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NEWSLETTER



Installing speed humps

Road infrastructure remains a key priority for Makana Local Municipality, supporting economic development.



Institutional Strat-Plan

Makana Local Municipality recently held its Institutional Strategic Planning session a critical platform.

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, Tantiyi, Zolani, Extension 10

207 Years On: Makhanda Freedom Festival Honors Legacy, Memory, and Community Unity at Egazini

On the 22 of April, The Makana Freedom Festival marked 207 years since the Battle of Egazini, commemorating the lives of Xhosa warriors who died resisting land dispossession at what is now the Egazini Battlefield in Fingo Village, Makhanda.

The municipality reaffirmed its commitment to preserving the legacy of Makhanda under the theme “Makhanda might be gone but his spirit remains with us,” ensuring that his name and history continue to be honoured nationally.

The day began with a Fun Walk commemorating the Battle of Egazini, supported by the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), which provided 207 T-shirts for participants. The procession featured the SAPS band and drum majorettes from Archie Mbolekwa Primary School, setting a vibrant tone for the main programme.

Community members, learners, and stakeholders gathered in large numbers, with school choirs from Mary Waters High School and Nombulelo Secondary School delivering cultural performances that celebrated heritage through song and dance.

The programme was co-chaired by Council Speaker Cllr Mabhuti Matyumza and Infrastructure MMC Cllr Ramie Xonxa.

In her address, Executive Mayor Cllr Yandiswa Vara emphasised the importance of remembering historical figures such as Makhanda and ensuring their sacrifices remain part of collective memory.

A key highlight of the event was



a historical presentation by Dr R. Xonxa, who provided detailed insight into the Battle of Grahamstown and was recognised for his contribution to preserving local history.

DSRAC, in partnership with Old Mutual, also handed over key items including a laptop and printer for Imbumba Yeemboni, 40 pairs of school shoes for Nyaluza and Ntsika

Secondary Schools, as well as 207 dignitary packs and medals for Fun Walk participants.

The event was attended by a wide range of stakeholders, including traditional leaders, cultural groups, government departments, and community organisations, reflecting strong unity in commemorating this historic occasion.



Local teen shines in provincial pageant

Makana Local Municipality proudly congratulated Makhanda teen Jayden Brand on his remarkable achievement of being crowned 2nd Prince at the Mr & Miss Elegance Eastern Cape 2026 Grand Finale, held on 28 March 2026 in East London.

Jayden represented Makhanda with distinction, advancing through

the Top 4 and Top 3 stages of the competition. He was also awarded an Appreciation Certificate in recognition of his courage, creativity, and commitment.

His dedication to community upliftment, youth empowerment, and faith continues to serve as an inspiration to the broader Makhanda community.



Strengthening local economies to sustain communities

Small businesses play a vital role in strengthening local economies and sustaining communities, particularly here in Makhanda where they remain a key source of livelihoods and everyday essential services.

In a recent radio interview, Local Economic Development and Planning MMC, CLLR Mzobanzi Nkwentsha spoke about the important role small businesses play in Makhanda. He explained that from local spaza shops to corner tuckshops, these businesses are an essential part of our community, helping to put food on the table for different homes and they keep money circulating within different neighborhoods.

Positive Feedback for Makhanda Property Market



Makana Local Municipality has highlighted a recent article showcasing Makhanda's growing appeal to property buyers across South Africa.

The article points to renewed infrastructure upgrades, strong demand for quality education, and the presence of institutions such as Rhodes University as key drivers behind the town's rising popularity. The historic town is experiencing renewed activity in the residential property market, positioning Makhanda as an increasingly attractive destination for both lifestyle seekers and investors.

Read the full article here: <http://bit.ly/4tllimc>



Installing speed humps to ensure public safety

Road infrastructure remains a key priority for Makana Local Municipality, playing an important role in supporting economic development, social connectivity, and access to essential services.

The Municipality continues to improve the local road network to ensure better access to jobs, schools, and health facilities, while also supporting local business growth. Road rehabilitation works are ongoing across Makhanda, with visible progress in several areas. In addition, speed humps are being installed in selected high-traffic zones to improve road safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

Disaster Project: Road Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation work is currently underway on 11 streets, including

Struben and Linney, Smith and Vogt, Irving Street, K Street (joining P Street), Tumbler Street, Hobson Street, B Street, Mbombela Street (Extension 4), Ngcuka Street (Extension 9), Lamani (joining N Street), and Hill Street, which will be repaired and resurfaced with asphalt.

Other streets are set to be upgraded with interlocking block paving, alongside improvements to stormwater drainage systems.

Completed Projects

Completed works include Albert Street in Fingo Village, Phase 1 of Makana Way in Joza, as well as M Street and Sani Street.

Ongoing Works: Makana Way Phase 2

Phase 2 of the Makana Way project

is currently underway, aimed at improving mobility in areas such as Extension 9, Extension 8, and Joza. This phase includes rehabilitation of key sections across Ncede Street, Nompondo Street, and Nxanxadi Street, among others.

Small Towns Revitalisation Project

The Small Towns Revitalisation Project is also progressing steadily, with upgrades to African Street (yet to commence), Milner Street (completed), and the High Street traffic circle, which is currently in progress.

