



Newsletter of  
the Municipality  
of Swakopmund

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# PRESIDENT POHAMBAMBA INAUGURATES NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICES



President Hifikepunye Pohamba unveils the plaque for the inauguration of the New Municipal Office Complex whilst the Mayor of Swakopmund, Rosina //Hoabes looks on

The New Municipal Office Complex was officially opened by President Hifikepunye Pohamba on 27 April 2012. A number of dignitaries graced the occasion to witness the opening of the multi-million dollar complex. Amongst others, the Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development, Honourable Jerry Ekandjo, the Chairperson of the National Council, Asser Kapere, Member of Parliament, Honourable Germina Shitaleni, the governors of Erongo and Khomas regions, local authority

councillors and mayors from neighboring towns were present at this historic event.

During his address the President expressed delight at the fast growth level of Swakopmund. "It is my pleasure to note that, despite a number of challenges, the town of Swakopmund has grown into one of the leading examples in terms of local authority administration in the country", stated President Pohamba.

The Head of State was pleased to note that the construction of the N\$60 Million, New Municipal Office Complex was funded by Council with-

out external loans. He expressed great admiration for the architecture of the building but was particularly impressed by the design of the Council Chambers and stated that it is even better than some of the national chambers.

He urged other local authorities to emulate the example set by the Swakopmund Municipal Council and to use their own resources to fund developmental projects.

In her welcoming remarks, the Mayor of Swakopmund, Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes stated that the inauguration of the office represents a new era in the administration of local governance. She gave a brief

background on the architectural features of the building and the concepts of the design.

Most of the offices consist of glass partitions, which allows natural light to illuminate the passages and offices. "By extension, the many glass that you see here signifies transparency and is a clear sign that we have moved from an *Open Door Policy* to a *No-Door Policy*", the Mayor stated.

Meanwhile, the new complex has become a center of attraction to visitors and residents who are keen to explore the beauty of the architectural masterpiece which has certainly changed the face of Swakopmund.

# FIRE TRUCK DONATED BY GOVERNMENT



*The Mayor of Swakopmund, Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes (centre) pictured with the Chairperson of the Management Committee, Councillor Nehemiah Ndara Salomon and Fire Brigade Officers. Seated in the driver's seat is Councillor Rosalia Andreas-Naobes*

The Municipality of Swakopmund was one of the beneficiaries of the Mercedes Benz Fire Trucks donated by the Namibian Government to various local authorities.

The donation is aimed at enhancing the fire-fighting capacities in all Namibian towns and to safeguard peoples' lives and possessions as there is nothing as precious as life.

Council already has three pumper unit fire trucks in its vehicle fleet and with an additional one, the Fire Brigade

Section will be able to cover a broader spectrum and provide better service to the community of Swakopmund should an emergency arise.

The donation of the truck has come at the right time, as Council is in the process of streamlining the operations of the Fire Brigade in order to make it responsive to the needs of the community.

Council is in the process of re-aligning the operations of the Fire Brigade to a 24 hours emergency response team.

Fires continue to torment the lives of

many residents through loss of lives and possessions. The effectiveness of the Fire Brigade is dependent on how the community utilize its service and how soon they report incidents of fire to the relevant contact number provided on the notice boards.

The community is urged to be extra cautious when dealing with flammable items in and around their houses. Make sure that the candlelight, cooking stove or fire is put off before you sleep or leave the house to prevent losses.

## Emergency Services

Section	Office hours	At All times
Fire Brigade	081 128 5613 or 4104299	081 128 5613
Water	081 128 4998 or 4104279	081 128 4998
Sewerage	081 128 4993 or 4104285	081 128 4993
Traffic	081 122 4679 or 4104301	081 122 4677/ 8/ 9



*Shack razed by fire in the DRC*

# COUNCIL APPROVES BUDGET OF N\$ 212 MILLION

A budget is a short term strategy aimed at addressing aspects captured in the long or mid term development objectives of a company. It is driven by the mission and vision of a particular organisation. This budget is considered in relation to the Long Term Strategic Plan of 2011.

The Vice-Chairperson of the Management Committee, Councillor Rosalia Andreas-Noabes tabled the 2012/2013 budget at the ordinary Council meeting of April 2012. The main objective of the Municipality of Swakopmund is to maintain the rendering of quality services to the community.

The Operational Budget is a summary of the estimated expenditure required to render these services as well as the means for the financing thereof.

This year's Capital Budget is allocated as follows:

## Formalisation of DRC Informal Area

Council's Town Planning for the Formalisation of the DRC Informal Settlement Area for the financial year 2011/2012 has been approved by the Minister. The surveying of the

area will be done in the near future and the design of services is then to follow based on tenders which will be requested for the rendering of these services. An amount of **N\$8.2 million** is provided for this purpose.

