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"Thuthuka Mzinyathi! Thuthuka!!!"



MEC Zondi's Visit to uMzinyathi Sparks Hope for Service Delivery Improvements



uMzinyathi District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal - A recent introductory meeting between the uMzinyathi District Municipality and the District Development Model (DDM) Champion, Hon MEC for Economic Development, Tourism, and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), Rev Musa Zondi, has ignited hope for improved service delivery within the region, particularly regarding the ongoing water crisis. The meeting, held at the uMzinyathi Council Chamber, served as an opportunity for MEC Zondi to gain firsthand insight into the challenges facing the district. The purpose of his visit was to understand the specific service delivery issues plaguing the area and explore effective solutions to mitigate these difficulties. MEC Zondi addressed the pervasive water crisis in his remarks, acknowledging it as a global concern, not solely confined to uMzinyathi. He drew parallels with the water crisis faced by Cape Town, highlighting the successful multi-disciplinary approach employed to overcome that challenge. He further noted the current water challenges in Durban, emphasizing that if Cape Town could successfully address its crisis, uMzinyathi is also capable of finding a resolution. "The City of Cape Town once had a serious water crisis that needed a multi-disciplinary exercise to resolve it," MEC Zondi stated. "Durban is now

currently facing a similar situation. If the City of Cape Town was able to resolve it, uMzinyathi can also do it. In the next meeting, we will unpack how we will intervene. Today it was just an introductory meeting." Her Worship, the Mayor of uMzinyathi District, Cllr Thembisile Mchunu, expressed her optimism that MEC Zondi's leadership, guidance, and support would prove instrumental in addressing the identified challenges. She articulated her ambitious "Vision 2028," aiming to ensure that at least 75% of the district's population has access to water. "With MEC's leadership, guidance, and support there is no doubt that all the challenges that were listed will be addressed," Mayor Mchunu stated. "My vision 2028 is to see at least 75% of our people have access to water. I am pleading with all of you to help me achieve my vision. I cannot do it alone." The meeting witnessed the participation of representatives from various key government departments, including Agriculture, Health, and Education, indicating a collaborative effort to tackle the multifaceted challenges facing uMzinyathi. The promise of a follow-up meeting to delve deeper into intervention strategies offers a tangible sense of hope for tangible improvements in service delivery and a brighter future for the residents of uMzinyathi District.



Kuqhume umkikizo uMeya efika nenjini eMuden



Kuqhume umkikizo kusiphehlmanzi saseMuden kuthleka uMhlonishwa uMeya TH Mchunu ezothula umacekeceke wenjini ethengelwe le-plant yaseMudeni. Le njini entsha ethengwa uMasipala ngaphansi kobuholi bukaMeya uMac-ingwane izophula izakhamizi zaseMuden enkingeni ebezibhekene nayo yokushoda kwamanzi kule ndawo.

Izinjini ezikule-plant sezizoba ntathu ukwenzela ukuthi uma kufe eyodwa zibe mbili ezizophampa.

UMhlonishwa Meya Mchunu uthi ukuthengwa kwalenjini kuseyisiqalo njengoba ezozihambela zonke iziphehlmanzi nezindawo ezaziphuma amanzi kodwa angasaphumi abheke ukuthi inkinga zikuphi kuzanywe ukuthi zilungiswe.

“Lesi siphehlmanzi sisiza abantu abangaphansi kukaKhansela Mnyaka,

Khansela Dlamini noKhansela Shange ngakho bekubalulekile ukuthi kwandiswe umthamo wamanzi ngokuthengwa kwalenjini. Into esenze sasukuma ukubona usizi lwabantu balezi zindawo behlala bekhala beswele amanzi. Esijabulelayo ukuthi kuzoba nomehluko empilweni zabantu ,” kubeka uMhlonishwa Meya Macingwana.

Abasebenzi bakule-plant babonge banconcoza kuMeya besho bethi abakaze bambone umabizwa asabele weMeya njengoMacingwane.



UMeya ukhale ngesihlava sokukhulelwa kwezingane



UMhlonishwa Meya wesiFunda uMzinyathi uKhansela Thembisile Mchunu ubeyingxenywe yomhlangano weSishayamthetho saKwaZulu-Natal wokucobelelana ngolwazi wamahlelo ehlukene ezenkolo obuseGlencoe, eDundee namhlanje.

