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# The key note address

**K**e nako. It has been over 2 000 days of great anticipation and anxiety since the announcement on the 15th May 2004 of South Africa as the host of the biggest soccer spectacle on earth, the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Being the first ever world cup to be hosted on African soil we should forgive the doomsayers and pessimists who dismissed our capacity simply because we are in Africa. Proponents of the so - called Plan B from inside out unleashed a barrage of nauseating attacks and mordant criticism on our capacity to complete stadia; infrastructure and logistics on time.

Thanks to the FIFA President, Sepp Blatter, who stood his ground to defend FIFA's principled decision to reward Africa for her immense contribution to the development of world football. With 100 days to go in early February 2010 all the stadia were ready with little touch ups here and there on related infrastructure and logistics.

Our sincere gratitude go to all those who jealously secured this African dream by ensuring that FIFA specifications and deadlines are met. Our own Peter Mokaba stadium was completed with more than four months to go under the supervision of the astute Ndivhe Ramakuela, the Polokwane 2010 Director, who deserves our special recognition.

To date not all of us have had a direct contribution to make towards making the 2010 World Cup a bench mark of excellence for all future world cups. Now is our turn. Our

country needs us more than ever before. We should be the best of fans the world is yet to see and may not see again. We need to fill and bring life to the stadia. In the next days before the historic kick off on the 11th June 2010 let us go all out to buy tickets; buy the national flag; buy Bafana Bafana jersey; learn the disk dance; learn how to blow a vuvuzela; learn the rules of the game; know at least one star player and captains of all participating teams or at least of the six African teams : South Africa; Cote d'Ivoire; Ghana; Cameroon; Nigeria and Algeria.

We should be the best of hosts. We need to exude our African *Ubuntu* to the multitude of guests who are expected to descend on our shores for the duration of the World Cup. Blouberg is a tourist destination given its historic sites such as the Makgabeng Rock Art Sites; Makgabeng and Lipzig Mission Stations; Maleboho- Boer War Battle Fields; The Cape Vulture Colony at Morale; the Wetlands of Senwabarwana, Gemarke and Hlona and the centarian Helen Franz Hospital,



*Clr Serite Sekgoloane - Mayor*

built in 1908.

One of our own has moved a step up the ladder and bolstered our claim that Blouberg is the cradle of excellence. In the April - June 2009 edition of the Blouberg News we profiled the then newly elected Chairperson of Blouberg Sport Council, Mr Bethuel Mabeso. On the 27th February 2010 Mr Mabeso was elected Deputy President of the SAFA Capricorn Region. Mr Mabeso has been a trail-blazer of note in football administration his entire adult life and can only help take football in our Region to its apogee.

We commend and congratulate Mr Mabeso and all those who nurtured him into becoming this prominent football administrator. Blouberg's competitive advantage is in sport. What with Punch Masenamela (Kaizer Chiefs) and Tefu Mashamaite (Wits) playing in the highest league in the land; and Jazzman Mahlagane managing a galaxy of professional players like Teko Modise; Itumeleng Khune; Sphiwe Tshabalala, to mention but a few.

They made it to the highest levels against the odds of growing up in the rural villages of Blouberg. The crowds that attended our off season games last December have vindicated



*In the thick of things to ensure the success of the 2009 Festive Season Games is Mr Mabeso (red cap)*

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# THE SPEAKER SPEAKS



*Cllr Nkholane Maria Thamaga - Speaker*

**A**n ideal municipality is the one “committed to working with citizens and groups within the community to find sustainable ways to meet their social, economic and material needs and improve the quality of their lives.” This vision is grounded in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996) and the White Paper on Local Government (1998).

A recent assessment conducted by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) into the state of local government nine years down the line finds negatively.

There are a number of factors undermining and retarding attainment of the said constitutional object. Negations relevant to this piece include political factors; weaknesses in the accountability systems; and capacity and skills constraints. Subsequently the Local Government Turnaround Strategy (LGTAS) has been developed outlining that which need to be changed or improved to reclaim the local government vision.

The LGTAS is to be guided by the following five strategic objectives

- Ensuring that municipalities meet the

basic service needs of communities;

- Building clean, effective, efficient, responsive and accountable local government;
- Improving performance and professionalism in municipalities;
- Improving national and provincial policy, oversight and support; and
- Strengthening partnerships between local government, communities and civil society.

By the time this edition is released we shall have customized the LGTAS into our own Blouberg Municipality Turn Around Strategy outlining, *inter alia*, our plans to provide all basic services; mechanisms to improve feedback to communities; professionalization of our senior management; establishment of support structures for ward committees; and capacity and skills development plans for our councillors.

Meanwhile all our people are urged to familiarize themselves with the contents of the LGTAS so that they would understand why certain things have to be done away with or differently. Our internal political instability is now common knowledge. The subsequent suspension of 12 ANC councillors had the

potential to render our governance structures dysfunctional. We had to move swiftly and introduce interim measures to keep the home fires burning including restructuring our governance structures.

Our portfolio committees on Finance and Economic Development and Planning have been merged releasing some councillors to augment the badly affected portfolio committees like Corporate Services. We are pleased to report that all our governance structures remain functional.

Councillors have been seconded to the wards whose ward councillors have been affected as follows : ward 2 (Cllr. Ratladi S.D), ward 3 (Cllr. Malema K.C), ward 4 (Cllr. Thamaga M.N), ward 5 (Cllr. Moshuhla M.W), ward 10 (Cllr. Morapedi M.A) and ward 18 (Cllr. Ntlatla M.W). The above mentioned would hold up the sun to the day of the lasting solution.

Our ward committees honoured their bi monthly meetings of January and March 2010 respectively. We have as well filled the few vacancies that existed in almost all the affected wards (4; 6; 8; 11; 14; and 18). Communities are reminded to ensure that the Office of the Speaker is timely informed of vacancies and involved in the processes to fill vacancies in ward committees as per the Constitution of Ward Committees

Among the major decisions taken by the recent Council meetings include :

- Approval of the Annual Report for 2008/09 for public comments and establishment of the Oversight Committee comprising councillors Ntlatla M.W (Chairperson); Maboko M.V; Mathidza S.E; Dale P.N; Moshuhla M.W; Maboya M.S; Maputla T.D.M; and Maupi M.A;
- Approval for the disposal and transfer of the Farm Bochum 178 LS to the Limpopo Provincial Government for Blouberg Local Municipality to formalize the Township of Senwabarwana.

