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Namakwa District Municipality Marks Mandela Day Through Giving Back

Namakwa District Municipality commemorated Mandela Day on 17 July 2026 by putting the spirit of service into action through a community outreach programme at Huis Harmony.
The initiative focused on supporting the residents of the old age home, with the municipality donating much-needed cleaning supplies. The gesture formed part of the municipality's ongoing commitment to making a positive difference in the communities it serves.

Welcoming those in attendance, Municipal Manager Mr. Sydney Adams reflected on the importance of giving back, emphasizing that "it is an honor to give back, no matter how small." His message highlighted that meaningful change does not always require grand gestures but can begin with simple acts of kindness and consideration for others.

The donation was warmly received by the residents and staff of Huis Harmony, who expressed their appreciation for the municipality's gesture and support.

The Mandela Day programme also extended beyond the old age home, with warm soup being provided to homeless and vulnerable children in the area. Through these efforts, the municipality sought to bring comfort and support to those who are most vulnerable.

The day served as a reminder that the values associated with Nelson Mandela — compassion, service, dignity and community — remain relevant in building stronger communities.

By giving back, no matter how small the gesture, we can each contribute towards making a lasting difference.

PHOTO GALLERY













FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S DESK



It is always a pleasure to write something for our Newsletter.

The Namakwa District Municipality always strive for excellence and raises the bar in terms of previous performance. This we can attribute towards a care Council and committed staff who really understand and appreciate their different roles and responsibilities.

Indeed, we are entering interesting period with the LGE 2026 looming and that will happen on 04 November 2026.

We must pay tribute to the many who took it upon themselves to ensure that the institution remains relevant and on track with its developmental agenda. During the first quarter there were very much information and knowledge shared on local government and the various structures and also its powers and functions. Today I must congratulate Jodine Cloete for the work done but also the role played by fellow colleagues.

As an Accounting Officer, I am also proud to acknowledge the successful implementation of our Individual Performance Management System (IPMS) to all staff. The last quarter of 2025/2026 as well as the first quarter 2026/2027 were a beehive on policies and compliance. As we have successfully passed a funded budget, credible IDP, LED Strategy, etc. we can be proud of the efforts and hard work.

We trust and pray that LGE 2026 will affirm stability in our municipality and we are looking forward to delivering on our primary mandate of improved service delivery. We are also on track to ensure a clean audit outcome for the year under review. We will not downplay the importance of this assignment but will work closely with the AGSA, Audit Committee and all our other stakeholders to achieve this objective.

Let us grind, hustle and execute.

Sydney Adams
Municipal Manager

WELCOMING NEW TALENT TO THE NAMAKWA TEAM

Namakwa District Municipality warmly welcomes RRAMS graduates Yazeer Aysen and Thlolofelo Mokhanya to the Namakwa team.

Their appointment marks an exciting opportunity for them to apply their skills and knowledge while gaining valuable experience within local government. NDM looks forward to supporting their professional growth and contribution to the municipality.

Welcome to the Namakwa family, Yazeer and Thlolofelo!





NDM CELEBRATES LONG-SERVICE MILESTONES

Namakwa District Municipality proudly celebrates the dedication and commitment of employees who have reached significant long-service milestones within the Municipality.

Congratulations are extended to Beatrice Hagglund, who has completed an impressive 25 years of service, and to Alicia Richards and Elize Sass, who have each reached an outstanding 30 years of service.

These milestones represent decades of commitment, hard work and valuable contributions to the Municipality and the communities it serves. Their years of service reflect not only loyalty to the organisation but also the knowledge, experience and dedication they have shared throughout their careers.

Namakwa District Municipality sincerely appreciates their continued commitment and the role they have played in shaping the organisation over the years.

Congratulations, Beatrice, Alicia and Elize, on these remarkable achievements!







Freedom Month 2026

Freedom and The Rule of Law-Thirty Years of Democratic Citizenship



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LUCINDE BONN BIDS FAREWELL AFTER 19 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

After an impressive 19 years of service at Namakwa District Municipality, Lucinde Bonn has officially bid farewell to the organisation following her resignation.
Over nearly two decades, Lucinde has been a valued member of the NDM team, contributing her time, skills and dedication to the Municipality and its work in serving the communities of the Namakwa District.

