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with its citizens to ensure provision of
sustainable, equitable and quality
services to all**



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Executive Mayor's Foreword

The Executive Mayor's foreword reflect a journey from resilience during the COVID-19 crisis to a strategic growth agenda for the new term.

During 2020–2022, the municipality adapted to lockdowns, maintained public participation, and ensured compliance with laws. Despite challenges such as unemployment, vandalism, and road damage from heavy trucks, the municipality secured unqualified audits, fully spent grants, and delivered key projects in electrification, roads, lighting, halls, and social development.

From 2022–2027, focus shifted to long-term transformation, with five priorities: quality basic services, economic development, fiscal discipline, good governance, and employee satisfaction.

The Mayor acknowledged the socio-economic toll of COVID-19 but committed to rebuilding the economy with partners, creating jobs, and attracting investment.. Across all years, the unifying message is accountability, unity, and service delivery excellence to improve the quality of life for all residents of Inxuba Yethemba.

Cllr N.P Zonke



Municipal Manager's Notes



MR M.W.M Mbebe

As the Accounting Officer of Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, it is my honour to share a brief reflection on our progress and commitments.

The past year has brought many challenges, including limited resources and growing service needs. Despite this, our municipality has continued to deliver on its promise of improving the lives of our people.

Through the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), we have been able to align our work with the priorities of national and provincial government, while ensuring that the voices of our communities are heard.

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Our financial management systems have been strengthened to ensure that every rand is spent responsibly, while our administration is being built on accountability, transparency, and a commitment to service excellence.

Looking forward, we remain focused on delivering quality services, creating an enabling environment for economic growth, and ensuring that all residents benefit from sustainable development.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Executive Mayor, Council, municipal staff, and most importantly, the community of Inxuba Yethemba for their continued support and contributions. Together, we are building a municipality that delivers, empowers, and inspires confidence.

Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Electricity
Developments

Electrification of Rosmead Phase 1 – Ward 7

This project addressed the critical challenge of electricity access for households in Rosmead. By rolling out Phase 1, the municipality brought light, security, and improved quality of life to the community, aligning with its mandate to enhance basic services.

Installation of High Mast Light in Rosmead – Ward 7

The installation of high mast lights in Rosmead has been fully completed at a cost of R3.8 million. The project, which is 100% complete, brings improved lighting, safety, and security to the community of Ward 7, ensuring safer public spaces at night.

Installation of High Mast Lights – Wards 7 & 8

The installation of high mast lights in Lusaka and Midros has been successfully completed at a cost of R12.950 million, funded through the MIG. The project is 100% complete and enhances public safety, visibility, and security for the communities in Wards 7 and 8.



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Electricity
Developments



8 Km 11kV Egg Rock Line Upgrade

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality is progressing with the 8km 11KV Egg Rock Line Upgrade across Wards 4, 5 and 6, funded through INEP. With a project cost of R6.332 million and 80% completion, this electrification project is enhancing energy reliability and expanding access, strengthening service delivery for households and businesses.



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Electricity
Developments

Retrofitting of Streetlights in Cradock and Middelburg – Wards 1, 2, 3 & 9 (Phase 1 and 2)

The project modernized street lighting systems, improving energy efficiency and ensuring better-lit roads across Cradock and Middelburg. This reflects the municipality's commitment to modern infrastructure and sustainability.



Installation of High Mast Lights in Rosmead – Ward 7 (Additional Phase)

The Electrification of Rosmead (Phase 2) has been successfully completed in Ward 7, funded through INEP. With a total investment of R4.5 million, this 100% complete project has extended electricity access, bringing improved living conditions and reliable power supply to the Rosmead community.



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Roads &
Transport



Paving of Joko Avenue and Stormwater Control – Ward 9

Paving of Joko Avenue – Ward 9

The paving of Joko Avenue in Middelburg has been successfully completed at a cost of R9.947 million, funded through the MIG. The project is 100% complete, delivering improved road infrastructure and enhanced stormwater management for the residents of Ward 9.



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Roads &
Transport



Paving of Midros Access Road (Rivier Weg) – Ward 7 & 8

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The Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality has completed the paving of the Midros Access Road (Rivier Weg) under the Roads and Stormwater programme. Funded through the MIG at a cost of R14.990 million, the project is 100% complete.

This upgrade improves road safety, accessibility, and stormwater control, benefiting residents of Wards 7 and 8 while supporting local development and better service delivery.



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Roads &
Transport



Sanral R56 Road

The access road was upgraded to improve connectivity in Midros, ensuring safer transport and boosting economic activities in the area.



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Roads &
Transport



Sanral R390 Road

SANRAL is rehabilitating the R390 route between Cradock and Hofmeyr, upgrading road surfaces and stormwater systems to improve safety, reduce travel costs, and boost local economic activity. The project also creates jobs and supports local contractors while strengthening this vital transport link.



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SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

SERVICE DELIVERY VEHICLES

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Noncedo Zonke, alongside the Chief Whip, Cllr Lena Davids, Municipal Manager, Mr. Mbebe, and Director of Technical Services, Mr. Nomandela, officially handed over four new vehicles to the Technical Services Department.

This investment reaffirms the municipality's commitment to strengthening service delivery by ensuring that technical teams are well-resourced and equipped to respond effectively to community needs. The addition of these vehicles marks another step toward improving efficiency, accessibility, and reliability in municipal services across Inxuba Yethemba.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure



ITCC PROJECT

Background

The Eastern Cape Freight Strategy (2014) identified traffic control centres as a strategic intervention to manage freight movement and improve road safety. Middelburg in the Eastern Cape was selected as one of three priority sites, alongside locations near Port Elizabeth and Queenstown. The project is spearheaded by the Eastern Cape Department of Transport (EC-DoT) and designed to integrate services such as Traffic Police, SAPS, and emergency units.

Project Location

The ITCC site is located north of Middelburg, adjacent to the N9/N10 national road, near the N9–Meintjies Street intersection. The land forms part of Portion 14 of Farm Grootfontein No. 81 within Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality, under Chris Hani District.

Project Costing and Phases

Phase 1A – Roadworks (N9/N10 & Meintjies Road):

Cost: ±R72 million | Duration: 18 months
Target: 30% allocation to SMMEs, local labour, and suppliers.

Phase 1B – Electrical Works:

Cost: ±R3 million | Duration: 8 months
Status: 65% complete, later reported as completed.

Phase 2 – Construction of Buildings & Services:

Planned after road and electrical infrastructure.

Progress and Current Status

Electrical works are complete.
Meintjies Street was partially opened in Dec 2024 but remains only ~70% complete.
Contractor performance issues led to termination of the Phase 1A road contract on 19 May 2025. Litigation is ongoing between the contractor and the Department.

Socio-Economic Benefits

The project aims to maximize local economic development with:
10% local labour participation (limited labour-intensive work packages).
10% procurement from local suppliers meeting specifications.
30% SMME participation, both trained and untrained, allocated to relevant packages.

Service Delivery & Infrastructure



LUSAKA COMMUNITY HALL

- Construction of Lusaka Community Hall – Ward 8
The Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality has successfully completed the Construction of Lusaka Community Hall, a flagship project funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) at a cost of R13.339 million. This state-of-the-art facility, now 100% complete, stands as a beacon of community development and social cohesion in Ward 8.
The hall will serve as a multi-purpose space for community gatherings, cultural activities, educational programs, and municipal outreach initiatives. It provides a dignified and safe environment where residents can engage in dialogue, celebrate important milestones, and participate in development-driven activities. This project not only symbolizes the municipality's commitment to improving social infrastructure but also reflects its dedication to uplifting communities, promoting unity, and creating inclusive spaces where the values of democracy and participation can thrive. The completion of the Lusaka Community Hall is a direct investment into the lives of residents, ensuring long-term access to facilities that inspire growth, connection, and pride within the community.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Housing & Human Settlements

Achievements

- Rectification (1,350 units) – Cradock: Project completed.
- Chris Hani Destitute Programme: 10 houses completed for destitute beneficiaries.
- Rosmead Informal Settlement: Upgrading Phase 1 and Phase 2 completed.
- Lusaka: 250 title deeds handed over to beneficiaries.

Current Projects

- Midros & KwaNonzame Township Establishment: Engineering services installed.
- Lusaka 195: Project currently underway.
- Middelburg Rectification (500 units): Project in progress.
- Chris Hani Disaster Housing (60 units): Project underway (town planning aspects).
- Military Veterans Housing Project: Currently in progress (town planning aspects).
- Human Settlement Sector Plan: Draft under review, to be presented to Council.
- Vision 2000 Houses: Transfer of 418 units in progress.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Housing & Human Settlements

Led by the MMC for IPED, Cllr Ndondose, the municipality proudly marked the restoration and refurbishment of the long-vandalized municipal rental flats located on Cawood Street. These flats, which had stood in disrepair for years, have now been given a new lease of life through a partnership agreement between the municipality and First Stop Trust, who undertook the renovations.

