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## **VISION OF THE AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

Amajuba District Municipality vision provides insight on what the municipality aims to achieve in terms of its medium and long term developmental goals.

The vision of the municipality is as follows: By 2035 Amajuba will be a leading and pioneering District characterized by sustainable development and quality services

## **MISSION OF THE AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

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- Effective public participation
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  - Intergovernmental Relations

## Amajuba District Municipality Mayor Supports Academic Excellence at Newcastle Matric Awards

On the 3rd of February 2026, His Worship, the Acting Mayor, Councillor T.E. Mthembu in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education hosted the Amajuba District Municipality Mayoral Excellence Awards at Blue Ridge Crystal Palace.

The event celebrated the outstanding achievements of the Class of 2025 in the National Senior Certificate examinations, recognising the dedication of learners, the guidance of educators, and the support of families.

Among the key highlight moments of the Mayoral Awards was the awarding of the top ten learners from Amajuba District, as part of efforts to support their transition into higher education. Each learner received R10,000 in cash, as well as smartphones, laptops, power banks, and smartwatches.

Notably, a special recognition was also given to Ayandiswa Dlamini from Sizwe High School in Osizweni, who demonstrated remarkable resilience during the 2025 academic year despite serious personal health challenges. She achieved an average of 76% and placed second in her school's top ten. In recognition of her dedication, Honourable Acting Mayor, Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu awarded her R20,000 to assist with university registration as she prepares to pursue a BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

The Amajuba District Municipality Excellence Awards draw inspiration from one of the most influential leaders the province has produced, the late Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, a staunch advocate for education, who believed that education is not a privilege but a right and responsibility for all. The Acting Mayor, Cllr Mthembu reinforced this philosophy during the event, emphasising that the success of youth is directly linked to the progress of the wider community.

Moreover, a key message from speakers which included the Minister of Public Service and Administration, Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi, and the Acting Municipal Manager of Amajuba District Municipality, Mrs A.N Dlamini highlighted that the awards are more than a ceremony, that they are part of a broader commitment to service delivery, youth empowerment, and developmental objectives within the region.

The event was further featured in a live interview with Gagasi FM, where the Acting Mayor, Cllr Mthembu shared insights into the significance of the awards and the municipality's commitment to supporting learners across the district.



*Acting Municipal Manager, Mrs A.N Dlamini presenting the award for the Most Improved School*



*Honourable District Councillors presenting an award to Muzokhanyayo High School in the category of Top 10 Performing Schools*



*His Worship, the Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E Mthembu*



*Amajuba District Top 10 Achievers attending the Mayoral Excellence Awards at Blue Ridge Crystal Palace*



*Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E Mthembu with the esteemed Guest Speaker, Inkosi Mzamo Buthelezi and district leadership.*

## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAYOR SUPPORTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT NEWCASTLE

Amajuba District Municipality Acting Mayor, Councillor Thembelihle Mthembu supported the Newcastle Mayoral Excellence Awards and Registration Bursary Handover hosted on the 23rd of January 2026 at the NATU Centre in Madadeni.

The event led by the Mayor of Newcastle Local Municipality sought to honour top achievers of the Matric Class of 2025 for their outstanding performance in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations and was attended by several dignitaries, including the Speaker of Council, district councillors, and members of the Mayoral Committee responsible for Community Settlements.

Notably, the Acting Mayor, Cllr Mthembu's presence highlighted Amajuba District Municipality's commitment to supporting initiatives that recognise and empower young talent in the region.

Furthermore, as part of the programme, 200 registration bursaries were awarded to deserving matriculants to enable their enrolment in higher education institutions, providing critical support for their continued academic journeys.

Among the highlights of the event was the recognition of the top ten learners from Newcastle, whose dedication, hard work, and excellent results in 2025 were celebrated.

On behalf of Amajuba District, the Hon Acting Mayor, Cllr T.E Mthembu congratulated the students and encouraged them to maintain their commitment to learning, reminding them that their achievements serve as inspiration for peers, families, and the district in its entirety.



