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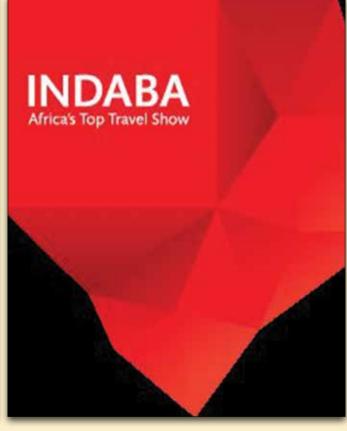
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Umzimvubu Local Municipality Formerly Promotes SMME's at Tourism Indaba





clude Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCM), Sarah Baartman Municipality District and Umzimvubu Local Municipality are collaborating to uniformly Eastern Cape Province Adventure Province.

Parks and Tourism to ensure that Eastern cal Municipality is using stakeholders that in- a united front towards a responsive and inclusive marketing approach that effectively promotes numerous elements of the province and its tourism offerings. The three day Indaba attracts internashowcase the best the tional buyers and media from across the globe has to offer under its who are all interested tourism sector brand – in the widest variety of Southern Africa's best This year's focus for ECP- tourism products, with

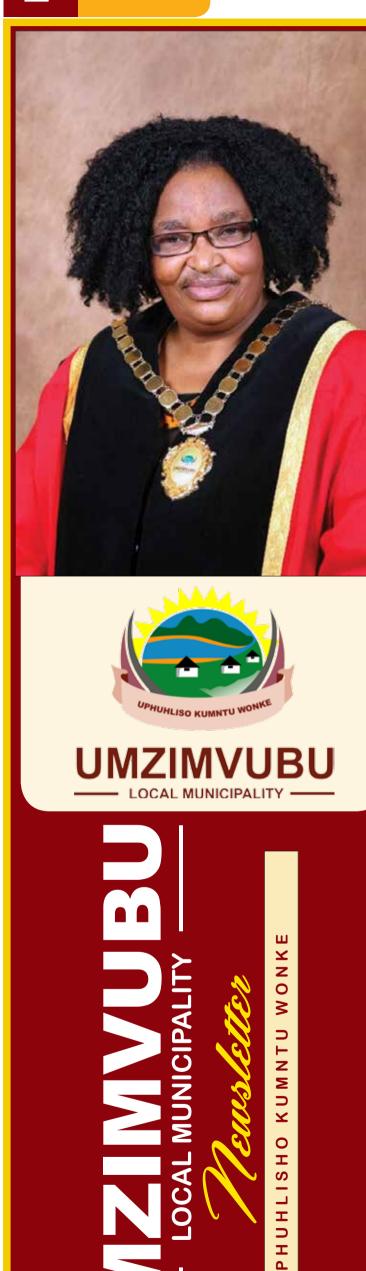
businesses.

It is estimated that within 20 years, 90 percent of all companies in SA will be SMMEs. Within the tourism sector, this is encouraging for emerging entrepreneurs, particularly those from an informal business environment. Smaller operators are able to act in agile response to niche demands, providing a

en, so the benefits are direct rather than tickling down. This will revolutionize how visitors encounter destinations all year round, helping to counteract seasonality, a rapidly diminishing concept in a country where the gap between winter and summer seems to be narrowing.

he Eastern Cape TA and the province is this said Umzimvubu Lo- fresh take on tourism for vubu Local Municipality visitors. More than tour- is Afrizona Guest House (ECPTA) Cape tourism stakehold- the platform as a direct ism, these SMMEs are and Lisoma Logde. The together with provincial ers continue to work as link between trade and often community-driv- municipality seeks to encourage more SMME's in the area to capitalize on the national trade opportunity. The tourism Indaba is an annual trade exhibition held annually to promote Southern African Businesses to a broader audience from around the globe.

