



MAKANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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# NEWSLETTER



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## Refuse Collection schedule

**Mondays:** CBD, Sunnyside Transit Camp, Phaphamani

**Tuesdays:** Albany Road and surrounding areas, Seymour, from M - A Street, Vukani

**Wednesdays:** Joza, Extension 8, Extension 4, Extension 6, Zolani, Eluxolweni, Lingelihle, Ethembeni

**Thursdays:** Somerset Street, Hill 60, Graeme College area, African Street, Extension 9

**Fridays:** Extension 7, Tanti, Xolani, Extension 10



# Makana Municipality Happy engagements with the Office of the Public Protector and The SIU

The leadership of the municipality started the week on a high note, with visits from two Chapter 9 Institutions. The municipality welcomed the Office of the Public Protector on Monday, 28 October 2024. This was followed by a visit from the Special Investigative Unit on Tuesday, 29, October 2024.

The Office of the Public Protector met with councillors and officials from Makana Municipality as well as from the Sarah Baartman District Municipality. The Executive Mayor of Makana Municipality, Cllr Yandiswa Vara, as well as the Sarah Baartman District Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Deon De Vos were present in the meeting along with the mayoral committee members from both municipalities.

The Office of the Public Protector's visit was based on three important matters. The first issue was to raise awareness about what the Office of the Public Protector as a Chapter 9 institution is constitutionally mandated to do and how the office carries out its operations and responsibilities.

The second issue was around the office's intentions to strengthen the relationship between the office and the Makana Local Municipality.

Lastly, the visit was to make a follow up on issues relating specifically to water, sanitation and roads in the municipality.



## **Remedial actions taken by the Office of the Public Protector include the following:**

Report 25 of 2023/24:

Report on a systemic investigation into allegations of lack of provision of essential services as well as basic infrastructure in the rural villages of the province of eastern cape by various organs of state.

## **The implementation status of the report is as follows:**

The progress is noted with regards to Systemic investigation remedial action, however, the office of the Public Protector would like to see the intervention implemented in other local municipalities, spread through to Makana Local Municipality as well. This is in regard to water supply.

The Public Protector South Africa encouraged state organs not to shy away from referring their own issues to the office. In the presentation the Office

encouraged self-referral of complaints or requests for Public Protector intervention by the Executive.

"We encourage Executive Mayors and Local Mayors to ask for our interventions where problems arise, rather than being seen as an enemy, we should be seen as a resource that can be tapped into to help restore quality public service delivery and good governance."

Makana Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Yandiswa Vara welcomed the presentation of the Office of the Public Protector, and gave comprehensive feedback to the issues that were reported to the Office. The Office acknowledged the verbal feedback from the Executive Mayor and requested written feedback by Friday, 01 November 2024. The Office also requested the municipality to give continuous feedback on the issues.





## **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT (SIU) MEETS THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

Makana Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Yandiswa Vara welcomed a team from the SIU on Tuesday, 29 October 2024.

The Executive Mayor together with members of the Mayoral Committee as well as municipal officials met with a three-member team from the SIU and the purpose of the visit was to introduce themselves to the political arm of the municipality and to confirm what was contained in the proclamation signed by the President of the Republic of South Africa as far as the investigation is concerned.

The meeting touched not only on the investigation but also on how the process will unfold and for how long the SIU team the investigation will be.

The proclamation covers allegations of unlawful and improper conduct that occurred between 1 January 2019 and 18 October 2024, as well as any related activities before 1 January 2019 and after the date of the Proclamation that is pertinent to the matters under investigation or involves the same persons, entities, or contracts.

Makana Municipality has welcomed the investigation and

committed itself to cooperate and give all the necessary support to the SIU. The Executive Mayor of Makana Municipality, Cllr. Yandiswa Vara said that the municipality would comply with information requests. "We believe that the investigation will also assist the municipality in terms of getting to the bottom of a number of unresolved issues. It was agreed at the meeting that the SIU team will come back to Makana Municipality to address the full sitting of Council, so that both the political and the management components of the municipality would know about how the investigation will be conducted."





# Outdoor gymnasium and play area officially unveiled in Alicedale

Makana Local Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Yandiswa Vara, officially handed over an outdoor gymnasium to residents of Alicedale on Friday 11 October 2024. The facility was funded by the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC).

Excited school children and community members from the KwaNonzwakazi area attended the handover. Speaking at the handover the Executive Mayor said the facility belongs to the community of Alicedale and anyone in the community is allowed to make use of it. The facility has both a gymnasium and a playground for children.