*Top 10 Achievers under Newcastle Local Municipality*



*His Worship, the Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E Mthembu seated with Newcastle and Emadlangeni Local Municipality Mayors during the Newcastle Mayoral Excellence Awards*

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## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAYOR LEADS TWO-FOLD SCHOOL STATE OF READINESS PROGRAMME

The Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Councillor T.E. Mthembu, together with the Speaker of Council, Councillor uMntwana S.O. Zulu, Councillors, and the Acting Municipal Manager, Mrs A.N. Dlamini, on 14 January 2026, led a two-fold School State of Readiness programme, visiting Bethamoya Secondary School in the morning and Okhalweni Primary School in Dannhauser later in the day. This initiative serves as a direct reflection of the municipality's ongoing efforts to ensure a smooth and uninterrupted start to the 2026 academic year.

At Bethamoya Secondary School, the delegation held a briefing with school management, reviewing operational needs, challenges, and the school's strong 92.3% pass rate in the 2025 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations. The Acting Mayor and his delegation noted areas requiring support and highlighted municipal interventions, including the provision of sanitary products and support for learners requiring school uniforms.

Notably, this engagement laid the groundwork for a broader School State of Readiness programme, that was

later rolled out in collaboration with the Department of Education and other stakeholders on the 26th of January 2026.

Following the visit to Bethamoya, Acting Mayor, Cllr Mthembu and his delegation proceeded to Okhalweni Primary School in Dannhauser. The visit included a walkabout of school facilities to assess classroom functionality, overall preparedness for the academic year, and areas where learners may need additional support. The delegation confirmed that the school's feeding programme is fully operational.

During a briefing with school management and educators, concerns were raised regarding delays in the delivery of essential resources such as stationery and textbooks. These operational challenges were noted for escalation to the KZN Department of Education at both district and provincial levels, as well as to the Portfolio Committee on Education in the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature for immediate intervention.



*Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E. Mthembu and his delegation during the briefing at Bethamoya High School*



*Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E. Mthembu, with the Principal of Bethamoya High School, Mr Ngcobo*



*Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E. Mthembu with the Acting Municipal Manager, Mrs A.N. Dlamini and Okhalweni Primary School Principal during the walkabout of the school's facilities*



*His Worship, the Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E. Mthembu addressing the staff of Okhalweni Primary School as part of the schools state of readiness programme*

## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTS THE 2025 ANNUAL CHARLESTOWN NETSOCCER TOURNAMENT

26–31 December 2025 | Charlestown, Amajuba District

As part of efforts to promote youth development through sports, Amajuba District Municipality sponsored the 2025 Annual Charlestown Netsoccer tournament which kicked off on the 26th of December 2025, bringing together 16 competitive soccer teams from across the district.

Hosted at the Charlestown High School Soccer Field, the three-day tournament saw spirited matches, with teams battling for the championship title.

The tournament, now in its sixth year, has steadily grown in popularity, serving as a showcase for emerging athletes within the region attracted notable supporters, including Mr. Abel Shongwe, a former Kaizer Chiefs player, who highlighted the importance of nurturing talent from grassroots levels.

Notably, the Annual Charlestown Netsoccer Tournament continues to highlight the district’s dedication to sport as a tool for youth development, social cohesion, and community celebration.



*Charlestown Netsoccer Tournament competing team on day 2 of the tournament*



*Celebrating victory! The winning team of the Charlestown Netsoccer Tournament*



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## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAYOR SPREADS CHRISTMAS CHEER AND WELCOMES NEW YEAR BABIES

In the spirit of festive cheer, Amajuba District Municipality, led by Honourable Acting Mayor Councillor Thembelihle Mthembu, visited hospitals to welcome babies born on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, spreading joy while promoting maternal and child health.

On Christmas Day, 25 December 2025, the Office of the Honourable Acting Mayor, Cllr T.E Mthembu visited the Newcastle Provincial Hospital and were later joined by Emadlangeni Local Municipality Mayor during their visit to Niemeyer Hospital, where they welcomed a total of eight newborns. During the visits, essential newborn care packs were presented to mothers to support them in the early stages of parenthood. The initiative is significant because it aligns with the district's ongoing efforts through the District AIDS Council (DAC) to promote maternal and child health.

