



Kaunda News

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FOREWORD BY THE EDITOR

As the Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, we take immense pride in presenting this edition of our municipal magazine an essential platform to inform, educate, and engage our communities on the progress, initiatives, and developmental projects shaping our district. In this issue, we highlight key municipal programs, service delivery improvements, and strategic partnerships that drive socio-economic growth. From infrastructure development to community upliftment efforts, our goal remains to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for all residents of our district. We extend our sincere gratitude to our leadership, stakeholders, and community members who contribute to making our district a beacon of progress. Your commitment and collaboration continue to inspire us in our pursuit of excellence. We trust that this publication will keep you informed and connected as we journey together toward building a thriving district.

Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Hosts Local Government White Paper Review Session

24 July 2024 | City on the Hill Church, in Klerksdorp. The Office of the Executive Mayor of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality today proudly hosted a landmark engagement on the Local Government White Paper Review Initiative, bringing together strategic minds and leaders in local governance.



Pictured here: A group photo for all Stakeholders who took part on the White Paper Review.

The session was attended by local councillors from Matlosana Local Municipality, Maquassie Hills Local Municipality, JB Marks Local Municipality, and senior managers from both the district and local municipalities. Also in attendance was the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), with its Chief Operating Officer, Mr Lance Joel, delivering a powerful and informative presentation on the Local Government Legislative Framework. The event was spearheaded by the Executive Mayor, Cllr Nikiwe Num, who emphasized the significance of reviewing the foundational White Paper on Local Government to strengthen municipal performance and community development. The session was opened by the Speaker of the District Municipality, Cllr Xolile Nxozana who highlighted the purpose of the engagement, reinforcing the municipality's commitment to accountable, developmental, and people-centered governance.

“Local government is the closest sphere to our people, and it must reflect their voices, serve their needs, and promote their dignity,” said Cllr Num. Key highlights of the session included:

A deep dive into core legislative tools that guide municipal functions:

- White Paper on Local Government
 - Municipal Demarcation Act
 - Municipal Structures Act
 - Municipal Finance Management Act
 - Key Functions and Powers of Local Government as discussed:
 - Service Delivery: Ensuring access to water, sanitation, electricity, and waste services
 - Community Participation: Creating inclusive platforms for public engagement
 - Financial Management: Responsible budgeting and financial sustainability
 - By-law Enforcement & Social Justice: Promoting safety, equality, and inclusion
- Mr Lance Joel reiterated the critical role of local government

in shaping responsive and sustainable communities. He further stressed the importance of aligning local actions with national development goals.

Examples of Effective Local Governance:

- Investing in critical infrastructure to boost local growth
- Establishing public participation platforms to drive community-led development

The day continued with a resounding commitment from all attendees to contribute meaningfully to the White Paper Review Process and ensure that local government continues to be a cornerstone of service excellence, community empowerment, and democratic accountability.



HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT GOUDKOPPIE HERITAGE SITE

The Office of the Executive Mayor of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Cllr Nikiwe Num, joined hands with traditional healers, artists, and the community to celebrate Heritage Day at the historic Matlosana Goudkoppie Heritage Site. Organized by Leano la Bophelo NPO, the celebration highlighted the importance of preserving and uplifting local heritage. Representing the office of the Executive Mayor, Mr Fezekile "Cuba" Gqokonqana officially opened and welcomed guests to the event.



Pictured here: Dancers from Jouberton who showcased their talent

In their remarks, CONTRALESA applauded the Office of the Mayor for consistently supporting this initiative and urged the District to continue supporting the vision of Leano la Bophelo NPO. They emphasized that the NPO is doing an exceptional job by giving a platform to local traditional artists, especially during these difficult times facing our country. The day's program also reflected the spirit of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, Section 195, which calls for collaboration with stakeholders in delivering services to communities forming the basis of partnerships with NPOs. Local SMMEs were given

a platform to showcase and sell traditional clothing, beads, and herbs, adding vibrancy to the event. One of the most memorable moments was when traditional healers ascended the Goudkoppie mountain to pray for our government and our country in the African traditional way. The celebration concluded with electrifying performances from local cultural groups, leaving visitors inspired and proud of their heritage. The Office of the Executive Mayor remains committed to promoting and supporting local heritage, artists, and cultural institutions as vital pillars of community identity and development.



Pictured here: Mr Fezekile Qokonqana from the office of the Executive Mayor (Dr.KKDM)

SPEAKER "DO SOMETHING" PROGRAM BRINGS SERVICES CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE

26 September 2025 – The Office of the Speaker of Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, in partnership with Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, successfully hosted the "Speaker Do Something" program at the Boskuil SASSA Paypoint in the Maquassi Hills.

This community-oriented initiative was designed to strengthen service delivery and bring government services closer to the people, particularly those in semi-urban and rural communities. The program is a travelling effort across the District, reaching areas such as Maquassie hills Tigane, Hartbeesfontein, JB Marks, and the City of Matlosana.

Stakeholders who made this program impactful included the Departments of Health, SAPS, Social Development, Home Affairs, and Education, working hand-in-hand to address community needs and challenges. The event saw strong participation from Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, local councillors, and community members from across the region –

KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HOSTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS STORYTELLING COMPETITION



Pictured here: A Group photo of the participating local schools

These were not just creative expressions, but also innovative ways of marketing local tourism businesses such as hotels, lodges, Potchefstroom Dam, and other hidden gems within the District. The performances demonstrated the learners' creativity, passion, and knowledge of tourism as a key driver of socio-economic development.

Background

The Tourism Storytelling Competition targeted Grade 10 learners offering Tourism as a subject within the District. Storytelling serves as a powerful tool for promoting tourism – going beyond

brochures and maps by capturing authentic community narratives that inspire pride and encourage. This initiative forms part of Tourism Month (September), which aligns with the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) World Tourism Day. The competition builds on the spirit of this global celebration by:

- Engaging youth in tourism advocacy exploration of our local attractions.