Her years at NDM have been marked by commitment and perseverance, leaving behind a legacy of experience and meaningful contributions to the organisation. Colleagues have had the opportunity to work alongside her, share experiences and be part of her journey throughout the years.

Namakwa District Municipality extends its sincere appreciation to Lucinde for her 19 years of service, dedication and contribution to the organisation.

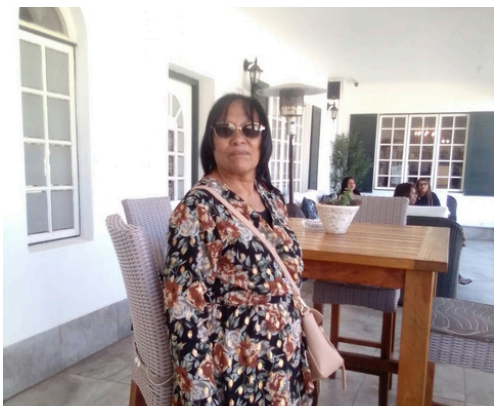
As she begins a new chapter, NDM wishes Lucinde every success, happiness and fulfilment in all her future endeavours.
Thank you, Lucinde, and all the best for the journey ahead!





AMELIA KAMMIES RETIRES AFTER 13 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE





Namakwa District Municipality bids a warm farewell to Amelia Kammies, affectionately known as Auntie Amelia, following her retirement after 13 years of dedicated service to the Municipality.

Auntie Amelia joined the Calvinia Office on 2 February 2013 as a General Assistant, a position she held throughout her career with NDM. Over the years, she became a valued member of the municipal team, contributing with dedication and commitment to the workplace.

After more than a decade of service, Auntie Amelia officially retired at the end of July 2026, at the age of 65.

Namakwa District Municipality extends its sincere appreciation to Auntie Amelia for her years of service, commitment and contribution to the organization. Her journey with NDM is a testament to the value of dedication and loyalty in the workplace.

As she enters this new chapter of her life, we wish Auntie Amelia a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement, filled with happiness, good health and many special moments with her loved ones.

Congratulations on your retirement, Auntie Amelia, and thank you for 13 years of service to NDM!

NAMAKWA DISTRICT ADVANCES LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY THROUGH DISTRICT-WIDE VALIDATION WORKSHOPS





The Namakwa District Municipality recently concluded a series of Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy Validation Workshops, bringing together stakeholders from across the district to review, engage with and provide input on the draft LED Strategy.

The four-day consultation process took place across the district, with workshops held in Port Nolloth (Richtersveld), Springbok (Nama Khoi), Pofadder (Khâi-Ma) and Calvinia (Hantam). The engagements provided an important platform for government, businesses, community representatives, development partners and other stakeholders to share their views on the economic opportunities and challenges facing the district.

The workshops form part of the Innovation Champions for Local Economic Development (IC4LED) initiative, through which the Namakwa District Municipality is working in partnership with key institutions, including the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation, Sol Plaatje University, Technology Innovation Agency, Department of Cooperative Governance, South African Local Government Association (SALGA), Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism, as well as other strategic partners.

The draft LED Strategy was presented to stakeholders during each engagement, providing an overview of the proposed interventions and strategic direction for the district's economic development. Participants subsequently engaged in breakaway sessions, allowing for more focused discussions and the sharing of local knowledge, ideas, experiences and recommendations.

A recurring theme throughout the engagements was the importance of collaboration and meaningful stakeholder participation in ensuring that the final strategy is practical, inclusive and responsive to the realities of communities across Namakwa.

During the engagements, Richtersveld Executive Mayor Cllr Cornell Knoph called on stakeholders to tap into the opportunities available and work together with various government departments and partners to make the initiative a success.