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Mayors Foreword

and welcome to the yet another edition of Umzimvubu News. As the municipal council we were given a mandate which was overwhelming and very clear; that of delivering quality services to our communities. With this said the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature (ECPL) together with Umzimvubu Local Municipality hosted a one-day Public Participation & Petitions workshop at KwaBhaca townhall. The workshop themed "Demonstrating Good Governance through Public Participation & Petitions Management", was aimed at sharing insights and best practices for improved public involvement in the local government sphere. It also seeks to find clarity and guide the process of a common and uniform approach in dealing with petitions and public participation in the province.

On that note, the manifesto which was pledged states that all departments within the municipality should double their efforts in ensuring that service delivery is achieved. As ULM we will ensure that this vision is realised, through creating decent work opportunities, hiring qualified personnel, building proper infrastructure, sustainable LED initiatives and ensuring that free basic services are delivered to needy communities. Furthermore Umzimvubu Local Municipality hosted its Annual Business Dinner KwaBhaca and EmaXesibeni. This was one the most practical ways of encouraging innovation the area.

As local government, we are On a far more different tone, aware of the fact that basic and tertiary education falls outside of our constitutionally defined competencies. However, we can make a difference in early childhood development. It's with this reason that ULM hosted the Annual Career Expo, a programme that entails bursary opportunities, employment opportunities and skills devel-

reetings to all readers opment opportunities. In light of the above mentioned, this is a self-driven programme by education institutions, private businesses and relevant government organizations from different sectors.

Much has been achieved in

building local government since 1995. We have put in place a decentralized sphere of local government that is enshrined in our Constitution as a 'distinctive, interdependent and interrelated' sphere of government. The Local Government White Paper developed a vision of local government as a key component of the developmental state, and in pursuit of that vision, services have been progressively extended to more citizens than ever before. In light of this statement, Umzimvubu Local Municipality handed over sewing equipment to the Khanya Disability Project from Buffalo Neck (ward 15). The prestigious hand over event included an over locker and sewing machine amongst other things. Supporting and promoting the efforts of our people especially the disabled is one of our main objectives. I think it's evident that the municipality is not only focusing on developing the town but touching lives where we can enable our businesses to grow as local government. In the same spirit, Umzimvubu Local Municipality hosted freedom day celebrations at KwaBhaca Craft in Kwabhaca (Mt Frere). The celebrations took a different turn this year as they aimed to challenge the intellectual knowledge of and better working relations our scholars across the muwith business stakeholders in nicipal area through a hotly contested debating session.

the winter initiation season is upon us and many initiation schools across the country will be opening their doors to welcome young men and women. Initiates will embark on this sacred path towards adulthood with the hope of coming back to their communities transformed into matured men and women. Having said that, Umzimvubu

Local Municipality together with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs hosted a widely known initiation forum workshop at KwaBhaca (Mt Frere). The workshop seeks to find and resort to better initiation conditions for initiates within the area. This rite of passage is critical to initiates developing into responsible, community-oriented adults and has been a central element of many traditional African cultures since time immemorial and a necessary part of many African communities. As government, we request parents to work in partnership with traditional leaders, government and all other relevant stakeholders to ensure a conducive environment exists for a successful initiation season to be realized. It is important to be vigilant so as to ensure that we reach our Zero Death objectives.

With those few words I welcome you and trust that you'll enjoy this edition of Umzimvubu News.

Honorable Mayor B.P Mabengu

"As local government, are aware of the fact that basic tertiary education falls outside our constitutionally defined competencies"

Umzimvubu ly launched the Tela Access ed women and the disabled Road in ward 3 at EmaXesibe- community. ni (Mt Ayliff). The R 3 million access road project was fund- 5.9km and connects on to the ed through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) in Ayliff) and Ko aid of fostering basic service kstad. The road was successdelivery as mandated by the fully launched by the honor-Municipal Structures Act.