Continuing the initiative into the new year, Amajuba District Municipality marked 1 January 2026 by celebrating babies born on New Year's Day at Newcastle Provincial Hospital. Importantly, the programme also highlighted the availability of birth registration, a convenient government service that allows parents to register their children before discharge.



*A proud mother receiving newborn essential baby care package from Amajuba District Municipality on Christmas Day*



*His Worship, the Mayor of Emadlangeni Local Municipality, Cllr M.L Buthelezi during his visit to Niemeyer Hospital*



*New mom celebrates her newborn at Newcastle Provincial Hospital*



*New moms with their babies born on New year's Day at the Newcastle Provincial Hospital*

## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAYOR DISTRIBUTES CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS TO SENIOR CITIZENS

His Worship, the Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Councillor Thembelihle Mthembu, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr I.S. Sithole, the Honourable Speaker of Council, Cllr uMntwana S.O. Zulu, and District Councillors, on 23 December 2025, distributed 200 Christmas food parcels to deserving senior citizens residing within the eMadlangeni Local Municipality.

Notably, the outreach initiative was also attended by the Honourable Mayor of eMadlangeni Local Municipality, Cllr M.L. Buthelezi, as well as Amakhosi neziNduna from the eMadlangeni area, reflecting strong collaboration between government and traditional leadership in supporting vulnerable communities.

The Senior Citizens Christmas Food Parcel Donation forms part of the Office of the Mayor's ongoing social support programme, which seeks to lessen the burden on households headed by senior citizens. The programme acknowledges the added financial strain that accompanies the festive season, a time when many needy households find it difficult to meet their basic necessities.

The programme continued later in the day under Dannhauser Local Municipality, where another 200 food parcels were distributed to senior citizens most in need at the Dorothy Nyembe Hall. The expansion of the initiative into Dannhauser highlights the municipality's district-wide and inclusive approach, ensuring that vulnerable households across all local municipalities receive much-needed support during the festive season.



*Emadlangeni Senior Citizens Christmas*



*His Worship, the Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E. Mthembu distributing food parcels at Utrecht Town Hall*



*Dannhauser Senior Citizens Christmas*

## MUNICIPAL INDIGENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

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## AMAJUBA DISTRICT SUCCESSFULLY HOSTS ITS FIRST INGOMA FESTIVAL

Amajuba District Municipality, in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC), successfully hosted the inaugural Ingoma YaseMajuba Festival on the 17th of December 2025 at Osizweni Stadium.

The festival brought together Ingoma groups from across the district, creating a vibrant platform to showcase diverse forms of traditional artistic expression. Performances featured groups competing in the Ingoma Yezintombi and Ushameni categories.

Conveniently taking place a day after the national commemoration of the Day of Reconciliation, the event carried added significance. It served not only as a cultural celebration but also as a reaffirmation of the values of unity, cultural perseverance and social cohesion.

The festival received strong leadership support, with the Amajuba District Municipality Acting Mayor, Honourable Cllr Thembelihle E. Mthembu, in attendance. He was also joined by the Newcastle Municipality Speaker of Council, Cllr uMntwana T.M. Zulu, and the eMadlangeni Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr M.L. Buthelezi.

As part of the programme, Acting Mayor, Cllr T.E. Mthembu, formally presented honoraria to all participating Ingoma groups. Conceptualised as a cultural showcase rather than a competitive platform, the festival was rooted in the principles of Ubuntu, dignity and mutual respect. Instead of ranking performances, the event recognised and appreciated the collective cultural contributions of each group.



*His Worship, the Acting Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E. Mthembu presenting the honoraria to participating groups at the Ingoma Yase Majuba Festival*



*Left: Mayor of Emadlangeni LM, Cllr M.L. Buthelezi, Acting Mayor of Amajuba District, Cllr T.E. Mthembu and Speaker of Newcastle LM, Cllr uMntwana T.M. Zulu*



*Left: Cllr S Buthelezi, Cllr Z. Msibi and Cllr Shabalala*



*Cultural Storytelling at the Ingoma Yase Majuba Festival hosted at Osizweni Stadium*

## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CONVENES ITS QUARTERLY DAC MEETING

Amajuba District Municipality today convened its quarterly District AIDS Council (DAC) meeting on the 9th of December 2025 at the Emphelandaba Council Chamber, with the Honourable Acting Mayor, Cllr T.E. Mthembu, chairing the meeting as part of the municipality's continuous efforts to strengthen the district's response to HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Attended by representatives from government departments, civil society organisations, healthcare institutions and key sector stakeholders, the DAC play a critical role in monitoring and supporting the implementation of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) on HIV, TB and STIs at local level. Through these regular engagements, the district is able to track progress, strengthen accountability and ensure alignment with provincial and national targets.

In his remarks, the Acting Mayor, Cllr Mthembu reaffirmed the municipality's unwavering commitment to sustained partnerships and integrated service delivery. He highlighted that the fight against HIV, TB and STIs requires consistent engagement, data-driven planning and community participation.

Sector reports presented during the meeting reflected ongoing initiatives, including:

- Continuous community HIV testing and screening services
- Strengthening TB detection and treatment adherence programmes
- STI prevention and awareness campaigns
- Youth-centred education and prevention programmes
- Community outreach initiatives aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination

The Council also assessed performance indicators and discussed strategies to intensify interventions in areas requiring additional support.



*Acting Mayor of Amajuba District, Cllr T.E Mthembu*



*Members of the DAC attending the meeting hosted at the Emphelandaba Council Chamber*



*Acting Mayor of Amajuba District, Cllr T.E Mthembu congratulating the newly elected leadership of the Civil Society Forum*

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## **AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY MAYOR SUPPORTS THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EMADLANGENI EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTRE**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (KZN COGTA), in its ongoing efforts to strengthen disaster readiness across the province, officially unveiled the Emadlangeni Emergency Services Centre on 2 December 2025.

This project stands as a model of District Development Model (DDM) collaboration, having been constructed through a joint initiative with Uitkomst Colliery Mine. The development garnered significant support from district leadership and Honourable Councillors, as it is expected to substantially enhance disaster relief interventions and improve overall disaster response preparedness.

The centre, which currently boasts 85% regulatory compliance, with Phase Two awaiting funding, is a direct response to urgent intervention requests submitted to the office of the MEC for KZN COGTA by the Honourable Mayor of Emadlangeni Local Municipality, Cllr M.L. Buthelezi, together with the full Council.

Speaking on behalf of the KZN COGTA MEC, Honourable Thulasizwe Buthelezi, Mr Ntuthuko Phakathi conveyed the MEC's commitment to strengthening institutional disaster management capabilities. He emphasised COGTA's role as the managing authority in supporting the National Disaster Management Centre and enabling municipalities to execute more effective disaster risk reduction and response functions.

Mr Phakathi further announced KZN COGTA's donation of a water tanker, along with essential emergency relief materials to be stored at the new disaster facility. Additionally, he confirmed the donation of 50 food parcels for senior citizens, underscoring government's commitment to building resilient and supported communities.

Sharing similar sentiments, the Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr T.E. Mthembu, emphasised that the Emadlangeni Emergency Services Centre will operate in close alignment with the Amajuba District Disaster Management Centre, ensuring coordinated operations and streamlined district-wide disaster response.



*Emadlangeni Community Members attending the Opening of the Emadlangeni Emergency Services Centre*



*Mayor of Amajuba District, Cllr T.E. Mthembu and Speaker of Newcastle LM, Cllr uMntwana T.M. Zulu photographed with the newly donated water tanker*

### **Abamabhizinisi amancane, ikusasa lenu liqala lapha!**

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## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY EMPOWERS YOUTH THROUGH DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT PROGRAMME

In a continued effort to support academic excellence and invest in the future of young people, the Amajuba District Municipality, in partnership with the Office of the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, successfully hosted a Youth Development and Support Programme at Amajuba TVET College: MTC (Section 5).

The initiative follows the Province of KwaZulu-Natal's outstanding achievement of being ranked first nationally and was aimed at ensuring that learners continue to receive the necessary support after completing their matric. The programme provided young people with valuable information and guidance on accessing higher education, skills development opportunities, and various post-school pathways.

