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KOUGA NEWS

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Wishing our matriculants all the best!



MATRIC CLASS OF 2015: Kouga Municipality recently hosted two prayer sessions for local matriculants ahead of their final school exams. The sessions were held at Humansdorp and Patensie. Putting to the test the pens that were distributed to all matriculants at the prayer sessions are Special Programmes Portfolio Councillor Booi Koerat, Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas, Speaker Magdalene Dlomo, Humansdorp matriculants Zimkhitha Bokhwe from Lungiso High and Duane Louis from Humansdorp Senior Secondary, Ward Councillor Desmond Petersen and Pastor Koos Lukas.

IDP review underway

Kouga communities have been invited to participate in the review of the local municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

The IDP is a five-year plan that sets out the development needs of a municipal area. It forms the basis of the municipality's budget and determines which projects are prioritised and funded in a particular year.

The most recent IDP for Kouga covers the planning period 2012 to 2017. Because circumstances change, the IDP is reviewed annually in consultation with communities to ensure that it remains up-to-date and relevant. The current review will be for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas has called on all residents to attend the meetings and to make known what they consider important for their wards.

"Your voice is important. You know your community and its need. We need your input to ensure that the IDP captures what needs to happen for your ward to grow strong," she said.

The meetings will take place from 15 October to 17 November and start at 6pm.

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Iintlanganiso zabahlali

Abahlali bayamenywa ukuba bathabathe inxaxheba ekuhlolweni komqulu wesicwangciso sophuhliso lukamaspala (IDP) kunyaka-mali 2016/2017.

Lo mqulu uqulathe izigcwangciso zeminyaka emihlanu, ukwachaza iimfuno zophuhliso kwimida yomasipala othile. Usisiseko sohlahlo-lwabiwo-mali lukamasipala kwaye ukwangumkhomba-ndlela ukuba ngawaphi amaphulo ayakuthi abe phezulu eluhlwini nayakuthi abekelwe bucala imali nganyaka uthile.

Ezi ntlanganiso ziyakuhlala ukususela nge-15 October ukuya nge-17 November, kwaye ziyakuqala ngo-6 malanga.

Ontwikkelingsplan hersien

Inwoners van die Kouga-area word genooi om deel te neem aan die hersiening van die munisipaliteit se Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan (GOP) vir die 2016/2017 boekjaar. Gemeenskapsvergaderings sal vanaf 15 Oktober tot 17 November gehou word. Blaai asb na bladsy 2 vir die volledige program.

New Mayor and her Mayoral Committee to lead Outreach



Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas

Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas and the Mayoral Committee will host an Executive Outreach to communities this October and November.

The Executive Outreach is scheduled to take place at the same time as the majority of the IDP community consultation meetings, however, five separate outreach meetings will be held for the greater Kruisfontein area (wards 4 and 5), Loerie (ward 7), Hankey (ward 9), St Francis Bay and Sea Vista (ward 12), so as to address additional matters raised by these wards, explained the Mayor.

This means that the Executive Outreach will take place at the Loerie Community Hall on Thursday, 22 October, to be followed by the IDP meeting on Tuesday, 27 October.

The Executive Outreach will be at the Sea Vista Community Hall on Thursday, 29 October, followed by the IDP meeting on Wednesday, 11 November.

Hankey will host the Executive Outreach at the Vusumzi Landu Hall on Monday, 2 November, followed by the IDP meeting on Thursday, 5 November.

The Executive Outreach will be held at the Kruisfontein Civics Hall on Monday, 9 November, and the Kruisfontein Babs Hall on Thursday, 12 November, followed by a combined IDP meeting for wards 4 and 5 at the Kruisfontein Civics Hall on Tuesday, 17 November.

The Executive Outreach at Sea Vista on 29 October will start at 17:00. All other meetings will start at 18:00.

The Mayor or a representative from her Mayoral Committee will be present to lead the outreach at the relevant IDP meetings.

NOTICE NO. 132/2015

IDP REVIEW FOR 2016/2017: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that Kouga Municipality will commence its process to review the five-year Integrated Development Plan (IDP) (2012-2017) and invites the community to participate in the Public Participation and Consultation Process of the 2016/17 review of the IDP, as prescribed in Section 28 of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act (No 32 of 2000).

