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Majodina hands over James Kleynhans Water Treatment Plant to Makanda community

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Pemmy Majodina, has handed over the James Kleynhans Water Treatment Plant to Makana Local Municipality to address the ongoing water shortages in the area.

The R393 million water treatment plant, with a capacity upgrade, was handed over on Friday, 20 September 2024.

The water treatment now has an increased capacity of pumping 20 megalitres from

10 megalitres per day.

The project was funded by the Department of Water and Sanitation through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG), with Amatola Water Board as the implementing agent.

Speaking during the handover, the Minister emphasised the importance of effective operation and maintenance of infrastructure to improve the delivery of water to the affected communities.

“I cannot overemphasise enough how important it is for the local municipality to ensure that the water treatment plant is well maintained. The maintenance of infrastructure is not just a nice thing to do, but an obligation by law that it should be done,” Majodina said.

The plant is set to benefit 97 815 people and created employment opportunities for 90 locals during construction.

Funding opportunities for SMMEs

Some of the rural financial services funding opportunities that attendees are hearing about at the funding awareness campaign at the City Hall today, 04 September 2024 are accessible to agricultural and non-agricultural businesses.

The Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency - ECRDA manages a rural finance programme which provides loans to deserving rural entrepreneurs. Loans stimulate vibrant economic activity in rural and economically-depressed areas of the province, while opening up opportunities for job creation.

The extension of these credit facilities is critical in unlocking socio-economic value

in rural communities which often do not have the required security and collateral prescribed by private lending institutions.

Businesses that qualify for a loan include:

- Tractor and implements
- Production inputs
- Manufacturing
- Irrigation equipment
- Livestock
- Photography
- Public phones
- Pigs
- Workshops
- Processing
- Operational costs



- Shoe repair
- Sheep
- Goats
- Fencing
- Hardware stores
- Hawkers
- Catering
- Farm infrastructure
- Ploughs
- Trailers
- Combined harvesting

People in the farming space have come out in numbers to explore the opportunities that

are available. Stakeholders in attendance include: ECRDA, Eastern Cape Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda), ECDC - Eastern Cape Development Corporation, The Small Enterprise Finance Agency, Sarah Baartman District Municipality, ASPIRE, Umtiza Farmers' Corp, Nafcoc National Office -Head Office and the DALRRD.

Makana Municipality engages stakeholders on water-related issues

Makana Local Municipality invited local stakeholders to a meeting at the City Hall on Tuesday, 10 September to account for some of the challenges that were encountered by the community in the past couple of weeks, in relation to service delivery. The stakeholders come out in numbers to engage with the municipality. The discussions from the panel and from the floor were robust and honest.

Water Crisis

The municipality acknowledged the recent water crisis and highlighted efforts to permanently solve it. Solutions include ensuring that there's always personnel at the plant to ensure that operations run smoothly. These include the closing water valves at night to build capacity and ensure both low and high-lying areas receive sufficient water supply for the day. Part of these solutions also include implementing a shift system to address operational issues.

Labour Disputes

The illegal strike by workers over unpaid overtime was discussed in detail and plans to remedy the situation were communicated to the stakeholders. The municipality has implemented disciplinary measures. These include suspensions and "no work, no pay" policies. The municipality also made the employees aware that essential services employees are not allowed to take part in strike action. Makana Municipality,



Municipal Manager, Mr Pumelelo Kate spoke harshly against the culture of lawlessness and ill-discipline among municipal employees, saying tough action would be taken against them.

The municipality addressed financial constraints, including its inability to pay overtime. A strategy has, however, been developed to pay workers for overtime for the month of July/August, and the shift system is expected to address the issue of overtime.

Infrastructure and Service Delivery

Stakeholders raised concerns about poor infrastructure, mismanagement of funds, abandoned municipal parks, state of roads, streetlights and community sporting facilities. The municipality acknowledged these challenges and outlined efforts to address them.

Transparency and Communication

The municipality recognized the need for improved communication and transparency, particularly regarding the lawlessness culture among internal employees and the abuse of the institution's properties. The Council has approved performance agreements to ensure employees are held accountable for their actions. Stakeholders who had sent letters to the municipality, which were not responded to, were encouraged to resubmit their correspondences (grievances).

Council Speaker, Councillor Mabhuti Matyumza told stakeholders that the management of the municipality has put in place strict performance-related measures to ensure employees are held accountable for their actions.

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MEC Lusithi visits Makhanda

MEC, Siphokazi Lusithi presented the Eastern Cape department of Public Works and Infrastructure's policy and budget speech for the 2024/25 financial year.