The official handover of the units signifies more than just the return of a building to functionality—it represents the municipality's commitment to reversing urban decay, strengthening its revenue base, and, most importantly, providing safe, dignified, and affordable rental housing to the community. This initiative demonstrates the municipality's proactive approach to improving living conditions while ensuring that public assets are effectively utilized to serve residents and contribute to sustainable development.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Waste Management and Environmental Services

Over the past four years, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has continued to deliver waste management and environmental services under challenging financial and operational conditions. The municipality has made progress in improving collection services, distribution of black bags to households, managing landfill sites, and promoting environmental awareness, mentoring youth in communities but ongoing challenges remain.



2. Solid Waste Collection

- Household refuse collection has been consistently maintained in Cradock and Middelburg.
- 1 Compactor trucks was procured in 2022 to improve efficiency, although ageing fleet breakdowns caused interruptions at times.

3. Landfill Site Management

- Efforts were made to upgrade and secure landfill sites in line with compliance requirements. IYM appointed service providers to rehabilitate both landfill site. The new landfill is in progress.

- Waste compaction and covering practices improved, though illegal dumping remains a persistent problem across the municipality. Community negligence is the cause.

4. Recycling and Waste Minimisation

- Pilot recycling projects have been introduced, with involvement from local cooperatives and informal recyclers.
- Community education campaigns have encouraged waste separation, although sustainability is affected by limited funding and market constraints. PETCO provided training for the registered co-ops as well as the CWP, LGSETA students and EPWP supervisors.

Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Waste Management and Environmental Services

5. Environmental Awareness and Greening

- Annual awareness campaigns were carried out, including school programmes and community clean-up drives.
- Greening and beautification initiatives were implemented in selected public spaces, improving the urban environment.

6. Challenges

- Illegal dumping hotspots continue to undermine waste management efforts.
- Limited budget for fleet replacement and recycling infrastructure.
- Growing population and waste volumes outpace municipal resources.



7. Achievements

- Consistent waste collection in urban centres.
- Improved community involvement in environmental programmes.
- Noticeable progress in greening (Award winnings) and awareness campaigns quarterly.
- Strengthened partnerships with stakeholders, including SETAs and youth programmes.

The municipality has made steady progress in managing waste services and promoting environmental sustainability, despite financial and resource challenges. Greater investment in fleet, landfill compliance, and recycling initiatives will be necessary to meet future demands and align with national waste management standards.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Waste Management and Environmental Services

Climate Change & Resilience in IYM

- Water Security: Introduced rainwater harvesting and water-saving campaigns during drought periods. The tanks remember.
- Disaster Risk Reduction: Strengthened community awareness and early warning systems for floods and fires.
- Greening & Restoration: Tree planting and rehabilitation of degraded open spaces and riverbanks.
- Energy Efficiency: Piloted solar panels on municipal buildings and converted some streetlights to LED.



- The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has successfully completed the Reseal of Cradock CBD Streets (Phases 1–3) in Ward 5. The project, under Roads and Storm Water, was implemented at a total cost of R34.550 million and has reached 100% completion.
- The resealing works improved road surfaces, strengthened storm water management, and enhanced accessibility within the CBD. This milestone contributes to safer transport, reduced vehicle costs, and supports economic activity, reflecting the municipality's commitment to quality service delivery and sustainable infrastructure.

RESEAL OF CRADOCK CBD STREETS (PHASE 1–3) – WARD 5



**SERVICE DELIVERY &
INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has successfully completed the Reseal of Middelburg CBD Streets (Phases 1 & 2) under the Roads and Storm Water programme. With a total investment of R8.172 million, the project has achieved 100% completion.

The works focused on restoring key CBD roads, improving storm water flow, and enhancing overall accessibility. This achievement not only strengthens road safety and reduces vehicle maintenance costs but also supports local business activity and reflects the municipality's ongoing commitment to quality service delivery and infrastructure development.

RESEAL OF MIDDELBURG CBD STREETS (PHASE 1 & 2)



SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Service Delivery & Infrastructure

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has successfully completed the Rehabilitation of Sikulu Street, serving Wards 1, 2 and 3, under the Roads and Storm Water programme. With a total cost of R11.233 million, the project has reached 100% completion.

The rehabilitation work upgraded the road surface, improved storm water drainage, and enhanced safety and accessibility for both motorists and pedestrians.

Rehabilitation of Sikulu Street

This milestone strengthens local connectivity, supports economic and social activity, and demonstrates the municipality's commitment to delivering sustainable infrastructure for the community.



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NEW SERVICE DELIVERY VEHICLES

**Inxuba Yethemba
Municipality accelerates
service quality with new
compactor truck, water
truck and compaction roller
- driving community
progress forward!**



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

In Ward 8, the Lusaka Paving Phase 3 Project, funded by CHDM at a cost of R500,000, has been completed at 100%, improving local roads and storm water flow.

In Ward 2, the Paving of Chris Hani Street, funded by MIG with a budget of R12 million, has reached 95% practical completion, enhancing mobility and safety in the area.

Lusaka Paving & Chris Hani Street



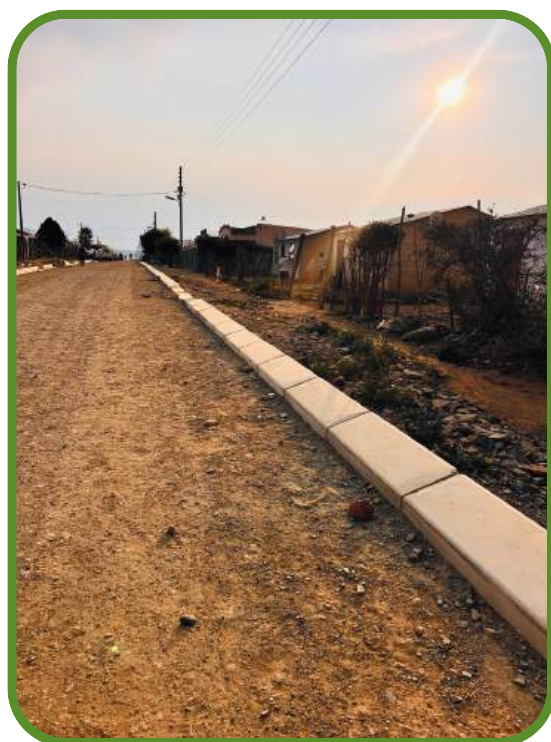


Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Raymond Mhlaba Street

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has embarked on the Paving of Raymond Mhlaba Street in Ward 6, a major infrastructure initiative under the Roads and Storm Water programme. With a total budget allocation of R7.8 million, this project represents a significant investment in improving local road networks, drainage systems, and overall service delivery. Currently at 50% completion, the project has already delivered visible progress, with sections of the road upgraded to durable paving standards. The storm water component is being carefully integrated to ensure long-term resilience against flooding and drainage challenges, which have historically affected the community during heavy rains.

The Raymond Mhlaba Street project is more than just a road upgrade – it is a vital connector that supports daily mobility for residents, enhances access to businesses and social facilities, and contributes to a safer and more efficient transport environment. The development is also expected to reduce vehicle maintenance costs for motorists, create temporary job opportunities, and uplift the surrounding neighbourhood's appearance and functionality.





Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Refurbishment of Cradock Sports Field

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality is refurbishing the Cradock Sports Field in Ward 5, funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) at a cost of R11.8 million. The project, which is currently at 68% completion, aims to upgrade facilities and create a modern, accessible space for sports and community activities. Once completed, it will provide a safe, quality environment that promotes youth development, recreation, and social cohesion.



SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE



PAVING OF MICHAUSDAL INTERNAL ROUTES (STEENBOK; TAKBOK; PINE), WARD 4

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality is implementing the Paving of Michaulsdal Internal Routes (Steenbok, Takbok and Pine Streets) in Ward 4 under the Roads and Storm Water programme. Funded through MIG at a cost of R15.5 million, the project is 55% complete, bringing improved access, safer mobility, and better storm water management to the community.



SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE



GEMSBOK LAAN STORM WATER CONTROL

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality is undertaking the Gemsbok Laan Storm Water Control Project in Ward 6 at a cost of R8.429 million. Currently 32% complete, the project is aimed at improving drainage, reducing flooding risks, and strengthening local infrastructure resilience.





SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Michausdal Primary School

The construction of Michausdal Primary School marks a significant milestone in advancing education within Inxuba Yethemba Municipality. Driven by the Department of Education in partnership with the municipality, this project responds to the growing demand for quality learning facilities in Michausdal and surrounding areas.