Kulo mhlango obuhanjelwe nawuNdunankulu wesiFundazwe uMhlonishwa T Ntuli, uMeya Macingwane ethula amazwi okwamukela kulo mhlango ukhale kakhulu ngesihlava sokunukubezwa kwezingane. Eveza izibalo ezishaqisayo zokuthi babalelwa ku-21 abantwana abakhulelwe abaneminyaka ephakathi kuka15-19 eNdumeni, kulabo bantwana kukhona nabawu-4 abaneminyaka ewu-10 nabo abakhulelwe la eMzinyathi kusuka kuqalile unyaka.

UMhlonishwa Macingwane unxuse abaholi bezenkolo ukuba balekelele ukulwa nalesi sihlava emphakathini yethu. Abantu abenza lemikhuba bahlala nathi emphakathini ngakho ngiyanxusa ukuthi silwe sonke nalokhu. Ibandla liyakwazi nokukhuleka kushintshe izimo esezixakile,” kusho iMeya Macingwane. UNdunankulu Mphemba uhambe emazwini kaMeya esho khona ukuthi abezenkolo uma bebambisene nomphakathi bayakwazi ukulwisana nanoma yiyiphi inkinga ekhungethe umphakathi.

UNdunankulu uthi ubugebengu ngeke buqedwe amaphoyisa kodwa umphakathi obumbene uzokwazi ukulwa nalesi sihlava. “Sikubonile ke lokhu ngesikhathi sinezivimbamgwaqo eMarianhill Toll Plaza sicele abantu ukuthi baziphathe kahle emgwaqweni balwe nesihlava sezingozi nempela abantu bakwenzile lokhu. La esifundazweni kuleliphasika zibe ngaphansi kwa-10 izingozi okuyinto ebiqala ukwenzeka emlandweni wesiFundazwe.

“Ngiyazi ukuthi zonke lezi nkinga okukhulunywa ngazo ukuwubugebengu, ukunukubezwa kwezingane nabesifazane ngokucansi kuyophela nya uma umphakathi nabefundisi bathi cha kasiyifuni lento, “kubeka Ndunankulu.

Lo mhlango obuhanjelwe amalunga esiShayamthetho, uNgqongqoshe wezoLimo esifundazweni uMhlonishwa Madlopha-Mthethwa.





UMzinyathi District Municipality Mayor officially introduced the newly appointed Acting Municipal Manager



Her Worship the Mayor of UMzinyathi District Cllr Thembisile Mchunu officially introduced the newly appointed Acting Municipal Manager Mr Mlungisi Ntanzu to the municipal employees gathered at uMzinyathi District Chamber earlier today. Mr Ntanzu a well seasoned Corporates HOD who is no stranger to the municipality and its operations entrusted to steer the municipal administrative arm in order to improve audit performance and service delivery.

Mr. Ntanzu has joined the district municipality in 2023 as the Head of Department for Corporate Services. With many years of experience, he previously served as the HOD for Corporate Services at Umsinga Local Municipality and later joined Dannhauser Local Municipality as the Director of Corporate.

“I am up to the task and believe with such team of good professional men and women we have, will steer this ship in the right direction. We have all the means to change the status quo of this municipality and I know that change does not come overnight but we will gradually achieve the clean audit outcomes,” he said.

Mayor Mchunu said there is no doubt that Mr Ntanzu will lead the municipality with integrity. “I urge all of you to welcome him and work with him to improve the status of this municipality. He cannot do this alone. We all have an obligation to play our part. We are all here to deliver services to the people of uMzinyathi,” said the mayor.



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UMeya kaMasipala wesiFunda uMzinyathi uKhansela Thembisile Mchunu noSekela Meya uKhansela Maria Zungu babambe umhlangano nomphakathi waseNondweni ukuyozizwela mathupha ukuthi yiziphi izinkinga zamanzi ezikhona kuleya ndawo. UMeya Macingwane unike umphakathi indlebe walalela ukuthi izinkinga zikuphi wase ethembisa ukuthi zizolungiswa ikakhulukazi ama-valve okubikwe ukuthi

kunenkinga enkulu yawo. “Siwumasipala sanquma ukuthi kulo nyaka isabelo-mali sizokwabiwa iwadi newadi lokhu okuzokwenza ukuthi izinkinga ezincane ezifana nama-valve zisheshe zilungiseke. Ngizozama ngakho konke okusemandleni ukuthi izinkinga zamanzi ezikhona sithole isisombululo sazo ngoba siyafisa iphele nya indaba yamanzi athuthwa amaloli ,”kubeka uMeya.





