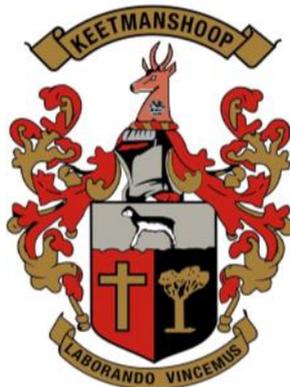


# KEETMANSHOOP MUNICIPALITY



# Quiver Tree Newsletter



February 2020

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## Editor's Page

Dear Keetmanshoop Residents,  
Welcome to the first edition of the Quiver tree news for 2020!.

As usual we will do our best to keep you abreast of all the developments taking place in and around town.



**Ms. Dawn Kruger**

The topics in this edition covers a wide range; from electricity tariffs to tips on the safe usage of electricity; an update on the progress of our capital projects, and the new human resource additions to the municipality!.

I'm very proud of how our Junior Mayor, Kaytlon Coetzee, facilitated the recent Internet Safety Day. Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Cilia Titus called the Internet a "double edged sword" commending the organisers for their hard work in creating awareness on the dangers of the Internet. We are currently in the planning phase of an exciting programme for the Keetmanshoop Junior Municipal Council — but more about that in our next edition.

In other news, the Keetmanshoop Municipality started with a Customer Information updating process; if you have not done so already, please visit the municipality and complete the form.

Also, if you have purchased land in the last couple of years, and you have not paid for it yet, please contact the municipality urgently!

Till next time..

***Dawn***



## From the CEO's Office

Dear Keetmanshoop residents, we are very happy to announce that 2020 has kicked off on a very productive note as far as our Capital Projects are concerned.

The road maintenance tender under the Road Fund Administration was awarded to Neu-Olulya, who started with the sealing and upgrading of Schmiede street, Hampie

Plichta street, Fourth avenue (Town), Fourth street (Noordhoek) and Fifth avenue (Town).

Mr Paulus Shimakeleni (left) said that the project will be done by end March 2020. →



The contractor for the electricity reticulation tender in Tseiblaagte Extension 6 started late in 2019, and is expected to finish soon. ↓



The Pre-paid water tender is in the last stages of evaluation and will be awarded to the successful tenderer by the middle of March 2020.

For the first phase the Municipality will focus on those customers with high arrear accounts.

# Mayor's Corner

After the August 2019 Economic Growth Summit of Namibia, Keetmanshoop was identified as the ideal destination for Solar Energy installation, because of its hot, dry climate as well as the availability of plenty of land.



**Mrs. Gaudentia Kröhne**

On invitation of Namibia's Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency, Andreas Guibeb a delegation from the Keetmanshoop Municipal Council, consisting of myself, Cllr. Ernst Jash and SE: ITS, Samuel Nashima as well as Chief Regional Officer, Mr Beatus Kasete, visited Germany from 06 – 12 February 2020 to meet prospective investors of the solar project.



On 8th February 2020, the Namibian delegation entered into a MoU with SOLNAM Ltd, who will be responsible for building the production facility for CPV solar modules with an attached solar power plant, and they are backed by ASUSR Space GmbH, as their principal technology

partner in this venture.



SOLNAM Ltd. indicated that they are already in negotiations with our local Electricity Control Board (ECB) in Namibia, as well as with representatives of various departments in the Namibian Government.

# Sponsorships

The American Embassy and the Anglo American Namibian Foundation joined hands in renovating and upgrading the Karas Huisen Craft Centre in Tseiblaagte.



This NGO runs a Craft Workshop and a Mother to Child Prevention Program (PMPCT) that is also sponsored by the Anglo American Namibian Foundation.

The American Embassy installed solar panels in an effort to decrease the electricity usage of the Centre, and improve the security measures at the Centre to ensure the safety of the tenants as well as the assets. The total cost for the solar and security installation came to N\$250, 000.00.

The Anglo American Namibian Foundation availed N\$148, 000.00 to renovate the building inside- and out.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality wishes to thank these organisations on behalf of the tenants of the building.



# Electricity Matters..

The Keetmanshoop Municipality is pleased to announce the introduction of our newly approved **Residential Social Tariff up to 15A**. Low income residential customers with a electricity requirement of 15A or less are invited to visit the KEBU office to apply for this new tariff.



The Keetmanshoop Electricity Business Unit (KEBU) undertakes to make contact with all residential customers with arrear account to propose pre-paid debt collection through pre-paid vending. Customers whose electricity have been disconnected are also welcome to visit KEBU to discuss reconnection options.