May we take this opportunity to appeal to our people to treasure and value life, which is God's gift to us. Recently we experienced unprecedented number of murders and suicides, involving people who had been brought together by love, particularly at Witten. No matter how hard we should learn to face challenges and seek help from our relatives, friends, councillors, social workers etc, when we can not handle them ourselves.

# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW



**Mr K.E. Machovani - Acting Municipal Manager**

It gives me a great privilege to address the people of Blouberg. I have been around as the Acting Municipal Manager since 28 September 2009 and had to first acquaint myself to the environment before I could come forward and give my overview of the administration of our Municipality. I can't wait to extend my appreciation to all the stakeholders I have come to interact with in execution of my duties and responsibilities. The cooperation and support from all quarters were unexpected given the situation that preceded and necessitated my secondment.

We have given priority to addressing the Municipality's financial challenges, perceived and real. Indeed we found ourselves faced with cash-flow problems mainly due to non payment for rates and services. We had to come up with a financial recovery plan to sustain the Municipality to at least the next financial year. Some of the key measures included in the Plan are:

- Giving incentives to rate payers by cancelling 50% of certain debts of the Senwabarwana and Alldays rate payers and allowing them to settle the outstanding debts by May 2010. By the time of going to print an overwhelming number of residents were reacting positively. Unfortunately those that would fall foul of this arrangement would have to be handed over to our debt collectors;
- Slashing operational costs including introduction of cost cutting measures on telephones; subsistence and travelling; overtime; etc
- Improving our billing system given that some rate payers have been complaining about the inaccuracies of their bills. We are already at an adjudication stage for the procurement of a new finance system which we believe would go a long way in addressing some of the non human deficiencies that have been experienced over some time; and
- Freezing almost all the advertised posts and delaying the planned forensic audit.

It is our observation that if all our stakeholders were to play their roles we could reclaim our credibility and sustainability. The Municipality has all the required policies; plans; strategies and reliable revenue sources.

Strict implementation of policies such as Credit Control and Debt Collection; Public Participation; Performance Management System; Risk Management Strategy; Fraud Policy & Response Plan; Whistle Blowing Policy; etc, is the only way to go. This is what Sir Winston Churchill (1874 1865), a known English statesman correctly observed "However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at results." We all have a role to play to pull our Municipality out of this financial quarkmire. We need to pay for services; use municipal resources economically, efficiently and effectively; report fraud and corruption; and hold everybody to account for any underperformance.

Once again I would like to appreciate the support and cooperation of the councilors; management; staff; SAMWU Blouberg leadership; and civic leaders that have made it possible for me to hold up the fort. Working together we are poised for more successes that are to the benefit of the citizens we are meant to serve.

## The key note address

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**The local pride Punch Masenamela (3rd from left); Teffu Mashamaite (5th) and Jazzman Matlhakgane (white shirt) received accolades from Kgoshi T.J Maleboho (black suit) and Mayor Serite Sekgoloane(2nd)**

our resolve to multiply our investment in sport development. We invite all the young people to use this year's Youth Month (June) to return to the sport fields.

As Government we would be pleased to provide the necessary support such as exposure and sport infrastructure development. The Eldorado Sports Complex is the first of our major contributions to sport development and will be followed with other massive infrastructure development investments. "I stand before you not as a prophet but as a humble servant of you the people. Your tireless and heroic sacrifices have made it possible for me to be here today. I therefore pledge the remaining years of my life in your hands".

These were the first words that reverberated throughout our country as our icon, Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela, tasted freedom for the first time after 27 years of languishing in jail. February 11, 2010 marked the 20th Anniversary of the release of the man who from humble beginnings bestrode the narrow world like a colossus and became the epitome of selflessness and human integrity.

It is therefore befitting that his legacy and everything that he fought and stood for, be jealously guarded and protected.

WE SALUTE MADIBA and appeal for the Madiba Magic to once more inspire Bafana Bafana to cause havoc in the 2010 FIFA World Cup!



## MEYARA SEKGOLOANE O THABIŠA DITŠHUANA

**M**eyara Serite Sekgoloane o ketekile letšatši la gagwe la matswalo a bo masometharo senyane ka di 17 Desemere 2009 ka mokgwa o sa tlwaelegago. O tšeere nako ya gagwe yeo ka setlwaedi e ketekwago le meloko le bagwera a e abelana le bana ba ditšhuana le bahloki le go keteka le bona ka go ba abela dimpho tša go bapadiša,

setšhaba ka moka go hlokomela le go godiša ngwana yoo. “ O gateletše gore ka segagabobatho ga go ngwana yo a se na go batswadi ge batswadi ba bangwe ba sa le go na lefaseng. O kgopetše batho ka moka go se tlaışe bana gobane e le dimpho go tšwa go Modimo a bile a tsopola mangwalo a makgethwa go netefatša gore mmušo wa

bohlokwa; ditokelo; le dinyakwa tša bana. Meyara o dirile boipiletšo go setšhaba ka moka



*Meyara Sekgoloane o bile bjalo ka Papa Keresemose wa nnete ka go ruta le go fa bana dimpho*

disepe le ditlolo. Mokeleko o be o swaretšwe Aganang Community Bakery motseng wa Mokwena Naledi, moo Meyara Sekgoloane a goletšego gona. O abetše malapa a go lekana masomapedi (20) a go hlaka dijo le didirišwa tša ka ntlong. Bana bao bontšhi bja bona ba hlokošetšwego ke batswadi ba hlogile go se bapetšwe ka ge ba hweditše dimpho tša keresemose pele ga nako. Meyara Sekgoloane yo elego monna wa lapa ebile a na le bana ba babedi o rile “Go tšea batswadi ba babedi go tliša ngwana lefaseng efela e ba maikarabelo a

magodimo le wa lefase ke wa bona. Gareng ga bana bao Meyara o rile o bona baruti; dimeyara; dingaka; boramahlale; barutiši; le boragkwebo ba ka moso. Ka gona a re go a hlokgala gore mmušo le setšhaba ba swaragane go thušana tšhireletšong le kgodišong ya bana, kudu bao ba hlokago batswadi goba ba golelago ka malapeng a masehlana. Pele ga moo Meyara Sekgoloane o be ale sekolong sa digotlane motseng wa Ga-Kobe go abela bana dimpho tša keresemose ka di 16 Disemere 2009 le go gaša molaetša wa

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# MOTSE WA SADU O ABELWA MOHLAGASE LE DIJO