Uthembise ngentuthuko kwagxaza amanzi Oshikishini uMeya uThembisile Mchunu.



UMeya wesifunda saseMzinyathi uhambele eMvoti endaweni yaSoshikishini ku ward 11 eyovula amanzi. Lomcimbi ububanjelwe eskoleni iSiyabusa Primary School. Umphakathi uphume ngezinkani ukuzofakazisa lomsebenzi omuhle kangaka.

- Le project ifake amanzi ezindaweni eziku ward 11, Oshikishini kanye nase Ntabenzima
- Lomsebenzi udle izigidi ezilinganiselwa ku R19 million nangaphezulu.

- Imizi ezozuza ilinganiselwa ku-150, abantu aba- 1200
- Amathuba emisebenzi abe yi- 18 ukusebenza okuzinsuki ezi- 514 kwaqalwa ukusebenza.
- Osomabhizinisi abancane bendawo abasalanga nabo kwabazuzile ngalomsebenzi balinganiselwa ku- 11.

Usonkontileka uphinde wanikela wabuyisela emphakathini ngokunikeza izingane izicathulo kanye nama nyumfomu.



Kuvulwe ngokusemthethweni amanzi eThelezini, eNquthu



Uwashiye egxagxaza kompompi amanzi eThelezini uMeya wesiFunda uMzinyathi uKhansela Thembisile Mchunu njengoba namhlanje ubeyovula amanzi kule ndawo. Lamanzi abevulwa uMeya azophuzwa eManqoleni, Lutheran, Thelezini naseNkathazweni. La manzi afakiwe ahlanganisa ukufakwa kwama-borehole amabili, ompompi abawu-47 abaxhunywe emphakathini nokwakhiwa kwethange elikhulu elizofaka amanzi. Lomsebenzi

usuwonke udle izigidi ezilinganiselwa ku R19 947 537.98

“Sicela mphakathi niwaphathe kahle lamanzi singezwa sekuthiwa sekuntshontshiwe ingqalasizinda”. UMhlonishwa Meya uvula lamanzi nje ngeledlule ubevula asoShikishini , eMvoti kanti kuzomenyezelwa maduze ukuvulwa kwamanzi aseNtinini khona eNquthu.





UMeya uphume umkhankaso wokuhlola amaloli amanzi



UMhlonishwa Meya wesiFunda uMzinyathi uKhansela Thembisile Mchunu ehambisana namalunga eEXCO namakhansela uphume umkhankaso wokuhlola amaloli athutha amanzi adinga ukulungiswa ukuthi afe ini ngenhloso wokuthi alungiswe wonke ngokushesha emuva kokuba uMasipala ukhiphe wonke amaloli abeqashwa ngaphandle usuzosebenzisa awawo. UMhlonishwa Meya Mchunu uphinde wabheka nohlelo lokufakwa kwamakhamera amalolini kaMasipala okuhloswe ngawo ukubheka ukuthi amaloli ahambe kuphi njengoba kube ne-sikhalo emphakathini sokuthi athelela abathile emakhaya.

UMeya uthi okumjabulisayo ngalamakhanera wukuthi kawazogcina ngokubheka ukuthi umshayeli uyawulandela umthetho womgwaqo kodwa azophinde abheke lezo zisebenzi ezingawuhloniphi umsebenzi wazo zidayisela abantu amanzi.

