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100 Years Of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE BY THE MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE HON B MBINQO-GIGABA

As the year 2018 draws to a close, please allow me to take this opportunity to thank my Head of Department Ms. Ruth Palm together with Members of our Executive Management and all Senior Management staff for the support they gave me in the roll out of services to our communities during 2018. Extending my warm greetings to all of you this Christmas. Enjoy well deserved holidays.

To our officials, I send wishes of the happiest of tidings, merriest of Christmases, and warmest of holiday seasons. For the season of joy and thanksgiving, I would like to express my gratitude this Christmas. May you all have a hearty, festive holiday season.

Life will be worth living, dreams will come true if we keep the xmas spirit the whole year through. May your Christmas holiday be filled with cheer, warm memories, and happiness. Thank you for serving our community well.

Merry Christmas on behalf of management of DSAC. Sincere thanks for your commitment we wish you and your family a heartwarming relaxing fantastic Christmas holidays.



Merry Christmas to all my friends and colleagues. Thank you for your commitment and quality. May God Bless you and enable us to continue to have the support of one another during the New Year.

For many of you who will be travelling far and wide during this festive season, please remember to Not Drink and Drive. Celebrate your festive season with greatest care and responsibility. Take care of yourselves, families and friends. As we celebrate our milestones let us please not forget the less fortunate.

10th ANNUAL NORTHERN CAPE WRITERS FESTIVAL

The Northern Cape Department of Sport, Arts and Culture has rolled out the 10th Provincial Annual Writer's Festival. The three day event will be officially opened by MEC Bongiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at the Sol Plaatje University in Kimberley in the Frances Baard District. It will be celebrated under the theme ***"Our Roots in Words - Stories that speak to the South African soul"***.

Published authors and poets descended to the Northern Cape's capital for the 10th annual Provincial Writer's Festival. The 2018 gathering was even bigger and better as it was graced by the presence of various publishing houses. The festival was held on the backdrop of a double centenary celebrations, that of our former President and father of our democracy Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and Albertina Sisulu.

The three day event saw authors including Dr. Lesego Malepe, Jabulani Sibanda, Lorato Trok, Diana Ferrus, Sihle Khumalo, Anthol Williams, Ipeleleng Tlhankana, Gontse wa Chaane, Flow Wellington and Sabata Mokae conducting outreach programmes at various correctional facilities in and around the Frances Baard District.

The outreach programmes were also extended to GAASCA Old Age Centre as well as BAF Mzansi Centre in Kimberley.

The programme also featured the launch of Albertina Sisulu Poetry Anthology and Performance.

The three day reading and writing extravaganza saw a launch of several books including Kabelo Duncan Kgatea's *"Dikhutsana tsa Marikana"*. Dr. Lesego Malepe also launched her latest book called *"Reclaiming Home"* and engaged in a conversation with Sihle Khumalo. Phehello Mofokeng used the platform to launch his new book *"Sankomota: An Ode in one Album"* while Mpho A. Leepa's *"Born for Greatness: A Biography of Frank Leepa"* was also unveiled.

Published and unpublished authors were afforded the opportunity to interact and sell their manuscripts to publishing houses during the festival. Children from various Early Childhood Development Centres were entertained through storytelling and puppet shows while the festival also rolled out publishing and editing workshops.

10th ANNUAL NORTHERN CAPE WRITERS FESTIVAL IN PICTURES



MEC Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba Officially Opens the Noupooort Sports Facility

Staff reporter

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba appealed to the youths of Noupooort in the Umsobomvu Municipal area in the Pixley ka Seme District to refrain from substance abuse and take part in sports and library programmes. MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba was delivering a keynote address during the official opening of the Noupooort Sports Facility on Friday, 02 November 2018. MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba urged the community to not vandalise the facility and make use of it for their own development. She was accompanied by Head of Department Ms. Ruth Palm, the Chief Director for Corporate Services Mr. Bonakele Jacobs, Director for Sports and Recreation Ms. Elizabeth Manong as well as the Director for District Management Ms. Zola Mongwe and officials from the National Department of Sports and Recreation.

The Noupooort Sports Facility project forms part of the National Sports and Recreation Ministerial Outreach Programme which is aimed at providing facilities and equipment to struggling clubs and schools. It formed one of the facilities that are constructed directly by Sport and Recreation or those commissioned by Sport and Recreation South Africa.

The handing over took place in the year in which we commemorate the centenary of our former President Dr. Nelson Mandela and a struggle stalwart mme Albertina Sisulu.

MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba also used the platform to donate sporting attire and equipment to deserving local schools and sports clubs as part of the programme. The 13 million rand facility was also named after a local freedom fighter Sphiwo Ntsizakalo who sacrificed his life for the liberation of Noupooort community.



