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Zanemvula

Bringing the Rain

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The Zanemvula housing project launched in 2006. It is an informal settlement upgrading and human settlement project in Nelson Mandela Bay. The project is located in the Chatty, Joe Slovo West, Soweto-on-Sea and Veeplaas areas and involves the relocation of residents from the floodplains of the Chatty River, backyard dwellings and other stressed areas around Nelson Mandela Bay to decent human settlements. The project will deliver 13 500 houses.

Construction companies get massive boost

On 12 February 2016 over 1500 contractors attended a meeting at the Lilian Ngoyi Sport Centre in KwaZakhele. The meeting was organised by the National Department of Human Settlements (NDHS) and its partners (such as the Provincial Department of Human Settlements and the Nelson Mandela Metro). The NDHS have started a massive drive to boost small businesses in the construction industry through a shared system which will give smaller construction businesses an opportunity to compete. The HDA is leading this process.

The process involves the identification of a pre-approved contractor's database from where businesses are allocated work based on pre-determined criteria instead of the tender system. The pre-approval process starts with an assessment of a business' ability to compete in the construction sector. SMME Contractors who score sufficient functionality points will receive 50 units to build, released on a performance basis and within strict quality control requirements. Contractors who score below the required threshold will be able to participate in an incubation and training programme to be run by the NHBRC.

Speaking at the event the Deputy Mayor of the Metro Bicks Ndoni welcomed the massive response from the contractors and thanked everyone involved in the project, "this is a great opportunity for everyone to fly," he said.

"We are very happy with the process," said Xolile Mboxwana from Bazi Developers. "The HDA explained to us how the process works and the only thing we are waiting for is work allocation." Nomzamo Zele from East Cape Mbizana Contractors also confirmed Xolile's sentiments, "the meeting went very well, and everything was laid on the table."



Contractors at a meeting organised by the National Department of Human Settlements at the Lilian Ngoyi Sport Centre in KwaZakhele

The ball is now in our courts to deliver on the mandate." The allocation of jobs is based on the NDHS' program of houses to be built at first in the Metro suburbs of Joe Slovo West, Chatty 1060, and Sisulu Hlalani Project (in New Brighton).

Residents are urged to register to vote

The Electoral Commission of South Africa has announced the dates for Voter Registration for Municipal Elections as 5 and 6 March. On this Day Tata Griffith Sithole (65) will be heading to Alfonso Aries Primary School to make sure that his name is on the roll. Tata Sithole is partially paralysed because of a stroke, but this will not stop him from registering as he understands the importance of being registered to vote. "Voting means having a voice, voting means you elect someone you trust to deliver on your needs. On this day my wife, my son and I will go to the school to register. For me it is the right thing to do."

To register you need a valid South African ID and be 18 years or older. Check out your voting station in your suburb:

Chatty:

- o Alfonso Aries Primary School
- o Temporary structure at Nceba Faku Village

Joe Slovo:

- o Joe Slovo Community Hall
- o Joe Slovo Primary School

Soweto-on-sea :

- o Soweto Community Centre
- o Phakamisa High School

Veelplas:

- o Veelplas Community Centre

Walmer Q:

- o Temporary station near graveyard

So get ready to have your say in the 2016 Municipal Elections. Your vote is your voice, use it wisely. Stations open at 8am to 5pm. Do the right thing.



"Youth is our Future," said Minister Sisulu



Youth Brigade members in front of a house to be handed over by Human Settlements Minister Lindiwe Sisulu to a beneficiary in Walmer Q on 22 December 2015.

The National Department of Human Settlements' Youth Brigade programme is playing a role in developing the youth in the Nelson Mandela Metro area. With many challenges facing youth like drugs, early pregnancy and unemployment, many youngsters find life hard and struggle to cope. For Vuyani Gobile, a 31 year old from Chatty 12, who was unemployed and had never worked in his life, the programme gave him more to smile about in life. "The programme made me more focused in life and now I know what I want," said Vuyani. For Nobesuthu Xuthu

who is 32 and owns a construction business, the programme gave her more skills and a chance for her construction business to be more competitive in her community.

The youth programme was started by the NDHS and its main goal is to empower youth through technical and soft skills, moral generation and for youth to participate productively in the economy of the country. The youth are taught construction, civil engineering, business management and building. But most importantly they are taught the culture of discipline, manners and the etiquette of a good citizen.

Minister Lindiwe Sisulu is very proud of the programme, "My children, our responsibility as government is to empower you, educate you, provide you with work experience and opportunities to the extent that you are provided with jobs," said Minister Sisulu. "We want you to build state houses and to build your houses."

Vuyani agrees that he is a changed person, "My role now is to go back to my community and teach others the skills that I have been taught and hopefully I can also create employment." Already youngsters who have been incubated in the programme are now building houses for Human Settlements.

One-on-One

Every month Zanemvula introduces you to a person who you might not know, but who has an impact in your life. This month, we talk to HDA's Community Liason Officer.

Vuyolwethu Sisulu

What does your job entail?

Vuyolwethu: My job as Community Liaison Officer is project facilitation and stakeholder engagement; meaning that I represent the HDA in all community matters.

How long have you been doing Community Liaison?

Vuyolwethu: I joined the HDA in November 2015, but I have vast experience in this field of public participation, especially with human settlements. I worked at Thub'elihle in Buffalo City Municipality and Public Works, where I was dealing with housing.

What does a great day look like to you?

Vuyolwethu: A great day is when all stakeholders are able to agree with the programme set, and all conflicts are resolved.

What challenges do you find at HDA?

Vuyolwethu: The biggest challenge at the moment is political differences of the community and the inaccurate distribution of information to the locals.

How has HDA challenged you?

Vuyolwethu: HDA is a corporate environment. Coming from government, it has motivated me more. There are set targets,



Vuyolwethu Sisulu is proud of his job at HDA

stringent accountability and continuous assessment. There is no time to relax. Error is marginal and negligence is criminal.

How does it feel to do what you do?

Vuyolwethu: To help beneficiaries get their houses is very rewarding. Emotions are always high because it is good and productive. What we provide is a tangible and visible service. Luckily we have leaders like Mr Tsewu who inspire us and offer stability and in that process someone learns a lot.

Your last words?

Vuyolwethu: I hope what is done here at HDA can go further to other places in the province because the service here is quick and the process is fast. We all do what we do in the interest of the beneficiary.

Keeping our Wetlands clean



Children playing in a wetland in Chatty 11. Wetlands are protected areas and locals are encouraged to stop dumping.

The Chatty River runs from the suburb of Chatty via Bethelsdorp, Soweto-on-sea and meets the Swartkops River where it runs into the ocean. However before it reaches the ocean it runs through a series of wetlands, which are close to human settlements. These wetlands are found in the communities of Chatty, Bethelsdorp and Veeplaas.

These communities have heard the call of the Mayor of the Metro, Mr Danny Jordaan, to keep our environment clean. Thando Mdikane who resides in Chatty 11 lives next to a wetland and is deeply worried by people who dump waste in the area.

“Some people throw their rubbish here and it affects all of us and makes our area look dirty. People need to stop this bad habit. We must all wait for the municipal rubbish truck to collect instead of dumping.”

Wetlands are a protected environmental biodiversity habitat. The presence of wetlands means flourishing animals and plants and if we do not act quickly our communities will be dealt a hard blow.

As Mayor Jordaan visits every community in the metro the community of Chatty and Veeplaas are ready to roll up their sleeves and be counted in making sure their communities and open spaces are clean.

Project Updates:

Updates

Soweto-on-Sea Rectification

- To date, 2039 of 2500 houses have been rectified

Chatty 1380

- 1273 houses are complete and have Final Unit Reports issued by the NHBRC
- 1073 units were handed over to approved beneficiaries who have signed Client Handovers
- 1345 foundations, wall plates and roofs are complete
- “New Norms and Standards” (including internal plaster, gutters and downpipes) have been installed in 1234 houses
- 176 units are still illegally occupied and this is affecting completion of the project
- Correcting site numbers and approved beneficiaries in occupation of units on the HSS system is underway

Joe Slovo West 4040 (Services)

- All 4040 sites were serviced and the last Completion Certificates were issued on 03 September 2014

Soweto-on-Sea/Veeplaas 500 Unbuilt Sites

- 2 Established Contractors and four SMMEs appointed
- 4 show-houses have been completed in Wards 27 & 30.
- 23 Foundations are in place
- 18 Houses are at wall plate level
- New houses are built in accordance with the new specification which is in line with the new National Building Regulations and SANS 10400 Part XA (Energy Efficiency).

Walmer Q 3 189

- One Established Contractor appointed
- Five SMMEs appointed as Nominated Sub-contractors
- 80 Houses have been completed and handed over to beneficiaries

- 31 Houses are at different stages
- New houses are built in accordance with the new specification which is in line with the new National Building Regulations and SANS 10400 Part XA (Energy Efficiency).