The school has been designed to provide a safe, modern, and conducive learning environment for learners, ensuring that they have access to proper classrooms, learning materials, and recreational spaces. Beyond addressing infrastructure backlogs, the project also created local job opportunities during its construction phase, benefiting community members and empowering small contractors through subcontracting.

This initiative demonstrates the municipality's commitment, alongside the Department of Education, to investing in the future of children, reducing overcrowding in existing schools, and strengthening the foundation of education as a tool for social and economic upliftment. Michausdal Primary School will not only improve access to education but will also serve as a beacon of hope and development in the area.





SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

J.A Ncaca Primary School

The construction of J.A. Ncaca Primary School stands as a transformative development for the community of Inxuba Yethemba Municipality. Spearheaded by the Department of Education in partnership with the municipality, the project was undertaken to provide modern educational facilities that meet the needs of learners and educators alike.

The new infrastructure is designed to create a safe, well-equipped, and learner-friendly environment, ensuring that children in the area have access to quality education close to their homes. The project also contributed to job creation and local empowerment during the construction phase, benefiting community members and small-scale service providers.

This initiative highlights the municipality's commitment, alongside the Department of Education, to strengthening the education system, reducing overcrowding, and ensuring that no child is left behind. J.A. Ncaca Primary School will serve as a cornerstone of learning and opportunity, building a strong foundation for the future of young people in Inxuba Yethemba.





SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

E. Macembe Primary School

The construction of E. Macembe Primary School is a milestone achievement for the community of Inxuba Yethemba, delivered through a partnership between the Department of Education and the municipality. This project was initiated to provide a modern, safe, and fully resourced learning facility that supports quality education and meets the growing needs of learners in the area.

The school now offers improved classrooms, proper sanitation facilities, and learning spaces designed to enhance teaching and learning outcomes. Beyond the educational benefits, the project also created employment and business opportunities for local contractors, suppliers, and laborers during its implementation, thereby boosting the local economy.

This development demonstrates the municipality's commitment to investing in the future of young people by working with stakeholders to expand access to education. E. Macembe Primary School stands as a beacon of hope and progress, ensuring that learners are equipped with the foundation they need to excel academically and socially.





SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Middeland High School

The renovation of Middeland High School has been approved as part of the Department of Education's commitment to improving learning facilities, in partnership with the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality. This important project, which will officially commence next year, aims to modernize and upgrade the school's infrastructure to create a safe and conducive environment for teaching and learning. Once complete, the project will not only uplift the standards of education in the area but also ensure that learners and educators benefit from improved facilities that support quality outcomes.

Middeland High School now stands as a center of educational excellence, symbolizing the municipality's dedication to empowering the youth through education and preparing them to become future leaders and innovators.





SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

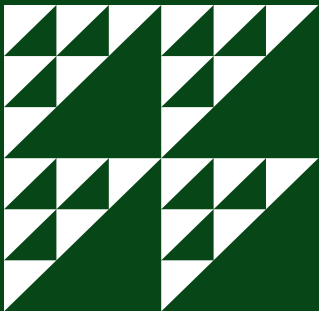
J.A CALATA HIGH SCHOOL

The refurbishment of J.A. Calata High School has breathed new life into one of Inxuba Yethemba Municipality's most important educational institutions. Undertaken by the Department of Education in partnership with the Municipality, the project focused on upgrading and modernizing existing infrastructure to provide a safe and conducive learning environment for learners and educators.

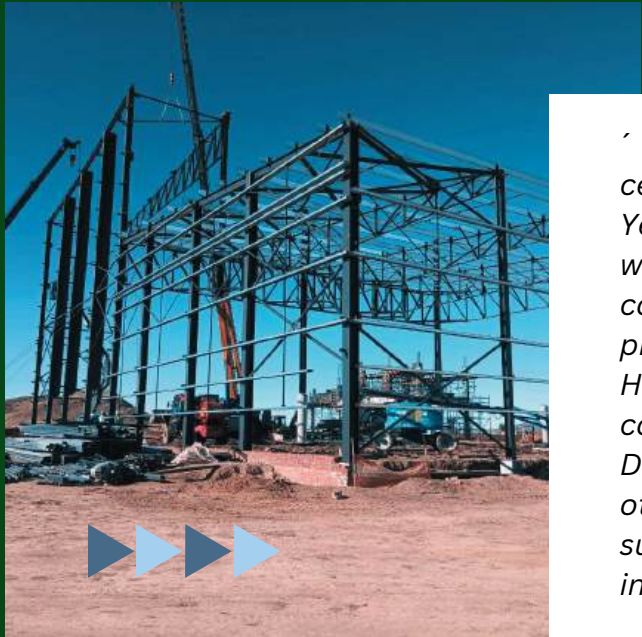
The scope of work included the renovation of classrooms, improved facilities, and repairs to essential infrastructure, ensuring that the school is better equipped to meet the growing educational needs of the community. Importantly, the project also contributed to local job creation during implementation, offering short-term employment opportunities for residents.

This refurbishment stands as a testament to the municipality's commitment to supporting quality education, ensuring that learners of J.A. Calata High School can thrive academically in an environment that fosters growth, dignity, and excellence.





SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE FEED FACTORY

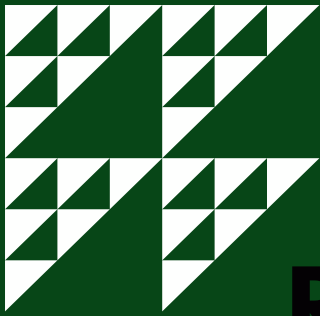


‘ Since the groundbreaking ceremony on 3 March, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has worked tirelessly to create a conducive environment for private investment, assisting De Heus Animal Nutrition in meeting compliance requirements. Despite strong competition from other towns, Middelburg Cape successfully secured this investment.

‘ De Heus, a global leader in animal feed and farm solutions, is committed to sustainable agriculture, innovation, and supporting farmers worldwide. Their newest facility in Middelburg Cape represents a significant milestone — securing more than 80 full-time jobs for the next 40 years.

‘ For a small town like Middelburg Cape, this is not only a major investment but also a lasting contribution to local economic growth and global food security.





SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJET



Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has entered into a strategic partnership with EDF Renewables on a major renewable energy project that positions the region as a hub for sustainable development. This initiative harnesses the vast potential of wind and solar power in the area, aligning with South Africa's national energy transition goals while ensuring direct local benefits.

The collaboration is designed to deliver more than clean energy; it also brings socio-economic opportunities. Through job creation, skills development, and local procurement, the project empowers communities while expanding the municipality's economic base. The partnership further strengthens infrastructure investment and demonstrates the municipality's commitment to green growth and climate resilience.

This landmark project underscores the role of municipalities in advancing South Africa's renewable energy agenda and highlights Inxuba Yethemba's proactive approach in working with EDF to build a future that is sustainable, inclusive, and economically vibrant.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

IYM Land Fill Site

The Inxuba Yethemba Landfill Site has been successfully rehabilitated as part of the municipality's commitment to improving waste management and environmental sustainability.

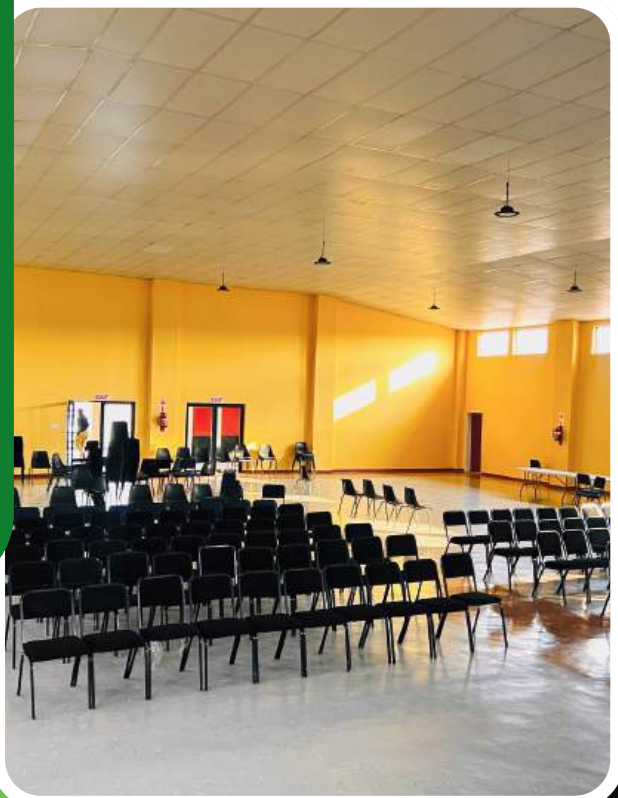
This project has restored proper waste disposal operations, reduced illegal dumping, and ensured compliance with environmental regulations. Beyond promoting a cleaner and healthier environment, the rehabilitation also strengthens the municipality's long-term waste management capacity, creating a safer space for surrounding communities.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Lingelihle Ward 2 Hall

