

Cogta recognises municipalities

UMUZIWABANTU Local Municipality won the Best Sustained Financial Management award at the KZN Municipal Excellence Awards on Tuesday, February 13. This award was to recognise the municipality’s outstanding commitment to financial responsibility and sustainability. The awards were organised by the KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to celebrate and promote excellence in local government performance across KZN. The category of Best Sustained Financial Management specifically recognised municipalities that demonstrate excellence in financial planning, budgeting, expenditure control, revenue management and financial

reporting. “We are delighted to receive this award, which recognises our ongoing efforts to maintain high standards of financial management,” said Mayor Sboniso Zungu. He appreciated the commitment of staff and the support of the community, saying that the municipality is committed to serving the community with integrity and excellence. The municipality’s acting director for corporate services Nontuthuzelo Sgwebela and acting chief financial officer Nozipho Mngomezulu were also delighted to welcome the award. Meanwhile, the Greater Kokstad Municipality received the Best Performing Ward Committees award at the event.



Umuziwabantu Local Municipality wins Best Sustained Financial Management award at the KZN Municipal Excellence Awards. /Supplied

Villagers celebrate home-grown food



NYAVINI village in Mbizana, Eastern Cape, was alive with locals celebrating a variety of home-grown foodstuffs at a Harvest Festival on February 4. The community also showcased their rich culture. Food experts

Ex-rugby star aims for half-century



If he finishes this year’s Dusi Canoe Marathon, former Natal rugby scrumhalf Graeme ‘Gudgie’ Dixon will be moving up from Dusi’s 40 Club to join Lyle Wheeler as the only two paddlers to have completed 50 races. /Ant Grote, Gameplan Media

GRAEME ‘Gudgie’ Dixon may be known to South African sports fans as flyhalf for the Natal rugby team in the 1970s and 80s, but this week he will hope to achieve a sporting milestone only achieved by one other. On Saturday, if Dixon finishes the Dusi Canoe Marathon in Durban, he will become only the second paddler to have reached the significant milestone of completing 50 Dusi Canoe Marathons. Currently, Lyle Wheeler, with 52 finishes, is the only other to have notched up a half-century, and he will be aiming for his 53rd on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Nigel Briggs, with 48 finishes, will be hoping to move within striking distance of joining the elite “50 Club” next year. Remarkably, Dixon (65) took on his first Dusi as he was starting Grade 11 at Maritzburg College, and he hasn’t missed

a race since, making his attempt this weekend to finish his 50th consecutive race. “Paddling as a school sport was non-existent back then. We had a canoeing society and it was strictly a sport done outside of traditional cricket and rugby,” said Dixon. Living right on a bend of the Msundusi River, just down from the start, Dixon had annually watched the intrepid men heading in their boats from Pietermaritzburg to Durban, but there was an added bonus that made him determined to take on the expedition. The Dusi starts at Bishopstowe Hall on Thursday and finishes at Durban’s Blue Lagoon on Saturday. The two overnight stops are at Mphaya Bridge near Nagle Dam and at Inanda Dam. -Supplied

highlighted health benefits of homemade food, while another villager shed light on the sacred practice of ukushwama, a celebration of the ripening of the season’s crops. Organisers said that the festival served as a powerful reminder that tradition is not confined to the past but a living force shaping the present and future. Skilled artisans displayed their talents, creating beautiful traditional crafts. -Supplied



Locals celebrating at the event. /Supplied

DR NKOSAZANA DLAMINI-ZUMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

2023/24 MID - YEAR BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT

Notice is hereby given that, in terms of Section 72(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003, that the Accounting Officer of the Municipality must by **25 January each year**, assess the performance of the Municipality during the first half of the financial year. The 2023/24 Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report has been prepared and tabled in the Council meeting that was held on **25 January 2024**.

The documents are now available for public viewing at the Municipal website and on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and twitter. All Stakeholders, members of the public and the entire community of Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality, are hereby invited to view the documents on the following platforms, Municipal website: www.ndz.gov.za, Facebook: Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality and Twitter: NDZ Municipality.

Enquiries should be directed to: The Office of the Municipal Manager for the, **attention:** Chief Financial Officer, Mr M.P. Mtungwa, on e-mail: mtungwap@ndz.gov.za

MR N.C. VEZI: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PTY LTD

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 127 (5) of the Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003 which states that immediately after an Annual Report is tabled in the Council in terms of subsection (2), the accounting officer of the Municipality and or Municipal Entity must:

- In accordance with Section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000
 - Make public the annual report.
 - Invite the local community to submit representations in connection with the annual report.
- Submit the annual report to the Auditor-General, the relevant Provincial Treasury and the Provincial Department responsible for local government in the province.

The Harry Gwala Development Agency (HGDA) has tabled its Draft Annual Report for the financial year **01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023** at **Harry Gwala District Municipality's Council meeting**. The Harry Gwala Development Agency hereby invites the public to make representations or submit public comments on the Annual Report, in writing, within **21 days** after the issuing of this public notice.

Copies of the Annual Report are available for inspection during office hours at the **Harry Gwala Development Agency Offices located at Harry Gwala Farmers Market, Erf 2226 Portion 27 of the Farm Ellerton, Ixopo, 3276**, and in the following areas under Harry Gwala District Municipality:

- Harry Gwala District Office, (40 Main Street, Ixopo)
- Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality, (15 Watson Street, Creighton)
- Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Local Municipality, (32 Arbuckle Street, Himeville)
- Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality, (29 Margaret Street, Ixopo and Library, 62 Margaret Street)
- uMzimkhulu Local Municipality, (169 Main Street, uMzimkhulu and Library, 169 Main Street)
- Greater Kokstad Local Municipality, (75 Hope Street, Kokstad and Town Hall, 110 Main Street)
- Bulwer Library, (189 Jackson Street, Bulwer)

All representations and comments should be in writing through the following email: Nandipha.Khoza@hgda.co.za

For enquiry or more information, please contact: Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Ms. N. Khoza, Strategic and Executive Support, on: 076 501 1583.

MS A.C.R. WHYTE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER