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KwaDukuza Museum Handover

In a momentous ceremony that resonated with pride and historical significance, the KwaDukuza Mayor, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca led the official handover of the KwaDukuza Museum. This event did not only mark a milestone for the town but also underscored its commitment to preserving and celebrating its rich cultural heritage.

Nestled in the heart of KwaZulu-Natal, KwaDukuza boasts a vibrant history deeply rooted in Zulu heritage and shaped by colonial influences.

The museum stands as a testament to this storied past, showcasing artifacts, stories, and interactive exhibits that illuminate the town's evolution over centuries.

Under the stewardship of KwaDukuza Mayor, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca, the handover ceremony celebrated Kwadukuza's diverse cultural needlework. It honoured the contributions of its indigenous communities and recognized their resilience in the face of historical challenges. The KwaDukuza Museum is not just a repository of artifacts but also a dynamic educational centre. It serves as a vital resource for residents and visitors alike, offering insights into the town's pivotal role in South Africa's history.



Through curated exhibitions and informative displays, the museum aims to foster a deeper understanding of KwaDukuza's past and its relevance to the present.

The museum's role in promoting cultural awareness and unity within the community. By preserving and sharing KwaDukuza's heritage, the museum contributes to local pride and identity, ensuring that future generations continue to cherish and learn from their ancestral root, emphasized the Mayor of KwaDukuza, Cllr. Nhaca. The handover ceremony highlighted the collaborative efforts of local historians, community leaders, and dedicated volunteers who contributed

to the museum's establishment and growth. Their passion and dedication underscored the town's commitment to safeguarding its heritage for generations to come.

As the ceremony drew to a close, the handover of the KwaDukuza Museum led by KwaDukuza Mayor, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca left an indelible mark on the town's history. It served as a touching reminder of KwaDukuza's resilience, unity, and enduring cultural richness. Through the museum's ongoing endeavours, KwaDukuza continues to celebrate its heritage, inspire curiosity, and educate future generations about the essence of community and identity.

CAREER EXPO

KwaDukuza Municipality hosted a Career Expo at the KwaDukuza Town Hall. It was packed to capacity with more than 13 high schools who are within KwaDukuza. The municipality also invited different tertiary institutions both public and private institutions as well as Central Applications Office (CAO) and other stakeholders. The different institutions were each given a platform to present what they offer. The learners were then offered an opportunity to ask questions from these representatives.

The purpose of this career expo was to educate the learners about the opportunities available to them in different fields of study and in different institutions. The programme also enlightened the learners on how to acquire funding for their studies, as it is known that not every learner is privileged to afford their tertiary education finances, therefore student fundings assist learners to be able to continue with their studies without being withheld by their background so this career expo was also to address such issues. High school students are at an important juncture in their lives, where they must make critical decisions about their future. They are faced with the daunting task of choosing a career path, deciding on a college or university, and preparing themselves for their career journey. As such, hosting a career Expo for high school students was an incredibly beneficial event that will provide them with the resources and guidance they need to make informed decisions about their future.

The career expo can help them discover new fields they may be interested in pursuing. With representatives from various industries, students can explore different career options and gain a better understanding of the skills and education required to succeed in those fields. Additionally, they can also learn about the earning potential and career growth opportunities available in different industries.



Career Expos offer an excellent opportunity for high school students to network with professionals from various fields. This can help students gain valuable insights and advice about their desired career paths, and they can also ask questions and seek guidance about the skills they need to develop to succeed in their chosen fields. Students can also network with alumni from their high school who may be working in the industries they are interested in, creating potential mentorship opportunities.

The Career Expo can also provide students with valuable professional development opportunities. Representatives from various industries can offer advice on developing the necessary skills, education, and experience required to succeed in their fields.

This can include information about internships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing opportunities, as well as advice on how to prepare for interviews, build resumes, and develop networking skills.

The KwaDukuza municipality wishes to grow such an event and have even more presenters, most importantly we wish to start such programmes for learner from as early as grade nine, because learners should be knowledgeable about their career paths before they even chose their core subjects from grade 10-12 to avoid future disappointments. Because if they understand their requirements early, they are likely to make wiser choices, with no regrets.

The high school teachers also came to support the event and appreciated such an event brought to their learners. It was indeed an informative event one.

KwaDukuza Environmental Day Open Streets

On a bright and bustling day, KwaDukuza welcomed residents and visitors to its Environmental Day Open Streets event, marking a significant step towards promoting sustainability and community engagement. Held on 13 June 2024, this initiative not only celebrated the town's commitment to environmental oversight but also encouraged active participation in shaping a greener future.

