mafapa a go fapana a mmušo go netefatša gore ditirelo diya setšhabeng ka bokgauswi. Se se akaretša go etela ga dikgoro le mafapa ka tlase ga matšatši ao a itšeng, bjalo ka ditirelo tša Maphelo, Home Affairs, SASSA le Maphodisa. Masepala o agile mafelo a mahlano a go swana le a, go akaretšwa Langlaagte, Raweshi le Inveraan. Lebakeng le, badudi ba Avon ( Marobjane) le bona batlaba karolo ya badudi bao batla hlegago mokgweng wo wa kabo ya ditirelo.

Avon MPCC e tla lefelo leo setšhaba se tla le šumišago go swara dikopano, le go swara meletlo, gomme Masepala o tla e šumiša gape goba fao badudi ba ka hwetšago ditirelo ka pela. Babangwe ba badudi ba hlalosa gore motse wa gabo bona ke kgale o sena lefelo la setšhaba la go swanela dikopano, gomme ga bjalo ba leboga Masepala ge o ba tšwetše mohola. Bare se se tloga se bontšha gore mmušo o šomela setšhaba.

Meyara wa Blouberg Cllr Maria Thamaga o hlalosa gore projeke ya go aga lefelo le la go swanela dikopano le go tlišha ditirelo setšhabeng ebile toro ya badudi ba Avon lebaka le letelele, gomme yena o tšere maikarabelo a gore le agwa ntle le ditšhitišo. Meyara o re o leboga setšhaba ge se itswere ga botse le go se tsoše mathata nakong yage moago o agiwa.

O re diProjeke tša go swana le tše, di thuša badudi ka go hlola mešomo ya lebakanyana, le gofa borakgwebotlana dikgoba tša go šoma le go hwetša letseno. “Re tšwela pele go ipiletša go setšhaba ka kakaretšo masepaleng wa rena ka bophara gore a re hlompheg meago le mafarahlahla a mmusho”



# BLM launches stormwater retention ponds projects at Indermark and Avon villages

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga on May 6, 2025, conducted a groundbreaking ceremony marking commencement of the construction of stormwater retention ponds project at Indermark and Avon villages.

During IDP/budget public consultative meetings, community members requested these projects, and the municipality is attending to the request.

The Mayor accompanied by the Speaker Cllr Blanco Boloka and the Whip of Council, Cllr Johanna Rangata, conducted the groundbreaking ceremony, marking the official commencement of the construction and the introduction of the contractor.

## CONSTRUCTION OF BLOUBERG STORMWATER RETENTION PONDS-AVON

- CONTRACTOR = RISIMA PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- BUDGET = R4 188 195.52

### SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

Construction of 0.6 km storm water channel  
Construction of 0.6 km earth berm  
Construction of 1.430 km earth drain  
Construction of 4 box culverts

Construction of a storm water retention pond  
Installation of signs

## CONSTRUCTION OF BLOUBERG STORMWATER RETENTION PONDS-INDERMARK

- CONTRACTOR = KUMBATIA HOLDINGS
- BUDGET = R4 191 740.69

### SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY

Construction of 0.6 km storm water channel  
Construction of 0.6 km earth berm  
Construction of 3 box culverts  
Installation of signs

The two projects will create thirty-four (34 ) temporary job opportunities for the duration of four (4) months.





# Makwaeba family's dignity restored as MEC Basikopo Makamu hands over a newly built and fully furnished house

The livelihoods of the Makwaeba family at Witten Village (Ga-Marais) in Ward 19 have been changed for the better following the handing over of a new home.

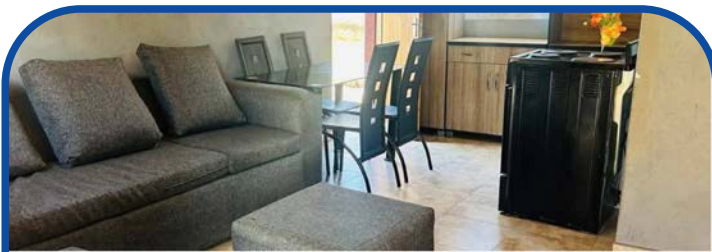
On 30th January 2025, the Co-operative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) MEC, Mr Basikopo Makamu, accompanied by Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga, Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka and the Whip of Council, Cllr Johanna Rangata handed over a fully furnished house to the family.

The beneficiary, 60-year old Ms Andricah Thete Makwaeba, was living in a one-roomed house with 15 members of her family, including siblings.