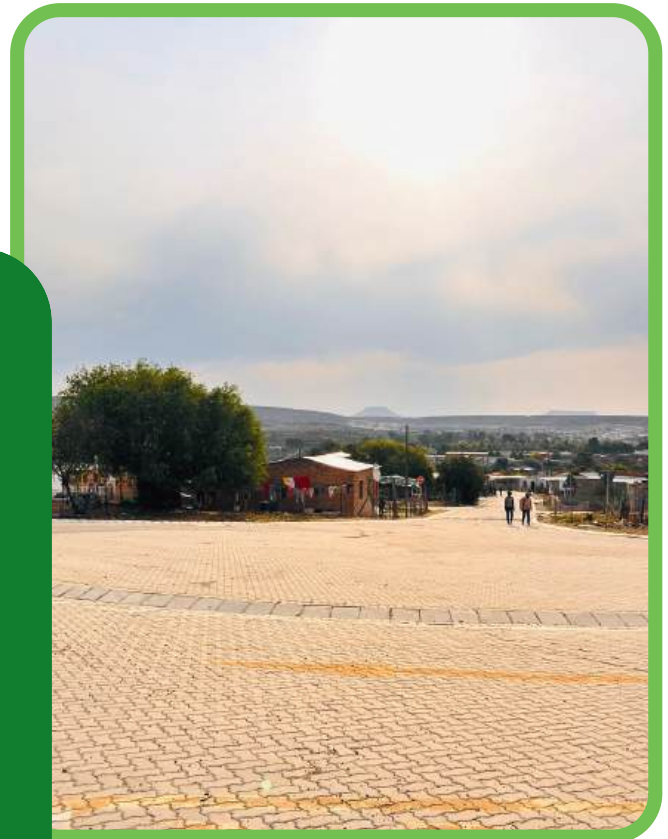
The construction of the Lingelihle Community Hall in Ward 2 marks a significant milestone in strengthening community development and social cohesion within Inxuba Yethemba Municipality. This modern facility provides a dignified space for residents to host meetings, cultural events, youth programs, and social gatherings. It also serves as a hub for public participation, enabling closer interaction between the municipality and the community. The hall stands as a symbol of progress and investment in local infrastructure, ensuring that the people of Lingelihle have a safe and accessible venue for community empowerment and development initiatives.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Makwemba Street

The paving of Makwemba Street in Lingelihle (Ward 3) has been successfully completed, bringing much-needed improvement to local road infrastructure. This project has enhanced accessibility, improved stormwater control, and provided safer, more reliable movement for motorists and pedestrians. The development has also uplifted the appearance of the area and contributed to better living conditions for residents. By investing in such infrastructure, the municipality demonstrates its commitment to service delivery and creating lasting benefits for the Lingelihle community.



Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Nomsa Frans High School Fence

The fencing project at Nomsa Frans High School in Cradock is currently in Phase 1 of implementation. This phase marks the initial step toward improving the school's security and creating a safer learning environment for learners and educators. Once completed, the project will provide much-needed protection of school property and ensure a more conducive space for teaching and learning.



The municipality, working closely with stakeholders, is committed to seeing this project through to its final stages for the benefit of the school community.



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Central Cemetery

The rehabilitation of the Central Cemetery in Cradock is currently underway, with work aimed at expanding and preparing additional burial space. This important project ensures that the community continues to have dignified and accessible space to lay their loved ones to rest. By creating more capacity, the municipality is addressing long-term needs while preserving the cemetery as a place of respect and remembrance for generations to come.



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Service Delivery & Infrastructure

Sam Xhallie Senior Primary School

The renovations of Sam Senior Primary School are progressing as part of a vital collaboration between the Department of Education and the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality. The upgrades will allow the school to serve as a temporary learning facility for learners from J.A. Calata High School, which is currently under construction. This intervention not only safeguards the continuity of teaching and learning but also enhances the infrastructure of Sam Senior Primary, leaving behind lasting improvements that will benefit future generations. The project reflects government's commitment to ensuring that the right to education is protected while development and refurbishment of schools is underway.



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Middelburg Custom Feed

The rehabilitation of the Custom Feed facility in Middelburg is a strategic intervention aimed at reviving local agro-processing and strengthening food security. This project, undertaken in partnership with key stakeholders, seeks to restore the facility into a fully functional unit that can once again play a pivotal role in supporting local farmers, boosting livestock production, and creating employment opportunities. The rehabilitation not only breathes life back into an important economic asset of Inxuba Yethemba but also positions the municipality to contribute meaningfully to agricultural development, local beneficiation, and sustainable livelihoods.



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SERVICE DELIVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

PAVING AND STORM WATER PROJECT, DINENI & NOMBEWU STREET

The paving and storm water project along Deneni and Nombewu Streets is a vital intervention aimed at improving road conditions and managing flooding risks in the area. By upgrading the surface and installing proper storm water channels, the project enhances accessibility for residents, reduces damage caused by heavy rains, and contributes to safer and cleaner neighborhoods. This initiative reflects the Municipality's commitment to strengthening basic infrastructure and ensuring sustainable service delivery for the community.



Local Economic Development

SMME'S &
funding
Support



**BUSINESS
LICENSE**

Strengthening the SMME Ecosystem

Established a network of stakeholders (financial institutions, state-owned entities, private sector, banks) to support local SMMEs. Completed and implemented the Business Licensing review process to formalize businesses. Reviewed and updated the Local Economic Development (LED) strategy to align with growth priorities.

Direct SMME Funding Support

Rolled out the IYM SMME funding model using municipal funds to assist local businesses, though demand remains higher than available resources. Partnered with SEDA, signing an MoU and appointing a local service provider for direct access to enterprise support. SEDA's Informal and Micro Enterprise Development Programme (IMEDP): funded 58 SMMEs in IYM. ECDC informal traders funding (2021): supported 8 informal traders in IYM. SALGA Informal Trader Support Fund: awarded 7 traders with R5,000 vouchers each. W&RSETA funding: supported 3 SMMEs with resources for growth and training.



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Local Economic Development

Job Creation &
SMME'S Support

Implementation of the 30% Subcontracting Policy

Ensuring local participation in major projects through subcontracting:

- SANRAL Projects:
 - R390 (Roadmac)
 - R56 (Tua Pele)
 - Slope Stabilization
 - Damians Contractors
- Wind Projects: Kuorson 1 & 2
- Department of Education Projects:
 - E. Macembe Primary
 - J.A. Calata Secondary
 - Michuasdol High School
- Department of Transport: Farm road maintenance initiatives
- IYM internal MIG projects allocated 30% subcontracting to local SMMEs.



Local Economic Development

SMME'S SUPPORT,
pARTNESHIPS &
COMMUNITY
BENEFITS

Overall

- Hundreds of work opportunities created across infrastructure, education, and energy projects.
- Over 70 local SMMEs and informal traders directly supported through funding, training, and subcontracting.
- Improved access to enterprise development services through partnerships with SEDA, ECDC, SALGA, and SETAs.
- Promotion of local beneficiation, ensuring that communities benefit from government and private sector investments.



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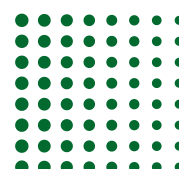
Local Economic Development

SMME'S
SUPPORT

Upgrading of Municipal Farm Commonages – Cradock & Middelburg (Wards 4, 6, 7 & 9). The Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality has successfully completed the Upgrading of Municipal Farm Commonages in Cradock and Middelburg, funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) at a total cost of R4.082 million. The project, now 100% complete, focused on enhancing agricultural infrastructure to support emerging farmers and livestock owners across Wards 4, 6, 7, and 9.



This initiative provides improved access to farming facilities, better land management, and sustainable resources for small-scale farmers. By upgrading the commonages, the municipality is promoting local economic development, food security, and poverty alleviation, while also empowering communities to participate in agricultural activities that generate livelihoods and strengthen household resilience.



Tourism, Arts & Heritage Promotion



LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality has made significant strides in preserving its rich heritage and promoting tourism as a driver of local economic development. Among its key achievements is the appointment of a service provider for the Garden of Remembrance (GOR), a historic landmark that honors the legacy of the Cradock Four and other heroes of the liberation struggle. This appointment ensures that the site will not only be maintained and preserved but also developed as a vibrant heritage attraction that continues to draw both local and international visitors.

Complementing this initiative was the establishment of the Heritage Reference Group, a vital structure that provides guidance, expertise, and oversight in safeguarding and promoting heritage projects within the municipality. In recognition of its historical and cultural significance, Cradock was proudly acknowledged as one of the UNESCO towns, placing it on the global map as a heritage destination and cementing its role as a key pillar of the Liberation Heritage Route.

