

# Mbizana Local Municipality



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## *Editors Note*



**J**ust like before this Newsletter outlines the work that has been done by Mbizana Local Municipality. This issue focuses mainly on the work done from April to June 2015 including projects that are ongoing and completed. Working together with other Government Departments we have managed to push a lot of work for our community making sure that the government agenda is set. As the Mbizana Local Municipality we are happy that such a big initiative is coming our way to improve the quality of roads that we have.

We hope that you find value to this newsletter and give us feedback on our Facebook (Mbizana Local Municipality) and Twitter page (@MbizanaLM) on how to improve it and make it better suitable for you.

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## *Word from the Speaker*



As a chairperson of the council it pleases me to see how the council has performed in terms of fulfilling its executive and legislative mandate during 2014/2015 financial year.

According to our records most if not all decisions of the council have been implemented.

This indeed shows that Mbizana is a government at work and we prioritise the needs of the people as they appear in the IDP (Integrated Development Plan) of the Municipality.

The duty of the council is to do oversight on the implementation of the council decisions and on quarterly basis the council sits and evaluate the work of the council in line with its mandate. Ward Committees which sit monthly also play a significant role in the implementation of council decisions.

The road and electricity, infrastructure provisioning we boast with is a result of hard work and dedication of Mbizana Local Municipality Council in bringing services to the people. I hope you will enjoy and appreciate the work we do as your servants.

**CLLR T.D MAFUMBATHA**



## MAYOR' S FOREWORD

**T**his is the fourth quarter edition of our newsletter and it aims at informing the public at large about service delivery matters of Mbizana Local Municipality.

Contained in it are Infrastructure projects of Mbizana Local Municipality reflecting different stages of the projects. Some are complete but some are under construction. This newsletter contains service delivery events where the Municipality interacts directly with the people. Interacting with people is an important thing for government because it is where information of people's needs is gathered. Recently the municipality held mayoral cup games engaging youth on a number of sporting codes as well as making sure that youth participation is spread along various categories of sport. We have also appreciated your participation in budget and IDP road shows and all your inputs have been used to shape up a new IDP. We have hope that our communities are looking forward to the reconstruction of the R61 road which will be done with a total cost of R960 million, also hoping that this road will create more job opportunities and help decrease unemployment in Mbizana.



**O**nce again we thank you for your contributions because it serves to ensure that our IDP is credible, it reflects people's needs instead of being influenced by a few individuals. We are looking forward to a fruitful partnership with you and please keep on attending our road shows as they are a platform for people to engage government on service delivery matters.

**CLLR M.M TWABU**

# ONGOING PROJECTS



NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	WARD
R61 – Malola Access Road	Construction stage	R 7 343 711.44	26
Nqabeni – Qolintaba Access Road	Construction stage	R 2 646 173.53	09
X – Yange Access Road	Construction stage	R 4 437 366.78	03
Mntomkhulu – Gxeni Access Road	Construction stage	R 3 554 173.34	12
Makhosonke Community Hall	Construction stage	R 2 790 764. 74	15
Luphilisweni Sports field	Construction stage	R 2 580 876.43	09
Nkulisa Access Road	Handover pending	R2 953 933.61	27
Bawonemoto—Mkolweni Access Road	Construction stage	R2 687 397. 92	14
Ngojane—T–Road Access Road	Construction stage	R 4 336 135.06	14
Meje Access Road	Construction stage	R1 875 000.00	14
Nqabeni—Qolintaba Access Road	Construction stage	R 2 646 173.53	9
Manzamnyama—Ebathenjini Access Road	Handover Pending	R 2 479 511.95	16
Mthonjeni—Gwexe Access Road	Construction stage	R 684 252.47	22
Majazi Community Hall	Construction stage	R 2 103 824.04	07
Ward 15 Sports Field	Construction stage	R 150 000.00	15
Mabuya Access Road	Evaluation stage	R 3 750 000.00	18