Umzimvubu is pleased to note the respective ward councilthat the project has created

n the 3rd of May 2017, opportunities for the employ-Local ment of young people in the Municipality official- area while it has also benefit-

> The access road stretches for N2 between KwaBhaca (Mt

able Cllr B.P Mabengu and



INKONZO YESIKHUMBUZO YALOWO **KUBANJWE** WAYESAKUBA NGU – SODOLOPHU WOMASPALA WASE MZIMVUBU KUNYE NONOBHALA WEWADI.

mini ye 31 March kunye ne 01 April 2017 zintsuku eli lomzimvubu kunye nombutho ophetheyo linganqweneli ukuphindela kuzo njengoko liye lagutyungelwa lilifu elimnyama lalahlekelwa ngamalungu amabini: owayesakuba nguSodolphu womaspala waseMzimvubu ohloniphekileyo u Cllr Sydney Basi Mazwi kunye noNkosazana Neliswa Steve Mvimbi (Jikizwa) owayesakwaziwa njengo nobhala (ward clerk) wakwa wadi 17.

U-Steve nanjengoko ebesaziwa ngabaninzi ebemxabisile omnye umntu, enembeko, enenyani kwaye eziphethe kakuhle, esonwabisa kakhulu. Ebengengomntu uthetha kakhulu kodwa xasele ethethile ebekushiya ufunde lukhulu engqondweni yakhe. Intombi emnyama enoncumo ibiwuthanda kakhulu umsebenzi ngendlela yokuba ebengathi ngenxa yoba sele etshayisile angamncedi umntu odinga uncedo lwakhe. Usweleke ngexa elungiselela ukutyikitya isivumelwana sakhe sokuba yi wadi klakhi yakwa wadi 17 eqhubeka njengoko ebesakuba kwesisikhundla nakwisigaba esidluleyo. Lo ka Mvimbi wazalwa ngomhla we 11 June 1972 ezalelwa eLubhacweni waze wasutywa kukufa ngomhla we 01 April 2017. Phumla ngoxolo Mafaku, Thahla ka Ndayela, Ziqelekazi, Chithwayo umzamo omhle uwuzamile ugqatso ulufezile.

. Lo kaMazwi nowayesaya kubangu-Sodolophu waKwaBhaca ubeyindoda elithandazwe nanjengoko waqala ukusebenzela abantu kwangexesha

lengcinezelo. Le ibiyindoda enomgolo ekwaziyo ukumela nantoni na, ingavumi ngokuvunyiswa, utshilo unyana wakhe ngethuba ethetha nabebezimase inkonzo yakhe yesikhumbuzo. "Uthixo akadalanga abantu ukuba bebesemfazweni unaphakade kodwa uyabaphumza abantu bakhe ngexesha lakhe" utshilo umhlobo walamaqhawe amabini."Sibuhlungu ukushiywa leliqhawe kuba kuthiwa inyathi ibuzwa kwabaphambili, ngalomzuzu akubonakali ngathi ukhona umntu oyakuphinde afane neliqhawe", lawo ngamazwi womphathi wecandelo lakwa SP & Communications u- Miss Shirley Batyi ephinde ibeyi ofisi ka Mayor.

Ohloniphekileyo uSodolophu Cllr B.P Mabhengu uthe "Ibuhlungu into yokuba intliziyo yomntu awunakuyibona kodwa ukusweleka kwelighawe kumxhela emphefumlweni. Lo kaMabhengu uthi wayekhona ngo 1998 mhla kwakucelwa lo kaMazwi ukuba aphathe lomasipala usengxakini ngexesha le TLC ne TRC, wasivuma ke eso sicelo waphatha kakuhle nangomzekelo abasazama ukuwusebenzisa nanamhlanje waze wanikezela kutata uMunyu". Uzalelwe kwilali yase Matatiele eLukholweni ngomhla we23 November 1931, ebehlala apha kwaBhaca kodwa ebeyisebenzela iMatatiele nalapho ebesuka apha kwaBhaca ahambe ayosombulula ingxaki zakowabo eMatatiele. Ubekwe kwikhaya lakhe lokugqibela ngomhla we 08 April 2017 eLukholweni A/A. Lala ngoxolo Nkomo, Golela, Ndima ka Magajana, Mkhontwana.