"This Is not for us as the municipality but it's important

that you should know that it comes from the government. This gymnasium and playground are from the DSRAC. Kids, you must know that your government has delivered these facilities. You must know that our government is not only for old people but the government also has an interest in kids. This is for you to be active because some of you are netball and soccer players."

The Executive Mayor emphasised that the community has to take responsibility for looking after the facility and ensure that it is not vandalised. The Executive Mayor informed the residents that the work is not yet finished. "There is no fence yet at the facility, but it will be fenced soon and more trees will be planted."

"This Will be beautified and we came here with trees that we are going to plant today. We are going to build toilets here. We can't have a place that has no toilets. We urge you to take care of this place. This is not a smoking area. Please take ownership of this place. The lifespan of this place will be determined by you. I declare that this facility has been officially opened today," said the Executive Mayor.

Ward 14 Councillor Vuyani Nesi has been given a task of identifying two residents that will go to training and come back to teach residents how to use the machines. The two people will be a male and a female and will receive a stipend.



# Makana Municipality to benefit from National Treasury smart meter roll out programme

Makana Municipality is among a few municipalities that have been selected by the National Treasury to benefit from a conditional grant for the installation of smart prepaid meters.

Makana Municipality was identified as a potential beneficiary to the recently promulgated Smart Meters Grant by virtue of its conditional approval in the debt relief programme. The municipality's application for participation in the National Treasury Smart Meters Grant Project was evaluated and deemed successful. The municipality's application met the criteria and conditions set forth in the invitation and afforded the opportunity to proceed with the implementation of smart metering solutions within its jurisdiction.

The National Treasury has assigned LANDIS & GYR (PTY) LTD as Service Provider from its smart meters transversal contract RT29 – 2024 panel to support the municipality to implement the project for household single phase meters as articulated in its application. The decision to approve the municipality's application was based on the thoroughness of the municipality's submission, the clarity of its business plan, and the commitment demonstrated by the municipality to engage with the public and stakeholders throughout the project. The municipality's proposal alignment with the objectives of the Smart Meters Grant, as well as the potential impact on improving



energy management and reducing losses, were key factors in the evaluation.

The programme has a budget of R500 million over a period of five years. The funds will be distributed to the municipalities with Makana Municipality receiving R100 million from the project, which will be rolled out over a period of five years.

Makana municipality has welcomed this programme, which is expected to assist in revenue collection. The municipality is also among municipalities that have been approved to benefit in the debt relief programme to write off arrear debt owed to Eskom. The National Treasury explained that they will try to help the municipality to write off the debt if it complies with the conditions that will be given to it.

Officials from the National Treasury visited Makana Municipality on Wednesday 30 October to make presentations to the council regarding how the programme is going to be

rolled out. The first phase of the programme will be the installation of the smart meters. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed in February next year. An official from the National Treasury promised that their service providers will be around to assist the municipality with other logistics even after completion of the first phase in February next year.

Makana Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Yandiswa Vara explained that the municipality was not the implementing agent for the programme. "The Makana municipality is one of a few municipalities in the country that have been chosen to benefit from this programme. It is the only one in the Eastern Cape to be identified and included in the Smart Meters Programme. Ladies and gentlemen, one can see from the above remarks that it is just a matter of being focused, being implementation-oriented and dedicated to the idea that the Makana Municipality will turn the corner which will lead to a sustained road to recovery."



# Concerns over roaming livestock in Makana

Makana Local Municipality organised a meeting with local livestock owners to discuss issues related to stray animals on Thursday, 31 October 2024.

The meeting was attended by various livestock owners as well as officials from affected government departments and local organisations. The big concern raised in the meeting was regarding cattle, goats, donkeys, and other livestock that is always in town.

Leading the discussions Portfolio Chairperson Cllr Thandolwethu Vayo said the municipality has not started the process of impounding animals as yet. The department just chases them away.

Cllr Vayo appealed for cooperation from livestock owners, indicating that the municipality is prepared to work with livestock owners to find adequate solutions.

A need to have a database of live stock farmers and their livestock was discussed in the meeting.

A number of stakeholders attended the meeting, including the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, SAPS Stock Theft Unit, SPCA, Department of Transport (Traffic Services), etc.

An important discussion between the organisations that attended the meeting and the livestock owners was held regarding problems of roaming livestock. A serious problem was raised about donkeys creating a big mess in town, which affects the



look and feel of the town.

Councillor Cary Clark said the aim was to see the town look good "so that we can attract investment." Concerns were also raised with the lack of attendance from ward councillors in the meeting.