Tourism, Arts & Heritage Promotion



LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To further harness tourism as a tool for education, unity, and economic activity, the municipality successfully hosted several events. Tourism awareness campaigns for students offered young learners the opportunity to tour attractions across Inxuba Yethemba, including both Middelburg and Cradock's heritage and tourism sites, instilling pride in their local heritage while nurturing the next generation of ambassadors for tourism. The municipality also organized Food Festivals, which not only showcased local cuisine and cultural diversity but also created opportunities for SMMEs and informal traders to generate income. Another flagship event, the Inxuba Yethemba Cultural Festival, provided a vibrant platform for celebrating the municipality's diverse traditions, arts, and performances while bringing communities together under the spirit of unity and social cohesion.



COMMUNITY & SOCIAL
PROGRAMMES



In response to the tragic killing of an 18-year-old learner from Ekuphumleni Senior Secondary, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in partnership with Konwaba Training Institute, hosted a powerful Youth Dialogue Program on 28 June 2025 at Middelburg Town Hall under the theme: “Ending GBV Together.”

Led by Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke, the event brought together young boys and girls to engage in meaningful discussions on gender-based violence (GBV) and finding solutions as a united generation.



In her opening remarks, the Executive Mayor stated: “The pain we felt as a community must turn into collective action. We must raise young boys to respect, not destroy, and teach young girls they are worth more than society’s silence.” The hall was filled with urgency, unity, and a shared commitment to end GBV.



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Inxuba Yethemba Municipality

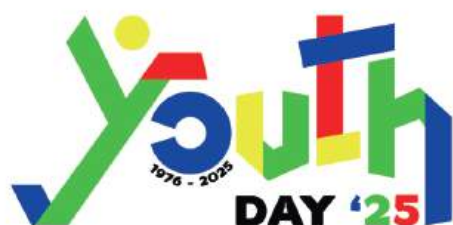
Youth Business Indaba

The Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality officially closed its Youth Month program with a successful Youth Business Indaba held on 30 June 2025 at Vusubuntu Cultural Village Hall in Middelburg. The event, led by Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke, focused on supporting young people with registered businesses.

The Indaba brought together key stakeholders from both government and private sectors to educate youth on available funding opportunities, application processes, and the skills required to succeed as entrepreneurs.



Cllr N.P Zonke - Executive Mayor



Skills for the changing world – Empowering youth for meaningful economic participation.

To make mention of few institutions/departments that were present; Department of Small Business Development, SEDA, ABSA Bank, and other institutions who provided valuable guidance to the future drivers of the local economy. This event marked a powerful end to Youth Month—showcasing the municipality's commitment to youth economic empowerment and SMME development in IYM.



SUCCESSFUL INDOOR SPORT GAMES MARK YOUTH MONTH CELEBRATION IN INXUBA YETHEMBA

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Inxuba Yethemba Municipality proudly hosted a vibrant and well-attended Indoor Sport Games Youth Month Celebration on 28 June 2025 at Lusaka Hall, starting at 10h00. The event formed part of the municipality's ongoing efforts to empower and uplift young people through sports and recreational activities.

The atmosphere inside the hall was electric, with all participants representing various sporting codes—weightlifting, pool, judo, and boxing—competing with energy, discipline, and sportsmanship. Each game drew loud cheers and support from the audience, as young athletes showcased their skills and passion.

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The event was led by Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke, who delivered opening remarks encouraging the youth to continue using sports as a tool for growth, discipline, and social cohesion. At the end of the competitions, trophies and medals were awarded to winners in each category, recognizing their hard work and excellence.

The Indoor Games Youth Month Celebration was hailed as a success and remains a powerful reminder of the role local government can play in nurturing young talent and promoting healthy, active communities.



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Cllr N.P Zonke
Executive Mayor

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You are invited to a special prayer service initiated by Our Premier, in response to the devastating floods in Umtata.



**Middelburg Town Hall/
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19 June 2025



11h00 – 12h00

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More Information

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SUCCESSFUL LGBTQIA+ AND WOMEN'S VOICES EVENT EMPOWERS COMMUNITY OF IYM



On 13 February 2025, the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in partnership with Konwaba Training Institute, hosted a groundbreaking LGBTQIA+ and Women's Voices event at the Middelburg Lusaka Hall. The event, led by Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke and her Executive Committee, was a resounding success, drawing a full house of attendees eager to engage and learn. The event featured powerful panelists from the LGBTQIA+ community who shared their personal experiences and educated the audience on issues affecting their lives.



Sector departments, including Social Development, Thuthuzela Health Care Centre, and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), were also present, offering messages of support and highlighting available resources. EM Zonke delivered a heartfelt welcoming address, urging parents of LGBTQIA+ children to be patient and understanding. She shared her own experience as a mother of a daughter who identifies as LGBTQIA+, emphasizing the importance of giving families time to process and accept their loved ones' identities. The audience was actively engaged, with opportunities to ask questions and contribute to discussions. The event also saw the presence of key dignitaries, including the Mayor of Emalahleni Municipality, Cllr Koni, and representatives from the office of CHDM Executive Mayor Cllr Lusanda Sizani.



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SCHOOL PROGRAM: EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG GIRLS THROUGH TEENAGE PREGNANCY AWARENESS AND HANDOVER OF SANITARY TOWELS



Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in collaboration with the Department of Social Development and the Department of Health, successfully conducted a three-day Teenage Pregnancy Awareness and Sanitary Towels Handover Program. Led by Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke along with Speaker Cllr Mbotya and Chief Whip Cllr Davids, the initiative aimed to empower young girls by addressing teenage pregnancy, promoting menstrual health, and supporting their education through the distribution of sanitary dignity packs.

The program took place across multiple schools within the municipality:

- Day 1 (29 January 2025): Ekuphumleni High School, Middelburg.
- Day 2 (30 January 2025): Nxuba Primary School and Akena Primary School, with learners from Emacembe Primary School also participating.
- Day 3 (4 February 2025): Carinus Primary School and Nomzamo Special School.

EM Zonke emphasized the importance of education, urging the girls to focus on their futures and reminding them that they are the future leaders. This program highlights the IGR'S commitment to empowering young girls, promoting menstrual health, and reducing teenage pregnancy, ensuring education remains a priority for all.

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MAYOR'S CUP 2025

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MAYOR'S CUP FINALS THRILL AT LINGELIHLE STADIUM

The Mayor's Cup finals, held on 1 February 2025 at Lingelihle Stadium, showcased thrilling matches across soccer, netball, and rugby. The event kicked off at 11:00, with teams from Middelburg and Nxuba (formerly Cradock) competing fiercely in all three sporting codes. In soccer and rugby, the Middelburg teams emerged victorious, while the Nxuba netball team claimed victory in their category. The teams were composed of selected players who excelled during the elimination stages, a unique approach adopted by both towns under the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality.

The event was attended by various sport federations, and winners were awarded trophies and medals. Additionally, standout players from all codes were selected to represent Inxuba Yethemba Municipality in the District Mayor's Cup in Komani on 9 February 2025. Scouts will also be present to identify talent for the upcoming Provincial Games in Gqeberha from 21 to 23 February 2025. The Mayor's Cup continues to be a platform for nurturing local talent and fostering community spirit through sport.



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The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in partnership with Konwaba Training Institute, hosted a successful Men's Conference on 14 November 2024 at Lingelihle Ward 2 Hall, Nxuba, formerly known as Cradock. The day began with a vibrant fun walk at 07:30, starting from Steers and concluding at Konwaba Institute, setting the tone for a dynamic and empowering event.



Executive Mayor, Cllr Noncedo Zonke, warmly welcomed the men of Inxuba Yethemba with heartfelt remarks. Recognizing the sensitivity of the discussions, she respectfully left the venue after her opening address, allowing men to candidly address their issues. She later returned to participate in the way forward discussions.



The event featured a stellar lineup of panelists, including Prof. Rashe, Prof. Kondlo, Dr. Ngevu, Father Majola, Dr. Mateta, and keynote speaker Dr. Tebelele. The program was masterfully directed by renowned MC, Putco Mafani. Attendees also enjoyed captivating performances by artists Vee Sholo and Butho Vuthela.

Men in the audience were given the opportunity to share their perspectives and contribute to shaping actionable resolutions. The conference not only provided a safe space for dialogue but also fostered unity and empowerment among the men of Inxuba Yethemba.

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WELCOMING MESSAGE ON THE BIRTH OF TWO NEWBORN FEMALE BABIES

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It brings me immense joy to extend heartfelt congratulations on behalf of Inxuba Yethemba Municipality to the families of the two newborn babies welcomed into the world today at Nxuba Hospital, formerly known as Cradock Hospital. The birth of a child is a profound blessing and a symbol of hope, reminding us of the boundless potential that every new life brings to our community.