Umzimvubu Petitions Committee Workshop

mzimvubu Local Municipality together with the Provincial Legislature held a petitions committee workshop on the 11th of April 2017 at the KwaBhaca Town Hall. The programme was chaired by Miss Phumeza Mpushe from the office of the premier. The provincial department plays the important role of overseeing all programmes and actions of government departments. A petition serves as a letter or tool for communication and a minimum standard guideline for the public participation sector. It is the role of the Speakers office, to receive petitions whereby officials verify the petitions for relevancy then relay it to the petitions committee. It is the role of the petitions committee to promote public participation and provide feedback to the petitioners. The petitions committee

also facilitates accountability from stakeholders. The department believes that this will curb the challenges faced by the municipality in processing petitions. One of the challenges faced, is the slow response by government departments to petitions which is why the department encouraged all departments to have representatives on the petitions committee.

It is encouraging to note that Umzimvubu Local Municipality has already kicked off their drive towards operation Masiphatisane' as this national initiative has already been launched in 24 wards. On that note Umzimvubu Local Municipality would like to encourage the local SAPS to become more involved in the petitions committees and war rooms as they have a vital role to play in the community and its development.

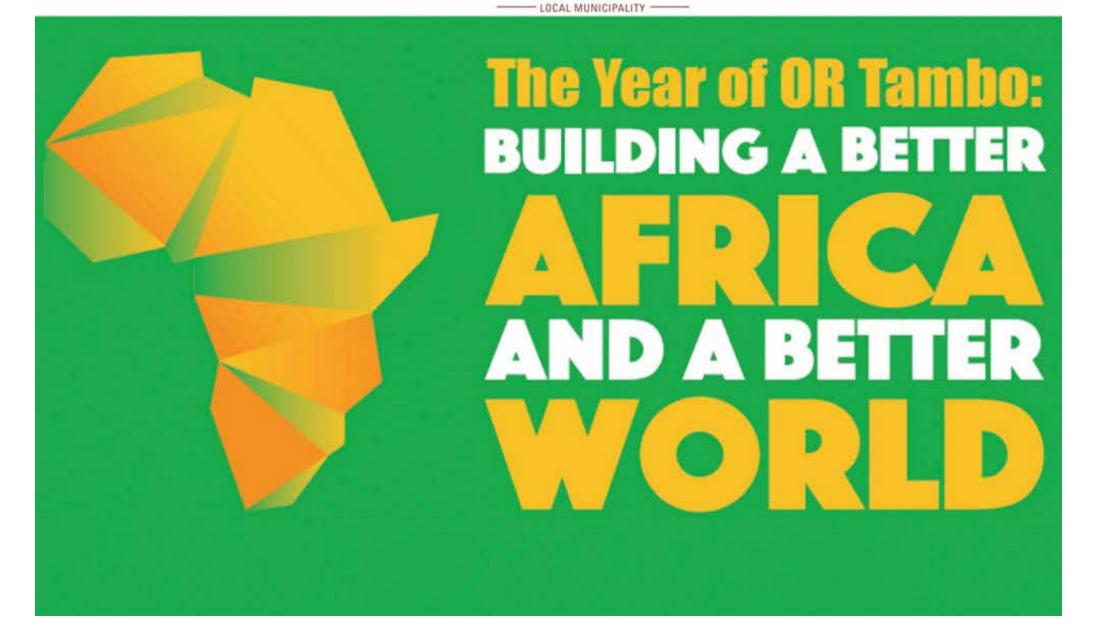












nkqubo yeEPWP yaqala ngonyaka ka 2004 isekwa ngulowo wayesakuba ngumongamelei weli utata uThabo Mbeki ngenjongo zokuncedisana nokulwa intswela ngqesho. Emva kokuqaliswa kwale programme izigidi zamathuba emisebenzi zaye zavuleka. Lenkqubo incedisana kakhulu nabantu abangenazo izakhono zokusebenza kwakunye nolwazi nendlela yokwenza umsebenzi. Ize ijonge kakhulu imizi ekhokhelwe ngabantu abangoomama, abantu abakhubazekileyo, kunye nabantu abatsha ukubancedisa bagxothe ikati eziko. Ekuqaleni abo babesebenza kulenkqubo babengavuzwa ngemali ezinkozo kodwa urhulumente wayebathengela ukutya ukulingana inyanga ukuze bakwazi ukuphila emakhayeni wabo. Nanjengoko izidingo zabantu zingafani kwaye ekuhambeni kwexesha kwatshintsha oku banikezwa imali kodwa ke basekhona abafumana ukutya njengomvuzo.