**K**gatišobakeng tše di fetilego tša Blouberg News go begilwe ka tsela yeo Masepala o abago ditirelo ebile o lwantšhago tlala. Selo sa bohlokwa seo Masepala o se etišitšego pele ke go aba ditirelo setšhabeng. Masepala wa Blouberg o lesolong la go bjala seetša le go hlabolla dinaga magae tša Blouberg. Lesolo la Operation "Leswiswi o kotsing" leo le thomilego ka 2006, le sa dutše le tšwela pele gomme ka lona lesolo leo Masepala o abile le go bula semmušo projeke ya mohlagaše motseng wa Sadu go la Wate 4 ka Labohlano, 26 Febereware 2010 ka Meyara, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane, kgorong ya Ntona Mojela. Se se latela polelo ya Meyara yeo e tšweletšego kgatišobakeng ya Blouberg News ya October - December 2009 moo a laeditšego gore go bohlokwa go keteka

diphihlelo ka moka tša Masepala le tša badudi ba Masepala wa Blouberg "..... we are going to be celebrating the achievements of all our people, past and present, young and old.

Much as we have unending trials and tribulations to contend with, we want to be a happy people. .... We have arranged to celebrate the handing over and completion of all our capital projects ...."

Rakontaraka o laeditše gabotse gore mošomo o tla tšhaba diatla go thoma kgwedi ya March gomme mošomo woo o tla gagaba lebaka la kgwedi tše tharo. Mo ngwageng wa go feta Cllr Serite Sekgoloane o boletše gore dinaga magae tšeo di le go ka fase ga Blouberg di tla tlabakelwa ka mohlagaše go ya ka Millennium Development Goals pele ga ngwaga wa 2014. Masepala wa Blouberg wona o be o ipeetše go

fihlella se pele ga nako ye e beilwego ka 2009. "Re morago nakong ye re ipeetšego yona, eupša re nakong yeo e beilwego ya Millineum Development Goals," Meyara a rialo a bile a hlaloša gore lebaka legolo la go ba šaletša e bile go se kgone go dira letseno leo le lekanego. Meyara o bušitše a dira boipiletsō go badudi ka moka ba Blouberg go lefela ditirelo gore go be le tšwelopele metseng ka moka ya Blouberg.

Khansele e beakantše mašelang a go lekana R2.2 millione go tlabela motse wa Sadu wo o nago le mekutwane ye 175 ka mohlagaše. Lethabo la ge Meyara a thakgola mohlagaše wa Sadu le kuketšwe godimo ke ge badiredi ba South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) ba abela malapa a bahlaki diphuthelwana tša dijo. Malapa a tekano ya lesome seswai a hweditše dijo tšeo. Meyara Sekgoloane o gateletše gore mmušo o ya go tšwela pele go abela bahlaki dijo le dinyakwa tše dingwe tša motheo dinakong ka moka, go akaretšwa le nakong ya dikgetho.



*Ba tlile ka makatanamane badudi ba Sadu pulong ya mohlagaše wa motse wa bona, mola dijo tša bahlaki e bile maphaaphaa*



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# BADUDI BA GA KOBE BA KOPANA LE KHANSELE

**M**asepala wa Blouberg o be o swere kopano ya mathomo ya khanshele ngwageng o moswa wa 2010 ka di 04 febereware 2010. Maloko a EXCO a be a ikarabela go setšhaba le maloko a khanshele ka ditirelo tšeo masepala o di diretšego setšhaba, peo ya ngwaga wa ditšhelete wa 2008/2009; le ka mokgwa woo mašelang a šomilego ka gona mo seripagareng sa ngwaga wa ditšhelete wa 2009\2010. Modulasetulo wa Lekgotlakhuduthamaga e bile e le Meyara, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane, o ile a hlaloša le go bontšha gore masepala o gahlana le mathata a mašelang lego hlaloša gore masepala ga o be le letseno la go tlala seatla ka ge go na le dihlotlo tša badudi bao ba šomišago ditirelo tša masepala gomme ba sa di lefele ka tshwanelo.

Mafelelong a kopano ya Khanshele Meyara o ile a fa maloko a setšhaba sebaka sa go botšiša lego botšiša maloko a Khanshele dihlotlo tšeo ba lebanego le tšona mafelong a ga bo bona. Hlotlo ye kgolo yeo badudi ka moka ba Blouberg ba be go ba lla ka yona ke hlokego ya meetse; mohlagase; dintlo; ditsela tša go tsena ka gare ga metse tšeo di sentšwego ke dipula tša lenyaga; le hlaello ya dikgokaganyo tša dillathekeng. Tabeng ya meetse Meyara o bontšhitše gore Masepala wa Selete wa Capricorn (Capricorn District Municipality) e lego wona moabi wa meetse o ikgafile go oketša lebelo la kabo ya meetse dipeakanyong tša wona tša 2010/2011.

Meyara o napile a dira boipilešo go setšhaba go se phule diphaephe tša meetse a setšhaba e le go itokelela meetse ka malapeng a bona ka ge seo e le go utswetša le go senyetša setšhaba. Badudi ba letše ka dintlo tša Ga-Kobe tšeo di thomilwego ka 2006 ke boradikontaraka mme di sa pala go fela fao Meyara a laeditšego gore Kgoro ya Dintlo le Dipušoselegae ka fase ga boetapele bjo boswa bja Mohlomphegi Morena Soviet Lekganyane e šetše e thomile ka masolo a go lokiša le go bona gore bao ba jabeditšego mmušo kagong ya dintlo ba lebanana le letsogo la molao. Go tša mohlagase Meyara o laeditše lebelo leo Masepala o kitimago ka lona gore e re pele ga ngwaga wa 2014 e be gore ga go lapa leo le hlokago mohlagase ka gare ga Masepala ka moka.

O ile a laetša gore ge badudi ba goga maoto go lefeleng ditirelo tša Masepala ba ditela hlabollo ya metse ye mengwe ka ge Masepala o fetša o se na fao o ka hwetšago tšhelete ya go phethagatša mananeo hlabollo ao a kwanetšwego le setšhaba. O file mohlala ka diprojeke tša mohlagase wa metse ya Ga Mashamaite; Devilliersdale; Kgwale le Vienna tšeo di ditetšwego ka lebaka la go se lefele ditirelo ga badudi. Go lwantšheng mathata a ditsela le mebila ya Masepala Meyara o boditše setšhaba gore Masepala o thomile peakanyoleswa go hloma lekala la go lebagana le ditsela le dinamelwa le gore Masepala o lenaneong la go reka sekgorapata se seswa go

tlaleletša tšeo di le go gona ga bjale gore morero wa go hlokomela ditsela le mebila ya Masepala o potlake.

