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NEWSLETTER



Mayor engages residents

Makana held a community meeting with residents of Wards 3 and 4 following concerns raised during a recent community protest.



Cllr Hoyi book launch

Community members, municipal officials, political leaders, and literary enthusiasts gathered at the Amazwi South Africa Literature Museum.

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



Makana Municipality hands over six new Vehicles to help improve service delivery in Makhanda.

On the 27th of May 2026, Makana Local Municipality has officially handed over six (6) brand new vehicles, which are meant to assist the essential services employees to respond swiftly to service delivery issues.

The vehicles are meant to address some of the critical issues that the municipality is trying to address,

such as water repairs, sanitation complaints, traffic visibility, street lighting, etc.

The following vehicles were purchased:

- Workshop (bakkie)
- Supply Chain Management (bakkie)
- Revenue Management (bakkie)
- Electricity (Cherry picker)

- Traffic X2 vehicles

The vehicles were procured through the municipality's revenue collection, which can be attributed to improved revenue collection measures such as the introduction of smart meters to improve revenue and services to the community.

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	Low				
	Very Low				
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Impact					



IMPACT BASED WARNING issue :08:28 on Sun 31 May 2026

LEVEL 5 for Disruptive Rain

WARNING valid Wed 03 Jun 00:00 Until Thu 04 Jun 23:59

Affected DM / LM / Metro area

Amahlathi, Buffalo City, Kouga, Kou-Kamma, Makana, Ndlambe, Nelson Mandela Bay, Ngqushwa, Raymond Mhlaba - Fort Beaufort, Sundays River Valley

Short Message

Disruptive rain leading to danger to life, flooding and displacements of settlements as well as mudslides is expected in places over Koukamma LM, Kouga LM, Sundays River Valley LM, Makana LM, Ndlambe LM, Ngqushwa LM, Raymond Mhlaba LM, Amahlathi LM, Great Kei LM, Nelson Mandela Bay Metro and Buffalo City Metro.

Discussion

Ridging in high-pressure system with cut-off low in the upper level of the atmosphere, these two systems will result in cold conditions with snowfall over high lying areas, rainfall across the province with heavy downpours expected in places from Wednesday into Thursday.

Impacts

Flooding of roads and settlements (formal and informal)
Major disruption of traffic flow due to major roads being flooded or closed
Danger to life
Damage to mud-based and makeshift houses or structures, properties, roads and bridges.
Mudslides, rockfalls and soil erosion

Instruction

DO NOT cross flooded rivers/areas, especially children.
Stay clear of river basins and low-lying areas
Remain at home unless its not safe to do so
Listen for regular weather updates via radio and/or social media
Monitor the weather conditions and if need be, identify areas to safely store valuable items away

Makana responds to protesting residents

Makana Municipality met with protesting residents who represent residents of Ward 3 and 4 in front of the City Hall and listened to their demands as they had not prepared a written memorandum of demands.

The protesters were received by Local Economic Development and Planning MMC, Cllr. Mzobanzi Nkwentsha and Municipal Manager Mr. Pumelelo Kate. Earlier in the day the protesters blocked a number of roads leading to the CBD, raising service delivery issues.

After meeting with the municipality, the protesters dispersed and calm has since been restored and all roads are open.

Makana Local Municipality Executive Mayor Yandiswa Vara, Mayoral Committee (Mayco) councillors, the Municipal Manager, and senior officials recently held successful, open engagements with the protesting community members. These meetings led to a practical action plan to resolve on-the-spot service delivery issues across Makhanda.

The municipal delegation established a program to visit service-delivery-affected areas, including Lower Ghostown, Currie Park, Scotts Farm, Vergenoeg, Upper Ghostown, and Sun City, alongside dedicated municipal teams. However, during an oversight visit to Scotts Farm, community members unexpectedly chased the Executive Mayor and her team away.

Makana Local Municipality has been engaging the protesting residents and addressing many of the issues they have raised. A lot of work has been done, particularly in Wards 3 and 4, to respond to the challenges



raised by the residents of those areas. Various attempts have been made to resolve the challenges. These efforts have, however, been met with continued protest action and aggression. The municipality would like to call on residents to respect public property as destroying it will disadvantage our communities.