NOUPOORT SPORTS FACILITY IN PICTURES



MEC B MBINQO-GIGABA OPENS COMMUNITY LIBRARIES IN TSINENG AND CAROLOURBURG

Nelly Pheleu

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba had visited Tsineng village in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District to open the new Afrika Gaenakgang community Library. The library was opened on Thursday, 11 October 2018 as part of departmental mandate to build a reading nation. MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba was accompanied by Head of department Ms. Ruth Palm, other members of the senior management team and officials.

The marquee tent erected next to Boichoko High school at the dusty village of Tsineng was overflowing with community members who were eager to see the new knowledge facility that they would be receiving. Community members of all ages kept their ears peeled to the MEC's keynote address as she conveyed the importance of a community having and using the library. During her address, MEC Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba stated that,

"A library is an important resource for learning, especially for a community that had been deprived this particular necessary service" said the MEC.

She went further to personify a library as the heart of the society, it's a pulse that can enhance its people.

Thereafter the MEC focused on the youth, encouraging them to fully utilize this new knowledge facility and exhaust all its resources for the betterment of their education. *"Being from a small town should not discourage you, you can achieve anything you want to"*, said the MEC. Community members were treated to entertainment galore, from cultural acts, poetry and a local gospel band that kept community members of all ages on their toes.



MEC B MBINQO-GIGABA OPENS SISONKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN CAROLUSBERG

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongive Mbinqo-Gigaba alongside her team of hard working officials proceeded to the small town of Carolusberg, which is about 10 kilometers outside Springbok to open yet another community library. The official opening of the facility took place on Wednesday 24 October 2018.

The MEC stressed the importance of literature and how it can help enhance the future of the youth and also keep them away from mischief. She went further to state that the library is the brain of the community and the youth should use it as a gateway to success. She went further to encourage the elderly to visit the facility as it also holds a world of heritage and culture that they would want to catch up on in the new knowledge facility. MEC Gigaba further encouraged the youth in attendance to take care of the facility and protect it from being vandalized.

Community members were eager to see what the new library looked like, they all rushed into the new facility right after the MEC officially opened its doors.

Eyes everywhere, children fascinated by the new technology and various books that now within their reached. Jordan Vis a young community member expressed how it's his first time touching a computer. All community members each wanted to grab a book and start with their quest to literary excellence.



OPENING OF TSINENG AND CAROLUSBERG LIBRARIES IN PICTURES





NORTHERN CAPE GOVERNMENT REACHES OUT TO THE PIXLEY KA SEME DISTRICT COMMUNITY DURING THE OUTREACH PROGRAMME

By: Nelly Pheleu

Community members in the Pixley Ka Seme District were given the opportunity to interact with Premier Sylvia Lucas and her Members of Executive Council on matters of service delivery during the three day EXCO Outreach programme which was held between 27-29 November 2018. Renosterberg Municipality was the council's first visit, followed by Petrusville, Nierkerkshoop and Loxton during meetings aimed at improving service delivery.

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongwiwe Mbingo Gigaba handed over recreational toys and sweet packs to two ECD centers in the district. She went further to hand over sporting equipment and sanitary towels at Visisani Primary School in Petrusville and JJ Booyesen Primary School in Loxton.

The MEC encouraged learners to do their utmost best in their studies and to use sport as a tool to relax their minds. She advised the young learners to visit the library as a source of escape and a water well of knowledge. *"Being from a small town should not discourage you from reaching your dreams, young girls take care of yourselves and know that you can achieve anything."* She said.

The main issue that was raised at all three community meetings was the lack of employment for youth, residents stated that due to this the youth participate in alcohol and drug abuse because there is nothing better to do. A struggling mother of two teenagers in Loxton cried that both her daughters refuse to complete their matric because they don't see a need for it.

Premier Sylvia Lucas told community members that government is building well equipped libraries with free access to the internet to aid the youth to broaden their horizons and connect with the rest of the world. She went further to remind community members that her office has a bursary scheme for the hardworking and determined youths.

"Government has endless opportunities available, the youths just need to do well in school to attain those opportunities" says the premier.



Government was also commended by Mr. Gerry Leewu for building a water tank in Nierkerkshoop that gave employment as well as clean running water to the locals. He gave his heartfelt gratitude and expressed his trust to the administration.

The Premier encouraged community members to take care of their small towns and work hand in hand with government to make the Northern Cape great.



YOUTHS TOUCHED BY THE PROVINCIAL

YOUTH CAMP

Two hundred and fifty youths from across the Northern Cape had been gathering at the Warrenton Pleasure Resort in the Frances Baard District for the seventh annual Provincial Youth Camp. The seven day gathering begun on Saturday, 01 December until Saturday, 08 December 2018. It was put together by the Provincial Department of Sport, Arts and Culture together with the National Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) and other strategic partners. The 2018 event was hosted under the theme: **“One Heart One Africa;”**



An initiative set at teaching patriotism, teamwork and leadership skills, the youth were given a chance to interact with their counterparts who hail from different backgrounds, culture and various experiences. Put into tasks that tested their teamwork skills, that can better mould them into the leaders of tomorrow.