Ngomhla we 19 kuTshazimpunzi umasipala waseMzimvubu odityaniswa yidolophu yakwaBhaca kunye neyaseMaXesibeni udibanise bonke abasebenzi beEPWP kwiholo yakwaBhaca ngeenjongo zokubazisa nokubacacisela ngendlela elindelekileyo kwaye nevumelekileyo emsebenzini wabo. Isivumelwano sethutyana ukuya kunyaka siyenziwa sityikitywe phakathi komsebenzi kunye nomaspala esicacisa ngezinto ezivumelekileyo nezingavumelekanga,

amaxesha kunye neentsuku zokungena emsebenzini ukuze umsebenzi akwazi okungavumelekanga. Siyaphela ke isivumelwano emva kwexeshana njengoko kuye kuphinde kunikezwe abanye abantu amathuba omsebenzi nawokufumana isakhono. Ukuchonga ababasebenzi umasipala uthi asebenzisane nooceba, iikomiti zeewadi kwakunye neenkosi.

Baye bacaciselwa nangendlekunve neCOIDA i-UIF encedisana nabo ngayo. Izinto ekufanela ukuba bayazilandela xabedibana nengxaki emsebenzini ezifana nokwenzakala ngexesha lomsebenzi, ukungaphatheki kakuhle emsebenzini nendawo efanele ukuba baxela kuzo oku. Aba basebenzi baye baboniswa negela elijongene nempilo kunye nokukhuseleka emsebenzini kulomaspala elinamalungu alishumi nantathu. Impahla ezikhuselekileyo zokusebenza ziyanikezwa kulamagela kwaye kuyanyanzeleka ukuba ngawo onke amaxesha omsebenzi bahlale bezinxibile ukuze kungabikho kungavisisani xa kunokuthi kanti omnye wabasebenzi afumane ingozi nokwenzakala ngexesha lomsebenzi.

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Umzimvubu Hosts SMME's to a Business Dinner.

mzimvubu Local Municipality hosted 2 networking business dinners for local SMME's (small micro medium enterprises) on the 19th – 20th April 2017 at KwaBhaca and EmaXesibeni respectively. The gatherings were as a result of an attempt by the Local Economic Development department together with the Supply Chain department to reconcile and update their central supplier database (CSD). This was also a great opportunity for SMME's to gather relevant information regarding the administration of their businesses as some of them lose out on tender opportunities from the municipality due to minor errors in their documents.

These SMME's were motivated or rather encouraged to form commercial forums where they will work together in developing their businesses status such as their BEE scorecards, thus enabling them to get even better jobs from the municipality. The session was more of an intimate one whereby the SMME's were given an opportunity address and state their queries regarding their CSD status within the municipality. A presentation was given regarding the opportunities that they can explore towards developing their businesses and lastly they were reminded to assure that their paperwork is regularly updated.