While we acknowledge with love that no births have yet been recorded in our Middleburg facilities this year, we celebrate the first babies born in 2025 here in Nxuba. These precious children are our community's newest members, and their arrival is a reminder of the importance of unity, care, and the nurturing of our future generation. To the parents, I commend you for the courage and strength it takes to welcome new life into the world. May your journey ahead be filled with joy, health, and prosperity as you raise the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow.



CLLR NONCEDO ZONKE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

As a municipality, we are committed to creating an environment where all children can grow and thrive. Once again, congratulations to the families, and welcome to our beautiful community, little ones! May your lives be filled with happiness and endless possibilities.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL INXUBA YETHEMBA YOUTH AWARDS



Inxuba Yethemba Municipality



Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke proudly handing over awards to deserving young achievers.



Nominees, parents, and the audience were all smiles, enjoying every moment of celebration.



The 2024 Second Annual Inxuba Yethemba Youth Awards, hosted by the Office of the Executive Mayor in partnership with the Inxuba Yethemba Youth Forum, was a resounding success. Held on 15 November 2024 at Lusaka Hall in Middelburg, the event celebrated the exceptional talents and contributions of young people in the community.

Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke opened the evening with inspiring words directed at the youth, emphasizing their potential and the importance of their role in society. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Zukisa Gana, Provincial Youth Commissioner from SALGA, who motivated attendees with his empowering message.

The Chris Hani Regional South African Youth Council also graced the event, delivering a supportive message to the youth. Parents, nominees, and community members were present to celebrate the accomplishments of 32 young achievers across various categories, including Youth in Business, Youth in Agriculture, Best Makeup Artist, and Influencer etc.

The evening showcased the vibrant talent and potential of Inxuba Yethemba's youth, leaving the community inspired and united in support of its future leaders.

Success at NSFAS
Application Drive and Higher
Education Recruitment Fair

Yesterday's NSFAS Application Drive and Higher Education Recruitment Fair, held at Nxuba Sports Field, was a resounding success. The event, which started at 10h00, was led by Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke, accompanied by Cllr Lena Davids. Grade 12 learners from both Middelburg and Cradock attended, alongside out-of-school youth.



Grade 12 learners attentively listen as Executive Mayor , along with all stakeholders present, address them during the event.

The Executive Mayor warmly welcomed all participants, highlighting the importance of education and access to financial aid. Representatives from NSFAS, the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), and several sector departments, including Home Affairs and SAPS, were present to offer guidance and services.

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Executive Mayor Cllr. Noncedo Zonke delivers welcoming remarks at the event, setting the tone for a successful gathering.



Grade 12 learners and out-of-school youth engage with various stalls, seeking valuable information and assistance from institutions and organizations.

Higher education institutions like the University of Fort Hare, Grootfontein Agricultural College, and Konwaba Training Institute also participated, showcasing opportunities for further education and skills development. This initiative provided crucial support for young people to take the next step in their educational journey, ensuring they have the tools and information necessary to succeed.



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◆ INXUBA YETHEMBA MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES WOMEN'S MONTH WITH WELLNESS AND EDUCATION ◆

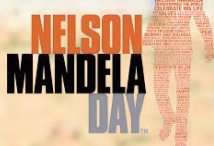


In celebration of Women's Month, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in partnership with Konwaba Training Institute, hosted a day filled with activities promoting wellness and education. The event kicked off with a vibrant fun walk at 08h00, where both males and females participated to honor the spirit of Women's Month.



Cllr N.P Zonke
Executive Mayor

The main event, held at Konwaba Training Institute at 12h00, focused on prevalence testing for Inxuba Yethemba Municipality employees. With about 70 male and female employees currently studying at Konwaba Training Institute, the event aimed to ensure their health and well-being as they pursue further education. The Executive Mayor Cllr Noncedo Zonke welcomed everyone and highlighted the importance of such initiatives in supporting the community's development and wellness.



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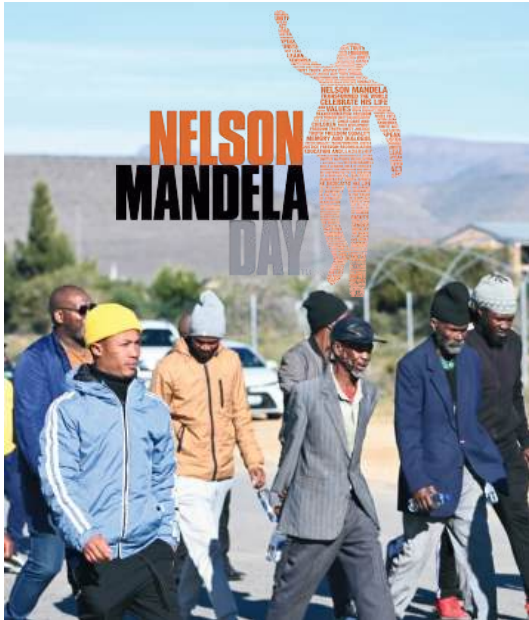
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NELSON MANDELA DAY CELEBRATION: INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE ON GBV AND FEMICIDE

Yesterday, the Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in partnership with the Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts, and Culture, hosted a significant Nelson Mandela Day Celebration at Vusubuntu Hall. The event, led by Executive Mayor Councillor Noncedo Zonke, centered on an intergenerational dialogue between young men and elderly men, focusing on the pressing issues of gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide.



The day commenced with a spirited fun walk at 09h00, setting a tone of unity and community engagement. At 10h00, the official program began, where participants engaged in heartfelt and insightful discussions.

The dialogue provided a platform for the younger and older generations to exchange perspectives, share experiences, and explore solutions to combat GBV and femicide in the community. Cllr Zonke emphasized the importance of such conversations in fostering understanding and driving collective action against these societal issues.



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INXUBA YETHEMBA MUNICIPALITY AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARTNER FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS



Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in collaboration with the Department of Education, held a series of public meetings to mark the site handover for significant school construction and renovation projects. Executive Mayor Noncedo Zonke led these important gatherings, focusing on enhancing local educational facilities. The first site handover took place at E. Macembe Junior Primary School from 09h00 to 10h30, where plans for the construction of additional classrooms were discussed. Following this, the site handover for J.A. Ncaca Junior Primary School was conducted from 11h00 to 12h00 on the same day and at the same venue, 06 June 2024.

Additionally, the site handover for the renovation of J.A. Calata Senior Secondary School occurred earlier, on June 3, 2024, at 11h00, held at the school's premises. These meetings highlighted the social benefits of the projects, emphasizing improved learning environments and potential job creation. During each session, Project Steering Committees (PSCs) were elected to oversee the projects and ensure community involvement and transparency throughout the construction phases.



SANRAL AND INXUBA YETHEMBA MUNICIPALITY PARTNER ON SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECTS

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ROADS AGENCY LIMITED (SANRAL) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INXUBA YETHEMBA MUNICIPALITY HOSTED A CRUCIAL PUBLIC MEETING TO ADDRESS SLOPE STABILIZATION ON THE NATIONAL ROUTE R390, SECTION 1, SPECIFICALLY THE CRADOCK CUTTING.

THIS MEETING, HELD AT THE VUSUBUNTU CULTURAL VILLAGE HALL AT 14H00, SAW A SIGNIFICANT TURNOUT FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING SMALL, MEDIUM, AND MICRO ENTERPRISES (SMMES).



CRADOCK UNIT



MIDDELBURG UNIT

EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR NONCEDO ZONKE LED THE DISCUSSIONS, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE ON THIS VITAL TRANSPORT ROUTE. IN ADDITION TO THIS MEETING, A SIMILAR SESSION WAS CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING DAY, JUNE 5, 2024, AT THE MIDDELBURG TOWN HALL AT 10H00.

THIS MEETING FOCUSED ON THE NATIONAL ROUTE N10, SECTION 4, SPECIFICALLY THE WITKRANS NEL CUTTING. DURING THESE SESSIONS, A PROJECT LIAISON COMMITTEE (PLC) WAS ELECTED TO FACILITATE ONGOING COMMUNICATION AND ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS THAT MAY ARISE DURING THE PROJECT.



INXUBA YETHEMBA MUNICIPALITY HOSTS THRILLING EASTER WEEKEND SPORTS TOURNAMENT

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From Good Friday, March 29th, to Easter Monday, April 1st, 2024, the Lingelihle stadium in Cradock was a hive of activity, resonating with cheers and applause as players showcased their skills in rugby, soccer, and netball. This remarkable initiative, funded by the municipality, aimed to promote sportsmanship, unity, and healthy competition among residents.



