



December 2012

MAYORAL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

I am indeed humbled and excited to be the Mayor of this beautiful town, Swakopmund. I feel highly fortunate to be given this responsibility and pledge to do my best. As you all know my Office is political and as such I am required by law to be accountable to the public. I wish a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2013 to his Excellency the President of Namibia, the Founding Father and also to the Right Honorable Prime Minister, their entire family and staff.

I was fortunate enough to witness the achievement of our Right Honorable Prime Minister Comrade Dr. Hage Geingob for being freely elected as Vice President of the Ruling Party and for accepting his duties yet again as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia. My office extends congratulations to the Right Honourable Prime Minister for this remarkable achievement. Please accept my good wishes to all the members of the team in the 13 Regions.

The Cabinet and National Council of Namibia, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of National Council, including the Ministers and Honourable Members of Parliament and the Namibian Political Leadership, especially the newly appointed line Minister, Major General, Charles Namoloh, merry Christmas to you.

Special best wishes to Honorable Minister Jerry Ekandjo and Honourable Governor of the Erongo Region and the Regional Councillor for Erongo Region, Honourable Germina Shitaleni, may God be with you.

Merry Christmas to the Regional

Councillors of Namibia, Local Authorities in Namibia, all the former Mayors and newly elected Mayors, Chairpersons of Management Committees, including the Swapo Party Youth league and all the Leadership of NUNW and affiliates.

A word of thanks to my fellow Councillors and staff members of the Municipality of Swakopmund especially Ms I Ortnr for the excellent work done and immense support provided to the Office of the Mayor. Thank you to each and every staff member for your contribution in making Swakopmund one of the best towns in Namibia. Merry Christmas to you.

The Swapo Party and the district executive in particular, is a huge influence in what I do therefore I thank them for their support and wish them well for the festive season. I extend special best wishes to Desmond who always encourages me to follow the example of the liberation struggle and to remain true to the course of the liberation struggle.

Best wishes to various Political Leaders of Namibia, including the Honourable Hidipo Hamutenya and the leadership of the RDP, Leaders of church groups, school principles and teachers, sports clubs, the Business fraternity, the Media, elders of Swakopmund, doctors, nurses, hospital staff and all patients, hotels and the tourist industry. Swakopmund would not be the same without tourists from all over the world during the festive season. We are grateful to them and trust they will have a blessed time in our town and will return again soon.

My mother taught me never to forget where I come from so please accept all



Swakopmund Mayor, Juuso Kambueshe

my best wishes for Christmas to the Mondesa, Tamariskia and DRC Community. To my family and friends, especially my mother I wish you all the best. The very last wishes goes to the town of Swakopmund as a juristic subject with all its history and past leaders, God be with you today and forever more. I pray peace unto to you, God willing we will be together again next year rejuvenated from our holidays.

The Special Field Force will be present in Swakopmund to ensure our safety and crime free festive season, here-with my best wishes to them too. The newly established neighborhood watch and the various security companies that are helping the police to combat crime many thanks and Merry Christmas.

The Mayor Juuso Kambueshe



New Office Bearers



Councillors of the Swakopmund Municipal Council from **L-R** Ferdinand Hamukwaya (Member of Council), Peter Steinkopff (Member of Council), Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes (Chairperson of Management Committee), Anthony Bessinger (Member of Management Committee), Rosalia Andreas-Noabes (Deputy Chairperson of Management Committee), Nehemiah Salomon (Member of Management Committee), Uahimisa Kaapehi (Additional Member of Management Committee). Seated from **L-R** Deputy Mayor Louise Tlhabanello-Madi, Mayor Juuso Kambueshe

In terms of the provisions of the Local Authorities Act No. 23 of 1992 the election of office bearers are held every year. The new office bearers were elected at a special Council meeting held on 16 November 2012.