ULM 5th Annual Agricultural Show sets a positive tone for farmers.

n the 29th of March 2017, Umzimvubu Local Municipality hosted the 5th Annual Agricultural Summit. The Local Economic Development Programme took aim at addressing various challenges faced by the local farmers association. On that note, government supporting departments including Land Bank, SEDA, DEDE, SAB and DRDAR were all present at the summit to address and engage with farmers regarding farming. Private sector institutions like Nedbank, BkB and Fort Cox College of Agriculture and forestry to name just a few were also there to render presentations on support mechanisms they offer to emerging farmers. On that note, the 30th of March 2017, local farmers and strategic partners in the agricultural sector came together at the Madzikane Ka Zulu Stadium (Mt Frere) to honour the 5th Agricultural Show.

According to Cllr B.P Mabgengu,"The event is to market the local municipality as an agricultural destination within the province while embracing indigenous cultures. Moreover the municipality seeks to bring together experts from various disciplines such as finance, poultry markets and agro-processing in an attempt to collectively find solutions to challenges facing cooperatives in the sector" she concluded. Activities included but not limited to sheep shearing, castration of horses and dogs, vaccinations of dogs, meat carcass analysis competition, judging of home-made food and stakeholder's exhibition. Amongst those that attended the event was the honorable MEC for Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Mlibo Qoboshiyane who profoundly encouraged exhibitors to place their products on a commercial space.





High School Learners Demonstrate Intellectual Maturity on Freedom Day

of taking freedom day celebrations to high school learners for a fruitful debating session. Senior Secondary Schools from eMaXesibeni and kwaBhaca locked horns at AmaBhaca Craft to debate under the motion "South Africa has done enough to educate youth about their freedom". According Cllr B.P Mabengu, "When listening closely to these learners you find a lot of confidence, matured youngsters, people who understand their rights and responsibilities. This is part of motivating our learners who are the future of this country to take education seriously and to make the right choices in life while chang-

n the 26th of April 2017, ing their attitude towards achieving Umzimvubu Local Municipality took the opportunity dom we have made sure that education will always remain our first priority as it ensures the background of this freedom" she concluded.

To end of the highly contested session, Jojo High School took first position with 57 points followed by Mount Ayliff Comprehensive High with 56 points and respectively on third position it was St Georgie's high with 54 points. These schools were awarded with Tablets as per their positions, this event was hosted for the second year by this municipality. Looking at the impact of the event of this caliber, Umzimvubu only hopes for continuity.





Imost a year after the official opening of the Library at Ngwekazi, Umzimvubu library committee together with the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture celebrated the World Book Day on this importance of reading, reaching out

prestigious venue. Different schools from around the area of ward 20 gathered at this venue for this day, with the objective of this world book day being to raise awareness about the

and giving people access to books, educate people to take care for their library facilities and also to celebrate books. This day was indeed an inspiration to the learners as they were given a chance to display and present some of the information they have been obtaining from the library itself. One of the main the reasons the library was given to this ward was to assist all the learners and the community as a whole by providing easy access to any relevant information towards developing the education of learners, motivate schools to achieve higher percentages of results and serves as a motive to get the best out of these students as everything is provided at the library including free

internet.

Being able to read and write is an art that is required from everyone, therefore it was for this reason that the entire world declared the 23 April to be celebrated annually since 1995. Umzimvubu Library celebrated this day on the 11th May 2017 at Ngxabaxa A/A to empower all the leaners to work hard, listen alternatively and achieve higher marks thus securing a bright future for themselves and a quality level of understanding infor-

Mayor B.P Mabengu **Successfully Hands** Over Sewing Material.



n the 28th of April 2017 Umzimvubu Local Municipality handed over sewing equipment to the Khanya Disability Project from Buffalo Neck (ward 15). The prestigious hand over event included an over locker and sewing machine amongst other things. In relation to the afore mentioned caused. Umzimvubu Local Municipality seeks to foster close relations with disadvantaged business groups across the area by capacitating them with working equipment.