After being notified of the poor conditions the family lived in by Ward Councilor Shirley Raphasha, the department extended a helping hand to the family through collaboration with contractors and building them a house. MEC Makamu indicated that he is

continuing to engage donors to assist the family with other basic needs.

“We have built them a house, which is not enough. I had a chat with the family, and the mother here indicated her own children are 6 and 8 grandchildren. I’ve spoken to the people who donated this house to help us buy uniform for all school going children just to use it as an example that if we can encourage our children to go to school, they will be able to change their situations. We want to see the Makwaeba family grow like any other households here. “





# Cristal Salts and Bergpan Salt Works to light out darkness along the R521 - Vivo area

## **DARKNESS - A THING OF THE PAST ALONG THE R521 - VIVO AREA AS MAYOR THAMAGA OFFICIATES GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR STREET LIGHTS PROJECT FUNDED BY CRYSTAL SALTS AND BERGPAN SALT WORKS**

As part of their Social and Labour Plan (SLP), Crystal Salt and Bergpan Salt Works in partnership with Blouberg Local Municipality on April 1, 2025, conducted a groundbreaking ceremony marking the commencement of the installation of solar street lights project along the R521 route in Vivo area.

According to Mr Ephraim Mokoatedi, the SLP Officer, the project forms part of their commitment to enhancing the local community and infrastructure. "We are excited to announce the commencement of the project, which is aimed at improving street lighting and safety for the residents and travelers along the R521 route.

The solar street lights will contribute significantly to the safety, energy efficiency, and overall development in the area. "

In 2020/21 financial year, Blouberg Local Municipality Council approved Crystal and Bergpan Salt Works' SLP projects to the tune of R 957 000.

The municipality's first priority of the twelve priorities

crafted is local economic development, job creation, and partnerships as government alone can not do everything.

The Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga extended her appreciation to the two companies, indicating that the municipality needs to partner with other role players to develop communities.

"The operations of these two companies, Crystal and Bergpan, have created forty-two(42) permanent job opportunities. We are happy today that in partnership with Crystal and Bergpan, we are doing sod-turning for the solar street light project. During construction, this project will create ten (10) temporary job opportunities. "

The project scope includes the installation of seven(7) streets lights which will be powered by solar, the move Mayor Thamaga commended, indicating it will play a significant role in promoting the government's plan of using alternative sources of energy. "This will make a contribution to the reduction of load shedding.

Two other LED projects will be funded through their SLP projects. Their SLP projects link very well with our first priority as the municipality. We welcome and appreciate this milestone. Vivo will never be the same. It will look different through the solar street lights. "



# Blouberg Municipality bags four (4) SALGA awards

## BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY SCOOPS FOUR SALGA AWARDS FOR NOT INCURRING THE UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE IN 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR

It was all joy in Blouberg as management welcomed the awards the Blouberg Local Municipality scooped at the South African Local Government Association - SALGA MOSES "BIG MOSS" MALULEKE MUNICIPAL AWARDS 2025 ceremony held on March 13, 2025 in Bela Bela.

Several municipalities were awarded trophies and certificates for their outstanding work in governance and financial management; by achieving the 100% percent spending on Municipal Infrastructure Grant(MIG) funding resulting in receiving additional funding, for not incurring unauthorized, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and for their audit outcome among other categories.

The Blouberg Local Municipality was recognised and received four accolades;

1. For 100% MIG pending on initial allocation and receiving additional MIG Allocation.
2. For Spending over 95% of the additional MIG Allocation
3. For not incurring the Unauthorized Expenditure during the 2023/24 audit cycle.
4. For not incurring Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure during the 2023/24 audit cycle.

The Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga and Council Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka who received the awards on behalf of the municipality, proudly presented them to management . Mayor Thamaga thanked the leadership and management collective for the team effort and indicated that working together tirelessly a lot more can be achieved for the betterment of Blouberg.





# Blouberg Municipality awarded for being the best in-service delivery

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga has welcomed the good governance recognition award presented to the municipality for its outstanding performance by Good Governance Africa (GGA) during the 10th Anniversary event held on, October 2, 2024 at The Venue, Melrose Arch in Johannesburg.

In March, the GGA through its Governance Performance Index (GPI) - 2024 ranking, ranked Blouberg Local Municipality Number 1 for the outstanding performance from the sixty-one (61) Category B4 - Mostly Rural Local Municipalities Category. According to GGA's Governance Insights and Analytics, Head of Programme, Ms Chrissy Dube, when conducting the ranking for best performing municipalities; the GGA checked how the municipality looks like from Service Delivery perspective, Audit, Administrative; Leadership and Governance, Planning and Development, Monitoring as well as other mandates. Service delivery is weighted most due to the importance the local government has in terms of distributing core services to households.