Tyres were burned on the roads, rocks and stones were used to barricade some of the recently upgraded roads. The municipality condemns this disruptive behavior in the strongest terms. The municipality is particularly concerned by the fact that this happens during a period when schools are busy with exams.

The leadership of the municipality has always been open to engage

with the residents, and the door remains open for constructive engagement.

Makana Municipality would like to thank the transport industry, particularly Bata, for assisting in reopening blocked roads and ensuring that workers and learners are able to get to work and school safety.

Some of the blocked roads have already been opened. We appreciate the responsible and caring attitude that they displayed during a period when it could have been easier to add fuel to the fire. Law enforcement agencies continue monitor the situation.

The municipality will continue to engage the residents to address the challenges raised by the community.

SCAM ALERT: FAKE NOTICE



Dear Makana Local Municipality residents. The municipality would like to advise its residents that the disconnection notice circulated below is fake as the municipality communicates with its customers through formal notification in a municipal letterhead.

The municipality would like to caution its residents not to respond/entertain such notice as this is a scam.

*Good day it's Paul Mashaba from *Makhanda Local Municipality* We have a scheduled disconnection for the property on *3 Hellier St, Sunnyside, Makhanda, 6139* because the municipal account have an outstanding amount I tried calling you earlier on but the phone went to voice mail we will be at the premises to terminate in the next 2 hours.*

Makana Municipality meets with protesters

On the 19 of May 2026, Officials of Makana Municipality led by Municipal Manager, Mr Pumelelo Kate met with a delegation of protesting residents from Wards 3 and 4.

The delegation was representing residents from:

- Lower Ghostown
- Currie Park
- Scotch Farm
- Vergenoeg
- Upper Ghostown and
- Sun City

The protesters raised a number

of service delivery related issues that they wanted the municipality to address.

The meeting finally came to an agreement following the engagements about the process that would be followed. It was agreed that there would be a report back meeting led by the Executive Mayor at the Crown Hall (Tent) on Wednesday, 20 May 2026.

All services that were suspended due to the protest action will remain suspended until the meeting takes place on Wednesday.



Executive Mayor Cllr Yandiswa Vara engages residents from ward 3 and 4 on service delivery concerns

On the 22 of May 2026, Makana Local Municipality, led by Executive Mayor, Cllr Yandiswa Vara, held a community meeting with residents of Wards 3 and 4 following concerns raised during a recent community protest.

The meeting took place at the Currie Street Community Library on Wednesday, 20 May 2026. The Executive Mayor attended the meeting with Mayoral Committee Members: Corporate and Shared Services MMC and Ward 3 Councillor, Cllr Andile Hoyi, Infrastructure and Engineering Services MMC, Cllr Ramie Xonxa as well as Finance MMC, Cllr Gcobisa Mene.

The meeting follows an earlier engagement held on 19 May 2026 between residents of wards 3 and 4.

In that engagement the protesters were represented by five community delegates. The delegation from the municipality was led by the Municipal Manager Mr Pumelelo Kate.

During the engagement at the library residents raised several challenges that they experienced within their communities, including water shortages, electricity supply problems, poor infrastructure conditions, as well as sewage problems and lack of maintenance.

In response to the concerns raised, the Executive Mayor emphasized that she did not want issues to be addressed theoretically, but rather through practical action.

In this regard, the Executive Mayor committed to a physical visit which will begin in affected areas.



The physical visits will start with Vergenoeg on Monday, where she will personally see all the issues affecting the community.

The community has given the municipality a period of seven days to provide a response and visible interventions to the matters raised.



Makana strengthens efforts to beautify Makhanda

Makana Local Municipality continued with efforts to beautify the island located on Milner Street as part of ongoing initiatives to improve the appearance of public spaces within the municipality.

The beautification project formed part of efforts to complement the recent upgrade of Milner Street and contribute towards creating a cleaner and more attractive environment for residents and road users.

The initiative also reflected the municipality's continued commitment to environmental cleanliness and service delivery improvement across Makana.