Councillor Juuso Kambueshe was elected by his peers to the position of Mayor and Chairperson of Council. Councillor Louise Tlhabanello-Madi was elected as Deputy Mayor. The former Mayor, Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes secured the position of the Chairperson of the Management Committee and Councillor Rosalia Andreas-Noabes will be her deputy whilst Councillor Anthony Bessinger and Councillor Nehemiah Salomon are ordinary members of the Management Committee.

Councillor Uahimisa Kaapehi was elected as an additional member of the Management Committee whilst Councillor Ferdinand Hamukwaya, Councillor Peter Steinkopff and Alderman Eliphaz //Khoaseb will serve as ordinary members of Council.

The Swakopmund Municipal Council is one of the best run municipalities and continues to receive clean audit reports from the Auditor General.

In his acceptance speech, His Worship, Councillor Juuso Kambueshe expressed appreciation towards fellow Councillors for putting confidence and trust in him.

The Mayor pointed out that Council needs the support and involvement of the community in order to bring meaningful development to the town. He paid tribute to his predecessor Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes and others before her for laying a solid foundation which should be maintained.

In his acceptance speech, the Mayor thanked his mother especially for her guidance over the years and requested the residents and administrators to work together in a spirit of unity to achieve the best possible results for the community of Swakopmund.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are scheduled for the following dates in the Council Chambers at the Main Municipal Offices in Rakotoka Street. Meetings starts at 19:00 and the public is welcome to attend these meetings and take charge of the town's development:

Thursday, 31 January
Thursday, 28 February
Wednesday, 27 March
Thursday, 25 April
Thursday, 30 May
Thursday, 27 June
Thursday, 31 July
Wednesday, 29 August
Thursday, 26 September
Thursday, 31 October
Thursday, 28 November

Council is in recess during December and an ad hoc Recess Committee takes charge of Council's urgent activities during the period. Approximately 250 people can be accommodated in the Council Chambers.

Keeping Swakopmund Clean



In November 2009 four people (Berdine Potgieter, Alden Strauss, Hans Kriess and Gerhard By-leveld) undertook a "management by driving around" trip throughout Swakopmund and listed the areas which needed critical attention from a visitor and tourist perspective. The one serious element was that the town needed a "wash down"! From that day onwards "Advertising Displays" took it upon themselves to attempt to at least once per year and

free of charge dust and wash down each and every traffic sign, traffic light, yellow street pole (to reach height) and electrical distribution boxes in DRC, Mondesa, Tamariskia, Town Centre, Kramersdorf, Vineta Hage Heights and Vogelstrand.

A picture of Mr Hiskia Temus who does most of this cleaning on an ongoing basis. The challenge is a very simple: " Stop complaining, and start **DOING something** to make Swakopmund a place of excellence for inhabitants, tourists and investors!!!"

A Goat For Hansen Farming



Councillor U Kaapehi handing over the goat and the Chief Executive Officer witness the handover.

Councillor U Kaapehi sponsored a goat at the Mayoral Gala Dinner hosted on 6 October 2012. The first pledge went to Mr Hans Hashagen of Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants for N\$2 000.00, then he gave it back and Mr Gavin Hansen from Namspace pledged another N\$2 200.00. A total amount of N\$4 200.00

was raised for the goat at the Mayoral Dinner.

Mrs Angie Hansen reported the following:

"You won't believe what a sweet goat she is. Her name is Daizy Cloe Hansen, and my daughter's class, Grade 1, made her a special birth certificate.

She goes for a walk with Gavin and the dogs in the evening. She is very happy and at home here on Tannenhof."

New Emergency Rescue Unit



Fire Brigade Personnel showing off the new Emergency Rescue Unit.

The Fire Brigade is boasting another addition to their fleet. Earlier this year the Minister of Regional and Local Government and Housing and Rural Development was generous and gave a number of Local Authorities fire trucks, including Swakopmund.

We are grateful to the Ministry and hereby express our gratitude for the fire and rescue vehicles. The emergency rescue unit will be used as a first responder in vehicle accidents and similar emergencies.