Furthermore, customers that live in areas that have been serviced with electricity that have no electricity in theirs houses are invited to submit their names and erf details to KEBU in order to get connected.

## Electrical Contractors:

Individuals or companies planning to undertake electrical installation work in Keetmanshoop need to be approved by KEBU. Electrical contractors are required to apply on a pre-scribed application form.

All registered electrical contractors should ensure that their employees are in possession of the appropriate level of technical knowledge and experience in order to carry out their duties safely.

Electrical contractors that will be testing need to be in possession of testing compliance and indicate tester name, model and serial numbers when applying for an annually renewable electrical contractor license. A list of all registered electrical contractors in Keetmanshoop is available from KEBU.



## Electricity Safety Tips

- ◆ Only allow registered electrical contractors to perform electrical installation work on your premises.
- ◆ Refrain from using damaged extension leads or appliances with damaged power cords and replace damaged ones.
- ◆ Do not run power cords over sharp edges, especially metallic ones that may cause an electrocution.
- ◆ Do not spill liquids onto appliances or power outlets as it may damage the installation or cause an electrocution.
- ◆ First switch off the power outlet before removing the socket and do not unplug the socket by pulling on the power cord.
- ◆ Do not use extension leads outdoors for prolonged periods of time as its integrity will be compromised due to weather and physical contact.
- ◆ Do not make modifications to the electrical installation yourself, contact a registered Electrical Contractor for assistance.
- ◆ Do not overload electrical outlets as this may cause undue heat build-up and cause a fire.
- ◆ Never assume that a power interruption will be suitable isolation to allow modifications to an electrical installation affect your own isolation to ensure returning power will not lead to an unsafe condition.
- ◆ Do not leave appliances on when a power interruption occurs as the return of power may cause damage due to heating appliances.

# Business Registration

All businesses are reminded that the due date for the renewal of Fitness Certificates are 31 March 2020. Businesses will be inspected before being registered, and will only operate after registration.

Inspection shall be done only if all the documents are available including the proof of payment. No residential plots may be used for hawking as these are classified as Home Based Businesses, only business premises or Municipal areas designated for hawkers will be registered.

## Refuse Bin Usage

### *Don'ts*

No hot ash, unwrapped glass or other business or domestic refuse which may cause injury to the Municipality's employees.

Do not overload your bins as they can become too heavy for our collection vehicle to lift safely.

Do not dispose soil, builders waste, hazardous and corrosive substances, heavy iron e.g. car parts, appliances and anything that can damage the container and the removal truck in the bin.

### *Do's*

Cover the bin

Additional waste to be placed in black refuse bags.

Container kept in a clean and hygienic condition

Place outside next to your fence before the removal time



# New Employees

Mr Elvis Mukaya, has been appointed as Strategic Executive: Human Resources at the Keetmanshoop Municipality on 03 February 2020.



Mr Mukaya is the holder of a Bachelors Degree in Human Resource Management and is currently studying towards a Masters of Business Administration: Finance, that will be awarded in September 2020.

With a long career in Human Resources, his last position being HR Manager at Epiroc Mining Namibia, Mr Mukaya brings a wealth of progressive leadership experience in Human Resources to the table. He specialized in compensation and benefits; industrial relations; health and safety, organisational development and staffing and training.

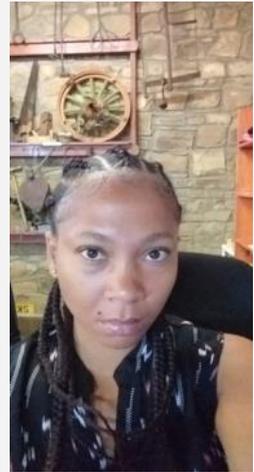
Mr Mukaya explained that the primary objective for his role is to put the health, safety and personal training and development of the Municipal workforce first. Mr Mukaya believes that with all the right resources in place the Keetmanshoop Municipality will cultivate an employee-oriented culture that focusses on superior performance.

On his expectations, Mr Mukaya appealed to all the stakeholders of the Keetmanshoop Municipality to join hands with the Human Resource Department and work towards a common goal.

He will strive to bring a happy and productive workforce for the benefit of the community that we serve.

# New employees

Ms. Anne-Marie Issa Brown Garises was appointed as Curator at the Keetmanshoop Municipal Museum in April 2019.