The IDP is the principal strategic planning document of the municipality and forms the basis of the municipal budget. It is therefore crucial that the community actively participates in the IDP review process to ensure that its needs are prioritised and addressed in an integrated manner.

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Public meetings will be held as per the schedule below:

DATE	PLACE	WARD	TIME	CLR
15 October	Newton Hall, Jeffreys Bay	3,8,11	18:00	H. Thiart (3) D. Aldendorff (8) M. Ungerer (11)
20 October	Pellsrus Community Hall, Jeffreys Bay	2	18:00	E. Hill
27 October	Katrien Felix Hall, Thornhill	7	18:00	B. Koliti
27 October	Loerie Community Hall	7	18:00	B. Koliti
28 October	Tent adjacent to Lungiso High, KwaNomzamo	6	18:00	P. Oliphant
3 November	Dan Sandi Hall, Ramaphosa Village, Patensie	10	18:00	P. Kota
4 November	Weston Community Hall	13	18:00	V. Matodlana
5 November	Vusumzi Landu Hall, Hankey	9	18:00	X. Persent
10 November	Pellsrus Community Hall, Jeffreys Bay	14 & 15	18:00	T. Meleni (14) E. Mahlathini (15)
11 November	Sea Vista Community Hall, St Francis Bay	12	18:00	B. Rheeder
12 November	Oyster Bay Community Hall	1	18:00	Z. Mayoni
17 November	Kruisfontein Civics Hall, Humansdorp	4 & 5	18:00	F. Campher (4) D. Petersen (5)

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MADE IN KOUGA: Misiwe Jujwana of Uzuko Lwethu Sewing Projects (centre) shows some of her materials to Eastern Cape Premier Phumulo Masualle (second from right). With them are (from left) Vuyiseka Nokhenke from DSRAC, Ward 9 Councillor Xolisile Persent, Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas and Tourism and Creative Industries Portfolio Chairperson Virginia Camealio-Benjamin.

Premier visits Hankey for Heritage Day celebrations

Sarah Baartman was the defining feature of the official Eastern Cape Heritage Month celebrations, which took place in Kouga in September.

The main event took place at the Hankey Secondary School on Heritage Day, 24 September, and was addressed by Eastern Cape Premier Phumulo Masualle.

The event paid homage to Sarah Baartman, the Khoi icon who embodied great human suffering and whose remains were returned from France to be buried in Hankey in 2002.

This year marks approximately 200 years since Baartman's death and saw the former Cacadu District Municipality officially launch its new name as part of the celebrations. It is now known as the "Sarah Baartman District Municipality" (SBDM).

At the unveiling of the new name, SBDM Executive Mayor Eunice Kekana said the renaming of the district municipality symbolised the restoration of dignity to Sarah Baartman.

"Sarah Baartman represents all of us. The story of our suffering, as women and as Africans in general, is told through her. We are proud to be the custodians of that rich history and of being the only district in the province to be named after a woman," said Kekana.

Addressing the almost 2000-strong crowd, the Premier decried the continued abuse of women.

"We need to deal with the increase in the number of violent crimes perpetrated against women in our country.

"Sarah Baartman's spirit cannot rest when women continue to be victims of gender-based violence," he said.

He referred to an incident in Bloemfontein where the mutilated genitalia of 21 women had been discovered in the fridge of a man of Danish origin earlier that week.

"The brutality of this act and its ironic similarities with Sarah Baartman - pickled brains and genitalia in a French Museum - must be communicating a deeply spiritual message," said Masualle

In the vote of thanks Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas thanked the provincial government for showing confidence again in Kouga as a host of significant events in the province.

"Working together, we continue to show that nothing is impossible when different arms of government complement each other in delivering on our various mandates," she said.

The main programme was preceded by a host of events, including, a legends soccer tournament, a schools colloquium and social dialogue.

The events were organised jointly by the Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), Kouga and the Sarah Baartman District Municipality.