“Ke rena o mongwe wa memasepala e se nene yeo e nago le mananeo kgoparara a go aga ditsela tša marediredi (tarred roads) ka gare ga metse-selegae,” a rialo Meyara a bala mebila yeo masepala wa Blouberg o e agilego Alldays; Senwabarwana; Devrede; Dilaeneng; Indermark le yeo o le go gare ka yona Ga Machaba; Witten; le Desmond park.

Matšatši feela morago ga kopano Molekgotlaphethiši wa Ditsela le Dinamelwa, Mohlomphegi Pinkie Kekana, ke ge a šetše a etetše Masepala wa Blouberg go iponela ka agagwe seemo sa ditsela go ya ka sello sa badudi. “Re sepetše le yena gohle le go mo šupetša ditsela tšeo re di beilego godimo lenaehlabollong la rena. Ntle le go tlama Molekgotlaphethiši re rata go laetša kholofelo ya rena gore e ke ketelo le kopano ya rena le Molekgotlaphethiši e tla tliša tše kaone ka ge a laeditše go hlobaetšwa ke seemo sa ditsela tša rena,” Meyara Sekgoloane.

Go tša hlaeletšano ya megala (network coverage) Meyara o napile a laela bahlankedi ba Masepala go ikgokaganya le baabi ba tša megala ya lethekeng (Vodacom; MTN le Cell C) go thuša bothateng bjo bo palelišago badudi ba Liptzig le dinaga tše dingwe go kgokagana le bagwera le mafase a mangwe ka megala.



Molekgotlaphethiši Pinkie Kekana (ka sutu e ntsho) o tlile a tšeo ka tsebe, pampiri le maahlo seemo sa ditsela masepaleng wa Blouberg

# THE STORY OF TWO SCHOOLS

**T**he wrong words said at the wrong time discourage me;

The wrong words said at the right time frustrate me;

The right words said at the wrong time confuse me;

The right words said at the right time encourage me.

These are the words attributed to America's expert on leadership, John C. Maxwell, in his book titled 25 Ways To Win With People which he co authored with Les Parrot. Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane, has sought to say the right words at the right time for all the learners and educators in the secondary schools in Blouberg.

Last year the Mayor visited a number of schools motivating learners before they sat for their final examinations. He also sent them well wishes through exam cards and newspaper advertorials.

The Mayor was the first to visit the best and worst performing schools within the Bahananoa circuit on the opening day of schools for the 2010 academic year to talk them into not resting on their laurels or throwing in the towel. His first stop was the not so fortunate Mabea secondary school at Burgerrecht Village in Ward 13 which performed better than none of the 19 secondary schools that make up the Bahananoa Circuit.

The school was once a shining star producing Grade 12 results that its peers could only dream about. It attracted learners from far flung villages like Ga Makgato; Mokwena; and Pax who walked tens of kilometers daily for want of guaranteed results. Some of its products include; Mr Mabu Mamadi, an IT guru who is currently running his own IT Company called Mabu Management Solutions; Mr Fannie Mothibi - Director : Corporate Services at Blouberg Municipality; Mr Matlou Molangoane - Engineer at Venetia Mine; Mr Stanford Makgato - Engineer at NECSA and Mr Soly Morudu - Deputy Principal at Mabea. Today it is only a pale shadow of its former self having set its worst performance record ever. It achieved a disappointing 25% pass for its 2009 Grade 12 efforts. The Mayor has urged educators, parents, learners, CBO's; politicians and religious leaders to join hands in bringing back the spirit of teaching and learning at this once magnificent school. A cacophony of challenges and excuses for Mabea's nosedive were raised by both educators and learners which include poor



*Mayor Sekgoloane o hlohleletša barutwana ba sekolo sa Mabea*

attendance of classes by both parties; management instability and oversubscribed classes.

Mabea's is not a lost case thanks to the motivational visit by the Mayor. The school community has committed to a turnaround strategy that includes introduction of top up learning and teaching time in the mornings, afternoons and weekends.

Somebody has correctly said " the more you sweat in practice, the less you bleed in battle."

a half decades. Their bonus ball is that they have a neighbour who has just risen like a phoenix from the ashes. Over the years Nakedi Secondary School of Devrede Village, Mayor Sekgoloane's alma mater, had become synonymous with poor results.

Through dedication and perseverance Nakedi has finally pulled through with a 69% pass rate in 2009. "Though they are not yet there, Nakedi's recent achievement is worth praising given their long history of poor results. They should give you hope and make you want to



*Digesting the Mayor's advices and pondering the future are the School Manager, Mr Ramonedi (right) and his right hand man, the Deputy School Manager, Mr Solly Morudu*

The school is also spoilt for choice when it comes to the best practices and recipes for success. Its own performance archive is brimming over with answers and it is still under the same School Manager, Mr M.J. Ramonedi, who has been with the school for over one and

excel again, " Mayor Sekgoloane told the Mabea school community and promised to organize a municipal wide function to honour achievers such as Nakedi and encourage those that did not do well in 2009.



# INDERMARK GO GOTETŠWA “LOW POWER TRANSMITTER”.

Lekgotlakgašo la Afrika-Borwa ka kopanelo le ICASA le SENTECH ba goteditše “low power transmitter” motseng wa Indermark ka di 16 November 2009.

Se ke morago ga go lemoga gore badudi ba dinaga magaeng ga ba na phihlelelo ya maleba ya diyalemoya le thelebišene ka mabaka le tšhitišo ya hlago. Maikemišetso magolo a go gotetšwa ga tora ya Indermark le tše dingwe Afrika Borwa ka bophara ke go phethagatša le go kgonthišiša gore batho ka moka ba fihlelela go hwetša tshedimošo, thuto, boithabišo ka madireng a ditaba nageng ya bona le go bogela 2010 FIFA World Cup ka maleme a bona ntle le tšhitišo, ka ge SABC e le yona mogaši wa semmušo wa 2010 FIFA World Cup.



*The tower that is not only beautiful but life changing*

“Batho ba tla gopola gabotse gore ka di 03 June 2009, ge moetapele wa naga Morena Jacob Zuma, ge abe a kgetha ba lekgotlakomiti la palamente o tsebišitše ye nngwe ya dikgoro e le go 'Rural Development' gore badudi ka moka ba Afrika Borwa ba hwetše ditirelo tše botse bjale ka ditsela, meetse, mohlagaše, dintlo le tše dingwe tša go swana le yona ye re etletšego mo lehono. Go ya ka dinyakišišo tša rena, re hweditše e le gore Indermark e na le badudi ba tekano ya 23 000, ke ka fao re kgethilego gore

TORA e gotetšwe gona mo le ge e le gore e ama le dinaga tše di le go kgauswi.