Attention!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Attention



To all visitors and residence please take note.

The Municipal Council of Swakopmund **prohibits** the use of fireworks in the Local Authority Area of Swakopmund. The public is requested to assist Council in the prevention of the use of fireworks within residential area by reporting the offenders to the relevant authorities.

**"THE NEW ALTERNATIVE"
USE FLYING LANTERNS AVAILABLE AT:**

**SPCA Swakopmund
Windhuker Str.36
Tel:064404419**

This campaign is initiated by the Junior Town Councilors, SPCA and Animal Control Officer (Health Department) Swakopmund Municipality.

Editor's Desk

Ho ho ho! Christmas time is here once again. Time for us to kick off socks and shoes, relax and enjoy time with loved ones and family.

To all our visitors, welcome to our beautiful town. You will definitely enjoy your stay at the coast. Be rest assured that the Namibian Police, Traffic Department, Security Services and Neighborhood watch are on guard to keep you and your possessions safe during your holiday. For any emergencies use the numbers on this page. Please adhere to traffic rules. Don't abuse alcohol and drugs, keep the town clean and travel safe.

A special thanks to the residents of Swakopmund for your co-operation and support towards Municipality of Swakopmund during the year 2012.

May you have a merry Christmas and prosperous 2013. God bless you richly.

Regards

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Emergency Services

Section	Office hours	At All times
Fire Brigade	081 128 5613 or 4104640	081 128 5613
Water	081 128 4998 or 4104436	081 247 4787
Sewerage	081 128 4993 or 4104432	081 122 4653
Traffic	081 122 4679 or 4104650	081 122 4677/ 8/ 9 0812591144

SPEED POINT FACILITIES

Council approved the installation of speed point facilities for the revenue collection points.

Members of the public are no longer required to carry huge sums of money when they service their bills at the Municipality, thanks to modern technological.

The speed point facility will ease the operations of the cashiers during cash-up and reconciliation of the daily revenue.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note that penalties and arrear license fees will be charged if a motor vehicle's license is not renewed within 21 days after its expiry. NaTIS will not permit any transaction unless all outstanding amounts are paid at the appropriate registering authority, please contact/visit your NaTIS office for further information.
- Please note that you are required by law to notify your registering authority (NaTIS Office) of any change of postal or street address, changes of motor vehicle particulars, or changes of the status of the registering authority (NaTIS office) on the approved form.
- The renewal of your motor vehicle's license can only be made at your registering authority (your NaTIS Office where your motor vehicle is registered and licensed).
- Please note that NaTIS will not know whether your motor vehicle was stolen, has become permanently unfit for use, or has changed ownership, until you notify your NaTIS office on the approved form.
- In case where the identification of the owner must be corrected, a copy of the identification of the owner (Namibian ID, Business Registration Certificate or Traffic Register Number) must accompany the application.
- Only bank guaranteed cheques are accepted. All cheques must be crossed, marked Not Negotiable and made payable to the Road Fund Administration. Postdated cheques and cheques exceeding N\$500, 000.00 shall not be accepted.
- Cheques payments or postal orders must reach the NaTIS office not later than the 21st day of the month following the expiry date of the current license. When payment by post is accepted, payment by post must reach the relevant registering authority before the expiry of the license. Failure to adhere will result in paragraph 1 above.
- Debit/Credit and payments are accepted at most NaTIS Offices. Contact your local NaTIS Office for electronic card payment enquiries.
- No electronic funds transfer payments (EFTs/Internet banking transfers) are accepted, unless the total amount exceeds N\$ 500.000.00. Contact the NaTIS Helpdesk in Windhoek for any queries.
- Mass Distance Charges are applicable to vehicles with a GVM that is more than 3500kg. See column "MDC Vehicle" in the table. If you are liable for MDC charges, then your application for renewal of license must be accompanied by a Confirmation of Payment Certificate (COPC) from the road Fund Administration (RFA), for each heavy vehicle owned. Call the RFA at +264 (0)61 378 988/89/90/93 for any enquiries regarding the process to obtain a COPC.
- Proof of identification will be required at all times.



MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND

RENEWAL OF BUSINESS / HAWKER'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

The public is hereby notified that the annual renewal of registration certificates will be done as from 07 January 2013 until 31 March 2013.

The date of the official municipal receipt shall be accepted as the formal application date. A late fee of 10% per month shall be charged in addition to the registration fee retrospective from 1 January 2013 for applications received after 31 March 2013.

Application forms for registration are available at the Municipal Health Department, cnr Rakatoka Street & Daniel Kamho Avenue, Swakopmund.

For further enquiries, please contact the Health Department at telephone number 4104500.



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REGISTRATION FEES FOR DOGS: BY-LAWS RELATING TO THE KEEPING AND CONTROL OF DOGS

(Section 94(1)(z)(af) of the Local Authorities Act, Act No 23 of 1992)

The public is hereby reminded to renew their dog licences on or before 28 February 2013.

1 st Dog (sterilised with proof of sterilisation) (This option will lapse if late registration is done)	: N\$16-00
1 st Dog (government pensioner with proof)	: N\$16-00
1 st Dog (not sterilised or without proof of sterilisation)	: N\$50-00
2 nd Sterilised dog on the same premises	: N\$50-00

(a maximum of 4 dogs per Erf is allowed)

3 rd Dog on same premises	: N\$150-00
4 th Dog on same premises	: N\$250-00

Or as prescribed by Council from time to time

Any person convicted of an offence in terms of the above-mentioned by-laws, shall be liable to a fine of N\$300-00.

Dogs must be registered on or before

28 February 2013.

Failure to do so will result in the levying of a penalty
at a rate of 10% per month as from 01 March 2013

For further enquiries, please contact the Health Department at telephone number 4104500.

SAFETY TIPS TO VISITORS

TO PREVENT CRIME

- Never leave valuable items in cars open to view and ALWAYS lock cars, make use of car guards where available.
- Do not walk on the beachfront alone at night when carrying handbags, jewellery or other valuable items or any dark side streets.
- In your accommodation establishment, always ensure that your room door is locked at night and also all windows closed which do not have burglar bars and would be easily accessible from outside.
- Do not give any attention to random street vendors who are not on designated market areas as the Municipality has strict rules regarding street vending.
- Do not accept any assistance from any stranger at the (Automatic Teller Machine) ATM of any bank. If you do need assistance, always ask inside the relevant bank during office hours.
- If you should become prey of criminals, please contact the local Police Office and lay charges, as this will ensure that criminals can be charged and future victims avoided.

BEACHFRONT

- Only swim at the Mole where the bathing beach is located, as the Atlantic Ocean is not only generally cold but also has very treacherous currents and dangerous spots.
- Do use ample sunscreen lotion when outside, also on overcast days as the Namibian sun can leave you with serious sunburn and ruin your otherwise perfect holiday.

TRAVELLING BY CAR

- Ensure that your tyres are in an excellent condition before signing for your rented vehicle, burst tyres account for a large number of serious accidents annually. Also make sure that the spare tyres are in a good condition.
- Do not exceed the speed limit of 100km/hour on Namibian gravel roads, 120km/hour on the tarred road and 60km/h in town, on overtaking, please consider heavy cross winds or dust that may impair your vision.
- Always have ample water in your car for the trip and plan additional water for breakdowns. Should you have a breakdown, never leave your car, but rather stay and wait for help to arrive.
- Avoid driving at night on long distance roads, especially gravel roads.
- Always be on the lookout for wild animals/game next to or crossing the road, especially around dusk and dawn.
- Always drive with your lights on during the day also when driving long distances and be alert of other users.