Similarly, Nama Khoi Municipal Manager, Advocate Malan, highlighted the value of stakeholder contributions, noting that the input shared through the platform would help kick-start the programme and provide valuable insights towards achieving meaningful outcomes.

In Hantam, Municipal Manager Mr. Jannie Fortuin emphasized the need for the strategy to create opportunities for young people. He encouraged stakeholders to share their ideas and experiences to ensure that the process translates into tangible outcomes and ultimately produces a prosperous and resilient final document.

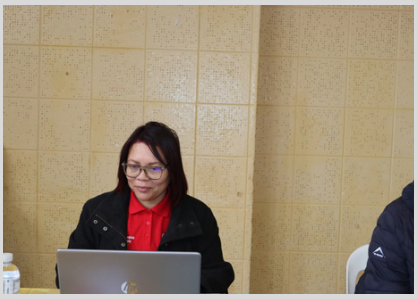
Following the completion of the validation process, the draft strategy will be revised based on the inputs received from stakeholders during the workshops. The revised document will then progress through the subsequent stages towards finalisation and adoption.

The four-day process demonstrated the value of bringing stakeholders together to collectively shape Namakwa's economic future. Through continued collaboration, innovation and shared responsibility, the LED Strategy aims to provide a strong foundation for job creation, SMME development, investment, youth opportunities and sustainable economic growth across the district.

The Namakwa District Municipality appreciates the valuable contributions of all stakeholders who participated in the validation process and looks forward to taking the next steps towards building a more prosperous, inclusive and resilient Namakwa.

The final LED Strategy was adopted by council on the 28 August 2026.








NAMAKWA DISTRICT LEADERSHIP STRENGTHENS NAMAKWA DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS FORUM COORDINATION

Mayors, Municipal Managers and Heads of Sector Departments recently came together for the quarterly Namakwa District Intergovernmental Relations (NDIRF) Forum.

The meeting provided an important platform for political and administrative leadership, together with sector departments, to engage on matters affecting the district, share information and strengthen intergovernmental coordination.

Municipal Manager, Mr. Sydney Adams, delivered a presentation on feedback from the Technical Intergovernmental Relations (TIGR) Forum, highlighting key discussions and matters arising from the technical forum.

The quarterly NDIRF continues to provide a valuable platform for collaboration, coordination and information sharing between municipalities and government departments, with a focus on addressing key priorities across the Namakwa District.





FITNESS FRIDAYS PROMOTE EMPLOYEE WELLNESS AT NDM

As part of Namakwa District Municipality's ongoing commitment to employee wellness, Fitness Fridays have been introduced as a regular opportunity for employees to prioritize their physical health and well-being.

Taking place every Friday, the sessions encourage employees to step away from their daily routines, get active and enjoy some time together with colleagues. Activities include stretching and light physical exercises, aerobics, walking sessions and various wellness challenges.

The initiative aims to promote a healthier and more active workplace while encouraging employees to make wellness a part of their everyday lives. It also provides an opportunity for colleagues to connect, motivate one another and build a positive team spirit.

Employees are encouraged to participate, bring their energy and invite a colleague to join them as NDM continues to make employee wellness a priority.








First Thursday Prayer Sessions Promote Unity and Solidarity

Namakwa District Municipality continues to promote a culture of solidarity and collective action through its First Thursday Prayer Sessions, held every first Thursday of the month.

The sessions provide employees with an opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection, with a particular focus on ending gender-based violence (GBV) and supporting efforts to locate missing children.

The initiative creates a space for employees to stand together in support of victims, survivors and families affected by these issues, while using prayer as a means of expressing hope, compassion and solidarity.

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As part of the Municipality's ongoing commitment to raising awareness around GBV, employees are also encouraged to wear black on Thursdays as a visible symbol of solidarity and a collective stand against gender-based violence.

Through these monthly sessions, NDM seeks to strengthen unity among employees and encourage continued awareness, compassion and action in addressing social challenges affecting communities.

NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WOMEN CELEBRATED DURING WOMEN'S MONTH

Namakwa District Municipality celebrated Women's Day with a special gathering of women employees and Councillors at the Galenia Hotel, creating an opportunity to connect, reflect and celebrate the strength and contribution of women within the Municipality.

Under the theme "Empowered Women, Empower Communities. Together we inspire change," the event focused on empowerment, wellness and the importance of women taking time to celebrate and appreciate themselves.

The programme was expertly facilitated by Richard Theron, whose energy and sense of humour helped make the day both fun and meaningful. Councillor Pasqualine van Heerden welcomed attendees, while Wenda Bennett opened the programme with a prayer. A poetry presentation by Cathleen Boois added a creative touch to the occasion, followed by an insightful women's health talk by Sr. Geraldine Farmer, highlighting the importance of prioritising women's health and wellbeing.

A highlight of the celebration was the message from Executive Mayor Councillor Alinda Beukes, who reminded the women of their worth and encouraged them to embrace themselves. Her simple but powerful message, "You are enough," resonated with those in attendance. She further encouraged women to be kind to themselves, recognising that self-care and self-compassion are just as important as caring for others.

The celebration provided a valuable opportunity for the women of NDM to step away from their daily responsibilities, share in laughter and meaningful conversations, and celebrate one another.
The day served as a reminder that when women feel valued, supported and empowered, they are better equipped to inspire change and make a meaningful difference in their workplaces, families and communities.













OLD MUTUAL ENGAGES NDM EMPLOYEES ON FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Namakwa District Municipality, in partnership with Old Mutual, hosted a customer engagement session aimed at empowering employees with valuable financial information and personalised support.

The session provided employees with an opportunity to engage directly with Old Mutual representatives and gain a better understanding of available financial products and services. The engagement also created a platform for employees to receive guidance tailored to their individual financial needs and circumstances.

The initiative forms part of NDM's ongoing efforts to promote employee wellness, recognising that financial well-being is an important component of a healthy and productive workforce.

Through partnerships such as these, the Municipality continues to create opportunities for employees to access information, ask questions and make more informed financial decisions.










Namakwa District Municipality congratulates the Chief Financial Officer and the entire Finance Team on the timely submission of the 2025/2026 Annual Financial Statements (AFS)on 31 August 2026.

Your dedication, commitment and hard work are truly appreciated. This achievement reflects our continued commitment to good governance, accountability and sound financial management, while laying a strong foundation towards achieving clean audit outcomes.

The Executive Mayor and Accounting Officer extend their sincere appreciation to the entire team for ensuring this important milestone was achieved.

Well done, Finance Team! Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Namakwa District Municipality welcomed Cllr Jeremy Davids as a newly sworn-in Councillor during the Municipality's final General Council meeting.
Cllr Davids formally took the oath of office, marking the beginning of his service as a Councillor of Namakwa District Municipality.
The swearing-in forms part of the Municipality's ongoing commitment to ensuring effective representation and accountable local government for the communities of the Namakwa District.
NDM wishes Cllr Davids well in his new role and looks forward to his contribution to Council and the communities it serves.





NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CONCLUDES FINAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Namakwa District Municipality recently concluded its final General Council meeting of the current council term, marking a significant moment in the Municipality's journey over the past five years.

The meeting provided an opportunity to reflect on the work, responsibilities and experiences shared by Councillors throughout the term, as they contributed to the governance and development of the Namakwa District.

The Speaker of Council, Cllr Gillian Pieters, expressed her sincere appreciation to all Councillors for their unwavering support, commitment and cooperation throughout the past five years. She acknowledged the collective efforts of Council in carrying out its responsibilities and serving the communities of the district.

As the current Council term draws to a close, NDM extends its appreciation to all Councillors for their service, dedication and contribution to the Municipality and the people of Namakwa.

The final meeting marks not only the conclusion of a five-year chapter, but also the beginning of a new chapter for local government in the Namakwa District.











NDM PARTICIPATES IN CASUAL DAY

Namakwa District Municipality proudly participated in this year's Casual Day campaign under the theme "Beat as One: Rhythm matters"

Casual Day is a national awareness and fundraising initiative aimed at promoting inclusion and raising awareness in support of persons with disabilities. NDM continues to support this important initiative annually, reaffirming its commitment to building an inclusive and supportive community.