"Die toenemende geweld teen vroue in ons land moet dringend aangespreek word. Sarah Baartman se gees kan nie tot ruste kom so lank as wat vrouens die slagoffers van geslagsgeweld bly nie." - Oos-Kaapse Premier Phumulo Masualle

"Kufuneka silwisane nokunyuka kobundlobongela obujoliswe kubantu basetyhini ezweni lethu. Umphefumlo kaSarah Baartman awunakuphumla xa amanina athe gqolo ukuba ngamaxhoba ezenzo zobundlobongela ezijoliswe ngokwesini." - Inkulumbuso yaseMpuma Koloni uPhumulo Masualle

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM CYBER BULLYING AND SEXTING



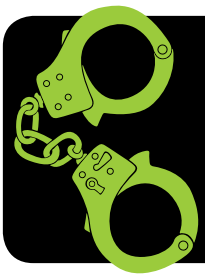
Cyber Bullying and sexting are two of the new concepts that are affecting many young children and learners. The sharing of explicit content, nude/semi-nude photographs, videos and messages portraying sexual behaviour has become a popular trend amongst youth.

WHAT IS CYBER BULLYING?

Cyber bullying is harassment that takes place through the use of electronic devices such as mobile phones, computers or tablets on social media sites, via text or instant messaging and chat. It occurs in the form of mean or hurtful messages, embarrassing or explicit photographs, videos or emails are shared or posted on these platforms and causes harm to others.

WHAT IS SEXTING?

Sexting is when nude or semi-nude photos or videos and sexually suggestive messages are sent via mobile phone through texting or chat.
These types of messages may be classified as child pornography especially where minors are involved.



DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN CYBER BULLYING AND SEXTING?

Section 19 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 2007 (Act 32 of 2007) states that any person exposing, displaying, or causing exposure or display, of child pornography to a child is guilty of the offence of exposing or displaying or causing the exposure or display, of child pornography or pornography to a child.

IF YOU ARE FOUND GUILTY OF SHARING EXPLICIT CONTENT, YOU MAY BE CRIMINALLY CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES:

CRIMEN INJURIA: This is the intent to violate the dignity and or privacy of another person.

ASSAULT: This is an intentional act which causes harm to another person's bodily integrity.

CRIMINAL DEFAMATION: This is intentionally causing harm or hate speech that seriously impacts or injures a person's reputation. This can be done verbally or in writing.

EXTORTION: This is when a person intentionally obtains information such as videos, images etc which is used to pressure others into doing something or even paying for the information not to be leaked.

PLAY YOUR PART TO STOP CYBER BULLYING AND SEXTING

- Parents are urged to play a role and be aware of the type of technologies and social media platforms that are used by children and to monitor the type of content that is shared on these platforms.
- Let's stop cyber bullying and sexting! Report anyone who is a suspected perpetrator of cyber bullying and sexting.

WHERE TO SEEK HELP OR REPORT CYBER BULLYING AND SEXTING?

- Call **Childline** on 080 005 5555
- Call **Lifeline** on 011 728 1347
- Report a case to the **South African Police Services** 10111 or 086 001 0111

the doj & cd
Department:
Justice and Constitutional Development
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Tel: 012 315 1111
Private Bag X81, Pretoria, 0001
Momentum Centre, 329 Pretorius Street, Pretoria
www.justice.gov.za @DOJCD_ZA
The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJ&CD)

Second Kouga beach to gear up for Blue Flag

Kouga Municipality has set its sights on obtaining Blue Flag status for Cape St Francis by 2017.

The Cape St Francis Beach was one of 30 beaches in South Africa to be awarded pilot status at the 2015/2016 Blue Flag launch at Hermanus recently.

Dolphin Beach at Jeffreys Bay was once again awarded full Blue Flag status for the period November 2015 to April 2016.

Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas said that the municipality would focus on developing Cape St Francis in line with Blue Flag requirements over the next two years.

"The work will mainly involve new ablution facilities closer to the bathing area, a first-aid room and lifeguard hut. We would also like to build a boardwalk to make it easier to access the beach," she said.

The work will be done in partnership with the Department of Environmental Affairs, whose Coast Care programme has been instrumental in helping Kouga retain Blue Flag status for Dolphin Beach.



RIGHT: Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom (centre) congratulates Jakkie Pieters from the Kouga Association for the Physically Disabled and Kouga Solid Waste and Environmental Manager Gcobisa Dadamasi for helping Kouga to secure full Blue Flag status for Dolphin Beach at Jeffreys Bay.