# ONGOING PROJECTS

NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	WARD
Cwaka Access Road	Awaiting Appointment	R 2 250 000.00	29
Madada – Holy Cross Access Road	Awaiting Appointment	R 3 750 000.00	11
Vuyisile – Nyandeni Access Road	Consultant appointed	R 3 668 912.78	19
Sithukuthezi – Madlebetshe Access Road	Design Stage	R 6 158 515.57	03
Tankini – Mdibi Access Road	Design Stage	R 2 364 026.24	04
Mbono – Khotsho Access Road	Consultant appointed	R 3 205 032.48	30
Lundini – Mtshawedikazi Access Road	Consultant appointed	R 6 018 880.03	28
Mdozingana Access Road	Consultant appointed	R 6 445 610.50	31
Dipini – Msomi Access Road	Consultant appointed	R 2 248 946.77	24
Mbhojeni – Ngele Access Road	Consultant appointed	R 3 727 873.96	02
Khumbuza Community Hall	Design Stage	R 3 087 000.00	25
Nyaka Community Hall	Design Stage	R 3 087 000.00	20
Ward 17 Community Hall	Design stage	R 3 087 000.00	17
Butshengweni Access Road	Construction	R 2 947 507.27	16
Extension Makhalendlovu – Lucingweni Access Road	Construction	R 3 205 585.32	30
Mabheleni – Mtamvuna Access Road	Construction	R 2 625 000.00	05
Mzamba Community Hall	Construction	R 2 470 259.77	07
Mhlabi Community Hall	Evaluation	R 2 940 000.00	12
Thaleni Bridge (Temporary Structure)	Construction	R 1 278 802.57	27
Ntshikitshane – Bukuveni Access Road	Construction	R 3 375 000.00	08
Makhwantini – Matshezi Access Road	Construction	R 7 500 000.00	25
Makhwantini Sports Field	Evaluation	R 2 400 000.00	25



# Electrification Report

NAME OF PROJECT	WARD NUMBER	NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS	PROJECT COST	STATUS
<b>Mgodini, Mbangweni, Mantusini and Mcitshweni</b>	10	1149	R 17 310 870.63	Under Construction
<b>Monti / Ntlozelo</b>	19	1615	R 26 503 000.00	Contractor appointed
<b>Gumzana</b>	22	411	(R12 949 547.20)	Evaluation stage
<b>Mqonjwana / Lugwijini</b>	18 and 22	496	(R14 634 596.40)	Evaluation stage
<b>Mpunzi drift and Nobamba</b>	18 and 21	318	(R 7 138 284.65)	Contractor appointed
<b>Madiba</b>	2	576	R 8 205 209.60	Contractor appointed
<b>Gudlintaba</b>	2	401	R 8 409 089.18	Contractor Appointed
<b>Ngele</b>	2	423	R 6 333 686.23	Under Construction
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>		<b>5389</b>	<b>R 101 484 283.89</b>	





## PROGRESS IN MBIZANA



**PHOTO:** Road in ward 1 being maintained.



**PHOTO:** Road in ward 1 after maintenance



**PHOTO:** Road before



**PHOTO:** Road After



**PHOTO:** Mayila Access Road under construction



**PHOTO:** The construction of Newtown Community hall sanitation.



## Mayoral Imbizo's

In the month of April, the honourable Mayor, Cllr M Twabu and his teams visited wards of Mbizana Local Municipality focusing on the presentation of Integrated Development Plan, budget and a consolidated service delivery report.

Getting inputs from communities on their IDP priorities was key as this would enable the municipality to draft a revised IDP for the next round of consultation. Needs that were common in almost all wards included water and sanitation, electricity and RDP houses. However, communities showed appreciation for the visit and work the municipality has done in trying to improve their lives.



**PHOTO:** Community members during the Mayoral Imbizo's.



**PHOTO:** Ward Committees during the workshop conducted by Old Mutual.

## Ward Committee Workshop

The Mbizana Local Municipality held a ward committee workshop for all ward committees with the aim of making them better individuals who will be able to help and advise their communities accordingly. The workshop was conducted by Mbizana in partnership with Old Mutual who also taught the ward committees about different financial challenges that people make for themselves causing them to live under poverty stricken situations. The workshop included all 31 wards of Mbizana and was an initiative to make sure that ward committees are well informed and equipped to help the needy people in their communities.





# R61 road Handover



The MEC for Roads and Public Works, Thandiswa Marawu officially launched the construction of the R61 road in Mbizana. The area to be constructed starts at Mtamvuna near Casino to Magusheni.