The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, through its Economic Development Directorate, proudly hosted the Schools Storytelling Competition at the Govan Mbeki Hall in JB Marks Local Municipality. The programme commenced with a warm welcoming speech delivered by Mr. Tshepo Rampedi, the Director for Economic Development, who highlighted the importance of empowering young people to become ambassadors of local tourism.

Learners from different schools showcased their storytelling talent through captivating presentations

- Encouraging creativity and innovation
 - Promoting local heritage and culture
 - Showcasing the role of tourism in driving socio-economic development.
- The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Economic Development applauds all participating schools and learners for their enthusiasm and commitment. By sharing our stories, we keep our heritage alive and ensure that the treasures of our District continue to inspire both residents and visitors.

NW EMRS COLLEGE IN ORKNEY

Women's Health Summit for Sex Workers

As one of its National Womens' Month programmes, the Office of the Executive Mayor in the DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality took part as one of the stakeholders at a Women's Health Summit for Sex Workers led by the Office of the Premier. Hosted at the North West Emergency Medical Rescue Service College in Orkney, City of Matlosana, the summit seeks to foster provision of crucial health care education to sex workers,

encouraging adherence to treatment and contributing to the empowerment of this vulnerable key population group both personally and economically. In addition, the summit aims to raise awareness to sex workers as a vulnerable group to stand against Gender Based Violence within their communities. participants at the summit included government sector departments (Home Affairs, Health, Social Development, Agriculture and Education) as well as NPO's.



Pictured here: Cllr Lesego Rantekane

DISTRICT SCHOOLS DEBATE COMPETITION SEMI FINALS HELD IN WOLMARANSTAD.



Pictured here: Sarafina Secondary School

Today, 23 August 2025, the Office of the Single Whip of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality proudly hosted the District Schools Debate Competition Semi-Finals at Gatelapele Secondary School in Wolmaranstad, under the Maquassie Hills Local Municipality.

The event brought together schools from across the district, with learners demonstrating impressive critical thinking, research, and public speaking skills. The competition created an atmosphere of intellectual vibrancy, where young minds engaged in thought-

provoking dialogue on pressing societal issues. processes. Junior Debate Topic
The juniors debated the subject of social media companies and the spread of fake news. They critically examined whether these platforms should be held accountable for misleading information, while also highlighting the dangers of misinformation and its impact on

The seniors confronted the challenging issue of sports betting—covering horse racing, boxing, and major international events such as the FIFA World Cup. Their arguments touched on both the economic benefits and social consequences, ncluding gambling addiction, financial strain on families, and the importance of government regulation to protect

vulnerable citizens.

Finalists Announced! Only four schools advanced to the grand finals:

- Junior Category: Thuto Tsebo Secondary (Maquassi Hills)
 - Senior Category: Potch Secondary and Sarafina Secondary
- The Office of the Single Whip commends all participants for their commitment, passion, and the quality of debates delivered.



**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER
26**

**DR. KENNETH KAUNDA
DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

SPEAKER DO SOMETHING

Office of the Speaker will be bringing departments such as Home affairs, Sassa, Department of Agriculture, and more..

Venue: SASSA Paypoint ,Boskuil
Time: 09:00



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PUBLIC NOTICE RELOCATION OF OFFICES: DR. KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

The Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality wishes to inform members of the public and all stakeholders about the relocation of its political and administrative offices. Please take note of the following changes: Political Office & Municipal Manager's Office relocated from the Old Mutual Building in Orkney. Speaker's Office Now located at 11th Street, Stilfontein Municipal Offices. The Single Whip's Office Now located at 07 Voortrekker Street, Leeudoringstad. All Other Departments relocated to the Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality's Disaster Centre, in Klerksdorp. Records, Supply Chain Management (SCM) & Finance Departments remain at the Orkney Municipal Building, Patmore Road, Civic Centre. **We urge the public to take note of these relocations for all official correspondence and service-related enquiries. The Municipality appreciates your understanding and cooperation as we continue to improve service delivery.**

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SPEAKER'S OFFICE INDUCTS NEW CBP MEMBERS IN STILFONTEIN.



Pictured here: CBP members

Today, 22 August 2025, the Office of the Speaker officially inducted the newly appointed Community-Based Planning (CBP) members into their new offices in Stilfontein. The induction served as an important orientation to ensure that members are

well-prepared to serve communities across the Dr KeDistrict.nneth Kaunda. The program was kickstarted by Mr. Mbuzo Nombeu from the Speaker's Office, who introduced all the legislated programs to the new members. In his

Tremarks, he emphasized that the CBP initiative is strictly about serving the people and must remain free from political influence. "Our focus must be on the community, not politics," he stated firmly.

The second presentation was delivered by Mr. Bongani Hlatshwayo, also from the Speaker's Office, who introduced the new digital reporting system. This system is designed to make reporting more .

convenient and efficient for field workers, while also allowing administrators at the office to access real-time reports as they are submitted from the field. During discussions, members raised concerns about identity

name tags featuring the District logo to ensure they are recognized as legitimate representatives of government, especially given the risks posed by individuals impersonating officials to deceive or rob residents.

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SCHOOLS **DEBATE** **COMPETITION** **FINALS**

**ENHANCING DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL
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JUNIORS:

THUTOTSEBO SECONDARY SCHOOL VS MAQUASSI HILLS ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

SENIORS:

SARAFINA SECONDARY SCHOOL VS POTCHEFSTROOM SECONDARY SCHOOL

Date: 18 October 2025

Venue: JB Marks Council Chamber, Potchefstroom

Time: 09h00



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