Municipality and wind farm to bring library to Sea Vista

Kouga Municipality and the Kouga Wind Farm are taking hands to build a library at Sea Vista, St Francis Bay.

At a special Council meeting on Monday, 12 October, the Kouga Council resolved to make land available at Sea Vista for a library.

The construction of the library will be funded by the Kouga Wind Farm to the tune of R1,7-million.

All councillors were in agreement that the library should be centrally located to cater for all residents of the greater Sea Vista area.

"We want it to be located as close as possible to the community so that children in particular can visit it with ease," said Social Services Portfolio Councillor Thandeka Maseti.

Two possible pieces of land were identified. The Council agreed that the library should either be constructed on the same erf as the community hall or on the open erf opposite the hall.

Clr Maseti applauded the Kouga Wind Farm for its commitment to supporting education through the construction of a library.

"The Council had identified Sea Vista as one of the areas to receive a modular library. The Kouga Wind Farm's support will make it possible for us to establish a library in Sea Vista and take the modular library to another community where this service is needed."

Kouga Municipality will be responsible for any rezonings, if necessary, as well as the building plans.

As the municipality renders library services on behalf of the provincial Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), it will further engage with DSRAC regarding the operational requirements of the library.

Ithala leencwadi eSea Vista

Umasipala waseKouga kunye ne-Kouga Wind Farm bambambisene ekwakhiweni kwethala leencwadi eSea Vista, eSt Francis Bay.

Kuye kwagqitywa, kwintlanganiso ekhethekileyo yeBhunga laseKouga, ukuba kubekelwe umhlaba bucala apho kuyakwakhiwa khona eli thala leencwadi.

IKouga Wind Farm iyakuthi ibinze ngemali engange R1,7 yezigidi ekwakhiweni kweli thala.

Sea Vista kry biblioteek

Die Kouga-munisipaliteit en Kouga-windplaas gaan hande neem om 'n biblioteek in Sea Vista te bou.

Die Kouga-raad het by 'n spesiale raadsvergadering in Oktober onderneem om grond in Sea Vista beskikbaar te maak vir die biblioteek.

Die bou van die biblioteeek sal deur die Kouga-windplaas befonds word teen 'n bedrag van R1,7miljoen.

EQUITABLE SHARE REGISTRATION

Do you struggle to afford basic services?

As part of our commitment to bring services to all communities, Kouga Municipality invites all households with a combined monthly income of R2 800 or less to register for service subsidies.

Who qualifies for service subsidies?

HOUSEHOLDS with a verified gross monthly income less or equal to 2 x state pensions (ie, 2 x R1400 = R2800)



What assistance will I receive?



FREE 50 Kwh electricity plus basic charge &
FREE 12 kl water plus basic charge
FREE Monthly refuse, sewerage (based on 12 kl water), EMF levy
FREE Extra R85 000 on the value of property for rates

How do I apply?

Applicants have to register with Kouga's Finance Directorate.

Applicants must PERSONALLY complete the application and supply the following documents:

1. Valid ID document (husband and wife)
2. Proof of Income (bank statement, payslip, pension card)
3. Sworn affidavit if unemployed
4. Proof of usufruct (If owner is deceased, a letter from Housing and a death certificate are required)

Need more info?

Contact Chantal Lippert
on 042 200 2262

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Job opportunities in waste

'Cleanliness'was the buzzword during the Kouga Environmental Day held at the Humansdorp Country Club in September.

The event was organised to highlight the importance of keeping the environment, both where people live and open spaces, clean for sustainable livelihoods.

It was also aimed at introducing some of the economic opportunities that can be exploited while taking care of the environment.

The programme was jointly organised by Kouga Municipality, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and its implementing agent of the Youth Jobs in Waste Programme, Cokisa Consultants.

At the event Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas said the municipality was committed to contributing towards a clean and habitable environment.

She thanked DEA for their contributions to Kouga, both financially and with knowledge, which have resulted in a number of jobs being created in the waste management section.

Youth Jobs in Waste has created jobs for 42 individuals, comprising nine officials and 33 EPWP workers.

