



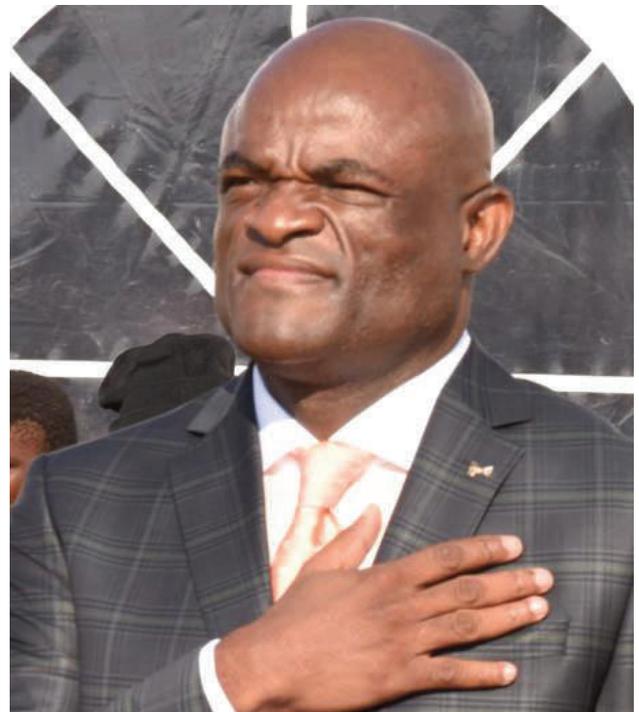
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INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY NC PREMIER DR. ZAMANI SAUL AT LERATO PARK OUTSIDE KIMBERLY

Northern Cape Premier Dr. Zamani Saul has impressed on a need by the province to investigate and work towards having a Premier Soccer League team. Dr. Saul was delivering his inaugural speech in front of multitudes at Lerato Park on Tuesday, 28 May 2019. He says the establishment of a PSL team has a great potential to expose the province to the big fan base that is always prepared to follow their team throughout the country. He told those who had gathered in a marquee tent that soccer is like a staple diet in the Northern Cape, with each town, even the smallest, having a number of local soccer teams. He emphasised a need to vigorously mobilize the private sector behind the objective. We should harness the rich local talent and create opportunities for our young people.

Please find the rest of the Premier's speech below...



Northern Cape Premier Dr. Zamani Saul

Speaker and Deputy Speaker

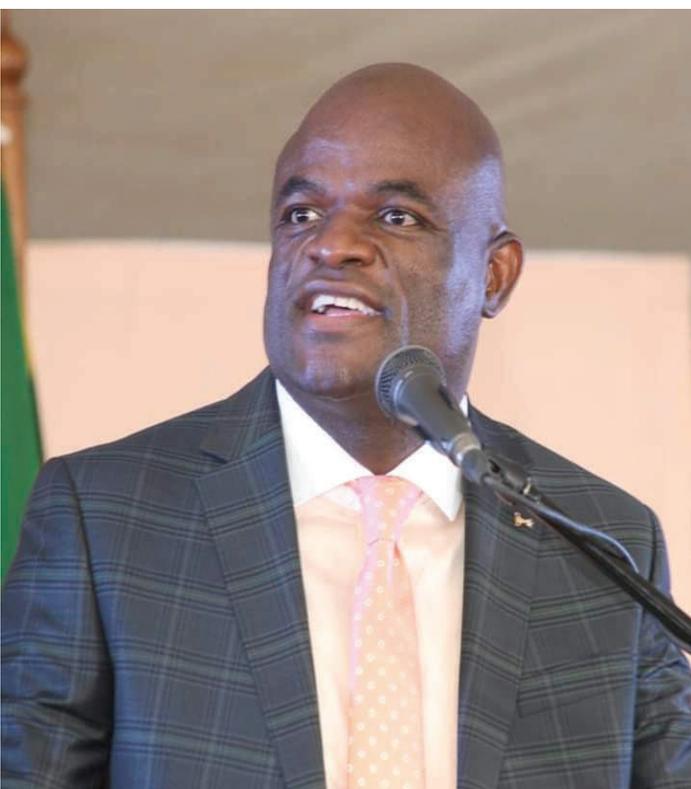
Four Northern Capers have taken this oath as Premier of the Province before me. All of them worked very hard to make this province great. As we all understand greatness is never a given, it must be earned through hard-work and courage to change and discard things that do not work.