The streets of KwaDukuza were temporarily transformed into car-free zones, creating a safe and welcoming space for pedestrians, cyclists, and families to explore. This eco-friendly approach underscored the event's emphasis on reducing carbon footprints and promoting sustainable transportation alternatives.

Central to the Environmental Day Open Streets were informative workshops and engaging exhibitions highlighting eco-friendly practices and environmental conservation efforts. Local organizations and experts shared valuable insights on topics ranging from waste management to renewable energy solutions, empowering attendees with practical knowledge to implement in their daily lives.

Amidst the educational activities, the event also celebrated KwaDukuza's cultural heritage. Traditional music performances, art displays featuring nature themes reinforcing the connection between environmental sustainability and cultural preservation.

A highlight of the day was the enthusiastic participation of young residents in various eco-initiatives. Interactive sessions and hands-on activities inspired creativity and innovation, encouraging youth to become catalysts for positive environmental change within their community.

Beyond its immediate success, the event strengthened community bonds and fostered a sense of collective responsibility towards environmental conservation. Participants left inspired and equipped with actionable strategies to contribute to a more sustainable KwaDukuza, ensuring a lasting impact on the town's environmental ethos.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHOOL COMPETITION

'KwaDukuza is saving energy through LED and solar lights.' With the increasing effects of climate change and crisis load shedding in South Africa, KwaDukuza Municipality has been trying to find out ways to mitigate its impact or come up with solutions.

On Friday 17th May 2024 KwaDukuza Municipality launched the energy efficiency schools competition program of EEDSM that encourages young people to develop ways to save the use of energy by working as a team.

The aim of this programme was to promote energy efficiency and raise awareness among learners in high school phase in a form of using posters and by producing various types of models, which highlight the importance of energy efficiency and ways in which their schools, homes, communities can make efforts to save energy. To raise awareness about the importance of assuming sustainable energy behaviors in the educational sector.

The secondary schools that took part in this competition were selected from those who had put forward their application of participating in the competition.

The chosen participants made an effort by showing interest where they represented their models, and some made poster which was then evaluated by the judges.



Winners were rewarded on the same day of the competition at KwaDukuza Town Hall by the judges and the officials of KDM.

The programme invitation was honored by Cllr. C Mdletshe, special guest from EDTEA, Department of Forrestry, Fishery and the Environment; representatives from BJL projects Schools and Principals from nine schools.

The winning schools were: 1st position ML Sultan Secondary School, 2nd position Tshelenkosi Secondary School and the 3rd position Mbekamuzi Secondary School who were then rewarded their prizes.

"A difference can be made to enhance the competitiveness of economies while helping to alleviate energy poverty as energy becomes more available. Let's reduce the need to develop new resources of energy accelerated energy efficiency to create attractive green jobs and businesses. Such interventions will lead to high energy savings and hope for a better future as KwaDukuza Municipality intends to contribute to the national energy saving target" Cllr C Mdletshe.

Different schools had different models to present which made this competition very interesting, the winning teams presented their models, some made practical practices by mixing salt and water to produce electricity which was very interesting to see.

As KwaDukuza municipality we do not hope to stop here but to continue to do the best and doing the most.

KDM SPORTS & WELLNESS DAY

KwaDukuza Municipality on Friday, 24 May 2024 hosted its Sports and Wellness Day programme as part of commemorating Worker's Month. The aim of the programme was to promote fitness and wellness within the organisation.

This initiative is an annual event on the municipality's calendar and it is in line with its broader wellness programme to promote a healthy lifestyle through collaborative efforts comprising of social and sporting activities.

The day entailed fitness activities and various sporting codes to encourage employees participation in sports and to institutionalise a health and wellness culture in the organisation. The programme started with a warm up aerobics session. KwaDukuza Municipality employees and councillors then participated in various sporting activities such as football, netball, volleyball, athletics, umlalalaba, chess, tug of war, aerobics, cycling, musical chairs, egg & spoon and various other sporting codes.

aQuellé was one of the stakeholders who partnered with the municipality to



ensure that the employees and councillors participating were constantly hydrated.

Participation in sports is imperative as it ensures that employees remain physically fit and healthy. As aptly stated by our iconic leader Nelson Mandela who embraced the power of sports for resistance and unity, "sports has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does".