COUNCIL'S ANNUAL LUNCH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



Senior Citizens at the lunch

The annual lunch for senior citizens was held on 24 November 2012 at the Mondesa Sport field. . Apart from the food hampers that are distributed at the event, the day also serve as a meeting point for senior citizens to reminisce on the good old days.

The event was addressed by His Worship the Mayor of Swakopmund, Juuso Kambueshe. The Mayor stated that the event is an acknowledgement by Council of the role and significance of the elderly in the communities and a sign of honor and respect to the good work the elders have done and continue to do in the society.

"The elders, across all faiths and religions in society, constitute a battalion of the most stable, mature and wise people. Whilst this is the case, they also constitute the most vulnerable members of our society, stated Honorable Juuso Kambueshe.

He pointed out that the elders are susceptible to all kinds of abuse, neglect and danger. They are ever at risk of being attacked and harmed and that in most instances, this is

done by people who are their closest relatives, friends and family.

Council continue to reach out to the elderly and recently approved a special tariff for senior citizens.

In conclusion, Honorable Juuso Kambueshe stated that the festive season is a period of great significance to all Namibians regardless of their age, background, religion, language or social status. He wished the elderly a joyous festive season and blessed them with good health and productive lives and that they should continue to serve as role models and good examples to the rest of the society.

The elders were treated to live performances by the Namib Youth Choir and they were given opportunities to pass messages of goodwill to the citizens. Food hampers were distributed whilst lunch was served to all.

The Mayor further extended his appreciation to his fellow Councilors, the Municipal officials and the Junior Town Councillors responsible for the provision of services to the

elderly and for their unwavering commitment throughout the year.

He also, extended a special word of appreciation to NGOs, civil society organizations and faith-based organizations that share a passion for the elderly and have become valued partners to the Council on this front.

Special thanks to Rio Tinto for transporting the elders free of charge and Hansa Breweries for the tent and drinks for the elders and all the other sponsors who contributed towards the event.



8GB 120 YEARS 1905-2015
3D Model USB Flash Drive of the Swakopmund Lighthouse

NS\$210.00 (VAT Incl)

Swakopmund Municipality is proudly distributing this memorabilia and can be purchased at the Municipality's Cashier office.
 For any enquiries contact Annalize Swart @ 064 - 4104100

COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY



"Meme Christmas" with the children singing carols. (Insert: Meme Christmas handing out sweets)

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on 30 November 2012 at the Fire Brigade Station. Councillor Rosalia Andreas-Noabes was "Meme Christmas". Children aged 4-7 years from various Pre-primary Schools in Swakopmund were invited. The Mayor of the Junior Town Council delivered the following speech:

"I would like to thank the Municipality of Swakopmund, the Mayor's Office and the staff of the Municipality for

hosting this event and in such a way uniting the youth of Swakopmund and the community as such.

I would like to thank the teachers and the Swakopmund Fire Brigade for their assistance in this event. Today represented the true meaning of Christmas in the sense of sharing, love and spending time with one another and is a valuable contribution to our community.

We wish to acknowledge the following businesses and people for their contribution in accordance to this event:

Swakopmund Municipality: for the gift packs. **Interpact Perfect Brands** for donating cool drinks.

Premier Construction and the drivers for transporting all the children from various locations in assistance with the

Swakopmund Fire Brigade. **Mr Ray Fitzpatrick of Weir Minerals** for the sweets. **Mr & Ms de Klerk**, for making this a joyful event by making a jumping castle available. **Father Anthony Spencer** for providing us with a good word and a reminder of the true reason that we celebrate Christmas.

Last but not least, my fellow **Junior Town Councillors** for their time and effort. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

BUSY BEES IN TOWN



Mr Andrew van der Westhuizen the Town Planning Officer pointing at a beehive.

The Animal Controller has reported a significant increase in the observation of bee swarms in town. Bees are generally not a safety concern but precautions should be taken since they can inflict a painful sting when challenged or disturbed. They also pose a danger when they move in a swam. It is believed that the bees migrated to the coast in search of cooler weather.