This Inaugural Address is about that hard-work and courage which we need today. Hard-work and courage are the two key values that will define the work of this 6th Administration.

I commit here that I will be an activist Premier, who will always be amongst the people. I will spend less time absorbed in the comforts of the office and dwelling under the shade of self-adulation.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

My biggest reward for this position of a Premier will be the happiness of the people of the Northern Cape, and particularly the poor and downtrodden. Starting today, we must



Northern Cape Premier Dr. Zamani Saul

pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off; and begin again the work that comrade Manne Dipico and his successors started, to make our province great.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

I'm here to commit to this community and the people of the Northern Cape that this 6th Administration will provide practical and outside-the-box responses to the vast developmental challenges confronting the province. Amilcar Cabral's advise is very instructive in this regard ***'Always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone's head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future of their children'***. This advise by Amilcar Cabral beautifully sums up the vision of a Modern, Growing and Successful Province.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

A Modern, Growing and Successful Province is one:

Which cares for the vulnerable and make life worth living for them, this would entail increased number of households with access to the grid, water and adequate sanitation. Such a province is at the cutting-edge of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and prioritizes quality education, training and retraining of the youth.

Such a Province strives to improve the health profile of its residents.

It is a province whose youth have reasonable access to opportunities and prospects in life; and are allowed to dream.

Furthermore, **Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen,**

A Modern, Growing and Successful Province is one where our people, especially women and children, can freely enjoy their streets without fear of being molested or abused.

In such a province, people who are differently-abled or disabled are embraced and equitably given opportunities.

This is a province with a strong government that actively fights corruption and laziness. It is a province that builds partnerships between the different sectors of society for shared growth and development.

The political leaders of this Modern, Successful and Growing Province are hard-working, they pay attention to detail, are incorruptible and shun self-indulgence on issues such as red carpets, blue-lights, security upgrades, State houses, etc.

Such a province, gives hope to the hopeless in a very a practical way.

St Augustine says that “**Hope has two beautiful daughters, their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are; and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are**”. In our hope to build a Modern, Growing and Successful Province, we are angered by the living conditions of our people in Lerato Park and other similar areas in the province. However, this time around; we have the courage to ensure that things do not remain as they are.

Madam Speaker

It is this courage to build a Modern, Growing and Successful Province, that I instructed the Premier’s Office and the Department of Public Works to sell the State House and direct the proceeds derived thereof to the Premier’s Bursary Fund so that we can educate, train and retrain the youth of this Province. I also instructed them to identify and sell all other non-strategic assets and direct those proceeds to the same fund.

Madam Speaker

Tomorrow I will be announcing the members of the new cabinet, which will be smaller based on the new reconfigured departments. This announcement will not be followed by a shopping spree for new cars for MECs. Cars for MECs will be purchased on basis of absolute necessity and by the approval of the Premier. All unused monies budgeted for new cars for MECs

must be directed to the Department of Health to augment the budget to purchase ambulances.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

We can't, as elected leaders continue to indulge in luxury sedans and SUVs whilst our sickly people are struggling to access ambulances. Our work as this 6th Administration will be uncompromisingly people-centred and we are going to cut the extra fat to the bone. We are not here for blue lights and self-indulgence. All MECs to be appointed to this 6th Administration must understand that the opportunity to serve our people is an absolute honour, and not a stepladder to riches and fame. We are not royalty here, but ordinary and simple social and political activists.