Chatty 491 – Military Veterans

- Project has been approved by Province
- Principal Agent in place
- Designs have been approved by the Municipality
- 1 Showhouse has been completed and handed over to beneficiary
- Houses will be of 50m2 in size
- HDA has appointed a Community Based Organisation (CBO) to construct the project and is entering into an SLA with it

Chatty 1060 & JSW 4000 (Top Structures)

- Projects are in the procurement stage for contractors
- Procurement process for Principal Agents has been completed.
- Designs in line with new Building Regulations and SANS 10400 Part XA (Energy Efficiency) approved by the Municipality

Soweto-on-Sea/Veeplaas 380 Toilet/Bathroom attachments

- The project is in the procurement stage; and the HDA has completed the evaluation process for bids to appoint contractors
- Funding not approved by Province yet
- The HDA is intending to directly contract about ten SMMEs

Chatty MPCC

- Construction being disrupted by numerous stoppages linked to SMME issues
- The HDA is in talks with the contractor who submitted a termination notice due to continuous work stoppages
- At the time of termination, only 38% of the project had been completed

Let's celebrate Human Rights Day by fighting racism

March 21 is a very important date on our South African calendar. On this day in 1960, 69 people who protesting against Pass Laws were brutally shot in Sharpeville. This day remembers the indignity brought by apartheid towards the people of South Africa and is marked as Human Rights Day to remind us of our history, but also to declare that never again shall people suffer indignity from others, but live in harmony and peace.

Recent incidents of racism have highlighted the deep problem of upholding people's basic Human Rights. During the State of the Nation address President Jacob Zuma called on all South Africans to fight racism and injustice. This is what various communities around the Metro had to say about Human Rights and how they can end racism.



Ginger Mathews Tom from Joe Slovo.

We were crying in 1960 and some people are still crying even today. Our democracy gave us rights but this racism thing wants to destroy everything we have worked for. It is bad. Let us fight it.



Nonzikelelo Qobo from Veeplas

It is difficult to find work because of racism and discrimination. That is why crime is so high in our townships. Some white hire people from other countries because they say we steal.



Yoliswa Diko from Soweto-on-Sea

People need to respect each other and stop pointing fingers. In that way we can kill racism.



Patrick Madini from Soweto-on-Sea

Some white people are fed discrimination at a young age. It is the duty of parents to teach young ones the right mental attitude otherwise with that kind of ignorance they will miss the beauty of this beautiful country.

Do-It-Yourself Fixing drain blockages

Fixing drain blockages: We have witnessed once in a while the problem of drains being clogged in our homes. From the sink, toilet, shower or bathroom. What do we do? Do not panic, there are ways you can fix this. Here are five tips to deal with the problem.

1. Baking Soda and Vinegar - Mix hot water, vinegar and baking soda and pour in the drain
2. Wire Hanger - Unwind the hanger and use the elbow to do the dirty work
3. Boiling Water - Just boil water and pour in the drain, this method is very effective.
4. Dish Soap - If your toilet is clogged, pour 1/4 cup of dish detergent in the bowl. Then boil some water. The dish soap will act as a lubricant and help break up any greasy residue.
5. Salt and Baking Soda - Mix 1/2 cup of table salt with 1/2 cup of baking soda and pour down the blocked drain.

And if all fails please do not hesitate to phone this number which is also available on our Useful contact numbers: 0800 205050 and a plumber will be immediately assigned to your house.



Useful contact numbers

The Housing Development Agency: 041 393 2600

Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality:

Customer Care (All hours): 041 506 5555

Service Delivery Centre (All hours for water, sanitation and all other services): 0800 205 050

Human Settlements Eastern Cape: 043 711 9500

Emergencies: (From cell phone): 112

Childline: 08000 55 555

Eskom Customer Care: 0860 037 566

Land Invasion:

Macdonald: 082 410 5066

Hlela: 079 490 0531

Fire: 041 585 2311 / 041 508 5505

Water leaks, Power outages etc.: 0800 205 050

General Emergencies: 041 506 2735

Clinics

Chatty Clinic in Dullisear Street: 041 506 3070

Veeplaas Clinic in Kani Street: 041 506 1183

Zwide Clinic in Johnson Street: 041 506 7410

Soweto-on-Sea Clinic in Mbanga Street:

041 506 1191

Booyens Park Clinic 2 in Booyens Park Drive:

041 483 1590

Police Stations

Bethelsdorp Police Station:

041 404 3000/4/5

071 475 1938

Kwazakele Police Station:

041 408 7720

Zwide Police Station:

041 459 0213

KwaDwezi Police Station:

041 405 4712



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