This 80 km stretch is notorious for having potholes which have caused a huge dissatisfaction from road users. This launch started with a sod turning of the R61 road where the MEC was officially handing over to the contractor and then proceeded to the Cultural Village where she showed the community of Mbizana that government does not make empty promises. “I am indeed very happy that we are meeting so early in the year, soon after the presentation of the SONA, SOPA and the department’s Budget, because this gives us the opportunity to share our thoughts about the work we need to do together to accelerate the development of our country and people”, said Marawu. R1.3-billion was spent on construction, maintenance and repair of a number of roads, including the one that was being handed over to the contractors and R930 million was spent on R61 alone where hundreds of jobs will be created and a number of SMMEs from Mbizana will benefit. The community of Mbizana applauded the launch and were happy that the road will finally be fixed.



# Mayoral Schools Achievement Awards



**PHOTO:** The honourable mayor from Mbizana Local Municipality handing over a laptop to one of the beneficiaries who produced excellent results in 2014.

The Mbizana Local Municipality in partnership with the Department of Education held a schools Achievement Awards day in May 2015 at Chief Dumile Senior Secondary School in order to applaud those students who have excelled in 2014 academic year.

The purpose of this awards ceremony was to encourage the learners who are currently doing Grade 12 and award those who have achieved good results last year. Teachers who were excelling in their subjects were also awarded and recognised for their love of teaching. The Honourable mayor of Mbizana Local Municipality, Cllr MM Twabu thanked the Department of Education for partnering in this ceremony and those learners who passed with high Levels in the previous year saying it is that time of the year when he feels proud to lead Mbizana. The Mayor also concluded by motivating those learners who are currently doing Grade 12 to do more than the learners of the previous year saying that they need to work very hard especially in Mathematics and Physical Sciences.





# Career Exhibition

**PHOTO:** School pupils from different schools in Mbizana during the Career Exhibition conducted by Mbizana Local Municipality.



The Mbizana Local Municipality in partnership with the Department of Education held a Career exhibition during the last week of May for all high schools of Mbizana to equip school pupils on the different career choices and options that will benefit their future.

The Exhibition stations were Dudumeni CHS, Marelane SSS, Ngalonkulu SSS, Nongeke SSS and Mzamba CHS and schools were clustered to the above stations. The Exhibitors that were present included representatives from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Department of Health, Youth Quick, SAPS, Social Development, DRDAR, Parks and Tourism Agency and the Office of the Premier. The exhibition went well as the school pupils were asking questions and showing interest in making better futures for themselves. The parents and the community of Mbizana applauded this initiative by the municipality saying that it shows that the municipality does value education.



# Business Conference



**PHOTO:** Deputy Minister for Finance, Mcebisi Jonas and MEC for Economic Development and Finance, Sakhumzi Somyo during the panel discussions conducted at the business conference.

The Mbizana Local Municipality held a Business Conference theme 'Economic Infrastructure development' at Wild Coast Casino in Bizana with the aim of helping small businesses reach their full potential so that the economy of Mbizana can also grow.

The purpose for this conference was to brainstorm and give small business owners tips on how to develop and be better entrepreneurs. The conference was braced with the presence of the Deputy Minister for Finance, Mcebisi Jonas and MEC for Economic Development and Finance, Sakhumzi Somyo who also gave tips on how to expand businesses and answered a few questions that the Mbizana business owners had for them. The day started with presentations then proceeded with a panel discussion that had the MEC, Minister, Mbizana Local Municipality Mayor, Makhaya Twabu and the Executive Mayor from Alfred Nzo District, Eunice Diko as panellists who were broadcasted live on Inkonjane FM. The topic was economic infrastructure development. The honourable mayor from Mbizana LM applauded this initiative saying that he hopes that by the implementation of the business conference the economy of Mbizana together with the small businesses will grow and make Mbizana proud. The business owners had valuable inputs and in the end they welcomed the business conference saying that if the municipalities continue working together with their stakeholders, the economy will surely grow drastically.





# Nomathebe Sports Court Handover

The Department of Sports Recreation Arts and Culture visited Mbizana in April 2015 with the aim of making a difference when it comes to sport for small rural towns.