She is a graduate from the University of Namibia, Katima Mulilo Campus and holds an honors degree in Wildlife Management and Ecotourism. Ms. Garises did her internship with the Museum's Association of Namibia in 2017 where she was fortunate enough to work on the Omutete wOkahole: Migrant Labour and the Making of Namibia exhibition. Ms. Garises is responsible for the preservation of historical artifacts and objects of cultural importance as well as natural specimens. She aims at promoting positive cultural practices and making the museum relevant to the residents of Keetmanshoop. **Below:**

## Newly appointed employees introduced to the Keetmanshoop Municipality.



← **Water team:** Fltr: K. Van Neel; C. Cloete; T. de Bruyn; W. Bampton; C. vd Westhuizen; J. Boois; M. Laperloth.

**Meter Readers:** Fltr: →

P. Dennis; A. Timoteus;  
D. Witbooi



# ||Goa-!Haob Games

A team from Kaisames under the leadership of Ms. Desre Christaan met the Hon. Governor, Her Worship, the Mayor and various representatives of the Keetmanshoop Municipality to discuss logistics of the upcoming, annual ||Goa-!Haob Games.



The NBC identified Keetmanshoop as the host for this year's event, that is slated for 01—04 May 2020 at the Keetmanshoop Stadium under the theme "*Sa xun ai #Nisa*'.

The annual Sports for all Games targets people over 40 and include football, athletics, netball, volleyball, tug-of-war and traditional games.

The public are invited to contact the NBC for stalls to sell food, drink and non-consumables for the duration of the games.



# Pensioner's Payment Day



A local youth group joined the Keetmanshoop Municipality and Namibia Post to make Pension Day more comfortable for our elderly by availing gazebos and chairs for the long wait.

We thank the enterprising Keetmanshoop Youth Initiative for their consideration, and trust that it will become a monthly gesture.



Deputy Mayor, Hilia Titus, talking at the Safer Internet Day held on 11 February 2020 at the Möth Hall.

## Safe Internet Day 2020

The Deputy Mayor thanked UNICEF, the Ministry of Gender Equality & Child Welfare and Internet Society Chapter Namibia for the great work that they are doing in creating awareness on the dangers of the Internet by commemorating this day.



# KHP Urban Constituency Public Meeting- contributions by Municipality



The Keetmanshoop Municipality was invited to deliver a presentation on the developments in town at a Public meeting held by the Keetmanshoop Urban Constituency, Cllr. Maxi Minnaar on 27 February 2002 in the W.K. Röver Hall. Mr Jegg Christiaan, Senior Executive: Local Economic Development gave feedback from the Keetmanshoop Municipality on the following developments:

## 1. **Writing off bad debt:**

Mr Christiaan explained that at the passing away of a house owners, the family members remaining behind in the house often neglect to inform the municipality of the death, and allow the account that is in the name of the deceased to increase until such time that the Municipality has to take steps to recover outstanding debt. Mr Christiaan advised the community to approach the municipality in the event of a house owner passing away in order to have the account closed and new account opened.

## 2. **S-houses:**

Mr Christiaan referred to the recent publicity on the eviction of community members illegally occupying S-houses earmarked for municipal employees.

Mr Christiaan said a decision was taken by the Municipal Council to meet with the current occupant's of these houses in order to come to a mutual agreement. The meeting will be scheduled for March 2020.

# **KHP Urban Constituency Public Meeting- contributions by Municipality**

## **3. Tseiblaagte Extension 4 & 6:**

These extensions have been serviced with bulk services (sewer, water, electricity), and the erven have been registered. Mr Christiaan informed the occupants of these erven that they are now in an position to buy their erven and/or apply for municipal services. In order to buy the erven the municipal accounts have to be paid up. The erven are priced favorably.

## **4. Tseiblaagte Extension 7 & 9:**

Town planning for extensions 7 & 9 are in progress. 600 erven to be serviced and sold for reasonable prices to identified tenants.

## **5. Street naming committee:**

A committee was established and will be chaired by the Mayor. The first meeting to be held soon and process of putting up street names in Tseiblaagte will start.

## **6. Feedlot:**

Mr Christiaan informed the community that numerous complaints have been received from the Hospital regarding flies originating from the feedlot opposite the Hospital. The municipality and the owner of the feedlot is looking at a long term solution.

## **7. New Dumpsite & Cemetery:**

The Khp Municipality is in the process of establishing a new dumpsite and cemetery approximately 7km outside of town on the road to Aroab.



# Public Private Dialogue

On 28 February 2020, the Public Private Dialogue (PPD) meeting in Keetmanshoop was held by the Local Economic Development Agency (LEDA) under the auspices of the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development with the help of Keetmanshoop Municipality.