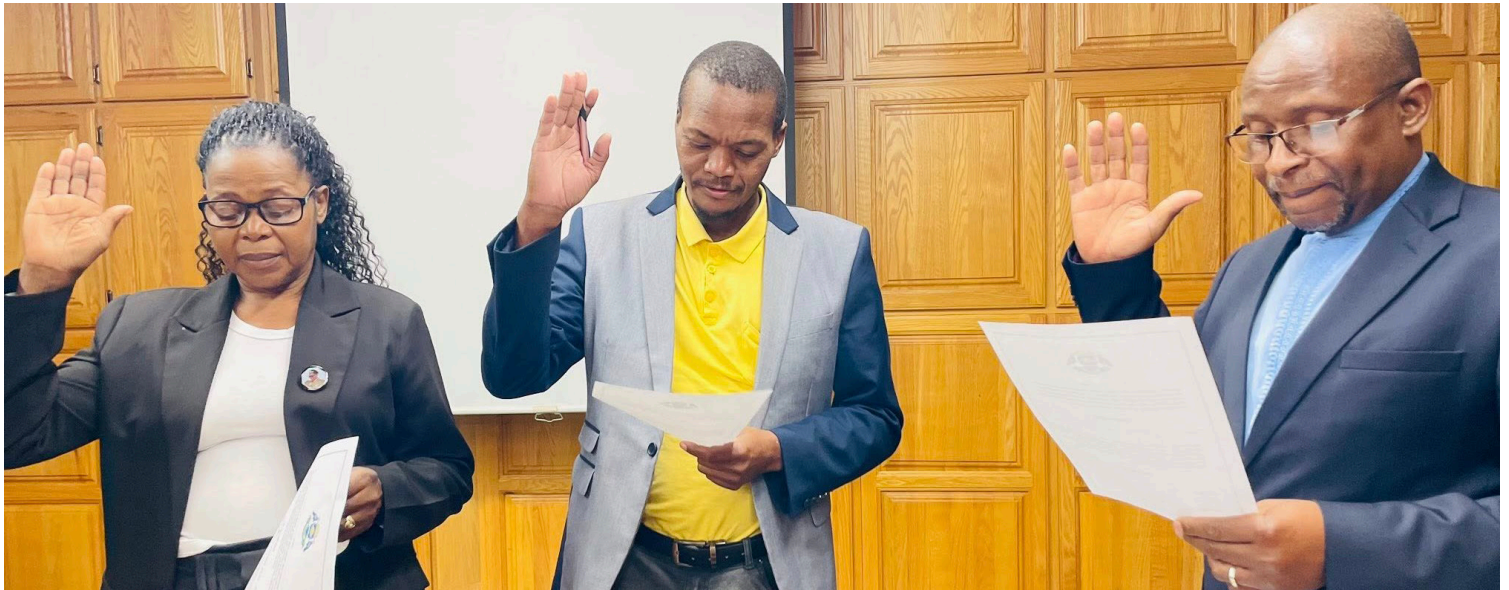
“Laba azobabanjwa beqhubeka ukwenza lenkohlakalo bazokhonjwa indlela ngokushesha ngoba ngeke sisetshenzelwe yizigebengu,” kubeka uMeya.

UMeya uthi i-vision 2030 azibekela yona engena kuleli hhovisi ukuthi kushaye u-2030 zonke izinkinga zamanzi zixazululeka.

“Akumele kube nezindawo ezinompompi abangaphumi manzi ngoba sinabasebenzi abaholayo behamba ngemoto zamasipala ubusuku nemini ngenhloso yokulungisa inkinga zamanzi,” kubeka uMeya.



Mzinyathi Council Welcomes New Councillors Amidst Leadership Changes



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Kube nomhlangano we-District Aids Council



uMhlonishwa uMeya ube nomhlangano we District Aids Council obanjelwe ngaphansi kukaMasipala waseMvoti eNhlalakahle Hall bezodingida ngezinqinamba ezimayelana nesifo seSandulela Ngculazi eMzinyathi. Lomhlangano zimeya zomasipala abangaphansi kweSifunda sase Mzinyathi, iminyango eyahlukene nezinhlangano ezilekelela ngokulwisana nezidakamizwa nophuzo oludakayo.