This visit was conducted as a way of encouraging young school children to take part in recreational activities and to also educate them about the different advantages of playing sport. The chairperson of the Portfolio Committee of Sports and Recreation, Honourable Beauty Dlulane further handed over a sports court at Nomathebe Junior Secondary School saying that she wishes that people can see the importance in sport and produce national players from Mbizana. Ms Dlulane emphasised on the fact that they were handing over the sports court as a way of making sure that children stay out of drugs and other substances that will ruin their future. The community of Mbizana was pleased at this initiative promising that they will take good care of the court so that it benefits generations to come.



**PHOTO:** The chairperson of the Portfolio Committee of Sports and Recreation, Beauty Dlulane together with the Mbizana Local Municipal Mayor, Cllr MM Twabu officially opening the Nomathebe Sports court.



# Imbizo Week



**PHOTO:** The Minister of Social Development Miss Bathabile Dlamini having face to face chats with the beneficiaries from Mbizana.

The minister of Social Development Miss Bathabile Dlamini visited Mbizana as part of Imbizo week on April 10, 2015 at Mputumi Mafumbatha Stadium.

The purpose of this event was to come and assess the complaints of different communities of Mbizana and try to change their home situations for the better. She also emphasised that communities must report their hardships to their local Social Development offices so that they can get all the help that they need. The minister ended the day by giving elderly people from the age of 90 and above blankets and food parcels to elders from age 50-80 and Grade R teachers were also handed over certificates as part of motivating them to continue building the foundation of young people in education. The event was a great success because everyone was happy and satisfied with the minister's visit.





# ECRDA Information Day



**PHOTO:** The community of Dyifani rejoicing to the initiative done by the ECRDA on informing them about agricultural activities.

The Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA) held an information Day at Dyifani Village on the 18 March 2015 to educate farmers and the community on how to make job opportunities through agriculture and to check on the progress of the factory that is being built in Mbizana.

The purpose of this event was to fight poverty in Rural Areas and also to encourage people to plant their mealie fields. ECRDA encouraged community members to get used to planting in order to alleviate poverty.

They said Maize is relatively an easy crop to grow and is cultivated and harvested easier than most other food crops. This project was welcomed by the community members because it will create job opportunities and farmers will benefit.



# Africa Day Celebrations

**African Liberation Day** on May 25 is an annual holiday in various countries in Africa and the world.

In May 2015 community members from Xholobeni Village gathered with joy to celebrate unity and diversity in Africa. Community members sang songs of praise while the youth participated in drama and poetry. Words of wisdom and encouragement were shared to the youth by the Department of Education (DOE) saying that people must know their history and say No to Xenophobia. The youth was also encouraged not to hide their talents because there are many opportunities for people with ambitions. “Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try, the youth must not stay indoors but grab opportunities with both hands”, added a representative from the DOE. Speakers at this gathering also advised the community that there are also centres in Mbizana that help the disabled.







# World Book Day

Mbizana Local Municipality held World Book & Copy right day which is an annual event celebrated worldwide. The event was held in April at Xholobeni and Nkantolo villages.

These event dates are significant because most authors/writers were born and some died on them. Examples of these authors are the prominent writers such as William Shakespeare, Joseph Pla, A.C Jordan, S.E.K Mqhayi etc The main aim was to encourage communities on reading and writing as well as having vibrant Adult Education Training (AET) Centres. DISRAC, Love life, department of education were partnering departments in this event. Guests that were there emphasised that education encourages transparency, good governance, stability and helps fight against graft and corruption. Miss .Z.Somadlangathi who is part of the library committee said this is an opportunity for young people to participate and further their studies. “There is a corner library to help when studying, people don’t have to go to town because all the information they need is provided in the corner library at Xholobeni and Nkantolo”. These two communities were delighted to be educated about how to use the library as they said that they thought libraries were only for young school children.



**PHOTO :** Mr Pepu informing community members about the importance of Education.



## Mbizana LM Opens new office building



## Mbizana LM donates with school uniform







# Crime Awareness Campaign



**PHOTO:** The Nikhwe community during the crime awareness campaign conducted by the youth of ward 17.

Lovelifa in partnership with Mbizana Local Municipality and other departments gathered at Nikhwe Village on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 for Community consultation on crime awareness.