Led by Mayor Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu alongside representatives from the Office of the Premier, the multidisciplinary outreach brought essential services directly to the youth of Amajuba. Attendees benefited from career guidance and counselling, assistance with CAO applications, including late applications, access to digital platforms, and information on education and training opportunities.

The Municipality reaffirmed its commitment to empowering the youth by creating platforms that enable informed career choices and promote sustainable development within the district.

The programme forms part of the Municipality's broader strategy to nurture talent, reduce barriers to education, and equip young people with the tools they need to succeed beyond the classroom



*Mr. Madoda Ntshangaso assisted students during the Amajuba Youth Development and Support Programme held at Amajuba TVET College: MTC Section 5.*



*Ms Nkosisiphile Zwane assisted a young man who wanted to check the status of his application.*

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING 2025 NSC PERFORMANCE

13 January 2026

The Amajuba District Municipality Mayor, Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu, attended the 2025 National Senior Certificate (NSC) results release event, which celebrated the academic achievements of the Class of 2025.

The Amajuba District Municipality proudly joins the province and the nation in celebrating an exceptional performance, having achieved a 91.3% pass rate, ranking 6th in the Province of KwaZulu- Natal and 10th nationally. This achievement reflects the dedication, resilience, and commitment of learners, educators, school management teams, parents, and education officials across the district.

KwaZulu-Natal emerged as the top-performing province, achieving a 90.6% pass rate, an improvement from 89.5% in 2024. Notably, no district in the province performed below 80%, highlighting overall provincial excellence. The province recorded 89 161 Bachelor passes, further strengthening access to higher education opportunities.

Amajuba District also celebrates the remarkable achievement of eight schools attaining a 100% pass rate:

Sinqobile Combined School  
Siphuthando Combined School  
St Oswald's Secondary School  
Zibambeleni Secondary School  
Groenvlei Combined School  
Ekuseni Secondary School  
Muzokhanyayo Secondary School  
Ngcaka Combined School

“I would like to congratulate the Class of 2025 for their outstanding performance and excellent Matric results. This marks the beginning of your future as you embark on a journey to institutions of higher learning to further your studies. Your hard work and perseverance have truly paid off.” Mayor Mthembu.

“To those who were not accepted into universities, remember that TVET Colleges have opened doors for you to continue your studies. To those who did not make it this time, it is not the end of the world. The Department of Education offers a Second-Chance Matric Programme to help you achieve your goals. Do not give up, try again.”

The Amajuba District Municipality extends its heartfelt appreciation to all teachers, school principals, education officials, parents, and stakeholders for their unwavering support in shaping learners' success.



*Amajuba District's top learner, Ms Ruby Beukes from Ferrum High School, was awarded by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal for achieving a position in the top 10.*



*Amajuba District Municipality Acting Mayor, Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu, attended the 2025 NSC results ceremony.*



*Mr. Mkhize, Chief Education Specialist in the Amajuba District, was also present at the ceremony.*

## AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY SENDS OFF TEAM AMAJUBA TO THE SALGA KZNDSAC GAMES 2025

The Amajuba District Municipality hosted a vibrant and spirited send-off ceremony to wish Team Amajuba well as they prepare to represent the district at the upcoming SALGA KZNDSAC Games 2025. The event brought together municipal leadership, coaches, and supporters who gathered to show their unwavering support for the talented young athletes.

Delivering the keynote address, Mayor Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu motivated the team with words of encouragement, reminding them that they carry the pride and hopes of the entire district.

“The whole district is behind you, Team Amajuba! You are prepared, determined, and ready to compete against the best from across the province,” said the Mayor.

He further expressed his confidence in the team’s abilities and wished them success as they embark on this exciting journey.

“We pray for safe travels, unforgettable experiences, and for our athletes to return home victorious.”

The atmosphere was electric as cheers and applause filled the venue, reflecting the community’s belief in the team’s potential to excel. The ceremony not only celebrated the athletes’ hard work and dedication but also reaffirmed the Municipality’s commitment to supporting sport development and youth empowerment.

