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# First-ever festival to boost economy

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ORGANISERS for the Kokstad Sports, Arts and Culture Festival have promised to deliver the most excellent carnival in the town of Kokstad not only for fun, but also to boost the local economy. The four-day event is expected to start on a Friday with a gala dinner and there will be a walk against drugs and gender-based violence as well as an official opening ceremony, fashion show and sports games. The third day will consist of cycling, cross-country, and a gospel show. The final day will include a cultural festival, prize-giving and official closing ceremony. The event is scheduled for September 22-25. Organiser John Motsa said that the event forms part of raising funds for the Kokstad Sports Club, and will expose the local talent. The sports club is developing sport in the Kokstad community. At a media briefing about the event last Friday, July 28, Greater Kokstad

Municipality mayor Lwanda Madikizela welcomed the initiative. "The first-ever festival will bring lots of people to the town of Kokstad, and benefit the economy. The event will be an advantage to the local tourism sector and businesses," he said. The launch of the event is expected to take place on August 19 at Riverview Stadium. t were burnt on.



**Festival stakeholders vow to make the event more successful.** /Siphelele Nketo

# Shoe-drive benefits school children



**Body of Christ Movement donates school shoes to children in need.** / Supplied

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THE Body of Christ Movement has once again donated shoes to school children of Seven Fountains Primary School in Kokstad to put into practice the word of God by helping the needy. The religious structure of pastors in Kokstad visited the school on Monday, July 31, to hand over the new shoes. During Mandela Day on July 18, the structure donated the shoes to Westlands Primary School children. Chairperson Pastor Mbuyiswa Nocanda said that the shoe-drive was set to benefit other school children from several schools to bring dignity to the children and restore hope. "The shoes were donated by members of the movement," he added and encouraged businesses and individuals to do the same.

# Road agency promotes education

THE South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) hosted a career expo in Khanyayo village in the Wild Coast on July 26 targeting Grade 12 learners in the Ingquza Hill Local Municipality area. The event was hosted by Nwabisa Gxumisa, the SANRAL's Wild Coast district office manager. Nearly 700 learners attended from Zwelibongile Senior Secondary School, Mhlanga Senior Secondary School, Mpingana Senior Secondary School, Gebhuza Senior Secondary School, Jikindaba Senior Secondary School and Ngwenyeni Senior Secondary in the vicinity of the Msikaba Bridge road infrastructure development project. Estimated at R1.65 billion, the Msikaba Bridge forms part of SANRAL's flagship programme in the Eastern Cape, the N2 Wild Coast (N2WC) Road Programme. Once completed in 2026, it will be the highest single-span cable-stayed bridge in Africa. Exhibitors included various tertiary institutions, the Independent Electoral Commission, the Department of Transport – Maritime Branch, Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury, Tsolo Agricultural College, Nelson Mandela Museum and KwaZithina Publishers. Nombuyekezo Mdtshane, the Department of Education's Mthontsasa circuit manager said that the area is known for producing good results.

"SANRAL is here to create awareness around its investment in education and young people, as well as to expose rural learners to stimulating career and bursary opportunities," said Welekazi Ndika, SANRAL regional stakeholder coordinator, encouraging learners to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them while time is still on their side. Learners were also exposed to unique career options such as the Animal Health Technician qualification available at the Tsolo Agricultural College, a career as a historian as highlighted by Nelson Mandela Museum, a career in publishing, as highlighted by Kwazithina Publishers and career opportunities in the maritime industry as explained by the Department of Transport – Maritime Branch. Learners were taken on a virtual tour of the Msikaba Bridge to not only inspire them in the world of engineering, but to demonstrate SANRAL's engineering excellence that is a work in progress on this project. Schools participated in a quiz where the first prize of R50 000 was taken by Mpingana Senior Secondary School, the second prize of R20 000 was won by Mhlanga Senior Secondary School, and the third prize of R10 000 went to Zwelibongile Senior Secondary School. The prize-money will be used to address the respective schools' needs. -Supplied



**Learners line up to register at the SANRAL Career Expo.** /Supplied

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The Municipality would like to inform the following project advertised on **07 July 2023** the newspaper advert and bid document had a holiday closing date which is **09 August 2023 (Women's day holiday)** due to that the Municipality has extended the date to **10 August 2023**.  
New closing date.

Project Name	Contract No.	Correct Closing Date
PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OSS HOUSES - 3 YEAR CONTRACT.	COM-B021/23/24	10 August 2023 at 12h00pm.

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