“The reason we are doing local government work is because between, national, provincial and local government, local government is the closest to the citizens and part of GGA's mandate is to improve the lives of citizens by empowering them to active citizenry by being accountable citizens that are able to hold the government to account, while we empowering the state to be a capable state. It is not a competition; GPI is a mirror for every municipality to look at. If you have seen where you ranked as a municipality in the GPI, we are able to do a deep dive, give you the reasons why you ranked where you ranked; where you are doing well and where you need to improve”.

Handing over the GGA Awards of Recognition, Executive Director GGA East Africa, Ms Tina Asante-Apeatu indicated that, maladministration and corruption are shamed publicly and that, it is also crucial to recognize good governance performance publicly. Upon accepting the Award, Mayor Maria Thamaga, indicated that, the municipality will continue to do things by the book and prioritize its citizens in terms of service provision. The mayor further thanked GGA founder, Mr Robert Rose for the good work in advancing good governance in the continent.

“Thank you very much for the opportunity, I feel very much honoured on behalf of Blouberg Local Municipality to receive this Award of Recognition. This, says a lot about us as an institution. The GPI rating indicates

our ability to deliver sustainable services regardless of how much we have, how we run our finances, the quality of the team work as Council, the planning and our administration in general. I would like to extend my appreciation to the founder, Robert Rose and his entire team. Your commitment to good governance in Africa is really encouraging. Continue to advocate for good governance in our mother continent, and we wish you many more decades of existence”.

Other categories awarded as top performers in local government were;

- Metropolitan Rank | City of Cape Town (Western Cape)
- Big/Large Towns Local Municipalities | Saldanha Bay Local Municipality (Western Cape)
- Secondary Towns Local Municipalities | Drakenstein Local Municipality (Western Cape)
- Small Towns Local Municipalities | Swartland Local Municipality (Western Cape)
- Rural Municipalities | Blouberg Local Municipality (Limpopo);
- As well as those municipalities that achieved second spots.
- Good Governance Index top ranking on District Municipalities;
- Non-Water Services Authority District Municipality | Cape Winelands (Western Cape)
- Water Services Authority District Municipality | Joe Gqabi (Eastern Cape).

Among other dignitaries at the ceremony were; National Commissioner (Deputy Chairperson) Public Service Commission of South Africa, Ms Zukiswa Mqolomba, African Union (AU) Commission, Head of the African Governance, Ambassador Salah S Hammad, Justice Richard Goldstone and representatives from Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA) Embassy of Finland, African Union Secretariat Peer Review Mechanism and Mail & Guardian Newspaper.



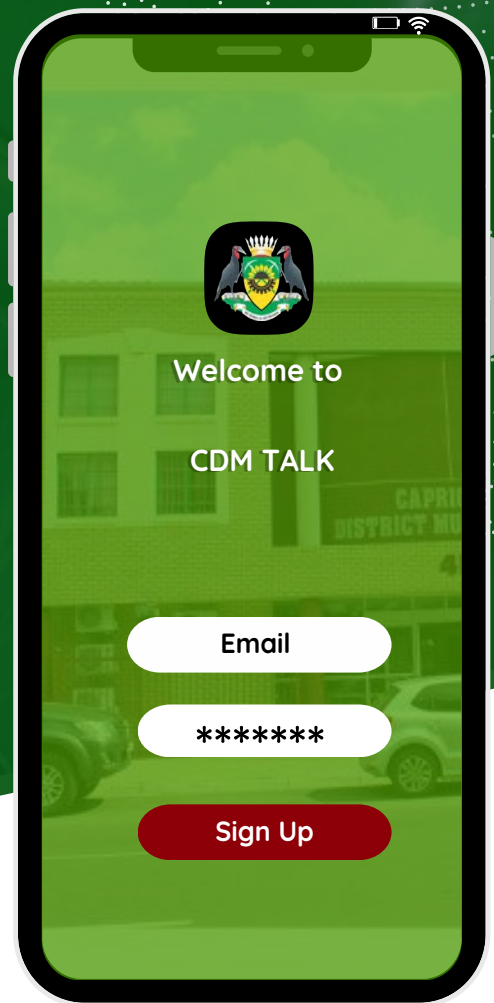


**Capricorn**  
District Municipality

# Customer Care App

Introducing "CDM TALK", a ground-breaking tool to **report** customer care queries on service delivery challenges

## CDM TALK



### Report service delivery issue

Simply sign up and register any service delivery challenge in your area.



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