Participation in the SALGA KZNDSAC Games provides a valuable platform for young athletes to showcase their talent, build character, and foster unity through sport. As Team Amajuba heads to the competition, they do so knowing that an entire district stands firmly behind them.

Ndlelanhle zingane zethu, the road is yours to conquer. Go make Amajuba proud!



*Amajuba District Municipality Acting Mayor, Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu, delivered a message of support and motivation ahead of the 2025 KZN DSAC SALGA Games.*



*Athletes representing the Amajuba District.*



*Amajuba District Municipality Councillor Shaka Sithole with Newcastle Local Municipality Speaker, Cllr Thangamehlo Zulu.*

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## WHITE CITY EMADLANGENI COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON GOEDEHOOP BULK SANITATION PROJECT

12 December 2025

The Amajuba District Municipality continues to prioritise service delivery and sustainable infrastructure development through meaningful community engagement. Residents of White City, Ward 2 in eMadlangeni, are set to benefit from the upcoming Goedehoop Bulk Sanitation Infrastructure Project, following the appointment of a new contractor to drive the initiative forward.

The contractor, officially appointed on 09 December 2025, will be formally introduced to the community on Thursday, 18 December 2025. This introduction marks an important milestone in ensuring transparency and fostering a strong working relationship between the municipality, the appointed service provider, and the community.

Addressing residents during the engagement session, Deputy Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr Shaka Sithole, highlighted the significance of community participation in safeguarding the success of the project.

This project belongs to the community, and it is crucial that we protect it, support its implementation, and prevent any disruptions that may delay progress,” he said.

The Goedehoop Bulk Sanitation Project is expected to significantly improve sanitation services in the area, laying the foundation for future human settlements development. Once completed, the infrastructure will enable the construction of approximately 569 houses, bringing much-needed relief to families and contributing to improved living conditions for residents.

To promote accountability and ensure that the interests of the community are well represented, a housing steering committee will be established. The committee will work closely with the municipality and other key stakeholders to oversee the development, encourage community participation, and facilitate effective communication throughout the project lifecycle.

The engagement session provided community members with a valuable platform to raise concerns, seek clarity, and provide feedback on matters affecting the implementation of the project. Key issues were noted for attention, reaffirming the municipality’s commitment to responsive governance and community-centred development.

The Amajuba District Municipality has assured residents that all concerns raised will be addressed and that the project will be closely monitored to ensure quality delivery, adherence to timelines, and long-term sustainability.



*Members of the White City community in eMadlangeni during a community engagement session with the Cllr Shaka Sithole*



*Senior officials from Amajuba District Municipality attended the community meeting, including Mr Sanele Dube, Mr Thubelihle Buthelezi, and Mr Vuyisile Mangaliso.*

## MEDIA RELEASE

### AMAJUBA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY RETURNS HOME WITH PRIDE FROM SALGA KZN DSAC GAMES 2025

Pietermaritzburg - 07 December 2025 - The Amajuba District Municipality team has returned home with a haul of medals and accolades from the SALGA KZN DSAC Games 2025, held Sunday 07 December 2025.

Speaking after the games, Mayor Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu expressed his pride and satisfaction with the team's performance. "It was never an option for us to return empty-handed from the northern part of KwaZulu-Natal. We came, we saw, and we conquered," Mayor Mthembu said.

The Amajuba District Municipality team brought home several medals and awards, including:

- Bronze medal in basketball (males)
- Bronze medal in chess
- Gold medal in men's rugby
- Best Organised District

Overall, Amajuba District Municipality finished 5th, with Ethekewini Metro taking the top spot.

"We are thrilled with the team's performance and appreciate the hard work and dedication that went into preparing for the games. This achievement is a testament to the talent and spirit of our athletes and officials," Mayor Mthembu said.

The SALGA KZN DSAC Games 2025 provided a platform for municipalities to showcase their athletic prowess and build relationships with fellow competitors.

The Municipality further commended the athletes, coaches, and support staff for their discipline, teamwork, and unwavering commitment throughout the tournament. Their achievements not only elevate the profile of the district but also serve as an inspiration to young people across Amajuba to actively participate in sport and pursue excellence. The Municipality remains dedicated to supporting sports development as a vehicle for youth empowerment, social cohesion, and healthy communities.