The Waste Management Programme has employed 218 people to date.

The Coast Care project, which has been central in ensuring Blue Flag status for Dolphin Beach at Jeffreys Bay, has created jobs for 60 individuals.

Speaking on behalf of DEA, Jobs in Waste Project Manager Nkosinathi Nomoyi commended the municipality for embarking on an aggressive programme of waste and environmental management and being an example to many in the province.

"We can, however, not win this battle on our own as government. We need every stakeholder in our community, young and old, to be involved," he said.

Nomoyi urged teachers to make waste management part of their schools' curricula.

He added that people should not only seek to be employed by government as there were opportunities for cooperatives to benefit through recycling projects.

The department was willing to assist with skills development and information.

Schools that participated in the recycling programme were each given two waste bins by Cokisa as encouragement.

The schools were Mzingisi, Pellsrus, Graslaagte, Sea Vista, Oyster Bay, Weston, Hankey, Masisebenze, Patensie, Loerieheuwel, Thornhill, Vukani and Makukhanye Primary Schools.

For more information on how one can participate in waste management or to report illegal dumping contact Kouga Municipality's Solid Waste Manager Gcobisa Dadamasi on 042 200 8330 or email her at gdadamasi@kouga.gov.za



WAR ON WASTE: Handing over waste bins to Mzingisi Primary School teacher Sithembele Cunge and pupil Zusakhe Khayingana (both centre) were (from left) Cokisa Consultants Director Lisolomzi Sogayise, DEA Jobs in Waste Project Manager Nkosinathi Nomoyi, Kouga Solid Waste Manager Gcobisa Dadamasi, Social Services Portfolio Councillor Thandeka Maseti, and Bongile Magadla and Lungile Mzuzu from DEA.

Imisebenzi kwezenkunkuma

Kuye kwabanjwa usuku lokubhiyozela okusingqongileyo okokuqala eHumansdorp, ngo-September. Le nkqubo iye yagxininisa ukubaluleka kokugcina okusingqongileyo kucocekile, kananjalo yazisa ngamathuba emisebenzi apho ookopoletyeni bangaxhamla khona kwezolawulo lwenkunkuma, ingakumbi kwinkqubo yokuphinda kusetyenziswe izinto (recycling). Izikolo nazo zikwakhuthaziwe ukuba zenze ulawulo lwenkunkuma inxalenye yenkqubo yemfundo yazo.

Ukufumana ingcombolo ngokuba ungazibandakanya njani kwinkqubo yolawulo lwenkunkuma, ungaqhagamshelana nomanejala wecandelo elijongene noku kwamasipala waseKouga uGcobisa Dadamasi ku-042 200 8330 okanye uthumele i-email ku- gdadamasi@kouga.gov.za

Werk in afval en herwinning

Die eerste Kouga Omgewingsdag is in September op Humansdorp gehou.

Die program was daarop gemik om bewussyn te skep oor hoe belangrik 'n skoon en gesonde omgewing vir volhoubare ontwikkeling is. Werksgeleenthede, vernaam vir koöperasies in herwinningsinisiatiewe, is ook beklemtoon.

Skole is voorts aangemoedig om afvalbestuur deel van hul kurrikulum te maak.

Vir verdere inligting oor hoe u betrokke kan raak by afvalbestuur en herwinning, kontak Kouga se Afvalbestuurder Gcobisa Dadamasi by 042 200 8330 of epos gdadamasi@kouga.gov.za.

Women's Month in Kouga

A host of activities took place in August in commemoration of Women's Month.

MEC REACHES OUT TO FAMILY OF MURDER VICTIMS



At Hankey Social Development MEC Nancy Sihlwayi handed over bedroom linen to members of the Antonie family whose mother, Claudia, and six-year-old niece, Lukishia Plaatjies, were gang-raped and brutally murdered in August last year.

The plight of the family was brought to the attention of the MEC last year during the provincial commemoration of 16 Days of Activism, which Kouga hosted.

At the time Sihlwayi made a commitment to procure new furniture for the family. Though the furniture could not immediately be delivered due to delays by the service provider, there was proof that it was ready and safely stored in the provider's warehouse in Port Elizabeth and would be delivered to the Antonie family.