According to Cllr B.P Mabengu, "Much has been achieved in building local government since 1995. We have put in place a decentralized sphere of local government that is enshrined in our Constitution as a 'distinctive, interdependent and interrelated' sphere of government. The Local Government White Paper developed a vision of local government as a key component of the developmental state, and in pursuit of that vision, services have been progressively extended to more citizens than ever before. Supporting and promoting the efforts of our people especially the disabled is one of our main objectives. I think It's evident that the municipality is not only focusing on developing the town but touching lives where we can enable our businesses to grow as local government" she concluded.

Putting people and their concerns first ensures constant contact with communities through effective public participation platforms. This is local government's baseline to 'back to basics' approach. Umzimvubu Local Municipality prides itself in the development of its residents and looks forward to more projects in the near future.

COGTA Maps Out New Initiation Laws to Umzimvubu Traditional Leaders and Stakeholders



t's that time of the year again when thousands of young boys across the country undergo the sacred rite of passage into manhood. The initiation ritual is practiced by many different cultures across the country during winter or summer season. This sacred tradition has however been smeared by bad reports of illegal practices by mischievous acts which eventually required a government intervention.

With this said, Umzimvubu Local Municipality invited the Department of Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) to conduct a presentation to all traditional leaders of Umzimvubu together with relevant stakeholders from the Government Gazette. The customary initiation Practice Act no.5 of 2016; was developed by COGTA in conjunction with initiation forums, the health sector and

all relevant stakeholders. Amongst the sections in this law, is the emphasis of the role of chiefs in the practice of initiation and the bill of rights. In plain terms, any individual who wishes to undergo initiation will have to be 18 years and above and must be given permission by the traditional leader of that area which places more responsibility on traditional leaders to ensure they constantly monitor initiation procedures at their respective villages.

Another section looks at the development of initiation forums which will be headed by political principals who will be responsible for the coordination of issues regarding initiation. Local initiation forums will also have to be re-established to align in accordance with the new law whereby senior traditional leaders will have to chair all forums held on a local sphere of government.

Umzimvubu 1st Annual Marathon: A first of its kind.

vubu Local Municipality hosted its 1st Annual Marathon in KwaBhaca (Mount Frere). One of the most underlining objectives of this marathon was to create a whole new generation of roadrunners by providing residents with the opportunity of improving their strides while hoping to achieve local economic stability in the area. With this said the marathon forms part of the 2016/17 SDBIP in aid of enhancing tourism in area.

Runners from all over the Eastern Cape as well as some well-known national runners took part in the event. "It was a great success. We were thrilled with the response and everything went off without a hitch," said event organiser Novuko Kubone. "We had runners all the way from Cape Town and KwaZulu-Natal who came to take part, so we were really excited with the calibre of athletes that competed in the race."

Three distances were competed, with the main 21km race, a 10km run and a 5km fun run all being held on the day. In the end it was KZN runner Siyabonga Nkonde who took the win in the main race, followed by Anele Dlamini, while local Eastern Cape athlete Xolisa Tyali finished third. Cape Town athlete Bulel-

n the 29th of April 2017 Umzim- wa Simae then triumphed on the women's side ahead of Lusanda Bomvana and Loveness Madziva. The first male over the line in the 10km race was Gift Mbanjwa, while the first woman was Vuyiseka Nkumenge, and in the 5km run Mongezi Ngobe was the first man and Nosiva Kekelana the first woman to

> "All the winners were deserved champions in the end and the races were all extremely competitive, which was great to see," said Kubone. "We were expecting to get plus-minus 350 athletes, but we ended up getting more than 400 athletes which was really beautiful." The event organisers will now look to build on the success of the first showing of the run and make it a major race on the running calendar going forward. "We loved the fact that the Daily Dispatch, ABSA, Umhlobo Wenene FM, Volvo, Margate Hotel, Nedbank and local businesses supported us. We look forward to a wonderful partnership going forward," said Kubone. "This is definitely going to be an annual event on the calendar going forward. Some of the runners gave us some good ideas which we will certainly look into, and after this start it can only get bigger and better going forward."







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