The public is urged not to attempt to remove a hive themselves, but to contact Mr Ernst Ritter at 081 275 7146 or 064-463820 so that it can be removed before they become a hazard. A fee is charged for the removal of bees on properties whilst Council will carry the removal cost for public places.

If a beehive is on Municipal property, please contact the Swakopmund Municipality on telephone 4104500 to arrange for the removal of the hive. Residents are urged not to remove bees by themselves but to call for expert assistance. A bee sting can be catastrophic should a person develop an allergic reaction.

BANNERMAN RESOURCES, ELGA ENVIRO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND JOIN HANDS IN CLEAN-UP



Bannerman Resources has once again proven its commitment to the local community and the environment. The company initiated a clean-up campaign around the DRC settlement in Swakopmund in cooperation with its rehabilitation business partner Elga Enviro Rehabilitation CC and the Municipality of Swakopmund.

Bannerman Resources completed its Definitive Feasibility Study of the Etango Project in April 2012 and with lower exploration activity levels, redirected some of its resources to community projects. The company continued to engage its business partner, Elga Enviro, to do rehabilitation work and clean-up projects. One of these projects was initiated after consultation with the Municipality of Swakopmund. Certain areas around the DRC required urgent clean up and this is where Bannerman Resources, Elga Enviro and the Municipality of Swakopmund joined hands.

Council supplied refuse bags as well as one orange skip bin. During the eight week clean-up campaign a total of 750 black bags of rubbish were removed.

Bannerman Resources General Manager, Werner Ewald said: "In order for our town to become a world-class tourism city, the community will have to join hands. I want to thank the Elga team for their efforts and although there is still much to be done this work has not gone unnoticed"

Municipality General Manager: Health Services, Clive Lawrence said: "As a Municipality, we welcome the initiative introduced by Bannerman and agree that achievement in our beautiful town is supported by this type of private partnership. We support all ventures aimed at improving the livelihood of our residents but also accept the challenge that comes with the sustaining of the efforts as portrayed by Elga Enviro. We should remain steadfast in our efforts that are aimed at a movement towards a better way of being in our town.

We need to collaboratively work towards solutions that break down into executable bits like the team of Elga Enviro did. Drawing these threats together for us means, working towards ever-more sustainable solutions for day to day challenges – getting the very best out of our resources and helping the impoverished communities to join in making their environment a safe haven for themselves and their children.

Council is investigating the appointment of private waste entrepreneurs to assist with the cleaning of open spaces as one of our goals to become and maintain Swakopmund as the cleanest town in Namibia and further a field. We applaud your efforts and thank you for your selfless sacrifices. We are looking forward to a long-standing partnership with Bannerman and Elga Enviro."

EVENTS

MSHASHO MUSIC SHOW

Date: 22 December 2012 at 18:00

Venue: Mondesa Sportfield

Contact: 0812367354



MONDESA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Date: 27-30 December 2012

Venue: Mondesa Sportfield

Contact: 0813772644



RICHARD NAMWANDI CD LAUNCH

Date: 27 December 2012 at 18:00

Venue: Town Hall

Contact: 0812962060



DANCE

Date: 28 December 2012 at 19:00

Venue: Town Hall

Contact: 0811275984



LANGARM DANCE

Date: 30 December 2012 at 19:00

Venue: Town Hall

Contact: 0812809317



MISS PALM BEACH 2012

Date: 22 December 2012

Venue: Northern Beach / Klip Jetty

Contact: 081404444



RED BULL PARTY

Date: 28 December 2012

Venue: Tiger Reef

Contact: 081 122 4045



MUNICIPALITY OF SWAKOPMUND

CLOSING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Offices will be closed from **Friday, 21 December 2012 at 13:00** and will reopen on **Wednesday, 02 January 2013**.

Essential and emergency services will continue to be rendered in the same manner as applicable after hours and on weekends.

NOTICE NO: 50/2012

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER