

## BEYERS NAUDÉ MUNICIPALITY Office

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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### **BNLM Mayor welcomes Netball World Cup Trophy Tour in Graaff-Reinet**



On Sunday, July 02, 2023, the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipal residents and netball enthusiasts experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of hosting the original Netball World Cup Trophy. This event was held Hoer Volksskool and was graced with the presence of dignitaries and residents alike.

Picture: Left to right: BNLM Speaker, Cllr Cheslin Felix, Cllr Eunice Kekana, BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers, EC Sports Recreation Arts & Culture MEC, MPL Nonceba Khontsiwe, LETSATSI the Mascott, Col. Arends, Annelie Lucas (Legacy Manager for Netball SA), SBDM Mayor, Cllr Deon De Vos, and Cllr Andile Nofemele.



## **FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR**

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to this week's edition of the From the Mayor's Desk. This has been an exciting week, and we want, through this platform, to share our excitement and quality of progress with you.

As your Mayor, I want to express absolute gratitude to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for making such impressive preparations for the Netball World Cup Trophy Tour. The prepared plan was perfectly executed, which led to our dignitaries and guests having only a good story to tell. The event was well organized, and our residents had a fantastic enjoyable Sunday Morning.

I want to thank our teams and schools for keeping the game of netball alive. Games were played by youngsters (teenagers) to Legends, all of which were in high energetic spirit.

In this edition, I also share with you about the visit of the Eastern Cape House of Traditional Leaders (HOTL). The purpose of their visit was two-prong. Firstly, it was to monitor and satisfy themselves that the tradition of ULWALUKO (Circumcision) was done in accordance with laws and regulations of the HOTL. Secondly, to learn why we don't have fatalities during the ULWALUKO season, as is the problem in other areas in the EC Province. It was sad to hear from them that 17 initiates have died in the province in the current season. Even in this front, I want to thank the BNLM Initiation Forum for hosting them with such hospitality and affording the HOTL their time and transparency to issues affecting the practice of ULWALUKO.

Also in this edition, I share with you the exciting news that 250 Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers were inducted by the Department of Environment and Forestry. These participants will assist the municipality with cleaning and greening our towns in the BNLM. This is our continued effort to work with stakeholders and departments, through the IGR Programme to bring better uninterrupted services to you as residents.

**ENJOY THIS EDITION.**

Thank you.

**CLLR Willem Safers**

**BNLM Mayor**

# SBDM Mayor Support Local Netball Player

The Executive Mayor of Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Cllr Deon De Vos, handed over a cheque to the value of R6500 in support of Lykita Koeberg who will be representing the Sarah Baartman District Netball Association in the Spar National Netball Tournament in Nelspruit during October 2023. Lykita is a young talented player from Sunnyside in Graaff-Reinet.



*Caption: SBDM Mayor, Cllr Deon De Vos ceremoniously handing over the cheque to Lykita Koeberg. He encouraged her to represent the District and her Local Municipality well.*

## 250 EPWP Participants Inducted and ready to serve BNLM towns OUR CLEANING AND GREENING BRIGADE

On the morning of 04 July 2023, two officials from the Department of Forestry, Fishery and, Environmental Affairs Mr Mfezeko Msutwana and Miss Joann Jonas visited the Dr Beyers Naude local municipality. Their visit was aimed at inducting 250 workers that have been employed throughout the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality by the Department of Forestry, fishery, and environmental affairs on an external- contractual basis. This project forms part of the Eastern Cape Greening and Cleaning programme in the Sarah Baartman District Municipality. The induction included a detailed outline of the roles and responsibilities as well as the remuneration of each worker. This project will continue until the end of February 2024



# The Eastern Cape House of Traditional Leaders visits BNLM during ULWALUKO Season

A high delegation of the Eastern Cape House of Traditional Leaders is visiting the DR Beyers Naude Local Municipality today. Their visit aimed at engaging our stakeholders in the Ulwaluko (Initiation/circumcision) field. Amongst our visitors are Mr Mziwethemba Nkantso (in brown jacket) House Secretary in the House of Traditional Leaders, Inkosi Gwazinamba Aahh Gwazinamba (Deputy Chairperson of the House), BNLM Speaker Cllr Cheslin Felix, and Cllr Nomhle Gaga.

They will also visit and inspect amabhoma (Initiation Village/School) later today. Cllr Cheslin Felix welcomes this delegation warmly.



**Caption:** (Picture 1) Medical Health Practitioner, Mr Mandla Mtshaulana gave a report of the state of the Forum and its operations to delegates. (Picture 2) Mr Mziwethemba Nkantso Introducing Inkosi Gwazinamba to initiates. (Picture 3) Male delegates surmounting the mountain to do an inspection and to encourage young initiates.

Encouraging the initiates, Inkosi Gwazinamba told initiates to be responsible men. “Indoda iyayikhuthaza enye indoda kwizinto ezakhayo. Iyamchola ugxa wayo ewile. Iyasikhusela isizwe, ayisichithi”.



# The Netball World Cup Trophy Tour In BNLN – GRAAFF-REINET



Your Excellences, MEC, Respected directors, dignitaries, Representatives of Youth and Sports, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, delegates and the media to this function, our lovely audience, organising committees, all protocol duly observed.

I am delighted to welcome you, and it gives me immense pleasure to do the welcoming at this Ceremony. This is a historical occasion which will never be forgotten in this area, words can never be enough, but we are inspired that your gesture to the people and citizens of DBNLN has been etched into perpetuity and posterity will applaud. Without keeping you all waiting much more.

Great moments are born from great opportunity, that's what you have here, you give our youth some hope and some future. Lower revenue shouldn't point to what doesn't work, you brought the CUP to us on wheels, what an experience. We truly need to give hope to youth so that they don't need to give up, but we also need to give opportunity and dignity, not by giving charity but by allowing the rest of the world to participate. I say this because, I trust that this event or ceremony will bring some changes to the mindset of our youth.

It is indeed our commitment towards the development of youth that we tap their potential and put sincere efforts in polishing their skills. The economic challenges facing the world as a whole and those facing South Africa are indivisible. Indeed, it would not be possible for our youth to attend these games where the World cup is hosted, your gesture is one of a kind.

Given the events going on in our continent and in the world today, may this event today play a crucial role and have an outstanding impact on our lives, lifestyles and livelihoods is a shared reality for every single individual in this District of DBN. Unemployment is rising, and our economies are at real risk. We are also seeing an increase in mental health issues and gender-based violence. As young people are overwhelmingly likely to be in school or in vulnerable employment, they are particularly and significantly affected by these challenges. As a result, we must prioritize efforts to minimize the impact of such on our youth. The urgent needs of young people are even

more burning in the face of vulnerability, and we must act accordingly to meet those needs. It is good to see the exuberance in the audience, which really helps the organisers of this event to observe gratitude and to feel welcomed. This event is also building excitement in our community and motivating our people to fully embrace the sports' spirit, by extending their support for the event and the WORLD CUP sport days to come, we are going to observe some very thrilling moments and therefore I would urge each one of you to enjoy it. Excitement and fun are guaranteed. "Awards become corroded, but friends gather no dust". I support the relentless efforts of bringing this event to our Town, with the hope that it will instil hope and change into the lives of the youth in DBN area. Our youth are surely inspired to see the cup, let alone the great players competing at Worldwide level. The doors are opening for netball, and other sports we thank you for coming, your efforts are appreciated. I rest and sign off my speech, it's time now for the Program Director to take the centre stage, let us all have fun and enjoy the spectacle and pay respect to the spirit of our guests and speakers. I wish everyone All the Very Best!  
Thank You!



## Here is the Picture story of the day.





*Caption: An extremely satisfied MEC for Sport Recreation Arts & Culture gives a thumbs-up for the event*



Caption: SBDM and BNLM Councillors, Letsatsi the Mascott and the LOC happy with the final product

THE NATIONAL TEAM SPONSORS, SPAR, HAD THEIR OWN TEAMS PLAYING



**WHAT WOULD THIS EVENT BE WITHOUT OUR BELOVED SPECTATORS**