CERTIFICATE HANDOVER CEREMONY: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING

KwaDukuza Municipality in collaboration with NYDA iLembe District office hosted a Business Management Training Programme which was aimed at creating a conducive environment for young entrepreneurs to access relevant entrepreneurship skills, knowledge, values and attitudes for businesses.

The programme offers entrepreneurship training that responds adequately to the market and business needs of young people. The business management training programme offers courses designed to support young entrepreneurs in the following stages of business: pre-start up / idea generation, survivalist, early development, growth & expansion.

The courses on offer are approved and accredited by ILO, the International Labour Organisation. Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) which is the largest global business training programme.

It assists small scale entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses and create employment.



These training courses are offered as a 3-6 day course depending on the specific needs of the young person and the level of the business.

Participants in the NYDA Business Management Training Programme were issued with a certificate of completion for participating in the course. The official handover ceremony took place on Tuesday, 21 May 2024 at the KwaDukuza Town Hall. The Business Management Training programme continues to successfully provide entrepreneurial skills to young people.

KDM WASTE AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The KwaDukuza Municipality Waste Management team embarked on a Waste Awareness Programme in collaboration with uMngeni-uThukela Water, Eskom Environmental Unit, EDTEA, Environmental Health iLembe District together with Guest Art Performer Lethu Nkwanyana. Kicking off the initiative in Iziphozethu Primary School and Dawnview Primary School, the KDM Waste Management team interacted with the learners and urged everyone to take responsibility for their environment.

The KDM Waste Management team alongside the various stakeholders present conducted demonstrations to explain to learners how each person is accountable for all trash and illegal dumping that is present across the municipal area of control. The theme for World Earth Day “Planet vs Plastics” was used to educate learners on the detrimental effects that plastic has on the environment.

Learners were encouraged to practice proper waste management and embrace the challenge in being ambassadors of caring for our planet and doing their part to make a difference to keep KwaDukuza clean.

The purpose of the programme was to raise awareness on proper waste management so that KwaDukuza learners can take responsibility for throwing their trash in bins and not illegally dumping waste on the sides of the road or in open spaces.

KwaDukuza Waste Management officials alongside guest art performer, Lethu Nkwanyana urged learners to revive pride in their neighbourhoods and to make a commitment to stop littering and illegal dumping. Through initiatives such as the KDM Waste Awareness Programme, the Waste Management Department aims to create community awareness among KwaDukuza citizens to do their part to keep the environment clean at all times.



UKZN TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING MASTERS CLASS OF 2024

KwaDukuza Municipality, today 05 June 2024 hosted the UKZN Town and Regional Planning Masters Class of 2024 who are currently focusing on the Integrated Development Planning and Implementation module as part of their master's curriculum, with a particular interest in the KwaDukuza Municipality.

The University of KwaZulu-Natal delegation visited various sites within KwaDukuza which was organized by the municipality. The site visits included one of the spatial priority intervention areas as identified in the adopted IDP, for the purpose of assisting the students in gaining practical insights into the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and their implementation within the context of the municipality.

KwaDukuza Municipality, represented by the Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development Unit together with the Integrated Development Planning Unit also made presentations to the



34 Masters Students in order to facilitate meaningful discussion and engagement on how the municipality is implementing its IDP and SDF as well as the challenges, triumphs and valuable lessons that have been learnt by the municipality during this process.

Through the presentations the masters students were able to receive practical insights on the IDP process undertaken by the municipality and gain better understanding on the dynamics associated with implementing IDP initiatives and the SDF at a local level.

KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY 100% HOME BREW MUSIC FESTIVAL

The homebrew music festival was held at Thembeni sports ground (in ward12) on the 27th of April 2024.

This event was aimed at empowering local artists in the area. KwaDukuza Municipality wants to give the local artists some exposure giving them the opportunity to grow and become well recognised. If they are well recognised, these artists can show the world the beauty of KwaDukuza through their artwork. The Municipality also wishes to expand this event with the purpose to provide an exceptional event experience through township flavour. To appreciate various genre, to promote "Buy Local" through contracting only KwaDukuza based artists for this event and to create a new affordable and enjoyable local event, which will be nourished to grow as an annual event.

Despite the bad weather on the day the sports ground was full of community members who came to support and enjoy the free live music performances by various artists from different music genres.

The culture of a local area and of the people who live that area is normally reflected in its art and talent. Artwork produced by local artists often will have a deeper significance and meaning to residents. Therefore, supporting local artists helps to keep our communities vibrant and thriving.

When artists can earn a living from their work, they are more likely to stay in the area and contribute to the local economy.