Makana delegation engages the community of Vukani

After being chased away by protesting residents in Scott's Farm, the Executive Mayor of Makana Municipality, Cllr Yandiwa Vara, councilors and municipal officials were forced to abandon the programme in Scott's Farm, which prevented them from continuing to address service delivery issues in the area.

Following the disruption, the delegation visited Vukani to continue the service delivery programme and engage with the community. In Vukani the municipal teams identified several damaged streets requiring attention, as well as leaking taps that were wasting water.

The reported water leaks were noted and referred to the municipal water team (which was present during the visit) for repairs.

The municipality is committed to continuing these interventions and ensuring that all identified concerns are attended to throughout the week.

The municipality will be conducting

service delivery programmes every Monday in different areas around Makhanda to engage with communities and address service delivery challenges raised by residents.

The next programme will take place in Zolani on Monday, 8 June 2026. This is in line with the Non-Negotiables Booklet, which provides key areas of focus in relation to service delivery.

The Non-Negotiables Booklet refers to the Municipal Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Booklet launched by the Eastern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) earlier this year. It serves as a practical, mandatory guide setting the absolute minimum standards municipalities must follow to ensure efficient service delivery and proper governance.

The booklet outlines mandatory standard operating procedures (SOPs) across various vital service delivery metrics, essentially functioning as a definitive checklist for fixing failing municipalities.

Makana Initiation Forum hosts Stakeholders to discuss new consent form

The Makana Municipality Initiation Forum hosted officials from the House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders on Friday, 15 May 2026, for an engagement focused on strengthening processes within the initiation sector.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce a new consent form that all stakeholders involved in the initiation process will be required to complete.

Mr Sidima Lalendle from the House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders presented the consent form and provided detailed information on the procedures to be followed.

Officials announced that the consent form would come into operation from June 2026 and would be distributed through the Office of the Speaker.

During the meeting, stakeholders were informed that initiation consent forms would no longer be collected from the Department of Health, but instead from ward councillors.

It was also explained that the new form would replace all previous forms by incorporating all required stakeholder signatures into one document. Officials further stressed

that the form could not be copied, sold, or split, and had to remain intact at all times.

Further communication regarding the process residents should follow to obtain the forms will be shared in due course.

The officials also highlighted the importance of all traditional surgeons and AmaKhankatha undergoing the initiation training provided by the Department of Health in order to be eligible to practice. Practitioners operating without the required training would face arrest if found practicing illegally.

Stakeholders encouraged the forum to make use of trusted local practitioners instead of sourcing practitioners from distant areas.

AmaKhankatha were advised not to take more than 10 initiates at a time, although the final decision regarding the maximum number of initiates would remain with the forum.

The meeting further emphasized the importance of initiates undergoing medical testing at least three months before attending initiation school. The Department of Health

conducts several confidential tests before permission is granted, including screenings for STIs, TB, Covid-19, Hantavirus, and Diabetes.

Officials warned that traditional surgeons practicing without the required consent form would be deregistered and arrested. It was also clarified that only registered practitioners would be permitted to practice, and not individuals still undergoing training.

Churches were encouraged to work closely with the forum to ensure the continued success of initiation programmes in Makana. Stakeholders also called for the provision of temporary water tanks at various initiation schools during the initiation season.

The meeting was chaired by Infrastructure and Technical Services MMC Dr Ramie Xonxa. Stakeholders in attendance included the Makana Initiation Forum, House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders, Department of Social Development, Department of Health, Eastern Cape Liquor Board, Isiko Loluntu, Community Development Workers (CDWs), and the Ministers' Fraternity represented by Bishop Bongani Mchuba.



ISAZISO: UKUVULWA KWEXESHA LOLWALUKO LWASEBUSIKA NGO 2026

Nazi iinkcukacha:

- 8 June 2026**
Ukuvulelwa kwamakhwenkwe angekho sesikolweni
- 19 June 2026**
Ukuvulelwa kwamakhwenkwe asesikolweni

AMAZIKO OKUHLOLA ESEBE LEZEMPILO:

- Avula nge 8 June 2026
- Avula nge 03 July 2026

Abazali, abakhulisi babantwana, kunye noluntu bayakhuthazwa ukuba baqinisekise ukuba abakhwetha bahlolelwa impilo phambi kokuba baye eSuthwini.