The speech discusses how

the Department is moving towards the maturity phase, which entails focussing on strengthening capabilities for infrastructure coordination and investment. The MEC also outlined the department's funding allocations and how

much funds will be spent for the financial year.

Please find the full speech in the link below for more information.

<https://online.pubhtml5.com/omlt/jnvu/>

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The stakeholder engagement session provided a platform for open discussion and highlighted the municipality's commitment to addressing challenges and improving service delivery. The municipality urges stakeholders to continue supporting its efforts towards change and transparency and report any

unethical actions by municipal employees to ensure the municipality becomes more sustainable, responsible and responsive.

Makana Municipality Executive Mayor, Councillor Yandiswa Vara told the meeting that Mr Reynhardt Brittnell has been

appointed through a secondment process to assist as an acting Director at the Department of Engineering, Infrastructure and Technical Services by the National Office of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. The appointment came into effect from the 09 September 2024.

Makana Local Municipality senior management and staff led a team from National and Provincial Treasury to the city's Waste Water Treatment Works. The teams visited the Mayfield and Waainek Waste Water Treatment Works, respectively. The site visit followed a meeting that took place at the Makhanda City Hall, which was planned to discuss solutions to problems at the two treatment plants.







Government brings services to the people

Cogta Eastern Cape and the Sarah Baartman District Municipality held an outreach to Broughton Farm in ward 13, Makana Local Municipality.

The outreach provided a response to issue the communities have raised as concerns. SBDM committed to apply to the Department of Human Settlements for the inclusion of Broughton Farms in the upcoming informal settlements upgrade project.

The Eastern Cape Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform also committed to revitalise previous projects and initiatives in the area and assist farmers who are still struggling.

The Eastern Cape Department of Social Development stated that they will arrange a program to deal with the issues surrounding substance abuse in the area, they also pleaded with the community to report cases of gender-based violence to the social workers.

Other departments such as SASSA, Department of Health and Department of Employment and Labour shared information with the community and also provided services on wheels.

Makana LED forum candidates

On Wednesday, 18 September, the nomination process for the LED forum was conducted at the Makana Local Municipality Council Chambers.

From a total of 14 applicants, 8 nominees were selected as potential candidates of the LED Forum. Once established, the forum will assist the municipality in the following sectors:

▪ **Ndumiso Mahlakahlaka:** Agriculture and Agro Processing

▪ **Peter Sturrock:** Tourism, Heritage, Trade, and Investment

▪ **Sinethemba Leve:** SMME and Information Trade

▪ **Thembinkosi Ngeleza:** SMME and information Trade

▪ **Unathi Klaas:** Tourism, Heritage, Trade, and investment

▪ **Sizwe Mnamatha:** Agriculture and Agro

▪ **Dean Meinjes:** Tourism, Heritage, Trade, and investment

▪ **Thando Nombewu:** Arts and Creative Industry

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- 5 Voer in krediet tokenkode

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Young Makhanda soccer player reaches for the stars

Makhanda will be represented in the Betway Premiership soon.

This comes after a local 17-year-old was signed by Sekhukhune United recently. Olwethu Songelwa was playing for Sophia Young Stars in Makhanda.

The talented midfielder said he was very excited to have signed for Sekhukhune United. "It has been my dream to see myself playing in the PSL. I'm going to work hard and make sure that I get selected in the team and not sit on the bench," said Songelwa.

His mother, Vuyokazi Songelwa, also expressed her excitement for the opportunity that her son received. "I'm happy that my son has finally got the opportunity to play in the PSL. It has been his dream to see himself playing in the top flight. We were in Johannesburg on Monday to sign the contract. Everything like school and accommodation is sorted. We were shown where he is going to stay and the school that he is going to attend. The school and training grounds are far from where he will stay, but the club has organised transport for him," said Songelwa.



Efforts to revive Local AIDS Forum afoot

The Makana Municipality Local HIV and AIDS Council hosted a stakeholder engagement meeting with the hopes of revitalising the council's structure and effectiveness.

One of the council's objectives is to foster proactive leadership in combating HIV/AIDS and develop potential strategies to address HIV/AIDS challenges through stakeholder collaboration.

The council hopes to engage with critical stakeholders such as schools and churches in hopes of reducing the stigma around HIV/ AIDS in communities.

Present stakeholders came together and shared ideas for future developmental responses for HIV/ AIDS.

The coordinator of the council concluded the meeting by saying "izani sakhe" as a community.