*Ms Musa Mntambo – Assistant General Manager; Mr Collen Ndlovu – General Manager: Team ADM; and Mlungisi Mdluli – Chef de Mission and DSR intern, were also in attendance.*



*Amajuba District Municipality Acting Mayor, Cllr Thembelihle Mthembu, joined the rugby team on stage as they received the trophy after Amajuba was crowned gold medallists in men's rugby.*

## IMEYA KAMASIPALA WESIFUNDA AMAJUBA IFEZE ISITHEMBISO SOKUSEKA EZEMFUNDO

15 kuMasingana 2026

IMeya kaMasipala wesiFunda Amajuba, uMhlonishwa uKhansela Thembelihle Mthembu, ugcine isithembiso sakhe sokweseka ezemfundo ngokuletha izinsiza ezibalulekile esikoleni sase-Okhalweni Primary School. Lokhu kudluliselwa kwezinsiza kufike kungakapheli ngisho usuku olulodwa ngemuva kohambo lokuhlola ukuthi izikole zikulungele kangakanani ukuqala ukufunda nokufundisa onyakeni ka- 2026.

Ngesikhathi seSchool Functional Visit, uthishanhloko wesikole, uNkk Ngwenya, wabeka obala ukushoda kwezinsiza ezibalulekile ezidingekayo ukuze kuqale kahle unyaka wezifundo. Wachaza izidingo eziphuthumayo ezithinta ukusebenza kahle kokufundisa nokufunda, okwaholela ekutheni iMeya izibophezele ngokushesha ekubhekaneni nalezo zinsalelo.

Njengoba athembisa, uMeya uMthembu akazange alibazise ukuze leso sithembiso. Ukulethwa kwezinsiza kwamukelwe ngenjabulo enkulu ngabaphathi besikole, othisha kanye nabafundi, njengoba kuzoba negalelo elikhulu ekwakheni indawo yokufunda efanele nephephile.

Phakathi kwezinsiza ezinikeziwe kubalwa izincwadi zokubala, amapeni ka-inki, amapensela, amaprinta, ama-toner, izitephula kanye nezinto zokuhlaza isikole. Lezi zinsiza kulindeleke ukuthi zithuthukise ukusebenza kwesikole futhi zisekele abafundi nothisha ekuzezeni izinhloso zabo zemfundo.

Ezwakalisa ukubonga kwakhe, uthishanhloko uNgwenya uncome ukungenelela okusheshayo kweMeya kanye nokwesekwa okuqhubekayo okuvela kuMasipala wesiFunda Amajuba. Uphawule ukuthi lolu sizo luzosiza kakhulu ekuqinisekiseni ukuthi ukufunda nokufundisa kuyaqhubeka ngaphandle kweziphazamiso.

Lesi senzo sigqamisa ukuzibophezela kukaMasipala wesiFunda Amajuba ekuphakamiseni izinga lemfundo nasekuthuthukiseni izimo zokufunda kuzo zonke izikole ezingaphansi kwesifundo. UMeya uMthembu uphinde wagcizelela ukuthi ukutshala imali kwezemfundo kuwukutshalwa kwekusasa, njengoba abafundi banamuhla beyibo abaholi bakusasa.

UMasipala uqhubeka nokusebenzisana nezikole kanye nemiphakathi ukuqinisekisa ukuthi abafundi bathola amathuba angcono okufunda nokuphumelela, ngaleyo ndlela kwakhiwe isizukulwane esinolwazi nesizokwazi ukufaka isandla ekuthuthukiseni isifundo i-Amajuba.



*uThishanhloko wase Okhalweni Primary School, uNkk Ngwenya nesekela lakhe bamukela izinto zokuhlaza isikole ezazivela kuMasipala wesifunda Amajuba*



*Izinto zokuhlaza isikole ezanikelwa umasipala esikoleni, kulandela ukuvakashela ukuhlola ukuthi ngabe sikulungele ukuqala unyaka omusah wokufunda nokufundisa.*

### REVENUE COLLECTION

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