Livestock owners were also advised about their duties and offences in relation to their livestock. These include:

- ensuring that their livestock is clearly identified by marking their livestock,
- transfer of ownership when selling
- erasing or having more than one identification mark is an offence
- application of branding form is available from DRDAR R200 application fee
- branding is important for stolen or injured livestock
- the state vet will attend only to branded animals when they are injured
- must send a herdsman with when animals are grazing and not leave animals unattended
- owners don't come forward to identify their livestock when it is involved in accidents

- livestock roaming around on national roads and being involved in many fatal accidents
- when animals are stolen, they are hard to identify when they are not branded

Livestock owners were encouraged to be spokespersons for the municipality regarding the issues raised in the meeting. The SPCA expressed its support for the identification or branding but insisted that it be done humanely and in a caring manner for the animals.

Livestock owners raised concerns about overflowing sewerage, which is killing livestock. During the meeting, the livestock owners identified a commonage which they requested to be made available to them to ensure the safety of their livestock.

The meeting resolved that a committee would be set up to follow up on the viability of allowing the livestock owners to utilise the commonage, and feedback would be given to all the livestock owners.





## Upgrade of the Grahamstown Primary

Makana Local Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr Yandiswa Vara led a sod turning ceremony to mark the beginning of the upgrade of the Grahamstown Primary School on Thursday, 17 October 2024.

The site was officially handed over to the contractor, who will undertake the renovations. The delegation onsite included the School Principal, SGB leadership, Department of Basic Education, Department of Public Works, Lenhle Quantity Surveyors, and Makana Local Municipality.

The main beneficiaries of the project are the learners. However, a project of this size also has spin-offs for the local community, in terms of work opportunities.

Further engagements will be held with the relevant stakeholders to ensure that the project runs smoothly. The project is expected to be completed in 36 months.

## White Cane Safety Awareness

Residents of Makana Local Municipality have joined the South African Library for the Blind to celebrate the White Cane Safety Awareness programme.

Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. According to the Lions Club website the white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and talents,

mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired. International White Cane Safety Day (October 15th) gives people an opportunity to increase awareness of the white cane traffic safety laws.

The programme started with a march from the Settlers Day Clinic in Cobden Street all the way to Church Square for the formal programme.



# Children's Festival brings joy to Makhanda kids

On a sunny Saturday, 26 October, Church Square was transformed into a vibrant playground for kids, as the community came together to host a fun-filled Children's Festival. The highlight of the event was the live performances, showcasing various art forms that captivated the young audience. From music and dance to theater and puppetry, the talented local artists and schools mesmerized the kids with their energy and creativity.









# ALL STS PREPAID METERS MUST BE UPDATED



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All STS prepaid meters need to be updated **before Nov 2024** to continue to work and accept tokens. Once you are selected for the update, the **TID Key Change Tokens** will be displayed on your receipt or SMS with your purchase.

## Follow these easy steps:

- 1 Enter all unused tokens
- 2 Enter **TID Key Change 1** token
- 3 Enter **TID Key Change 2** token
- 4 Enter Free Token (if eligible)
- 5 Enter Credit token

**All unused tokens must be entered before the update as they will not work afterwards.**

If you make a mistake, wait 10 minutes and try again or call our agents for assistance



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Wonke ama STS prepaid meters kumele ahlaziywe ngaphambili **ka Nov 2024** sizokwazi ukuqhubeka usebenza kwaye sikwazi ukwamkela ama tokens .

Xa usele ukhethelwe ihlaziye **iTID Key Change** tokens izovela kwi receipt okanye isms ngokuthenga kwakho.

## Landela la manyathelo alula:

- 1 Faka wonke ama tokens angasebenzile
- 2 Faka **iTID KEY CHANGE 1** token
- 3 Faka **iTID KEY CHANGE 2** token
- 4 Faka itoken emahala (ukuba kufanelekile)
- 5 Faka icredit token

**Wonke ama tokens angasebenzile kumele uwafaka ngaphambili nje ngoko bengasayi kuvebenza emva koko.**

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Alle STS voorafbetaalde meters moet **voor Nov 2024**

opgedateer word om in werkend te bly asook steeds tokens te aanvaar.

Wanneer u gekies word vir die opdatering, sal die **TID Key Change Tokens** op jou kwitansie of sms verskyn.

## Volg hierdie maklike stappe:

- 1 Voer in alle ongebruikte tokens
- 2 Voer in **TID KEY CHANGE 1** token
- 3 Voer in **TID KEY CHANGE 2** token
- 4 Voer in gratis tokenkode  
indien u kwalifiseer
- 5 Voer in krediet tokenkode

**Alle ongebruikte tokens moet ingevoeg word voor die opdatering want dit sal nie daarna werk nie.**

Indien u 'n fout gemaak het, wag vir 10 minute en probeer weer of skakel ons agente vir hulp