Through the participation of officials, NDM once again joined organisations and communities across the country in standing together in solidarity with the disability community and contributing towards a meaningful cause.





EXTENDED TECHNICAL IGR FORUM BRINGS STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER AT GOEGAP NATURE RESERVE

The Namakwa District Municipality recently hosted an Extended Technical Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Forum at the scenic Goegap Nature Reserve, bringing together representatives from various government departments and local municipalities across the district.

The forum provided a platform for stakeholders to share information, engage on key developmental priorities and strengthen coordination between the different spheres of government and sector departments.

A number of informative presentations were delivered during the meeting, including contributions from SALGA, Vedanta, Phoenix, Standard Bank and the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGTA). The programme also featured a presentation focusing on food security, highlighting the importance of collaborative approaches to addressing food security challenges within the district.

Namakwa District Municipality further provided updates on key strategic priorities, including the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), District Development Model (DDM) and Local Economic Development (LED). Local municipal managers and representatives from various sector departments also shared updates and information relevant to their respective areas of responsibility.

The Extended Technical IGR Forum remains an important platform for intergovernmental coordination, information sharing and collaborative planning, ensuring that stakeholders remain aligned in addressing the developmental priorities and needs of communities across the Namakwa District.

The engagement reaffirmed the importance of continued cooperation between municipalities, government departments and other stakeholders in working towards inclusive and sustainable development across the district.







NDM HOSTS FINANCIAL WELLNESS INFORMATION SESSION

The Namakwa District Municipality (NDM) hosted an informative financial wellness session aimed at empowering employees with practical knowledge to make informed financial decisions.

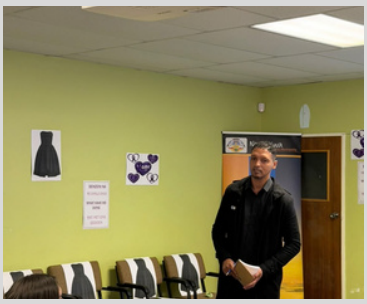
The session, presented by Standard Bank, focused on first-home finance, personal financial planning and debt management, providing valuable guidance on responsible financial management and home ownership.

The session was further supported by CoGHSTA, which provided additional information and guidance on first-home finance and available housing opportunities.

NDM appreciates the valuable insights shared by both Standard Bank and CoGHSTA and encourages employees to make use of opportunities that enhance their financial knowledge and long-term financial well-being.










NDM STANDS IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The Namakwa District Municipality (NDM) recently came together in a solemn prayer session to honor the lives of nine women whose bodies were discovered in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng, and to stand in solidarity with their families, loved ones and all women affected by gender-based violence (GBV).

In a show of unity and remembrance, NDM employees wore black as a symbol of mourning, solidarity and respect for the lives lost. Employees gathered in prayer and song, creating a moment of reflection and collective strength in the face of the devastating impact of GBV in South Africa.

The prayer session also served as an opportunity for NDM employees to reaffirm their commitment to raising awareness about gender-based violence and to support efforts aimed at creating safer communities where women and girls can live free from violence and fear.

Through standing together, NDM continues to recognize the importance of collective action, awareness and compassion in the fight against GBV.

NDM remembers the nine women and stands in solidarity with all victims and survivors of gender-based violence.






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BIRTHDAYS

October 2026

- 01: GE Cloete & J Cloete
- 02: L Saal
- 07: H Permedie
- 08: B Andrea
- 10: E Mesengi
- 16: D Julie
- 22: T Maluleka
- 23: G Bezuidenhoudt
- 24: J Steenkamp

November 2026

- 04: P Daniels
- 13: M Williams
- 23: K Maretela

December 2026

- 01: C Osbrone
- 10: R Josop
- 16: C Arendse
- 22: M Bowers & C Fielding
- 23: J Strauss & J du Plessis
- 28: B Hagglund
- 30: H Meyer

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