UNITED IN PRAYER



Joining in prayer for women at the Vusumzi Landu Hall in Hankey were (from left) Reverends Mantu Royi and Nontsebenzo Matika from Humansdorp, Kouga Speaker Magdalene Dlomo, Moral Regeneration Movement Secretary Nontuthuzelo Swartbooi and Nombasa Lloyd from Weston. The day was hosted by the Office of the Speaker to close off Women's Month.

TRIBUTE TO NONAGENARIANS



Ward 13 Councillor Vuyelwa Matodlana (back third from left) set 25 August aside to honour elderly women, in particular those above 90 years of age. Among the VIP guests were (front) Sindiswa Faleni (93), Nohlobo Matodlana (92), Nomvula Dlotho (96) and Miriam Mfino (93). With Clr Matodlana are (back) Nozuko Blouw from Hankey's Parliamentary Constituency Office, Reverend Ntombi Mahanjana of the Methodist Church, Social Development's Nomathemba Mandla and Masentle Mboya and Kouga Municipality's HIV/Aids Coordinator Gene Thube.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS & TOURISM



Women in Business and Tourism were treated to a networking session by Kouga Municipality at the Humansdorp Country Club. In attendance were guest speaker Patricia Dlamini from the Uitenhage & Despatch Development Institute, Margaret Danster and Pastor Lumka Funde from Jeffreys Bay, Kouga LED Portfolio Councillor Phumzile Oliphant, guest speaker Shuna Herscovitz from the Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University and Tourism and Creative Industries Portfolio Councillor Virginia Camealio-Benjamin.



Also at the networking session were (from left) Babalwa Tanda from Humansdorp, Nophumzile Norushu and Ntombekhaya Makebe of the Sinako Agri Coop and Ward 13 Councillor Vuyelwa Matodlana.

Wind Farm goes live at Oyster Bay



ABOVE RIGHT: MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Sakhumzi Somyo, cuts the ribbon at the opening of the Kouga Wind Farm. ABOVE LEFT: Joining him at the unveiling of the plaque were Kouga Wind Farm CEO Lukhanyo Ndube and Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas.

The Kouga Wind Farm at Oyster Bay was officially opened by Eastern Cape MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Sakhumzi Somyo, in September.

Located a short distance from the already functioning Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm, the new R2-billion facility consists of 32 turbines with a combined energy generating capacity of 300 GWh per annum, enough to power some 50 000 homes with clean green energy.

It is also the 7th of 17 renewable energy sites located in the Eastern Cape to go live since the drafting of government's National Renewable Energy Procurement Programme in 2008, and has resulted in the creation of 1 000 jobs with 350 being local residents.

"The Kouga Wind Farm is the culmination of many years of hard work and all those involved must be congratulated. As the department, we are very excited to see these farms being erected, with Kouga being a prime example," MEC Somyo said.

Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas said that the completion of the wind farm had moved Kouga one step closer in consolidating its position as the renewable energy hub of South Africa.

"The wind farm is more than an area with massive turbines pumping energy back into the national grid. It is an integral part of the community where it is located. Through the wind farm, the people of Umzamowethu now have a clinic waiting facility, as well as extra classrooms and a computer lab at the local school.

"We look forward to our communities going from strength and strength and welcome the winds of change to Kouga," she said.

"Die windplaas is meer as net 'n versameling turbines wat krag opwek vir nasionale gebruik. Dit is ook 'n integrale deel van die gemeenskap waar dit geleë is en het reeds 'n waardevolle bydrae gelewer tot die plaaslike onderwys- en gesondheidstelsels." - Kouga Uitvoerende Burgemeester Daphne Kettledas

"IKouga Wind Farm ayiphelelanga nje ekubeni namaphiko amakhulu aphehla umbane ngomoya, ukuqinisa lowo kazwelonke. Ngegalelo lale nkampani abantu baseUmzamowethu banendawo yokulinda eklinikhi, kwakunye namagumbi ongezelekileyo okufundela, kunye nethala leekhompiyutha kwisikolo salelokishana. Sijonge lukhulu ekubeni abahlali bayakomelela ngokomelela kwaye bewamkela nomoya wotshintsho eKouga." - USodolophu waseKouga uDaphne Kettledas

NELSON MANDELA DAY



Kouga Municipality's official Nelson Mandela Day programme took place in Loerie this year. It was led by Kouga Speaker Magdalene Dlomo (left) and Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas (right).