Madam Speaker

This past Sunday I was here in Lerato Park. I had an opportunity to meet few young people, all of whom, were unemployed. Amongst them were five youngsters that have passed matric:

Tebogo Michael Sandlana,
Kevin Bernard Kock,
Gordelia Pule,
Cynthia Lorato Oliphant, and
Boipelo Elizabeth Mabote

In the spirit of Thuma Mina and giving practical responses in building a Modern, Growing and Success Province my office managed to secure R3 million which will be used for Park.

vocational and artisanal training of all unemployed young people that did Grade 12 here in Lerato Park.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

This afternoon and tomorrow morning, together with volunteers we will comb this area, to identify all unemployed young people that did Grade 12 to enrol them in different training programmes from July this year. This programme will be jointly managed by the Premier's Bursary Fund and NCEDA.

Madam Speaker

In my Acceptance Speech I rendered a prayer, asking God that through His love, He must forgive us for our selfishness and for our arrogance, that he must help us to be a light that shines bright in a dark place, and that he must help us to be a bridge for somebody in need.

Today we have this Inaugural Address in one of the most under-developed communities in the Northern Cape. A community with great need and challenges for improved conditions of life. Here in Lerato Park our people are confronted with major socio-economic challenges. These are, indeed, people in need that we as elected representatives are expected to be the bridge for them in their journey for better life.

Madam Speaker

Again, as I have mentioned in my Acceptance Speech that I took a decision to bring this special

We are hosting this event here today to pay tribute to all the families in the province that are experiencing similar hardships of informal settlements. These are communities such as Snake Park and Ivory Coast here in Kimberley, Nkandla in Phokwane; Promised Land, Obama Hills and Thuli Mandontsela in Kuruman; Sonder Water in Barkley West and many more.

My message to these communities, is that as the Northern Cape Government we heard your cries and as part of our programme to build a Modern, Growing and Successful Province we are going to prioritize you. Hence, I have already put up a team to investigate and assist the Provincial Government in establishing a State-owned Construction Company that will implement some of our infrastructure projects, particularly roads and RDP houses.

Madam Speaker

We must move very fast in our endeavours to de-tenderize this Provincial Government by increasing its planning, designing and implementation capacity of infrastructure projects. This will enable us to create more jobs and to curb corruption related to the state procurement processes.

Furthermore **Madam Speaker**, it is completely unacceptable that our departments cannot purchase basic necessities such as toilet papers and detergents, from local stores, but must go through some form of a tender process. There will be

dedicated work to ensure that we de-tenderize the state in our effort to cut costs of rendering services to our people.

Madam Speaker

In our effort to de-tenderize the Provincial Government, we will also investigate and introduce phased in-sourcing of some support functions such as security guards, gardening, catering, cleaning services, maintenance of state buildings, etc. We must use the employment opportunities derived from these support functions to create decent work.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

Work has already commenced to establish a **War Room To Reduce Unemployment** and a **Northern Cape Growth and Investment Council**. Both the **War Room** and the **Investment Council** will be chaired and convened by the Premier and will, amongst others, be constituted by experts, labour and business people. The Office of the Premier is already seized with the work of drafting the Terms of Reference for both structures.

For now, it suffices to mention that the primary focus of the **Investment Council** will be to ensure economic investment in Northern Cape, particularly in Kimberley. I cannot allow the continuing degeneration and deterioration of Kimberley, the capital town of our Province. Kimberley must grow and develop and be a trigger for growth for the whole Province. So, we must develop Kimberley to serve as an epicentre of a Modern, Growing and Successful Province.

This all starts with cleaning our city and encouraging our people not to litter.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

A re phepafatseng motse wa rona, kom ons hou onse dorpe skoon, masigcine idolophu yethu icocekile. Our dream of a Modern, Growing and Successful Province is about bringing a spark to Kimberley. I have arranged a meeting between my office, the Mayor, the Mayoral Committee and the Executive Management of Sol Plaatje Municipality to look into development plans of the city. I want to repeat it, I can't have our only city in the province collapsing and degenerating on my watch.