Umnyango wezempilo wethule izibalo zabahaqekile kanjalo nabahlolwa bangabuya ukuzoqala imishanguzo. Umeya waseMzinyathi uKhansela Thembisile Mchunu uzwakalise ukungenami kakhulu ngezibalo ezevelayo zabantu abahlolwayo abese bengabuyi ukuzodla imishanguzo babalelwa ku 89% abantu abahlolwa

bangabuya ukuzoqala imishanguzo. Iningi labo ngamadoda abalelwa ku 90%. “Lezibali ziyashaqisa kakhulu zifuna ukulahlisa ithemba ngokubhebhetheka kwegciwane lesandulela ngculazi. Uma abantu bengezoqala imishanguzo kuyacaca leligciwane lizosabalala kakhulu. Ngiyacela sibambisaneni silekelelane sinxenxe abantu kulesifunda saseMzinyathi. Izibalo eziningi zikhomba yonq intsha ngakho singomasipala sisalelwe yinselelo enkulu ukuza nama programme azolekelelana nomnyango wezempilo ukuqinisekisa ukuthi abantu badla imishanguzo ngendlela efanelekile. Uphuzo oludakayo nalo ludla lubi entsheni yakithi siyafisa ukuqwashiaa abantu abasha ukuthi abehlise babulala ikusasa labo” kusho uMeya



UMeya Macingwane ukhathazekile ngobugebengu



UMhlonishwa uMeya woMzinyathi uKhansela Thembisile Mchunu ubeyingxenywe yeMbizo kaNdunankulu wesiFundazwe uMhlonishwa Thami Ntuli elwisana nobugebengu ebibanjelwe eFabeni, eMsinga. UMhlonishwa Meya kule mbizo uveze okukhulu ukukhathazeka ngobugebengu obedlangile okubalwa ukulahleka kwemfuyo, ukubulalana, ukunyukubezwa kwabesifazane nezingane. Ubonge iqhaza likandunankulu ngezinhlelo ezahlukenene ukulwisana nobugebengu ikakhulukazi ukuxhasa izinhlelo zokuthuthukisa umphakathi. “Siwumkhandlu ozamayo kodwa siyafisa ukuthi zibe khona izinhlelo zokunyusa umthamo wezimoto zamaphoyisa ukusiza uhlelo lokulwisana nobugebengu,” kubeka uMeya. Inkosi Mchunu ibonge kakhulu uhulumeni wesifundazwe ukuzovela uzokhumbula abantu baseMsinga kanye noMzinyathi wonke abalahlekelwa imindeni ngokubulalana.

“Sibonga uhulumeni futhi sinethemba ukufika kwakho Ndunankulu nethimba lakho kuzophela ukubulalana. Nemindeni izoduduzeka uma ibona wena Ndunankulu ngoba siyakubona ushabasheka ulwisana nobugebengu kanye nale nsizwa yakaMkhanazi enguKhomishana wamaphoyisa,” kusho iNkosi. Ethula inkulamo yakhe uNdunankulu Thami Ntuli ugqugquzele umphakathi ukuthi ube yingxenywe yokulwa nobugebengu. “Amasela enkomo ayaziwa, yini enithenga kubo. Lezi zibhamu ezigqitshelwe ukubulala abantu niyazazi zikhipheni. Umphakathi nawo unendima okufanele uyidlale ukulwisana nobugebengo ngokubika emaphoyiseni. “Sizimisele ukuthi sihlasele nanoma ubani osacabanga ukwenza ubugebengu kulesi sifundazwe noKhomishana wamaphoyisa,” kuphetha uNdunankulu



UMhlonishwa Meyya uhambele usuku lokubuyisana eNcome



UMhlonishwa Sekela-Meyya woMzinyathi uCllr Nothile Zungu ubesemcimbini omkhulukazi e-Orange Groove lapho bezokwethulwa inkampani entsha esizokwenza izigubhu zokufaka imikhiqizo yale nkampani ebizwa nge-ALPLA UMhlonishwa Manzini ethula inkulumo kulo mcimbi uthe bewubuholi boMzinyathi bakujabulele kakhulu ukuthi lenkampani iqashe abantu abawu-1200 iningi labo okungabantu abasha balapha eMzinyathi.

“Ukulethwa kwale nkampani i-ALPLA kuzoqhubeka kudale amathuba emisebenzi okusilekelela kakhulu njengoMasipala uma banda abantu abakwazi ukubeka isinkwa enindenini yabo. Imisebenzi kayisekho ukuqashwa kwalabantu

abazokwakha izigubhu kuzokwenza omkhulu umehluko emnothweni wendawo,” kusho uSekela Meyya.

Isikhulu esiphezulu e-Orange Groove uMnu Dave Durham uthi ngesikhathi kuvalwa Nampak ngoJuly okuyiyo inkampani ebebeyisebenzisa kwaphoqa ukuthi babheke enye inkampani ezobalekela.