The positive feedback from local SMME's underscores the profound impact of the tournament, not only as a sporting spectacle but also as a catalyst for economic growth and community development. Amidst the excitement, Hawkers flourished, particularly those operating food stalls.

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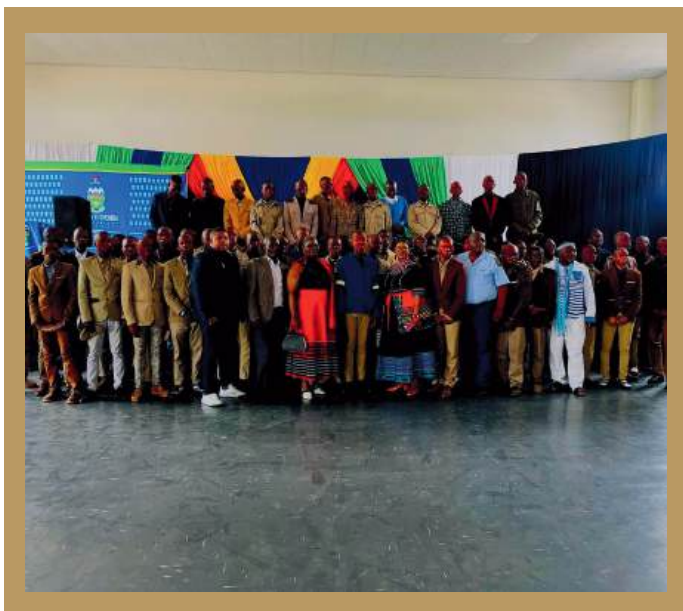
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In a celebration of cultural heritage and community bonding, a two-day welcoming function for initiates took place in Middelburg and Cradock on January 24th and 25th, 2024, respectively. The inaugural day, held in Middelburg on January 24th, commenced at 10:00 a.m. The town became a hub of cultural significance as initiates, their families, and community members gathered to mark the beginning of this transformative journey.



On the following day, January 25th, the festivities continued in Cradock at the Lingelihle Ward 2 Hall, starting again at 10:00 a.m. These welcoming functions serve not only as a celebration but also as a testament to the strength of community bonds and the importance of preserving cultural traditions. By having government representatives present, the events demonstrated a commitment to fostering understanding and support between cultural practices and governmental initiatives.



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Title Deeds Handed Over to 643 Beneficiaries: A Milestone for Inxuba Yethemba Municipality



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In a historic moment marking progress and empowerment, the township of Inxuba Yethemba in Middelburg witnessed a transformative event as 643 verified beneficiaries received the long-awaited title deeds to their homes.

The initiative, spearheaded by the MEC for Human Settlements, Honorable Siphokazi Mani Lusithi, was a collaborative effort joined by the Executive Mayor of Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, Councillor Noncedo Zonke, and Chris Hani District Municipality Deputy Mayor, Councillor Noncedo September Caba.

The bustling Middelburg Lusaka Hall became the heart of this extraordinary event on October 31st, 2023, where the community congregated in anticipation and excitement. The hall pulsed with a sense of pride and joy as residents eagerly awaited this pivotal moment.

This is the restoration programme that restores the dignity of our people to have ownership of their houses where they can prove ownership through title deeds. It has been happening that parents would pass on and children would be left alone without a house with title deed, leaving them struggling to claim ownership of the house.



In a joyous celebration of youthful exuberance and creativity, the Chris Hani District Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts, and Culture, in collaboration with Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, the Department of Social Development, and Middelburg Primary Schools, orchestrated a vibrant Children's Day Festival. On November 8th, 2023, Rosmead Primary School was transformed into a playground of laughter and excitement as children from across the region gathered for a day filled with fun-filled activities and interactive programs.

Executive Mayor Councillor Noncedo Zonke extended a warm welcome, setting the tone for a day focused on the joy and significance of childhood. Her opening remarks emphasized the importance of nurturing and supporting the younger generation, acknowledging their role as the future pillars of the community. The Children's Day Festival at Rosmead Primary School stands as a testament to the commitment of local authorities and educational institutions in fostering an environment where children can thrive, learn, and, most importantly, revel in the sheer delight of being young.

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CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S DAY AT ROSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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INXUBA YETHEMBA UNITES: A NIGHT OF RUGBY AND COMMUNITY HARMONY

NEWSFLASH



THE EVENT WAS MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL AS EXECUTIVE MAYOR COUNCILLOR NONCEDO ZONKE TOOK THE STAGE TO WELCOME EVERYONE WITH OPEN ARMS AND HEARTFELT WORDS. HER PRESENCE AND WARM ADDRESS SET THE TONE FOR THE EVENING, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMING TOGETHER AS ONE, IRRESPECTIVE OF BACKGROUNDS OR DIFFERENCES. AS THE CLOCK STRUCK 21:00, THE GIANT SCREEN CAME TO LIFE, AND THE GAME BEGAN. CHEERS, LAUGHTER, AND COLLECTIVE GASPS FILLED THE AIR AS THE TWO RUGBY GIANTS BATTLED IT OUT ON THE FIELD. THE TENSION WAS PALPABLE, BUT THE SENSE OF CAMARADERIE PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

GROOTFONTEIN AGRICULTURAL SPORTFIELD, MIDDELBURG - ON THE CRISP EVENING OF OCTOBER 28, 2023, THE INXUBA YETHEMBA MUNICIPALITY CAME TOGETHER TO HOST A MOMENTOUS PUBLIC VIEWING EVENT THAT TRANSCENDED BOUNDARIES AND BROUGHT THE COMMUNITIES OF CRADOCK AND MIDDELBURG CLOSER THAN EVER. RUGBY ENTHUSIASTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE GATHERED UNDER THE STARRY SKY TO WITNESS THE EPIC SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SPRINGBOKS AND THE NEW ZEALAND ALL BLACKS IN THE RUGBY WORLD CUP.



THE ATMOSPHERE AT GROOTFONTEIN AGRICULTURAL SPORTFIELD WAS ELECTRIC AS FANS OF ALL RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS GATHERED, UNITING IN THEIR SHARED LOVE FOR THE SPORT AND THEIR NATION. IT WAS A HEARTWARMING SIGHT, SHOWCASING THE POWER OF SPORTS TO BRIDGE DIVIDES AND FORGE A STRONG SENSE OF UNITY AMONG COMMUNITIES.



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**ANNUAL CHRIS HANI JAZZ MUSIC FESTIVAL
DAZZLES INXUBA YETHEMBA MUNICIPALITY**



Cradock Town, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, was filled with the soulful melodies and rhythm of jazz on October 20, 2023, as the Annual Chris Hani Jazz Music Festival descended upon this charming locale. This year, the event took a detour from its traditional setting in Komani town. Instead, the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture, in collaboration with the Chris Hani District Municipality, decided to bring the festival to Cradock, where the peaceful ambience was ripe for a musical celebration.

The Chris Hani Jazz Music Festival is a testament to the power of partnership and the universal appeal of jazz. It serves as a platform for local jazz artists from Cradock and Middelburg to showcase their remarkable talent. These talented individuals had the incredible opportunity to grace the same stage as renowned national artists, creating a harmonious blend of local and national musical excellence. Executive Mayor Noncedo Zonke, in her heartfelt welcoming remarks, encouraged attendees to immerse themselves in the enchanting world of jazz and savor every melodious note. The festival not only entertained the senses but also served as a testament to the profound impact of music in bridging communities and bringing people together. The Annual Chris Hani Jazz Music Festival is more than just a gathering of music enthusiasts; it is a celebration of culture, diversity, and the enduring spirit of unity.



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In Cradock, the second day featured visits to equally significant landmarks, including the Garden of Remembrance, Cradock Four Graves, Calata House, Schreiner House, Karoo Museum, and Moeder Kerk. These destinations provide a glimpse into the rich history and culture of Cradock, allowing learners to appreciate the importance of preserving and sharing their local heritage. The program's significance lies in its role in instilling a sense of pride and responsibility among the youth of Inxuba Yethemba Municipality. By introducing them to the hidden gems within their own towns, it encourages them to become advocates for local tourism and cultural preservation. Additionally, it fosters a sense of unity and identity, connecting these young learners to the roots of their communities. As South Africa celebrates Tourism Month, initiatives like these not only promote local tourism but also contribute to the overall growth and development of the nation's tourism industry.



INSTITUTIONAL HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION



Inxuba Yethemba Municipality came alive with vibrant colors, traditional rhythms, and a deep sense of institution on Heritage Day as the Integrated Planning and Development Department, under the unit of tourism, hosted a spectacular celebration at Lusaka Hall. On this auspicious day, the municipality's diverse cultures and rich heritage took center stage, providing an opportunity for employees to embrace and celebrate their roots.