Madam Speaker

All these approaches call on all of us to drastically change the way we do things, a major paradigm shift. Senior Managers of this 6th Administration must be innovative, hard-working and be outside-the-box thinkers. If one cannot change and adapt, the best option is to ship out. There will be no top-down approach to rendering of services, our communities must be engaged, not as a mere formality but to genuinely get their inputs, to give practical meaning to our commitment for participatory democracy.

Madam Speaker

In our work to create a modern economy to serve our people better, we must ensure that we

use and manage State resources in a prudent manner that is consistent with the needs of the 4th Industrial Revolution.

We need to develop a solid industrial base in the province premised on mining and agriculture. Through our investment arm, which is NCEDA, this 6th administration will vigorously pursue the possibilities of establishing a Northern Cape State Mining Company that will, on behalf of the people of the Northern Cape, do prospecting, make applications for mining licenses and later galvanize investments.

Madam Speaker

Moaning and whining about us in the province not deriving much substantive benefits from the vast mineral deposits will not change the fact that Northern Cape is viewed as an extraction centre for raw products. We need to radically change this paradigm through the establishment of Northern Cape mining company.

Tourism economy is one sector we should vigorously pursue and ensure that we establish Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME's) in this sector. In support of the SMME sector the payment of invoices by government should be done promptly.

Madam Speaker

Over the years our municipalities have proved to be the weakest link in our chain for development

and social transformation. We intend to convene a local government summit towards the end of this year with the express aim of addressing the challenges that confront our municipalities and chart a way forward in dealing with these.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

We spend more than 60% of our provincial budget on education and health. I must be very frank to this Honourable house, that I am completely not impressed with our performance on these two fronts.

As an activist Premier, I requested my office to purchase cheap office furniture to create a **Premier's Work Corner** at the reception area of the Provincial Office of the Department of Education and at the casualty area at Robert Sobukwe Hospital Complex. From next week I will move out of the comfort of the Premier's Office and spend one day or two days in a week working from the reception area in the Department of Education and the casualty area at Robert Sobukwe Hospital Complex.

Despite the difficulties, we are going to get our education system on track, and be amongst the best performing provinces in the country. We are going to improve the performance of the Department of Health and give dignity to our patients. My seriousness to build a Modern, Growing and Successful Province will be demonstrated tomorrow with the calibre of the MECs that will be appointed to these two departments. It will be MECs with courage, norm-breakers, astute and hardworking.

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen

Allow me to conclude my address with a beautiful poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson, titled **COURAGE:**

*Whatever course you decide upon
There is always someone to tell you
that you are wrong, it is impossible*

*There will always be difficulties
That will tempt you to believe
Your critics are right*

*To map out a course of action
And follow it to the end
Requires of the same courage
That a soldier needs*

So, to all the people of the Northern Cape who are listening today, from the most beautiful urban centres, to the poorest villages and informal settlements; know that today the courageous battle against the monster of poverty, unemployment and inequality has begun. And I can assure you, that this journey for a Modern, Growing and Successful Province will not be one of shortcuts or settling for less.

I thank you, God bless.

Youth Day Rally Calvinia

The Northern Cape Premier Dr. Zamani Saul delivered his keynote address during the 2019 Provincial Youth Day commemoration at Die Kraal Stadium in Calvinia on Sunday, 16 June 2019. Premier Saul was accompanied by the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bernice Sinxeve, Members of his Executive Council and the Mayors of Local and District Municipalities of the Namakwa Region. The commemoration was marked under the theme **"25 Years of Democracy: A celebration of youth activism"**.