Masisebenze kunye ukuqinisekisa ixesha lolwaluko olukhusekileyo nolunesidima.

#MabayeBephila #BabuyeBephila #SiyazingcaNgesikoethu #WinterInitiation2026

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- Kufuneka lingasebenzisi iziyobisi
- Kufuneka lingenzi lo msebenzi liphantsi kweempembelelo zotywala

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- Kufuneka ihlabame izandla phambi kokuphatha inkwenkwe.
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Makana Local Municipality commemorated World Play Day with learners

On Wednesday 20 May 2026, Makana Local Municipality, together with Capstone Christian School, hosted a World Play Day celebration.

Learners played outdoor games as part of the event celebration.

World Play Day is an annual global celebration held on May 28th, dedicated to promote the right to play for all ages. It focuses on the physical, mental and social benefits of play in childhood development and community building.

Makana Local Municipality prepares local traders for #NAF2026

Local Development and Planning MMC Cllr Mzobanzi Nkwentsha honoured an invitation from Rhodes Music Radio on 22 May 2026 to report on the municipality's state of readiness in relation to local economic development towards the National Arts Festival Makhanda.

Cllr Nkwentsha indicated that Makana Local Municipality, under the LED and Planning Directorate, has purchased ten trading stalls for the upcoming 2026 National Arts Festival.

Makana Local Municipality has invited Makhanda competitive traders, craft exhibitors and food stall owners who would like to participate in the National Arts Festival.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants are required to submit the following compulsory documents:

- A valid Trading Permit older than one (1) year
- Certified copy of Identity Document (ID)
- Proof of registration on the Makana LED Database one (1) year

APPLICATION CRITERIA

All applications will be assessed and considered on merit in line with the Municipality's Trading By-Law and applicable trading regulations.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION & ENQUIRIES



Applications must be hand-delivered to Ms Lerato Kepe / Ms Shelly Bosch LED Offices, High Street, Makhanda
Tel: 046 603 6173 / 046 603 6060

Please note that no emailed

or faxed applications will be accepted.

APPLICATION IS OPEN FROM 20 MAY 2026 AND THE CLOSING DATE IS 3 JUNE 2026 at 12pm.

Makana Local Municipality and IEC encourage the youth of Makhanda to vote

Makana Local Municipality, in collaboration with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), hosted a Voter Education and Registration Program targeting mostly first-time voters and eligible young people who were not registered to vote.

The purpose of the programme was to educate residents about the importance of voting in the upcoming elections. Young people in Makhanda were especially encouraged to participate in the democratic process by registering and casting their votes.

Speaking during the program was the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Public Participation, Petitions and Education Hon. Mlibo Qoboshiyane, he highlighted the importance of voter education, stating that it has the power to bring about meaningful change in South Africa.

He warned residents not to wait until it is too late to register to vote if they wish to see the changes they desire in their communities. He stressed that voting is one of the most important ways for citizens to make their voices heard and contribute to community development.

“Your vote is your voice” was one of the key messages shared during the programme, alongside the reminder that voting honours and defends the sacrifices made by the fallen heroes who fought for the freedom and democracy South Africans enjoy today.

Hon Mlibo Qoboshiyane added that the youth are the architects of the country’s future and therefore have a responsibility to change South Africa through active participation in elections.





Makana Municipality hosts a Agricultural support and funding information session for farmers.

On the 14th of May 2026, Makana Local Municipality, together with the Department of Agriculture and African Farming, hosted an information-sharing session to assist farmers with guidance on available agricultural support programmes and funding opportunities.

The session aimed to educate farmers regarding programmes to apply for when seeking financial assistance and support for their farming activities.

The agricultural engagement programme hosted by African Farming aimed to provide support and guidance to both established and upcoming farmers.