A young Jandre' Van Syl shared how life altering the camp was for him, as he comes from a abusive household, he even mentioned dreading the thought of going home when the camp ends.

“I came here feeling suicidal, but meeting all these wonderful people who have little or worse problems than I have made me believe that there is so much more to life, I owe my life to this camp”, he states.

The youths participated in various sporting activities, aspiring artists were free to make their hand crafted beads and paintings for a market day held at the hall on site. The cherry on top for the week was a well orchestrated talent show, where young campers showcased their culture and heritage in all forms.

Participants were awarded certificates and youth camp trail blazers, for part-taking in the initiative and to serve as their uniform to the outside world.



During the ceremony Sport and Recreation Manger Ms Kgalalelo Nkokou encouraged the attendees to take the life lessons and newly acquired skills back to their community, to be the change they want to see. *“This initiative does not end here, you are the seed, nurture it for a better tomorrow”*, said Ms Nkokou.

A day during the seven-day-long camp was set aside for community service, where Trailblazers had paid a visit to impoverished communities in the vicinity of the camp venue to do community work.



NORTHERN CAPE ARTISTS SEEKS FOR EMPOWERMENT DURING THE SUMMIT

Staff reporter

The Northern Cape Department of Sport , Arts and Culture in collaboration with the Cultural Industries Federation of South Africa (CIFSA), Kapa Bokone Community Arts Centre Forum and The Pride of Ubuntu Arts Centre have hosted the second annual Artist Summit in Kimberley in the Frances Baard District from Saturday, 8 to Sunday, 09 December 2018. The gathering was held under the theme ***"Repositioning the Arts and Culture for Economic Transformation"***.

The purpose of the summit was to create a platform for artists to discuss transformational issues in the creative sector, as well as to provide a stimulating environment for stakeholders to discuss the potential of Arts, Culture and Heritage Sector in the Province. It also provided participants with opportunity to articulate to the Provincial Administration on programmes and processes that will enhance and develop the sector in the Northern Cape. The summit came during the crucial year when the country celebrates the double centenaries of our former President Dr. Nelson Mandela and a struggle icon mme Albertina Sisulu.

The interactive session has seen stakeholders afforded the opportunity to gauge and deliberate strongly on the progress made in the implementation of resolutions of the maiden summit which was held in Upington in the ZF Mgcawu District in 2017.

The first and second days of the summit saw delegates engaged in panel discussions in matters including Capacity Building, Repositioning the Northern Cape Government to support the Arts and Culture Sector, Funding Model for Artists, Access to Infrastructure and Markets, Optimal Operationalization of the Northern Cape Theatre, Academic Development of Artists and Artist Festival at a National, Provincial and Local level. Artists were also given the opportunity to showcase their talent during a music, arts and cultural festival that was held at the Flamingo Casino on Saturday.

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba had addressed the summit on Sunday, 09 December 2018.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS



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NORTHERN CAPE GOVERNMENT HONOURS VICTIMS OF THE 1952 MAYIBUYE UPRISINGS

The Northern Cape Provincial Administration conducted a wreath laying ceremony on the graves of 13 victims of the 1952 Mayibuye uprisings. This ceremony was led by the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongiwé Mbinqo-Gigaba on Friday, 16 November 2018. She was accompanied by some of the family members of the victims of the fateful year. The ceremony was conducted to honour the struggle icons who contributed towards the freedom and liberation of the country.

The day begun with the keynote address by MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba at the Bantu/ Batho Hall in the morning. It was followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Mayibuye precinct before the delegation proceeded to the West End cemetery to lay wreaths on the 13 victim's graves. The ceremony was conducted to mark the 66th anniversary commemoration of the 1952 Mayibuye uprisings.

The Mayibuye uprisings took place on Saturday, 8 November 1952 at Number Two Location Galeshewe. It came as a result of culmination of the Defiance Campaign which started in 1952. The Campaign was meant to protest against unjust laws used by the apartheid regime to oppress black people in South Africa.

On Friday, 7 November 1952, protesters led by Dr. Arthur Alias Letele demonstrated against apartheid laws by occupying racially segregated public spaces in Kimberley. They blocked whites-only entrances to the main post office and defiantly sat on whites-only benches at the railway station. Dr. Letele and seven other leaders were arrested and that fuelled further resentment and led to uprisings in Galeshewe Number Two Location where both public and private properties were destroyed.

The protest continued into the second day 8 November 1952, with more arrests. The police station and several other buildings including the crèche were burnt. Police, Municipal and private vehicles were set alight. When the protesters were marching towards town, they were stopped by the police who indiscriminately opened fire on them. Thirteen people were killed and seven injured.





Joke of the Week

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

Inspirational Quote

By: Ben Opperman



An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means that it's going to launch you into something great and far more rewarding than your expectations. So just focus, and keep aiming.

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