The 2019 commemoration was preceded by various programmes including sporting activities and dialogues amongst others. Premier Saul engaged with young parents at Niewoudtville Sports Hall on Sunday, 16 June 2019. The interactive engagement was aimed at addressing issues of teenage pregnancies and outlining available government opportunities for the youth. Here the Premier vowed that government is going to be working tirelessly to curb unemployment amongst the youth in Niewoudtville. He also mentioned that a youth centre will soon be built to aid the young entrepreneurs using Small Medium and Micro-enterprises (SMME) funding. Community members were pleased with what is in store for their small community as they could not stop applauding their new energetic Premier.

Meanwhile the main event was held at Die Kraal Stadium, where majority of the Calvinia community came in numbers to listen to the Premier.



In the address Dr. Saul spoke strongly about the importance of education to the youth. He encouraged the youth to apply for the premier's bursary fund to further their studies. He mentioned that the fund is currently taking one hundred students over the province to TVET institutions. "We will not settle for substandard education anymore, our youth in the Northern Cape should always strive for greatness and as government we are going to make sure that happens" he said. The Premier's vision of building a cutting edge modern and successful province had community members on the edge of their seats.

Government agencies such as the National Youth Development Agency hosted a number of engagements including youth expos, dialogues and youth entrepreneur hubs to showcase opportunities available to young people over the month.

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Freedom Day in Warrenton

Northern Cape held its provincial Freedom Day celebrations under the theme ***“Celebrating 25 years of Democracy”*** at Ikutseng Stadium in Warrenton on Saturday 27th April 2019. The day marks a celebration of South Africa's first non-racial democratic elections of 1994. It is significant because it marks the end of over three hundred years of colonialism, segregation and white minority rule and the establishment of a new democratic government led by Nelson Mandela and a new state subject to a new constitution.

MEC Bongive Mbinqo-Gigaba led other dignitaries on the day, where they were taken through exhibitions that symbolized the day before the official program. Artists and crafters brought their best work that was inspired by the significance of the day. Departmental directorates beefed up the exhibition tent as Library and Archival services, Sports Recreation and Finance showed up and exhibited their services. The officials who exhibited, Mr Mpho Motsabi, Mr. Victor Modise and Mr. Heinrich Nieuwenhuizen took their MEC through their exhibitions and elaborated further on the various services her department renders.



The key message that the MEC shared with community members is that we should not forget the significance and importance of the day. “We should not forget what happened for us to have this day, we must take pride in our democracy and youth must take their place this day is for you” she said.

Young performers from Ditshotshwane Community Arts Centre were the highlight of the performances as they rendered a skit based on the importance of Freedom day. The young performers amazed audiences with their knowledge of their history.

Warrenton gets new library and multi-purpose ground

The Warrenton community in the Frances District have received a new library that was officially opened on Friday, 26 April 2019. The H.O Kgadiete Community Library in Warrenton was handed by over to the community together with a new multipurpose sports facility by Head of Department of Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Ruth Palm. She was accompanied by the Mayor of Frances Baard District Municipality Cllr. Patrick Marekwa and other dignitaries. The hand over formed part of 2019 Freedom Day's build up programmes.

The Frances Baard District office of Department of Sport, Arts and Culture opened H.O Kgadiete Study Library and a multi-purpose facility on Friday 26 April 2019. The proceedings were led by Frances Baard District Municipal Mayor Cllr. Patrick Marekwa alongside Head of Department Ruth Palm.

Honoring the late stalwart and his family for his dedication and service in Warrenton, it is only befitting that study library be named after him said Marekwa. Mr Kgadiete was a giant and custodian of education, having served 32 years of his life as an educator made him a force to be reckoned with. The young activist was a fearless revolutionary during the then apartheid era. He contributed as a peace officer, known for uniting

and bringing people together. Rre Kgadiete as he was affectionately known served as interim Mayor for Warrenton Transitional Local Government from 1993 until 2000.