## Provision of Serviced Land

Council has resolved to continuously service land and make it available for all. An amount of **N\$5.1 million** is included in this budget for the planning and statutory processes of land development in Mondesa, Block 9 and east of Kramersdorf which will be followed by the actual servicing of these areas.

## Maintenance and Surfacing of Streets

An amount of **N\$10 million** is allocated to re-surfacing of bituminous streets. An amount of **N\$5 million** has been provided for additional surfacing of roads, whilst **N\$550 000.00** has been set aside for the surfacing of the Public Parking area in Libertine Amathila Avenue.

## Cleansing Section

As the town grows and expands additional provision is made to improve on the current service delivery of refuse removal. Two new refuse removal trucks will be purchased, additional refuse removal bins and street corner bins will improve the cleanliness

of the town. An amount of **N\$5 million** is earmarked for the cleansing services.

The amount of **N\$2.5 million** is provided for the water and electricity supply to the waste site for the establishment of a future 'Materials



*Councillor Rosalia Andreas-Noabes  
Vice-Chairperson of the Management Committee*

Recovery Facility'. This facility is essential in Council's endeavours to successfully implement the re-cycling of waste.

## New Sewerage Works

The completion and commissioning of the new sewerage plant is envisaged to be in January 2013. In order to complete the Capital Works **N\$10 million** is provided for in this budget.

The running costs of the sewerage plant is projected at **N\$ 4.8 million** for the remaining last six months of the 2012 / 2013 Financial Year and will be financed from the Surplus Funds.

## Purified Sewerage Effluent

An amount of **N\$15 million** is allocated to the construction of 10 000 cubic meter reservoir. This is a requirement to meet Council's goal to develop Public Open spaces in town, especially in the previously neglected areas.

Councillor Rosalia Andreas-Noabes informed the public that although the Operational Budget reflects a deficit, Council has over the years been able to

successfully manoeuvre the process. "Our track record shows that in previous years Council managed to turn around the deficits into surpluses through savings and the generation of additional income, stated the Vice-Chairperson of the Management Committee.

Compared to last year the tariff increases are quite minimal. The following tariff adjustments were made:

## Tariff Increases:

- ▽ Water only the staggered tariffs as set below:
  - ▽ 9m<sup>3</sup>-30 m<sup>3</sup> - 5%
  - ▽ 30m<sup>3</sup>-60m<sup>3</sup> - 7.5%
  - ▽ 60 m<sup>3</sup> and above - 7.5%
- ▽ Assessment rates - 7.5%
- ▽ Refuse removal - 10%
- ▽ Cemeteries - 10%
- ▽ Tourism - 10%



## Editor's Desk



Dear Reader

It is not an understatement to say that Swakopmund is destined for greater heights, judging from the supersonic speed at which the town is developing. It will be a total shock for someone who has not been able to visit Swakopmund for three years to see how fast the town has grown and established itself.

The sight of construction sites all over town points to a greater future. Of course, development triggers other challenges such as urbanization and the provision of basic services.

To this end, Council has put measures in place to arrest the situation. The construction of the new Sewage Plant, block developments, formalization of the DRC and the surfacing of roads are some of the interventions by Council.

It is clear that there is a huge deficit between the demand and supply for housing but the remedial measures in place are aimed at reducing the deficit successfully.

Swakopmund is one of the oldest towns in Namibia and will celebrate its 120th Anniversary in August this year. This is a community event and all should take part to make it a success.

## Regards

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# SWAKOPMUND

## Municipal Public Auction

### 3 August 2012

**Municipal Public Auction**  
**Friday, 03 August 2012 at 09:00**  
**In Swakopmund Town Hall**  
**120 single residential erven** are  
**on offer in Extension 15, near Mile 4**  
**at an upset price of N\$222.00/m².**

**In order to participate, you have to register with Aucor**  
**prior to the auction at a refundable registration fee in the**  
**amount of N\$5 000.00.**

25 Hidipo Hamutenya Street  
Swakopmund (☎ 064-463374)

or at the % Michelle McLean &  
Platinum Street,  
Windhoek (☎ 061-257945)

**Erven are sold on the basis of one erf per registered individual / entity.**

**REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE:**  
**Wednesday, 11 July 2012 until Thursday, 02 August 2012**  
**From 08:00 → 12:30 and from 14:00 → 15:30.**  
**Friday, 3 August 2012**