“Le nkampani edabuka e-Australia isebenzela ngaphakathi e-Orange Groove futhi banalo lonke uhlobo lwemishini abaludingayo ukuqhuba umsebenzi. Namhlanje sizovula ngokusemthethweni factory yabo la, sijabulile kakhulu,” kuchaza uMnu Durham.





Wethulwe ngokusemthethweni kwabezindaba umjaho iDundee July



Wethulwe ngokusemthethweni umjaho kwabezindaba umjaho walo nyaka iDundee July. IDundee July ezoba mhlaka 19 July 2025 ngaphansi kwesiqubulo esithi-African Jewel kanti isamba esibekiwe esizohamba nehhashi elizodla umhlanganiso uR350 000. USihlalo weRural Horse Riding uMnu Menzi Buthelezi uthi kuwo wonke amahhashi azongenele umjaho uMzinyathi ubeke wonke amathemba awo kwihhashi elilaphaya eNkosini KwaSithole uColchester okuyilona hhashi esilithwele ngeqoma. UMhlonishwa Meyu uKhansela Thembisile Mchunu ethula inkulumo yakhe unxusa ojockey baseMzinyathi ukuthi basebenze ngokuzikhandla beqeqesha amahhashi abo ukuze lemali ingayi kwezinye izifunda kodwa isale le eMzinyathi.

Uphinde wanxusa nabasiki bengqephu

baseMzinyathi ukuthi benze isiqiniseko sokuthi izindondo aziyi eThekwini kodwa zisala la eMzinyathi kanjalo nozodla umhlanganiso kwezemfashini abe ngowalapha. "Sinxusa osomabhizinisi ukuthi basondele kusenesikhathi babone ukuthi bazolibamba kanjani iqhaza. Bapheze kulo mkhulu wokuvimba umjaho befuna amathuba ebhizinisi kodwa beyekile ukucosha amathuba ithuba lisavulekile," kubeka uMeyu. UMhlonishwa Ngqongqoshe uMntomuhle Khawula uthe kulo nyaka uNgqongqoshe wezeMidlalo kuzwelonke uMhlonishwa Gayton McKenzie uzoba yingxenywe yomjaho okungokokuqala ngqa ukuthi lomjaho uhanjelwe uNgqongqoshe kazwelonke





Prince Mangosuthu Ultra Marathon Hailed a Resounding Success Amidst Blazing Pace



The Prince Mangosuthu Ultra Marathon once again proved to be a highlight on the national athletic calendar, concluding this past weekend with resounding success and an exceptionally high standard of competition. Athletes pushed the limits, setting an incredibly fast pace throughout the challenging course. The men's race was a nail-biting affair, with the top three finishers crossing the line within mere seconds of each other. Onalenna Khonkhobe emerged victorious, clinching the title in an impressive time of 2:56:40. Hot on his heels was Ayanda Ngcobo from Msinga, Mzinyathi, who secured a commendable second place with a time of 2:56:54. Rounding out the top three was Siboniso Sikhakhane, crossing the finish line in 2:57:15. The narrow margins underscore the fierce competition and elite performance on display. The women's field also saw formidable performances. Shelmith Muriuki dominated the women's race, taking first place with a stellar time of 3:23:29. Following her was Jenet Mbhele, who claimed second position in 3:33:36, and Nevvia Maganzo secured third place with a time of 3:49:09. Hon. Thembisile Mchunu, Mayor of Mzinyathi

District, extended heartfelt congratulations to all participants and victors, emphasizing the spirit of achievement inherent in simply completing such a demanding race.

"If you enter and run to the finish, you have won," remarked the Honorable Mayor. "We congratulate all our runners. We are especially proud to congratulate Ayanda Ngcobo from Msinga who came in second place. Her victory means that we are all Mzinyathi winners."

The Mayor also took the opportunity to express gratitude to the crucial partners who made the event possible. "We thank the sponsors, the Phindangene family, the pioneer after whom the race is named, the dignitaries, and all the councilors present in our Municipality," she added, acknowledging the collaborative effort behind the marathon's success.

The successful staging of the Prince Mangosuthu Ultra Marathon not only showcased top athletic talent but also fostered a spirit of community pride and healthy living, promising an even more exciting event in the years to come.