The Municipality remains committed to improving road infrastructure across all areas and encourages residents to remain patient as work continues. Regular updates will be provided as projects progress.



Incorporating Makhanda, Alicedale, Riebeeck East & surrounding rural areas

The Makana Municipality invites suitably qualified candidates to apply for the under-mentioned position based in Makhanda Alicedale & Riebeeck East. The Makana Municipality is an equal opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, committed to the Employment Equity Act (55 of 1998). Previously disadvantaged individuals and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

VACANCIES/ IMISEBENZI/ BETREKKINGS

EXTERNAL POSITION

Applicants who comply with the minimum requirements for this post, possess the necessary integrity and an excellent track record; are invited to apply for the Director; Engineering & Infrastructural Services position.

POST: 1 X DIRECTOR (Permanent)

DIRECTORATE: CORPORATE & SHARED SERVICES

SALARY: Minimum R1 050 411 per annum- Midpoint R1 196 881 per annum and
Maximum R1 358 462 per annum

The total remuneration package will be paid in line with the determined upper limits of annual remuneration packages payable to Municipal Managers and Managers directly accountable to Municipal Managers.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The applicant is required to have the following minimum qualifications:

- Matric or Grade 12 Certificate or equivalent.
- Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Law, Human Resources, Business Administration, or equivalent (NQF Level 7).
- Minimum of 5 -7 years' relevant experience in a senior management role, preferably in local government.
- At least 3 years experience in the management of a substantial staff complement and fulfilling desperate functions, in a highly unionised environment.
- Proven experience in Corporate Services functions (HR, Records Management, Administration and Committees and Customer Care).
- Knowledge of local government legislation, including MFMA, Municipal System Act, and related regulations
- Valid driver's license
- CPMD competency as directed by National Treasury; or be able to complete within the 18 months period.
- Registration with a relevant professional body (advantageous).
- Computer Literate and advance training will be an added advantage.

REQUIREMENTS

- Undertake competency assessment.
- Undertake screening of any criminality.
- Screening of all qualifications.
- Validation of the required Drivers' Licence – Code 8 EB

COMPETENCIES

Will be tested in line with the competency assessment in line with Performance Regulations.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

The incumbent will be accountable to the Municipal Manager and will be responsible for the following:

- Draft and ensure effective implementation of the Directorate's score card.
- Prepare and take control of the Directorate's budget.
- Provide administrative support including secretarial/ committee services.
- Overall responsibility for Council support services.
- Run an effective document management system and record management services.
- Oversee all facets of human resources management.
- Policies, Reviewal and Management of Records of the Municipality.
- Ensure sound labour relations within the Municipality.
- Guide and oversee the Complaints management system of the Municipality.
- Co-ordinate the development of Municipal By-Laws.
- Compile and update delegated powers, statutes and Council by laws.
- Ensure compliance with relevant provincial and national legislation.
- Manage and ensure productive utilization of personnel with the Directorate.
- Overall responsibility for the implementation of the PMS within the Directorate.
- Facilitate and champion the implementation of the PMS within the Municipality.
- Fleet Management and Customer Care Services Management

NOTE: All applications must be made on the Official APPLICATION FORM that can be downloaded on our website www.makana.gov.za accompanied by a comprehensive CV together with certified copies of Identity document, qualifications, driver's licence where required and other documents not later than 3 months. Failure to comply with the above will result in **DISQUALIFYING** your application. Canvassing of Councillors and Officials will automatically **DISQUALIFY** any application. First preference will be given to internal and local municipal applicants who meet the inherent requirements of the job. All applications may be posted to The HR Manager, Makana Municipality PO Box 176, MAKHANDA, 6139 OR hand-delivered to, 86 High Street, City Hall, MAKHANDA.

NOTE: All the positions will be filled in line with Makana LM Employment Equity Plan, and the Council reserves the rights not to fill the vacant positions.

NO EMAILED / LATE / FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Enquiries may be directed to The Human Resources Practitioner on 046 603 6110

CLOSING DATE: 15 MAY 2026



MR. P. M. KATE: MUNICIPAL MANAGER



VACANCY

Job Opportunity: Sales Consultants (Youth Recruitment)

The department of Employment and Labour is looking to recruit motivated and dynamic young individuals to join the team as Sales Consultants in Makana Municipality.

Minimum Requirements:

- Grade 12 (Matric)
- Must own or have access to a smartphone
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Willingness to learn

Makana Municipality leadership hosts institutional Strat-Plan

Makana Local Municipality recently held its Institutional Strategic Planning session a critical platform that brought together leadership to reflect on current performance, assessing key challenges, and map out a clear, responsive, and forward-looking strategy. The session reaffirmed the Municipality's

commitment to strengthening governance, improving service delivery, and ensuring the community needs and aspirations remain the main priority.

The session took place at Settlers Monument on Thursday 23 and Friday the 24th of April 2026



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THE BATTLE OF EGAZINI

Celebrating a powerful symbol of resistance, land struggle, and identity in South African history.

DATE 22 APRIL 2026 | 09:00 VENUE EGAZINI BATTLEFIELD