The meeting provided a platform for the community, University of Namibia, Keetmanshoop Agriculture, Industry, and Tourism Expo, Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nama Cultural Festival, Karas Huisen Crafts, //Kharas Regional Council and the Keetmanshoop Municipality to facilitate dialogue regarding the economic and social development actors on matters dealt with since the 8<sup>th</sup> PPD, held on the 20th August 2019.

Mr. Jegg Christiaan the Senior Executive: Local Economic Development at the Keetmanshoop Municipality gave the presentation on the developments that are happening in town.

- ◆ Formal sector is currently well established as far as funding and capacity is concerned;
- ◆ Need to assist the informal market;
- ◆ New land acquired next to Pick-n-Pay to facilitate informal market;
- ◆ Provide safe trading spaces, manage them and assist their development.

Economic Development will also focus on Keetmanshoop social cohesion and in-town engagement to build trust between stakeholders, constituents, local authority, and business community.

Free public WiFi to be piloted in Tseiblaagte and development of apps for networking/marketing. Rise of social entrepreneurship in informal sector. Developer will not charge they earn income through advertisement

Increase Keetmanshoop web presence and leverage current digital impressions, #Keetmanshoop.

Local involvement in facilitating development and skills transfer, i.e. Nama Shoes, Local Craftsmanship, etc

# Public Notice



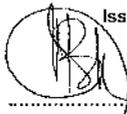
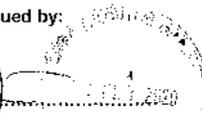
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### URGENT NOTICE

#### TO ALL LAND BENEFICIARIES WHO ACQUIRED LAND

Council sold land to several individuals and entities in terms of the Local Authority Act No. 23 of 1992, as amended and most applicants however failed to pay off their properties within the specified time frame, despite several attempts to collect the outstanding funds.

Therefore, all land beneficiaries who did not yet honour full payment for their land are urged to make full payments **before 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2020**. Council at its First Ordinary Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2020 under item 06 resolved that all the erven which was sold between 2014 and 2018 has been rescinded.

Issued by:  

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# Public Notice



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# PUBLIC NOTICE:

## CUSTOMER INFORMATION FORM

The Keetmanshoop Municipality started gathering customer data in February 2019 by requesting customers to complete a Customer Information Form. On this form customers are given the opportunity to choose their preferred method of receiving their monthly accounts and updating their data.

The municipality realized that we are incurring double cost since many customers receive their monthly accounts through the post but still comes into the municipality to have it printed.

As from December 2019, the municipality started sending municipal accounts by text message and email for those customers who preferred it.

The municipality is thus hereby calling on all customers who have not done so already to complete this form to ensure the correctness of our data and indicate your preferred method of receiving your monthly account.

The form is available from the Reception and Enquiries at the municipality.

Thank you.

Desmond Basson

**CEO: KEETMANSHOOP MUNICIPALITY**

*Council members: G. Kröhne • H. Titus • G. Freyer • E. Jash • E. Shilimela • J. Esterhuizen • C. Pieter  
All official correspondence must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer*

# Public Notice

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHOULD BE CONTACTED WITH ANY ENQUIRIES WITH REGARD TO MUNICIPAL ENQUIRIES

SUBJECT	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TEL NR
AVAILABLE ERVEN / APPLICATIONS TO BUY ERVEN SUBDIVISION OF ERVEN / BUILDING PLANS OR EXTENSIONS	Mr. Sameul Nashima Ms. Barbara Motinga Ms. Elmarie Kisting Mr. Gregorius Andries	221263/2 221269 221246 221242
QUERIES ON ACCOUNTS / ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECONNECTIONS	Ms. R. Farmer Ms. S. Poulton	221257 221232
MASS HOUSING / BUILD TOGETHER PROGRAMME	Mr. J. Christiaan Ms. S. Tiboth Ms. M. Stephanus Ms. A. Amunkete	221236 221252 221254 221264
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT	Mr. A. Motinga Ms. M. V/D Merwe Mr. Klaasman	221210
FIRE BRIGADE	Mr. J. Meyer	221270

# KEETMANSHOOP Street Market

Location: **Jooste Street** (behind Municipality & NamPost)

Date: **Last Day of Each Month**

Time: **08h00 – 18h00**

*Interested vendors please inquire at Municipality Reception.*

Contact: Aina Amunkete, LED Officer @ 081 847 1733



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