**Registration at**  
  
**Document Requirement for registration**

- Your ID
- Your Marriage Certificate and a copy of your spouse' ID
- If you register to purchase in the name of an entity, all relevant registration documentation of the entity (founding statement)

**INFORMATION ATTACHED:**

- Notice 36/2012 indicating the erf numbers, sizes and upset prices of the erven on offer
- A map indicating the location of Block 7 of Extension 15 and a map indicating the location of the erven of Block 7
- The Conditions of Sale
- Ex: Town Planning Amendment Scheme 12 with reference to "single residential" erven
- Declaration of Purchase (for information only – to be completed by the successful bidders immediately after the auction before leaving the hall)
- Standard Deed of Sale (for information – will be forwarded to the successful bidders for signing after the date of the auction)

## PAYPOINT OPENS LUNCH TIME



Municipal pay points is now open to the public during lunch time, which is between 13:00 and 14:00. This is in response to the requests from the community. This new undertaking will alleviate long queues which normally occurs after lunch. Pictured above are the cashiers (L-R), **Front:** Denise Booysen, Lorna Doeseb (**back**) Sophy Booysen and Juanita Steyn

## CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH FOR COUNCIL

Swakopmund continues to be committed to sound financial practices and management.

For the umpteenth time, Council's accounting systems were found to be in order. The report by the Office of the Auditor General is a confirmation that Council is prudently managing the financial affairs of the town.

It is not an easy task to manage the financial affairs of a fast growing town like Swakopmund but with dedication and commitment by all the stakeholders that is achievable.

The finance department under the watchful eye of the General

Manager of Finance Mr Hel-lao !Naruseb has a daunting task to ensure that the finances of the town are handled correctly and they have succeeded in this regard as it can be attested by the successive positive Auditor General's reports.

The surplus for the 2010 / 2011 Financial Year amounted to N\$14 843 198.99. The surplus will fund Council's developmental projects.

The audit report highlighted water usage of 17.1% that could not be accounted for. Council is investigating the situation and remedial measures will be put in place to arrest the situation.

## KEEP SWAKOPMUND GREEN

Swakopmund is an arid town due to its geographical location. The Municipality has a mammoth task to beautify the town by planting more trees. Trees are a necessary component of the ecosystem as they provide or generate the much needed oxygen.

Planting trees and shrubs at the houses makes the property looks attractive and increases the value of the property. Swakopmund is developing at a fast rate and owners of newly developed properties are encouraged to buy plants from the Municipal Nursery in order to make their properties attractive and a joy to live on.

Trees are an important part of every community. Our streets, parks, playgrounds and backyards should be lined with trees to create a peaceful, aesthetically pleasing environment. Trees increase our quality of life by bringing natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban settings.

In addition, they frame landscapes, create beautiful backgrounds and enhance building designs. Trees can provide privacy, emphasize beautiful views, and screen unsightly

areas. Noise from roadways and other urban activities is muffled by well-placed trees that serve as sound barriers.

Trees contribute to their environment by improving air quality, conserving water and preserving soil. During the process of photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen we breathe.

Trees help record the history of your family as they grow and develop alongside you and your kids. We often make an emotional connection with trees we plant or become personally attached to the ones that we see every day. The sentimental value of a special tree is simply immeasurable

The new Sewerage Plant will generate sufficient effluent water which will be used for the beautification of the town. The availability of effluent water will enable Municipality to develop more public open spaces into recreational parks.

The Municipal Nursery caters for a variety plant and shrubs which are sold at affordable prices to the community. The Municipal Nursery is located at the corner of Daniel Kahmo Avenue and Smith Street or can be contacted at 064-410 4446.



*Municipal Nursery*

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER APPOINTED

The Municipality of Swakopmund has demonstrated its commitment towards the development and well being of the youth. The youth is faced with a myriad challenges and these challenges should be addressed hands-on.

In order to address the plight of the youth, the Municipality has appointed Ms Sabina Kathena as a Youth Development Officer to handle all youth related matters and concerns within Swakopmund. Ms Sabina Kathena is attached to the Community Development Services Department.

The main responsibilities of the Youth Development Officer include providing career guidance; facilitating and promoting youth employment initiatives, employment counseling to local youths; identifying and fostering employment opportunities; assist in securing funding for employment activities and programmes, administering and monitoring youth employment programmes to improve the overall socio-economic well being of youth within Swakopmund.

This is a pioneer position on the job establishment of the municipality and the youth and other stakeholders are requested to make good use of the services provided. Ms Sabina Kathena can be contacted at Room E1-35, Telephone 064-410 4609 or email [skathena@swkmun.com.na](mailto:skathena@swkmun.com.na)



*In charge of Youth matters: Sabina Kathena*

# 120TH ANNIVERSARY FOR SWAKOPMUND

A carnival atmosphere is prevailing in Swakopmund with the 120th anniversary of the town. Swakopmund is one of the oldest towns in Namibia having been in existence for more than a century.