Re rata go bona badudi ba dinaga magae le bona ba ipshina ka mateng a ditaba tša naga ya ga bo bona diyalemoyeng le dithelebišeneng. Ga bjale matšatši a le a ditlaišego le bogela dithelebišene tša lena ka go se iketle a lebaleng gobane tirelo yona re le tlišeditše yona lehono. SABC 1, SABC 2, le SABC 3 ke tšona tšeo di tlogo go bontšha gabotse mola Thobela FM, Phalafala le Munghana Lonene e le tšona di tla

go gofa kgašo ya 2010 FIFA World Cup. Ga bjale a re thekgeng Bafana Bafana.” A realo Motlatša - Tona wa Kgoro ya Dikgokaganyo, Mohumagadi Dina Pule.

O tšwetše pele go leboga batho bao ba lefelago TV license tša bona, “gobane yona tšhelete yeo ba e lefago ke yona e thušitšego go aba tirelo ya mohuta wo go dinaga tša go swana le Indermark le tše dingwe tšeo re šetšego re fetile go tšona le tše re sa ya go go tšona.”

## DIKOPANOKGOLO TŠA KOTARA - (April June 2010)

Ka ntle le dikopano tša Council le Executive Committee dikopano tša makgotla ka moka di tla swarrelwa dikantorong tša Masepala Senwabarwana ka mokgwa wo o latelago. Dikopano tša Council le Executive Committee di buletšwe maloko a setšhaba. Le mengwa go ba gona.

	April	May	June
Council	29		
Executive Committee	22	20	30
Portfolio Committees	15	13	23
Ward Committees		03-09	
Mayor - Magoshi	01		
Institutional Performance Review Forum	08-09		
Land Use Management Forum	05	06	03
Energy Forum		10	
Water Forum		10	
Housing Forum		11	
Transport Forum		11	
Disaster Management Forum		12	
Waste Management Forum		12	
LED Forum		06	
Tourism Forum			
Local Communicators Forum			
Ward Public Meetings			



# 2009 FESTIVE SEASON



The fans: the Hellen Franz Hospital courtesy visit; the coaching clinics; the pre



# GAMES IN PICTURE



- match entertainment; the teams and the game all through the eyes of the camera woman.



## MUNICIPALITY AND RATE PAYERS HOLD HANDS

As one of the resolutions of the council to strengthen the relationships with the rate-payers crystalised, the Office of the Mayor met with the Alldays rate-payers on the 22nd January 2010.

The Acting Mayor on the day, councilor Seleka Ratladi, indicated that the Municipality would effectively be meeting with the rate-payers regularly so together they could address the challenges they meet on daily basis to forestall unnecessary confrontations.

The ratepayers also raised concerns about the delays in the completion of the projects, mainly the water project; and requested the

Municipality to find a lasting solution to the problem. They further welcomed the 50% rebate offered by the Municipality on specific debts and requested the Municipality to speed up the process for the purchasing of the new financial system as they had been made to understand that their faulty bills were due to the system errors. Other issues of concern were the maintenance of non-functioning street lights; the development of recreational facilities; the repossession or cleaning of the undeveloped sites and the business development in town.

The rate-payers appreciated the Municipality for projects they got during the 2009/2010

financial year and a programme of quarterly meetings, as that will strengthen their working relations. In the last few years the Municipality has delivered a number of capital projects for Alldays which include tarring of internal streets; electrification of all households; Multi - purpose community Center; Bulk Water Supply; etc.

In his closing remarks, Acting Mayor Ratladi thanked the residents for all contributions made and advices thereof, and indicated that the Municipality would ensure that all raised issues were attended to, and that the rate-payers regularly got feedback and information on the affairs of their Municipality.



*Recent development at Alldays include Internal streets paving; multipurpose community centre and bulk water supply*

## LESOLO LA GO BUŠETŠA BANA SEKOLONG ALLDAYS

Bjalo ka ge matšatši a sa hlabe go swana, ebile leemaema la go se tlwaelege ka la 14 Pherekongong 2010 ge baemedi ba sephodisa le modirelaleago ba fihlelela bomatšhabasekolo ba sa hlabile kgobe ka mootlwa mola bangwe ba ile dikolong.

Go bontšhi bja bao ba hweditšwego, go be go tloga go itaetša gore ba be ba na le mabaka a go šiiša mme ba tsoma thušo ya tša leago, mola ba bangwe bona ba be ba tšhaba feela go latswa ke kwena.

Lesolo le le be le rulagantšwe ke komiti ya Community Policing Forum (CPF) ya maphodisa a Alldays, mmogo le maloko a dikomiti tša di-CPF tša di-cluster stations, e lego Seshego, Maleboho, Senwabarwana, Matlala le Mogwadi (Seshego cluster), ba tsena motse ka motse wa Speakerpark go tsoma bomatšhabasekolo, ditšhiwana, le batšwasehlabelo ba ditlaiš.

Ka go le lengwe, modirelaleago wa Alldays, Mohumagadi Mabelebele M.J., o be a thikišane nabo go netefatša gore bao ba hlokago thušo ya leago ba a hlokomelwa.



*Ge go logwa maono a go hweleletša bomošalagae*

Ba ile ba etela malapa a 60 le batho ba 190. Lesolo leo e bile la katlego ka ge bana ba 15 ba ile ba ngwadišwa sekolong sa Alldays-Combined. Mathata a mangwe ao a hweditšwego ke gore go na le batšwantle bao ba tšwago Zimbabwe ba se nago ditshwanelo tša maleba go amogelwa sekolong, bjalo ka bohlatse bja matswalo, mangwalo a go laetša

gore ba fihlile kae ka dithuto le a go dumelelwa go sepela dikolong tšeo ba tsenego go tšona la mafelelo. Go ba bangwe go be go tloga go itaetša gore ba be ba na le mathata a diaparo tša sekolo le dijo. Go rarolla bothata bjo go ile gwa kgopelwa diaparo tša sekolo mo go bao ba tšweletšego go Marematlou, bao ba bego le tša kgale, mola dingwe di etšwa go Dirišanang

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## BLOUBERG HOSTS HERITAGE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Scores of people from villages around Ward 03 gathered at Ga-Hlako Home Sweepers Ground for the heritage awareness campaign. Hosted by Limpopo Heritage Agency (LIHRA) in conjunction with Blouberg Municipality, the campaign was aimed at conscientising communities about their heritage.

LIHRA is currently running awareness campaigns throughout the five Limpopo districts and twenty-five local municipalities promoting traditional values and ethics. Upon welcoming the guests, Kgosi Malebogo

of the Bahananoa Tribal Council urged residents to be proud of their heritage by wearing traditional garments, be proud of their language and the traditional music. The celebration brought together different tribes with one aim of showing their rich cultures.

Giving a keynote address Professor Lesiba Teffo said municipalities should establish heritage desks to promote heritage and researchers to write and popularize the rich heritage of Blouberg such as Blouberg Mountains, Malebogo and Makgabeng mountains. He said our indigenous cultures are tools we can use to

heal broken spirit as a nation and bring back social stability. "Crafts speak a universal language and are appreciated across gender, race, class and all social barriers that keep the country apart," Professor Teffo said. LIHRA CEO Tlou Setumo said the Agency has recruited heritage coordinators stationed in municipalities to promote heritage. The late traditional music artist, Mr Ernest Rammutla was honoured posthumously with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

People were entertained by Limpopo's reggae prince Colbert Mukwevho, The Black Force, Foster Teanet, the local Disco king Spenszaman Madibane and traditional music groups. The provincial Heritage Indaba will take place on 20 May 2010 in Waterberg.



*Clockwise: Kgoshi Maleboho and Mayor Sekgoloane posthumously honouring Mr Ernest Rammutla. The VIP's and Traditional Groups that honoured our heritage day*

## LESOLO LA GO BUŠETŠA BANA SEKOLONG ALLDAYS

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Drop-In Centre.

Malapa ao a thušitšwego a ile a leboga thušo yeo ba e hweditšego. Moetapele wa di-CPF tša cluster ya Seshego, Morena Maserumule Patrick o laeditše gore thuto ke bokamoso bja ngwana. Ditlaišo le bohloki a ba di iše go maphodisa le go modirela-leago.

O ile a kgopela gape gore maloko a di-CPF le ona a tšee karo go neelana ka tšeo a nago le tšona le go bega tšeo ba di bonago.

Thušo e kgopelwa go batswadi gore ba matlafatše bokamoso bja bana ba bona ka go ba fa tshwaro ya batswadi (parental care) le go ba romela dikolong.



*Malapeng a mmalwa go hweditšwe seemo sa go se kgahlise ka bana bao ba sa tsenego dikolo.*

# BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY RESOLVES ELECTRIFICATION PROBLEMS

When he took over the baton as a new Mayor in November 2008, Councillor Serite Sekgoloane made a commitment to have all the electrified villages energized. At that time there was a backlog of more than 10 Villages which had been electrified but could not be energized for a variety of reasons and mainly because they were not connected to the electricity reticulation lines.

More than 20km of feederlines had to be constructed to energise over 800 households as follows :

- 3.3km km of feederline from Non Parella to Sadu at a cost of R576,592.34;
- 2.5km of feederline from New Jerusalem to Thabanantlhana at a cost of R373,848.67;
- 7.6km of feederline from Normandy to Silvermine at a cost of R679,257.47;
- 6.7km of feedeline from Goedetrou to Earlydawn at a cost of R749,336.48;
- 7.3km of feederline from Ga Hlako to New Jerusalem at a cost of R814,726.30;
- 2.0km of feederline from Mongalo to Ga Hlako at a cost of R287,603.89
- 3.3km of feedeline from Mosehleng to Aurora at a cost of R405,047.83
- Goedetrou to Norma A & B
- Earlydawn to Oldlongsigne
- Cracouw to Aurora B

The last three were combined as one project at cost of R1 628,649.60

There were villages such as Ga Kgatla; Diepsloot; Makgari which required installation of bulk meters while Mosehleng; Montz and



*Now that Diepsloot is finally energised*

Non Parella required installation of underground cables. All those affected by these backlogs are all smiles today with the last of this long list, Diepsloot village, having been energized with fanfare on 19 February 2010, The people of Diepsloot who had settled for life without electricity despite poles planted and wired in their village for years could not believe it when it was announced that finally their project would be energized on 19 February 2010, Finally their hardships and health hazards associated with the use of firewood; paraffin and candles as a source of energy and light were over.

On that day the Mayor walked tall into the village to switch on the project knowing that his sleepless nights over the Diepsloot

electrification project were over. "There is nothing as pleasing as fulfilling one's promises to the community.

When we took office we promised the people of Diepsloot and other affected villages that their electrification problems would be resolved in a space of one year and here we are fourteen months later," said the happy Mayor further referring to E.M Cioran's dictum "If each of us were to confess his most secret desire, the one that inspires his plans, all his actions, he would say "I want to be praised." Speaking on behalf of the residents of Diepsloot Ntona Kgodumo was indeed full of praises for the Mayor and his team for having delivered on their undertaking. He commended the bravery and honesty of the Mayor who visited the community during difficult times to tell them the bitter news that their project could not be switched on as and when they wanted it to happen because of problems that were still being attended to.

The Municipality has spent R2.5 million electrifying 365 households and businesses at Diepsloot village. Scores of people from Ward 05 and surrounding villages came in large numbers to witness what they called the successes story in services delivery.

This project is part of the municipal programme dubbed 'Operation Leswisi O Kotsing' an initiative launched three years ago aimed at electrifying all municipal villages by 2009/2010 financial year. So far 132 of 136 of the municipal settlement have been electrified. Giving a keynote address Blouberg



*One by one they stood up to praise the Municipality for the work well done at Diepsloot*



## BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY RESOLVES ELECTRIFICATION PROBLEMS

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first resident Cllr Sekgoloane has thanked the residents for their patience. He urged residents not to resort in protest actions for service delivery as that was destructive and further delays the very same service delivery. After switching on the project the mayor also handed electricity appliances to the child-headed family of Mabelebele.

The switch on was followed by a lecturer about the former South African statement and a leading freedom fighter Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela who was released on 11 February 1990 after 27-year imprisonment. The lecture was delivered by the Chairperson of the ANC - Peter Mokaba Region, Mr Lawrence Mapoulo. Mapoulo told people that Nelson Mandela walked out of the prison 20 years ago beginning South Africa's March to democracy and reconciliation that made him one of the world's greatest statesmen. Mandela a Nobel Peace Prize winner is by far the most admired and revered statespersons in the world and one of the greatest human beings to walk this earth. The same joy was at Ga-Raweshi three weeks later where the Mayor officially switched-on an electricity project.