The purpose was to create a safe environment whereby members of the community are equipped with information towards awareness and crime fighting. This was also to create a sense of ownership in crime fighting and to create a safe environment for everyone and to position Mbizana as a Crime Free area. Mr Mabhoza from correctional services advised parents to report taxi overload to prevent accidents in areas such as Fonoza, community members must be honest and stop drivers from drinking and driving. In this gathering, it was said many kids can be safe if community members work jointly with SAPS. The event went very well as the ward 17 community came out in numbers to get information on how to keep their communities safe.



# Mayor's Cup Final

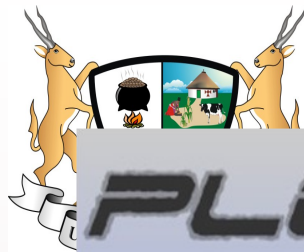
The Mbizana Local Municipality hosted an annual Mayor's Cup Sports Competition Final with the aim of developing and promoting sports among the young people of Mbizana.

This event was also to help young people realise that they can make a career out of sports and keep away from all the negative things that destroy their future. The competitions started at ward level then the winning wards represented in the finals. The winners of this tournament are as follows: In Netball, 3rd place was ward 23, 2nd place was ward 07 and 1st place was ward 10. In Rugby, 3rd place was ward 22, 2nd place was ward 18 then 1st place was ward 2. In Soccer, 3rd place was ward 22, 2nd place was ward 12 and 1st place was ward 17. In Table Tennis 3rd place was ward 18, 2nd place was ward 23 and 1st place was ward 17. In Volley ball Females, 3rd place went to ward 21, 2nd place went to ward 1 and 1st place went to ward 6 and in the male category, 3rd place went to ward 18, 2nd place went to ward 29 and 1st place went to ward 01. In lawn tennis in the male category 1st place went to Jabu Ndlovu and in the female category 1st place went to Ncebakazi Ngamza. In Body Building in the 60kg division 1st place was awarded to Nathi Marhashi, 65kg division 1st place went to Mziwanele Md weshu and in the 75kg division 1st place went to Mandisi Majola.

The Honourable mayor, MM Twabu handed over these trophies himself to the winning teams encouraging those teams that never made it to always stay positive and keep their passion for the game in order for them to keep going. He concluded by saying young people must always aim at being the best so that they will get more wards and make their families and Mbizana proud.







# PLEASE RECYCLE



WASTE MANAGEMENT TEAM



## EARTH DEPENDS ON US

### ***Recycling Reduces Waste Products***

Landfills are mostly composed of non-biodegradable waste which takes long time to decompose. By recycling, we can lessen the waste materials that are placed into landfills and we are able to make the most out of these materials. If we don't recycle, more and more garbage will go to landfills.

### **Recycling Helps you Save Money**

Recycling provides ways to save money. You can sell recyclable materials to organizations that are willing to buy it. Using products that are recycled lessens expenses. Products that are made from recycled materials are less expensive than products made from fresh materials.

### **Keep Bizana Clean**

Members from all wards can make money from recycling. All the bottles or cans can be sent to **SASUKA Recycling** at Bizana.

### **Recycling Saves Energy**

It takes less energy to process recycled materials, it takes a lot less energy to recycle paper than to create new paper from trees. The energy from transporting materials from the source is also saved. Saving energy also has its own benefits like decreasing pollution. This creates less stress on own health and our economy.

## Vision

Mbizana aims to be a flourishing local municipal area with a growing economy creating employment and sustainable communities where everyone has access to equal opportunities.

## Mission

The mission for Mbizana Local Municipality is to be a well governed municipality committed to discharging its legislative and constitutional mandate through:

- a) Investing in its people to fight poverty;
- b) Providing affordable services;
- c) Facilitating a people-driven economy;
- d) Building sustainable communities;
- e) Protecting and preserving its environment to the benefit of its people;
- f) Strengthening a culture of performance and public participation;

## Values

In addition to the Batho Pele Principles, our municipality commits itself to upholding the following set of values:

- Good Governance
- Accountability
- Public Participation
- People Development
- People Driven
- Integrity
- Tolerance
- Responsibility