Like many other towns in Namibia, Swakopmund has its fair share of history and was once an important harbor for the transportation of goods.

The anniversary is slated from 4th and 5th of August 2012 at the Vineta Sport Grounds. The event will be preceded by an auction on the 3rd August 2012 where 120 erven will be sold at prices ranging from N\$133 200.00 to N\$212 010.00. It will also be celebrated in the form of an Expo or Trade Fair where business stalls will be demarcated for interested parties to sell and market their products. Members of the public are urged to apply for business stalls.

Various activities are lined up for this event, starting from Choirs, Cultural performance, Music Concerts and stalls with different items to sell. The celebration will be con-

cluded with an inter-denominational church service to be hosted at the Swakopmund Sport Stadium. This is a community event and Council will only play a coordinating role. The community must drive the event in order to make it a success. The 120th Anniversary is a historic occasion and coincides with the bid to host the World Tourism Adventure Summit.

According to available literature, the town of Swakopmund was founded by Captain Curt von François and a harbor was soon constructed. Remnants of harbor activities such as ship wrecks and anchors are still visible along the beach area.

Although Captain Curt von François might have been the first westerner to reach Swakopmund, oral history has it that indigenous Namibians have been living for years along the coast including Swakopmund. If you have a story about the old Swakopmund please write to the editor.

To book a business stall, please contact Ms Annalize Swart at 064-410 4100 or at email [aswart@skmun.com.na](mailto:aswart@skmun.com.na)



*The Lighthouse Tower as it was in 1910.*

## SWAKOPMUND

Celebrates 120 Years

4 & 5  
AUGUST 2012

Introducing the Swakopmund 120 years Birthday Celebration

4 August 2012

FUN FAIR & MUSIC CONCERT

SWAKOPMUND SPORTS GROUNDS (STADIUM)

MINIMAL ENTRY FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ACCESS CONTROL

EXHIBITION STALLS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SWAKOPMUNDERS

(No marketing stand applications will be accepted)

Entry Forms can be obtained at:  
Office of Annalize Swart  
Municipality of Swakopmund  
E-mail: [swkmun@swkmun.com](mailto:swkmun@swkmun.com) or tel. 064 - 4104100  
Website: [www.swkmun.com.na](http://www.swkmun.com.na)

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## MAYOR SLAMS ALCOHOL ABUSE

In a strong worded statement delivered at the Council meeting of May the first citizen of the town pointed out that the country is swimming in a sea of alcohol and proper legislative frameworks are needed to remedy the situation.

"We will soon lead a country of drunkards if we do not act now," stated the Mayor. She welcomed efforts by some members of the community to address the issue.

"You will agree with me, that alcohol is the mother of all vices. It destroys the social fabric of our community and the only people who benefit from alcohol are the few business people whilst the Nation feels the effects. Alcohol is a direct contributor to poverty, crime, and many more social evils," she pointed out.

# SCENES INAUGURATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICE



# VICTORY FOR THE SPORTS CLUB AT NALASRA GAMES



*Members of the Swakopmund Municipal Sports and Social Club presenting their medals to the Mayor*

The Swakopmund Municipal Sports and Social Club excelled at the recent NALASRA Games held in Tsumeb. Swakopmund romped home to victory with the following accolades:

5km fun walk (Bronze medal)  
Pool (Bronze medal)

Darts (Silver medal)  
21 km marathon (Silver Medal)  
Men's volleyball (Gold)  
Women's volleyball (Gold)

Swakopmund was crowned the third over all best performer amongst the 39 Municipalities which participated.

A bid to host the sub-continental Municipal Games in 2014 has been submitted and if all goes well we will welcome over a 100 local authorities from SADC. The economic benefits to be accrued from an event of that magnitude are enormous and will benefit all in Swakopmund.

## MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES REWARDED



*Signing on the dotted line (From L-R): Andrew Kelly, John Ngolombe (NAPWU Regional Coordinator), the Mayor, Alderwoman Rosina //Hoabes, Tangeni Shiningombwa, Deputy Mayor Juuso Kambueshe and Eckart Demasius, CEO*

Council signed a Substantive Agreement on salary negotiations with the Namibia Public Workers Union.

The agreement represents an 8.5% increment across the board. Negotiations are about reaching a win-win situation and both parties are winners in this case.

The fact that Council has been able to retain staff members for 30 years and more indicates that Council offers good employment conditions and this include salaries.