Cllr. Marekwa goes on to encourage the community to utilize the library to the fullest in order to better themselves in the world of literature, for it will open many doors for their lives. Head of Department Ruth Palm gave a detailed tour of the facility, taking the Kgadiete family through and showing them various benefits that the community now has, also emphasizing that the use of the facility is free and no one is to be charged for its use. ***“As government we are mandated to inculcate and able a reading nation, as we go out of our way to make these things possible for community members”*** said Palm.

The delegates then moved to the Warrenton Resort to open a multipurpose facility that is fully equipped to cater for various sporting codes. The Kgadiete family alongside Cllr. Marekwa and his delegates could not resist the field and played a game of basketball. ***“A healthy and active child is one with a better future, we hopes that both facilities will help keep the youth in Warrenton occupied and away from mischief”***. said Marekwa

MEC Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba breaks ground in Colesberg



MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba and her department set out to construct a smart library in the Umsobomvu municipality, Colesberg in the Pixley ka Seme District. Locals of the surrounding areas in Umsobomvu will be the beneficiaries of the entire project.

The sod-turning held on Friday 3rd of May 2019 in the dusty township of Kuyasa at the Colesberg Sporting Complex served to be a success as locals came in numbers, to break the ground and celebrate with one of their own. Ms Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba took it upon herself to extend her heartfelt gratitude to her hometown, for their support as this was her farewell project and saw it fit to do it in her hometown. “As a department we are mandated to inculcate and build a reading nation, so what better way will drive this notion than the building of a library” she said.

The cutting edge, state of the art library will have a book shelf area, study area, audio room and computer with internet access area, boardroom and kitchen for staff. The premises will be the Wifi hub for the community as locals will be able to connect to the community libraries Wifi.

MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba encouraged the youth to use her life story as a testimony, that one can come from nothing and become something. She went further to thank her community for supporting her and what an honor it has been serving the people of the Northern Cape as a whole.



Two Story Structure For JTG

In a quest of inculcating an actively reading province, MEC Bongiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba embarked on opening a state of the art two –story study library in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District in Kuruman on Tuesday 23 April 2019. The state of the art study library was named after local poet and author, Mr Moabi Sebotlane Kitchin. The MEC expressed her appreciation to the Kitchin family for giving the department the opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Kitchin.

The newly built facility will also serve as the John Taolo Gaetsewe District hub in Kuruman, placing public servants within the community's reach. Two floors filled with library books, computer room, audio section and large boardroom where community members can utilize its full facilities.

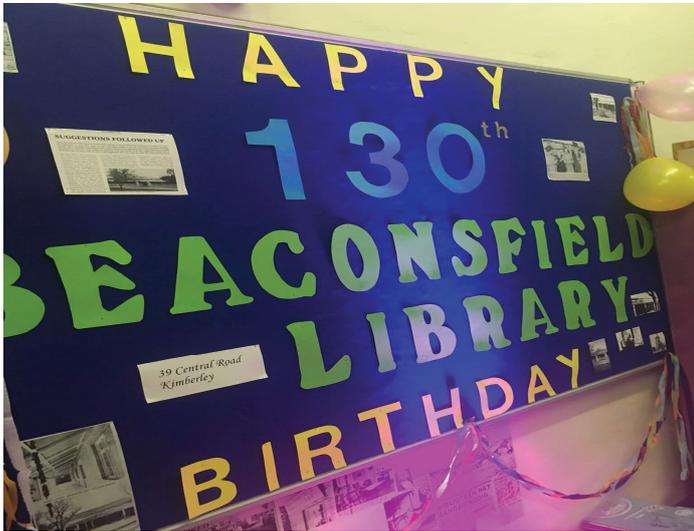
During her keynote address the MEC encouraged learners to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Kitchin, to invest in their future in the world of literacy, she expressed. Also targeting the elderly to stretch their feet and visit the library to read up on indigenous books and history. Gigaba kept reminding community members that everything in the facility is free for public consumption.