LEFT: Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas visited women from Loerie whose lives had been affected by voilence. Among those she visited, was Vuyiswa Thamani, whose daughter was brutally raped and murdered last year.

ABOVE: Speaker Magdalene Dlomo (second left) and Acting Cleansing & Parks Manager Frank Tamboer (right) accompanied the Mayor on her visit to Loerie's elderly. Among those visited were the Dondashe family.



ABOVE: Clr Bulelwa Koliti distributed blankets and painted the homes of elderly residents at Thornhill as part of her ward's Mandela Day programme.

RIGHT: Clr Timothy Meleni was joined by Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas for his ward's programme. Here they are seen painting the house of Alec Hammond at Tokyo Sexwale. Hammond lost his eyesight two years ago and has since had to depend on his family for everyday support.



Correctional Services makes a difference in children's lives

Kouga's children were the big winners on Friday, July 31, when the provincial sports council of the Department of Correctional Services visited St Francis Bay and Jeffreys Bay to commemorate Nelson Mandela Month.

Lead by Regional Commissioner Nkosinathi Breakfast from East London and Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas, the Correctional Services team first stopped off at the House of Hope Soup Kitchen in Sea Vista where they donated a fridge, deep freeze and food supplies to project initiator Nokia "Aggie" Louw.

Mr Breakfast said that they had learnt of the soup kitchen last year when members of the sports council visited St Francis Bay to compete in a golf tournament.

"We were so touched when Mrs Louw told us about the work she was doing. At that time she didn't even have a fridge and had to depend largely on discarded vegetables to feed the hungry children who visited her home.

"I promised her that we would be back in Mandela Month with a gift to help make her soup kitchen sustainable. Today we are making good on that promise and commit to continue supporting her. Moving forward, we would like to find a place where we can cultivate vegetables for the soup kitchen," he said.



TOUCHING LIVES: Likhona Antoni sits proudly in her new wheelchair. With her are Correctional Services deputy Regional Commissioner Nozipiwo Dumbela, Regional Commissioner Nkosinathi Breakfast, her parents Lindiwe and Whitey, Kouga Mayor Daphne Kettledas and Sindi Meleni, representing her husband, ward councillor Timothy Meleni.

The next stop on the programme was Jeffreys Bay to deliver a wheelchair to a 13-year-old girl whose life was turned upside down eight months ago when she contracted a brain disease which left her unable to breathe, see, talk or walk.

Likhona Antoni spent months in the Intensive Care Unit of a PE hospital. Doctors warned that her chance of survival was slim, but the little girl made a miraculous recovery and arrived back home shortly before the programme.

While Likhona can breathe, see and talk again, she cannot yet walk. Her prayers for a wheelchair had hardly left her lips when the call came that Correctional Services was looking for a beneficiary for a wheelchair, and so she became part of the Mandela Month programme on Friday.

Tears of joy flowed freely when Correctional Services arrived, brass band and all, in front of her home with the wheelchair on Friday.

Kouga Executive Mayor Daphne Kettledas had a special word of thanks for the Department of Correctional Services.

"I never cease being amazed by the incredible work Correctional Services does in our communities. They are a team who knows how to touch lives, and I am certain that it would have filled Tata Mandela's heart with joy to witness these handovers."



CASUAL DAY 2015

WORTHY CAUSE: Nicole Baartman, Veronica Booysen Carien Hayward, Brenda Klopper, Cindy Zode, Leonie Jeggels, Marilyn Hill and (front) Edwin Randall were among the staffers at Kouga Municipality who dressed up in a spring theme for Casual Day on 4 September. Casual Day is celebrated on the first Friday of September each year. It is in aid of persons with disabilities.