*The crowds that learned of the life and history of Nelson Mandela.*

## DIPAPADI TŠA DI-ATLETIKI DI SWARELWA ALLDAYS

**T**orotswana ya Alldays le yona e ile ya tloga e iphepa ka monkgwa wa World Cup, morago ga gore diphadišano tša mabelo tša sediko sa Bahananwa le sediko sa Gare di swarelwe ntshe dibekeng tše pedi tša go latelana, kgwedding ya Januare le Februare.

Go be go tšhephilwe gohlegohle ka meaparo ya

Bafana-Bafana le ya dihlopha tše dingwe tša ka mo nageng le tša ka ntle ga naga. Ikonomi ya torotswana le yona e ile ya hlahlogela godingwana ka ge le borakgwebo-potlana ba hweditše sebaka sa go rekiša se le sela.

Diphadišano tše di be di akaretša tša mabelo, long jump, output, high jump, javeline, le tše dingwe.

Go be go tloga go itaetša gore setšhaba sa Blouberg se na le talente ye ntši kudu, yeo ka yona re ka kgonago go lwantšha tlala le bodiidi.

Bao ba thopilego difoka ba tla be ba tšwelapele go ba go fihla diphadišanong tša bogare gomme ba hwetša dimedale.

Go tšwetša talente ya baswa ba go tloga go le bohlokwa kudu go barutiši ka ge bana ba ba tla be ba tšweletša ditalente tša bona moo re tla feleletšago re bona ba swana le bo Caster Semenya.



Go bohlokwa kudu le go batswadi go hlohleletša bona bana ba go itšhidulla ka mehla; ke gona ba tla be ba efoga le bothata bja tšhomišo ya diokobatši.





## BLOUBERG HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL OFF SEASON GAMES

**B**louberg offseason soccer games have become bigger and better. Thousands of soccer fanatics from and outside Blouberg have heeded the municipal invitation to attend the unrivalled annual soccer games.

Held on December 27 2009, the games were aimed at developing sport in the communities within the Municipality.

The main game pitted Blouberg Invitational side against the Professional 11, a team comprising of Premiership and National First Division players managed by Blouberg born Jazzman Mahlagane.

Before the kick-off the players visited the patients at Helena Frans Hospital.

Coach Khabo Zondo conducted soccer clinics with aspiring footballers before the big match. Professional 11 comprised of top notch players such as Bafana Bafana and Orlando Pirates player Teko Modise (Orlando Pirates), Simphiwe Tshabalala (Kaizer Chiefs) and Itumeleng Khune (Kaizer Chiefs).

Other players included Chiefs players Punch Masenamela, Jimmy Tau, Lucky Khune (all Kaizer Chiefs); Katlego Mashego (Orlando Pirates) Steve Lekoelea and Emanuel 'Scara' Ngobese (United FC).

Blouberg Mayor Cllr Sekgoloane said the Municipality's wish is to see the event grow from strength to strength and position the municipality as the leading tourism destination. "We want to utilize sport to fight poverty and motivate aspiring sports personalities," said the Mayor.

Manager Jazzman Mahlagane expressed his that the event had afforded the locals an opportunity to rub shoulders with their heroes. He said the player's presence will encourage young people to pursue careers in football. Professional 11 coach Khabo Zondo reiterated that kid's soccer skills needed to be unearthed and nurtured at an early age.

Professional 11 defeated the defending champions (Blouberg Invitational) by a 3 -1 score line.

The proceeds of the tournament went towards Blouberg Football initiatives.



*Dignitaries who graced the off season games included our Speaker, Cllr Thamaga ( 2nd from left); the Capricorn District Executive Mayor, Cllr Motalane Manakedi (4th) and Blouberg Mayor, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane (6th)*



*Our youngsters held their own and sold enough dummies to their big brothers*



*The man who made it happen, Mr Nare Jazzman Matlhakgane (closest to camera)*



# TLHONA WETLAND CELEBRATED

On the 24th February 2010 scores of people gathered at Tlhona Village in Ward 16 to celebrate the heritage of Tlhona Wetland. The event was organized by Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) in conjunction with Provincial Department of Agriculture and Blouberg Municipality and was held under the theme : WETLANDS, BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE "Caring for wetlands an answer to climate change." The aim of the event was to educate and create awareness to citizens about the importance and responsibilities of taking care of wetlands.

World Wetlands Day is an annual celebration which takes place on 2 February. It marks the anniversary of the signing of the convention on wetlands in Rasmar, Iran in 1971. South Africa is a signatory of this convention and there are currently 12 wetlands that have been designated Rasmar in the country. Some of the



*Kgoshi T.J. Maleboho*

famous wetlands in Limpopo include Baleni Wetlands in the Mopani District, Lake Fundudzi in Vhembe, Motlapetsi Wetlands in Capricorn, Gariba Wetlands in Sekhukhune and Nylsvlei (Rasmar site) Wetlands in the Waterberg District. The significance of the wetlands is that they provide ecosystem services that purify and store water. They also reduce flooding and recharge ground water. According to Mr Thomas Ntlema, a veteran resident of Tlhona, the Tlhona Wetland has always been treasured and celebrated annually since time immemorial by the four headmen strategically located to guard the Wetland from all angles : Maela (west); Motlapema (East); Monepya (South) and Makgafela (North).



*Mr Ntlema narrating the history of the Tlhona Wetland*

The Wetland specific rituals and prohibitions included :

- Women are barred from entering some sacred areas in the wetland;
- Wetland population may not be killed;
- Obeisance and request for safe passage was compulsory for those who had to pass through the Wetland after sun set .

Giving a message of support Kgosi TJ Malebogo of the Bahananwa tribe took no prisoners as he harangued the bahananwa communities that have lost their unique identity by being too smart and disrespectful of their own culture and customs. He lamented that there were no more taboos hence today's unexplained and incurable diseases mostly among the youth. He appealed to the local elders to stand up and support moral regeneration initiatives; restore and preserve the Wetland which could become their best investment in the local economic growth and social development.

Kgoshi Maleboho undertook to soon meet with the local stakeholders to agree on how best to resuscitate the Wetland.