It did not come as a shock to many that the

study library was named after Mr Moabi Kitchin, given his contribution and dedication to literature as a whole, mentioned Mr Kitchin's great grandson. The now school principal was named after his great grandfather Moabi Kitchin Jr. extended the family's gratitude towards the department, cementing the importance of education in the Kitchin family and the community as a whole.



Beaconsfield Library turns 130



Beaconsfield Community Library celebrated its 130th anniversary on the 20th of May 2019. The original premises of the library was housed in the offices of the then London and South African Exploration Company, founded soon after the discovery diamonds in 1870.

The award winning library was over flowing with guests during the anniversary from young and old, all users of the library. A generational treasure the facility has turned out to be as young mother Marlene Van Wyk expressed how visiting the library helped her upbringing and was her safe-haven as she didn't have many friends, so getting lost in a book was the best part of her childhood. She went further to state how her daughter now enjoys spending time at the place she loved growing up, applauding the library staff for their outstanding service to the community of Beaconsfield.

A representative of South African Libraries for the Blind Ms. Mmabatho Nyamane gave a detailed presentation of the services that the organization offers. Scanning devices and audio books as well as a computer for the blind are now available, to rope in the visually impaired to be members of a library. Librarian of the Beaconsfield Public Manda Hugh said they go beyond the services that are required of them as a library, hosting various activities during school holidays that keep children educated and occupied. They promote and support active book clubs and have camping at the library. She expressed how she and the staff are always out to find new ways to make the library a fun and exciting place for community members to visit.



Premier Sylvia Opens Carolusberg Multi-purpose Sports Facility



Under the Department's motto, "**A child in sport is a child out of court**" MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba alongside Premier Sylvia Lucas opened a Multi-purpose Sport Facility in Carolusberg, a small town near Springbok in the Namaqua District on Wednesday 17 April 2019. The versatile sporting field serves to cater for four sporting codes namely, netball, tennis, volley ball and basket ball.

Community members and local schools in the surrounding areas came in numbers to receive their long awaited facility. The Premier expressed how government does not only base importance on education, but in sports as well. "**We must encourage our children to participate in various sporting activities which will aid in their health and well-being**". She went further to define sport as an important social asset that can open many doors of learners when assertive and determined. "**Participating in sport can not only keep you healthy and fit, but can also improve a child's cooperation skills and a great boost of self confidence hence it is important that we nurture our children in sport while they are still young**" said Lucas.

As a token of government's unwavering support, Premier Sylvia Lucas and MEC Bongwiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba awarded the Namaqua School District R15 000 and new sporting equipment. Learners from Izak Van Nierkekerk, St Cyprians Primary, Sacred Heart Primary, Concordia Primary and Carolusberg Intermediate were counted amongst the beneficiaries of the new facility and equipment.

Learners couldn't contain their excitement as they started playing in the new facility as soon as the premier had cut the ribbon. MEC Mbinqo-Gigaba and Premier Lucas also took to the facility to display some of their skills alongside the young ones.



Joke of the Week

I might get a job cleaning mirrors. It's definitely a job I can see myself doing. -

Inspirational Quote

By: Ben Opperman



How often do we find ourselves believing or hanging on to the statements made by our fellow men or the statements made by them and accepting it as a true reflecting of what is just without examining the validity of what is being said. To often we become comfortable when people say this things we want to hear, because to our ears it sounds perfect and right not knowing that the very thing that sounds right could be the beginning to an end of our life as we know it. There are many people out there that make it a point to ensure that we turn away from the path that will lead us to salvation. To many times we willingly sacrifice our salvation for earthly and worldly wisdom.

The definition of wisdom according to the dictionary: WISDOM "The quality or state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action"

Wisdom according to the Gospel of King Solomon: Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding"

Now the question remains which kind of wisdom will ensure salvation and eternal life.

Have a blessed week
Amen

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