The event focused on creating awareness around opportunities available within the agricultural sector, including access to funding, land, and agricultural support services.

The programme also encouraged networking among farmers, allowing them to share knowledge and build

connections within the farming community.

Key agricultural support programmes highlighted included: LandCare, Infrastructure Development, the Livestock Improvement Scheme, which focuses on improving the quality of livestock on farms.

Through the Livestock Improvement programme, farmers are provided with purebred cows or goats to help improve breeding and increase livestock production on their farms, as well as Food Security initiatives such as Ilima/Letsema.

The importance of equipping Southern African youth with agricultural skills and financial support was further emphasised in order to promote sustainable farming and strengthen food security.

The importance of animal health was also highlighted during the programme. Farmers were encouraged to take proper care of their livestock

and maintain good animal health practices.

They were also educated about the different diseases commonly found in animals, and how these diseases are contracted, and the correct measures to treat and manage sick livestock.

The programme also provided guidance on improving the immune systems and overall health of animals.

LANDBANK - BLENDED FINANCE

The Blended Finance Scheme helps farmers to access funding through a combination of grants and loans.

The programme supports farmers with land, livestock, equipment, infrastructure, and production costs to help grow and improve their farming businesses.

Overall, the event aimed to equip farmers with the knowledge and skills needed to run successful, sustainable farms.

Makana Municipality and Department of Human Settlements held a capacity building workshop for councillors

Makana Local Municipality, in collaboration with the Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements, recently hosted a capacity building workshop on 28 May 2026, aimed at strengthening councillors' understanding of key Human Settlements policies and programmes.

The workshop focused on equipping councillors with improved knowledge of housing-related policies, implementation strategies, and development programmes to better support service delivery and community engagement in Makhanda.

A key focus area of the session was Beneficiary Management and the Beneficiary Allocation Policy, which promoted fair, transparent, and accountable housing allocation guided by principles of professionalism, respect, and equitable service delivery.

Special attention was given to vulnerable groups, including the elderly and military veterans.

Officials also provided detailed insight into the National Housing Needs Register (NHNR), an electronic database used to record housing needs and support planning, budgeting, and allocation processes.

It was explained that the NHNR was introduced to improve data reliability and better reflect housing demand within communities.

Further discussions covered the Title Deeds Policy, the Emergency Housing Programme, the Informal Settlements Upgrading Programme, and the use of innovative and sustainable building technologies within integrated human settlements



planning.

The workshop formed part of the municipality's ongoing efforts to

strengthen governance, improve policy implementation, and promote sustainable housing development within Makana Local Municipality.



Storm damage assessment conducted in Seven Fountains

On 12 May 2026 Makana Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Yandiswa Vara, together with Finance MMC Cllr Gcobisa Mene, and other municipal stakeholders, visited Seven Fountains to assess the damage caused by strong winds in the area.

Initial assessments revealed that approximately 11 houses had

been affected, with some homes sustaining damage after trees fell onto properties during the storm.

An electricity pole was also damaged, resulting in power outages in certain parts of the area.

Municipal teams remained on-site to continue with assessments and monitor the

situation. The municipality, alongside other stakeholders, continued to assess the extent of the damage while working towards providing support to affected residents.

The visit formed part of the municipality's ongoing efforts to monitor affected communities and ensure a swift response to incidents impacting residents.



Makana Municipality provides support to family affected by heavy rains

Makana Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Yandiswa Vara, together with Ward 10 Councillor Andile Mbeju, and a representative from the Sarah Baartman District Municipality Disaster Management Office, visited a family in J Street whose home had

been affected by the recent heavy rains.

As part of the municipality's ongoing relief efforts, blankets, mattresses, damkos, and food parcels were handed over to assist the family

during this challenging period.

The municipality continued to monitor affected areas and work with relevant stakeholders to provide support to residents in need.

Cllr Hoyi officially launched his first book

Community members, municipal officials, political leaders, and literary enthusiasts gathered at the Amazwi South Africa Literature Museum on Saturday, 30 May 2026, for the official launch of *The Life of a Councillor*, a new book authored by Makana Municipality Councillor Andile Hoyi.