Moreover, local artists add more than just pretty pictures to our communities hence the need to continue supporting them. Many artists have a true passion for making their own communities a better place to live through their artwork.

KwaDukuza Municipality over the years has been hosting and financial support events that cater for our residents and visitors. These events are done to also ensure that there the disposable income of residents is spent within our area and visitors remained entertained. The municipality has been working with local artists during this term in organizing and hosting various events cum talent competitions.

As KwaDukuza Municipality we saw that there's a need to have other cultural events that promotes our diversity, social cohesion, and local talents so the 100% Home brew music festival is a great platform to achieve these. Such events gives the local artists an opportunity for growth, great exposure and helps them build on their confidence.

As the hosts we were satisfied with the attendance and the amazing support received for the event and we are proud to say that we are confident that this event will be even much bigger and better in the coming years. We enjoy celebrating Arts and culture in the area, as most of the artists that performed in the event were born and bred within KwaDukuza Municipality. We are proud to have such a rich talent.

KWADUKUZA BASED ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES AT 2024 AFRICA TRAVEL

INDABA

KwaDukuza Municipality in partnership with the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa facilitated a Basic Quality Verification (BQV) course for nine emerging tourism/hospitality establishments. KwaDukuza based establishments who are owned and operated mainly by the previous disadvantaged entrepreneurs took part in the National Department of Tourism funded programme which resulted to 122 KZN based establishments obtaining the quality-of-service grading. This programme forms part of the on-going tourism sector transformation programme by KwaDukuza, which also encompasses property registration and quality service improvement by all industry players. The Basic Quality Verification outcomes of nine establishments is a symbol of quality assurance and commitment to adhere to tourism industry standards.

The following nine establishments were awarded their certificates from various wards: •Ayoba B&B - ward 29

Kearsney Manor B&B - ward 27 | Mzansi B&B - ward 17 | Sea Rendipity Guest House - ward 22 | Sea Cale Villa - ward 22 •Joyous Guest House - ward 26 | Magugwana's Guest house - ward 18 | Qalakahle Guest House - ward 17 | Palmland B&B - ward 11

On Wednesday, 15 May 2024, the local nine establishments honoured an invitation by the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Honourable Mr Fish Mahlalela, to attend their Basic Quality Assurance Certificates Handover Ceremony.

This ceremony was part of the highlight of the 2024 Africa Tourism Indaba, which was held at International Convention Centre (ICC). During his address the Deputy Minister summarized this programme as follows: "These small establishments offer authentic South African experiences, but travelers still want to know their basic comfort level standards of safety, cleanliness, and customer experience will be met. With this verification, these establishments can offer their customer peace of mind, while still offering them an authentic experience of our culture and hospitality. Basic Quality Verification helps to ensure that a certain standard of safety, cleanliness and customer experience is guaranteed across the entire tourism value chain."



KwaDukuza Municipality welcomes the grading of the nine (9) establishments, which indeed are pathfinders to our vision of ensuring an inclusive economy within our area. As the municipality, we would like to encourage all our visitors and local people to support these nine establishments. Their grading is an assurance that they meet the industry standards and provide a unique Mzansi tourism experience. Take left. Visit KwaDukuza. Know your tourism destination.

LAUNCH OF NYATHIKAZI & MGIGIMBE HOUSING PROJECTS

KwaDukuza witnessed a top-tier service delivery in action as KwaDukuza Mayor Lindile Nhaca launched the Nyathikazi and Mgigimbe Informal Settlements Upgrade Housing Project today, 26 May 2024.

The two projects will not only change the face of our municipality but will help government restore the dignity of our communities and fulfill our promises to deliver decent housing, access to sanitation, ownership of property, security, and comfort.

These housing projects are set to uplift hundreds of KwaDukuza people from the yoke of poverty and homelessness, providing a roof above their heads; personal dignity; and a sense of belonging. It is often said that home is not a place, but a feeling

As we continue to celebrate 30 years of democracy and freedom,



our Kwazulu-Natal Provincial Government has built more than 690 000 houses for our impoverished fellow compatriots in this province alone. Through those houses, government has brought much-needed hope and a feeling of pride and self-worth to all our fellow brothers and sisters. "We are indeed fulfilling our constitutional mandate that says, 'Everyone has the right to have access to adequate housing.' We are very excited to have reached this point, and look forward to beginning and completing construction within the shortest possible time, so that our beneficiaries can move in and begin reaping the fruits of their freedom." said the visibly excited KwaDukuza Mayor, Cllr. Lindile Nhaca.



Talent Show!



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