Delivering the keynote address the Acting Mayor of the day, cllr Seleka Ratladi, said Tlhona needed to be revived to be a leading tourism attraction. He further mentioned that by-laws must be drafted to guide management of the Wetland. "A committee must be established to take care of the wetland and liaise with relevant stakeholders to grow the Tlhona wetland." Ratladi also urged Ward Committees, Magoshi and communities to work jointly to maintain the standard of Tlhona wetlands for the generations to come. He announced that the Department of Agriculture had pledged to fence off the Tlhona Wetland. Other speakers of the day included Ms Rael Huma (Department of Agriculture) who spoke on Wetlands as a life support and Mr Makhura M.P. (LEDET) on transformation services.



*The multitude who learned of the history of the Tlhona Wetland*



# MORE HOUSES FOR THE NEEDY

**T**wo hundred families will now have decent places they can call home thanks to Limpopo Department of Local Government Housing. On 27 February MEC Soviet Lekganyane officially handed over house keys to the beneficiaries.

The houses were constructed at the poverty stricken villages of ward 05 and 06 of the Blouberg Local Municipality.

The symbolic handover took place at the child headed family of Nkgweng at Springfield village. Upon handing over a house MEC interacted with the Nkgweng girls advising them to go to school to improve their lives.

Meanwhile many lives were improved as the municipality in conjunction with Local Government and Housing Department launched an Integrated Human Settlements Project on December 14 2009.

Blouberg being the first to launch the programme in the province, the project accommodated the poor middle class and the rich in one settlement irrespective of their monthly income.

Blouberg Mayor cllr Serite Sekgoloane officially handed over keys to 452 poor people who never had decent homes. The project was launched by former Minister of Housing(Human Settlements) Lindiwe Sisulu in Polokwane two years ago.

In all the Department of Local Government has provided homes to 1.2 million in this Province since 1994.

The number could have been even more had it not been for scrupulous contractors who either failed to build complete structures or delivered substandard products.

MEC Lekganyane said the Department was in the process of cancelling the contracts of 42 companies which failed to finish work on time.



*MEC Lekganyane delivering the keynote address*



*The Ward Councillor, Clr Matee Seduma; the Mayor Clr Sekgoloane and the MEC, Mr Soviet Lekganyane handing over gifts to the needy families*



*Substandard structured will soon be a thing of the past and everybody will have a decent place called home.*



## 2009/2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

Name of Project	Budget	Contractors	Progress
Alldays (speaker park) internal street/storm water	R3,900,000	EER Construction JV Mamakgatho Construction	45% (Construction stage)
Desmond Park Internal street s/stormwater	R3,900,000	Zookie Construction and Projects/JV Maduduli	65%
Puraspan Internal streets/Stormwater	R3,900,000	Mantlatla Trading JV Abi Chab Contractors	50%
Witten Internal Streets/Stormwater	R3,900,000	Nkhotsheni Business Enterprise	(95% practically complete)
Eldorado Sports Complex	R3,900,000	Mothotse Development Projects	63%
Alldays Multi Purpose Center comprising of community hall; offices and taxi rank shelter)	R3,500,000	Malumash JV Bagalaka Riverside	54% (Construction Stage)

### ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

NAME OF PROJECT	BUDGET	PROGRESS
Ga-Mochemi(480 units)	R2,880,000	Evaluation Stage(The project was re-advertised on a turnkey method)
Nailana(87 units)	R522,000	40% complete
Morale(100 units)	R600,000	Tender Stage
Hlako B (180 units)	R1,080,000	Adjudication Stage
La-Rochelle (10 units)	R60,000	Planning Stage(Awaiting Approval of Designs from Eskom)
De-Villiersdale(195 units)	R1,70,000	Delayed due to lack of counter funding
Kgwale(99 units)	R594,000	Delayed due to lack of counter funding
Vienna(150 units)	R900,000	Delayed due to lack of counter funding
Mashamaite(99 units)	R594,000	Delayed due to lack of counter funding
Sadu (120 units)	R2,200,000	5% complete
Ga-Raweshi (140 units)	R840,000	100% completed and energized
Oldlong Signe(159 units)	R944,000	99% Complete waiting installation of Underground Cable.



Senwabarwana - Indermark road; Eldorado sport complex; Desmond Park internal streets and municipal offices at Senwabarwana.

## INDERMARK COMMUNITY CENTRE REACHES FOR THE SKIES

The Indermark Community Centre (ICC) is a community based project that was established in terms of section 21 of the Companies Act 61 of 1973 in November 2006. Its main objective was to establish a one stop entrepreneurial centre to provide opportunities for local Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises to start and flourish their businesses. This would help fight poverty and create job opportunities for the people of Indermark and in the

support by Blouberg Municipality; Mvula Trust and McCormick Properties. The Municipality lobbied funds from the Government of Ireland; the then Department of Water Affairs and Forestry and Capricorn District Municipality to assist with the establishment of the centre. The municipality contributed R100 000, 00 as startup capital and other economic infrastructure support e.g. access to land. The Centre Manager was appointed to support; advise; promote;

building bricks, slabs for toilets and their seats. They sell a block brick at R3, 00, paving brick at R2.50 and supply loads of building sand at R150, 00 a load. Due to the high demand of supply the number of jobs created have recently increased from 7 to 18. In 2009 Mvula Trust donated resources such as bags of cement, wheel barrows and shovels which were followed with more infrastructure in the form of borehole including 2 jojo tanks and their elevated stands, admin block; fencing material for 12000 square metres and paving brick machine. With these inputs the level of production has tremendously increased.



process contribute to the economic development of the entire Blouberg Municipality. Though it experienced painful teething problems until 2009 its members are today full of smiles and hope, thanks to the contributions and

maintain and market the Centre. A Board of Directors was established for the endorsement and overall success of the project.

The Centre manufactures paving and

McCormick Properties donated a tractor and trailer to the project to assist them to deliver bricks and sand to the clients. The tractor was handed over to the Project at a glittering ceremony in August 2009. They have since added a driver to their personnel. Casuals were even increased from 4 to 6. They also employ school going young people from indigent families over the weekends. This is part of their social responsibility.

The project has seven members consisting of three males including a youth and four females. Lately the Municipality assessed the Project and found a need to build capacity upon members of the project to improve more on the quality and supply of bricks. Mr Alpheus Molefe has since been contracted for three months to transfer the necessary skills.



This project has a potential to expand and absorb more unemployed people as its market continues to grow. Currently their market is mainly confined to surrounding villages of Indermark; Marobjane and Ga Machaba. Given the number of RDP houses built in the Municipality every year and Municipality's switch from tarring to paving of its internal streets it may not be long before the Project strikes a lucrative deal with the Municipality.

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