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ALL-HOURS/EMERGENCY:
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ACCOUNTS (SERVICES)

Gamtoos area
Ursula Fourie 042 200 8450
Grizelda Geswint 042 200 8400

Greater St Francis
Mandy Jantjies 042 200 2257

Humansdorp
Laurentia Hoffman 042 200 8305

Jeffreys Bay
Sindi Zondani 042 200 2128
Patrick Sacks 042 200 2138
Trevor Goulding 042 200 2135
Centelle Carolus 042 200 2263

ACCOUNTS (PREPAID ELECTRICITY)
Babsi Mapetwana 042 200 8534
Lillian Damane 042 200 2134

ACCOUNTS (RATES)

Gamtoos / Jeffreys Bay
Raymond Brown 042 200 2123
Monica Saayman 042 200 2130

Greater St Francis / Humansdorp
Sizekha Khanye 042 200 2283

AFTER-HOURS
042 291 0250/042 291 0283

BEACHES
Nopinky Ndunyana 042 200 8330

BUILDING TRANSGRESSIONS

Gamtoos / Humansdorp / Jeffreys Bay
Nico Lappert 042 200 8517

Greater St Francis
Trevor de Groot 042 200 2252

CEMETERIES
See Cleansing and Parks

CLEANSING AND PARKS

Gamtoos area
Florence Mjaco 042 200 8407
Martin Windvogel 042 284 1098
(Thornhill) Charles Harris 083 5655 942

Greater St Francis
Joyce Skosana 042 200 2251
Frank Tamboer 073 085 3756

Humansdorp
Siyanda Camagu 042 200 8380
Esme Heyns 042 200 8381
Frank Tamboer 073 085 3756

CLEANSING AND PARKS (CONTINUED)

Jeffreys Bay
Hariette Citwa 042 293 3504
Edo Madatt 042 293 4038
Moses Ngcayisa 042 293 3504

CREDIT CONTROL (DISCONNECTIONS)

Gamtoos area
Ursula Fourie 042 200 8450
Sipho Tshume 042 200 8412

Greater St Francis / Humansdorp
Charles Titus 042 200 8320

Jeffreys Bay
Monica Toois 042 200 2132
Felicity Tube 042 200 2131

ELECTRICITY

Greater St Francis
Joyce Skosana 042 200 2251

Hankey / Loerie / Patensie
Eskom 086 0037 566

Humansdorp
Lettie Nodaka 042 200 8353

Jeffreys Bay
Vuyokazi Batyi 042 200 2233

Thornhill
Nelson Mandela Metro 041 392 4438

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Nono Desha 042 200 8302

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
042 291 0250/042 291 0283

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HOUSING)
Marshall Honeybrook 042 200 2212

ILLEGAL DUMPING
Nopinky Ndunyana 042 200 8330

LAND-USE TRANSGRESSIONS
Sùnette Maree 042 200 8502

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Emergency Services (all-hours)
042 291 0250 / 042 291 0283

OVERGROWN PLOTS (PUBLIC)
See Cleansing and Parks

OVERGROWN PLOTS (PRIVATE)
See Environmental Health

ROADS AND STORMWATER

Gamtoos area
Florence Mjaco 042 200 8407
Manie Nelson 042 200 8405

Greater St Francis
Joyce Skosana 042 200 2251

Humansdorp
Lettie Nodaka 042 200 8353

Jeffreys Bay
Lulu Bam 042 200 2235

REFUSE REMOVAL
See Cleansing and Parks

SEWERAGE

Gamtoos area
Florence Mjaco 042 200 8407
Manie Nelson 042 200 8405

Greater St Francis
Joyce Skosana 042 200 2251

Humansdorp
Lettie Nodaka 042 200 8353

Jeffreys Bay
Lulu Bam 042 200 2235

STRAY ANIMALS
See Law Enforcement

TRAFFIC TRANSGRESSIONS
Traffic Dept 042 200 8350 /042 291 0250
Solly Nelson 042 200 8362

VALUATIONS
Regardt van Vuuren 042 200 8543
Wendy Jonkers 042 200 2157
Marinda van der Merwe 042 200 2157

WASTE SITES
Nopinky Ndunyana 042 200 8330

WATER

Gamtoos area
Florence Mjaco 042 200 8407
Manie Nelson 042 200 8405

Greater St Francis
Joyce Skosana 042 200 2251

Humansdorp
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Jeffreys Bay
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