The event, held at 10:00am, was a resounding success, bringing together people from all walks of life to honor and appreciate the cultural tapestry that makes Inxuba Yethemba a unique and harmonious community.

In a world that often emphasizes differences, Heritage Day serves as a powerful reminder of the value of unity in diversity. The Integrated Planning and Development Department, working alongside the tourism unit, put in considerable effort to ensure that every culture was represented and celebrated, fostering a sense of belonging among residents.

Inxuba Yethemba Municipality's Heritage Day celebration at Lusaka Hall was a resounding success, showcasing the municipality's rich cultural diversity and fostering a sense of unity among its residents. The event, led by the Integrated Planning and Development Department under the unit of tourism, demonstrated the commitment to preserving and celebrating the heritage that makes the municipality unique.



COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

CRIME AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WITH ABAHLOBO -EX CONVICTS

The Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has established a partnership with Abahlobo Ex-Convicts, a community-based organisation focused on rehabilitation and social reintegration. Through this collaboration, the municipality seeks to promote skills development, crime prevention, and community upliftment, while offering former offenders opportunities to contribute positively to society.





Community & Social Development

Handover of Equipment

Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, in partnership with the Department of Small Business Development, proudly conducted the official handover of equipment and working tools to support local SMMs.

This initiative forms part of our commitment to empowering small businesses, creating opportunities for sustainable growth, and boosting local economic development.

HANDOVER OF FOOD PARCELS

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



In Ward 6, Esikhululeni, a total of 50 food parcels were handed over by the Executive Mayor of Inxuba Yethemba Municipality, Cllr Noncedo Zonke, as part of efforts to bring relief to struggling households during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. This humanitarian intervention was made possible through the support and collaboration of SANParks – Mountain Zebra National Park, who partnered with the municipality to reach out to the most vulnerable in society.

The COVID-19 pandemic left many families in distress, with livelihoods disrupted, jobs lost, and access to basic needs becoming a challenge. The handover of food parcels was therefore not just an act of giving, but a demonstration of leadership, compassion, and commitment to the wellbeing of the community. The municipality, through the office of the Executive Mayor, worked closely with community leaders to identify households in urgent need, ensuring that the parcels reached those most affected.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

BEST WISHES TOWARDS CRADOCK MELODIES CHOIR & MIDDELBURG HARMONY VOICES CHOIR

NEWS FLASH



Cllr N. P Zonke
Executive Mayor

It is with immense pride and joy that I, Executive Mayor Councilor Noncedo Zonke, extend my heartfelt wishes to both Middelburg Harmony Voices and Cradock Melodies Choir as you participate in the prestigious Battle of Municipalities competition at the East London ICC, commencing today and running through until Sunday, the 10th of September 2023.

This competition represents not only a celebration of the incredible talent that resides within our municipalities but also a testament to the unity and harmony that music brings to our communities.



As representatives of our beautiful towns, your voices will resonate not only in the hearts of the audience but also in the collective spirit of our people. Remember that it is not just the destination that matters, but the journey itself. The countless hours of practice, dedication, and passion that you have poured into your performances have already made you winners in our eyes.

Your commitment to excellence serves as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the limitless potential within our municipalities. As you take the stage, let the harmony of your voices transcend boundaries and inspire unity. May your melodies touch the souls of everyone who listens, forging connections that will last a lifetime.

I have no doubt that Middelburg Harmony Voices and Cradock Melody Choir will shine brightly in this competition, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry and musical heritage of our municipalities. Your presence at this event is a testament to the power of art to unite, uplift, and bring joy to our communities.

Go forth with confidence, give it your all, and most importantly, enjoy every moment of this incredible experience. Regardless of the outcome, you have already made us immensely proud.

On behalf of the entire municipality and its residents, I wish you all the best in the Battle of Municipalities competition. May your voices soar, and your spirits shine, as you make our towns shine even brighter on this grand stage.



GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

COLLECTION RATE CHAMPION

Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has set a remarkable standard when it comes to rates collections. With a relentless commitment to fiscal responsibility and effective governance, it has consistently been hailed as the best municipality in the Eastern Cape province in terms of rates collections. This achievement not only underscores the municipality's dedication to serving its residents but also showcases its ability to manage resources efficiently.

INVESTING IN MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The effective allocation and utilization of funds are crucial for any municipality's growth and development. Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has excelled in this regard, earning the title of the best municipality in the Eastern Cape for spending on Municipal Infrastructure Grants. This accomplishment demonstrates the municipality's strategic planning and commitment to improving the lives of its citizens by enhancing infrastructure, which is essential for the economic and social well-being of the community.

UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINIONS FOR 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

A testament to its unwavering commitment to transparency and accountability, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has achieved an impressive feat. For six consecutive years, it has received unqualified audit opinions from the Auditor General. This remarkable consistency highlights the municipality's effective financial management and adherence to the highest standards of governance.

NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS CHAMPION

Beyond financial prowess, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality has also demonstrated its dedication to environmental sustainability. The municipality has proudly clinched the first prize in the small rural local municipality category at the National Arbor City Awards Competition for two consecutive years, in 2022 and 2023. This prestigious recognition is a testament to Inxuba Yethemba's commitment to creating a greener and more sustainable future for its residents. To further celebrate its achievements in the realm of environmental stewardship, Inxuba Yethemba Municipality received a well-deserved prize of R300,000 as part of the National Arbor City Awards.

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

INDIGENT WRITE-OFFS, INDIGENT AMNESTY, AND ELECTRICITY BLOCKAGES.

The indigent write-offs provided much-needed relief to vulnerable households who could not afford to pay their long-standing arrears.

By removing these uncollectable debts, the municipality restored dignity to indigent families while also improving the accuracy of its financial records. This intervention has also strengthened trust between the municipality and its communities, as residents could see that their challenges were being recognized and addressed.

The indigent amnesty programme, designed specifically for registered indigent households, gave beneficiaries a fresh start by clearing historic debt while encouraging them to keep their accounts up to date moving forward. This initiative helped to rebuild confidence among residents, promoted a culture of responsible service usage, and ensured that indigent households continued to access basic services without fear of overwhelming arrears.

The introduction of electricity blockages has further supported the municipality's Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy. By limiting supply to non-paying households while still providing minimal access, the municipality created a strong incentive to prioritize payments. This measure also helped reduce illegal connections and safeguarded municipal infrastructure.

Together, these interventions have resulted in improved revenue collection, a more credible debtors' book, and greater community trust in the municipality's governance. They highlight a balanced approach of combining compassion for the most vulnerable with firm enforcement measures to ensure long-term financial sustainability and reliable service delivery.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

6. Strategic Insights

1. Financial Stability: While deficits in 2021/22 and 2022/23 highlighted systemic cash-flow constraints, the 2024/25 surplus suggests corrective measures (tariff negotiations, debt reversals, grant spending discipline) are stabilizing operations.

2. Debt Burden: Rising creditors — especially Eskom arrears — pose a long-term risk. Sustained adherence to the Eskom payment agreement and improved debtor recovery are essential.

3. Revenue Enhancement: Focus is needed on electricity and waste charges, enforcement of credit control, and expansion of business licensing (especially foreign traders and seasonal activities).

4. Governance: Overspending on contracted services and persistent under-collection highlight weaknesses in internal financial controls and require Council oversight.

5. Community Impact: A large indigent base limits revenue growth; future strategies must balance affordability with service cost recovery.

Conclusion

Over three years, IYM's financial trajectory moved from persistent deficits (2021/22, 2022/23) to a notable surplus in 2024/25. However, structural challenges — rising creditor liabilities, under-performing revenue lines, and a growing debtor book — remain pressing. Sustained fiscal discipline, stronger credit control, and effective revenue management are critical to achieving long-term financial sustainability and improved service delivery.

Looking Ahead



Key Developments and Planned Projects

- Education & Community Infrastructure: Completion of Nomsa Frans Primary School and approval of a Private Hospital development.
- Energy Sector: Establishment of Engie Genoegsaam and Kaladokhwe Renewable Energy Facilities.
- Land & Housing Development: Land audit conducted, subdivision of land for middle-income earners, and identification of vacant sites for residential purposes. Planned housing projects include BNG (Low Cost), First Time Home Finance, Rental Stock (CRU & Social Housing), Egg Rock Housing Development, and Midros & Kwanonzame Housing Development, as well as the Middelburg R56 Integrated Housing Development.
- Agriculture & Industry: Partnerships established for Middelburg Custom Feed (De Heis), Cannabis Industry Development, resuscitation of sugar beet production, and collaboration with the Department of Agriculture to revive municipal cultivated land (Masimini).
- Infrastructure Upgrades: Paving of Solomon Mahlangu Street and Refurbishment of Cradock Sports Field (Ward 5, Phase 2).



Thank You



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