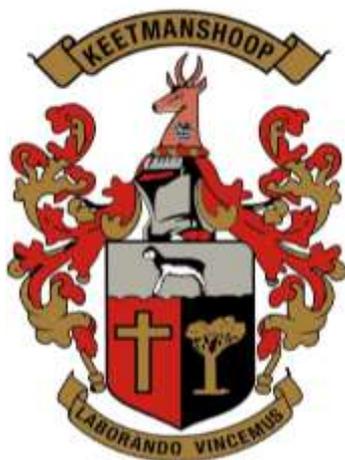


# KEETMANSHOOP MUNICIPALITY



# Quiver Tree Newsletter



April 2021

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# Editor's Page

Dear Keetmanshoop Residents,



Welcome to the April 2021 edition of the Quiver Tree News, where we do our best to keep you abreast of what's happening in the Keetmanshoop Municipality.

What's trending this quarter is probably the Namwater account of the municipality that reached an astonishing 14 mill. Reasons are numerous and can be debated ad nauseam . Fingers can be pointed and blame can be shifted. The fact of the matter remains that the water was used and need to be paid.

The Keetmanshoop Municipality is willing to meet its residents half way and enter into Debt Repayment agreements where the interest due on arrear accounts are written-off when arrears are paid within 24 months. Residents with arrear accounts are requested to please visit the municipality to negotiate.

On a more positive note, the Keetmanshoop Municipality entered into various agreements to provide serviced erven to residents in different price groups in Keetmanshoop.

Read more inside...

***Until next time.***

***Dawn***



## From the CEO's Office

The Keetmanshoop Municipality is happy to welcome our new Council for the next 5 years. The municipality started with the process to review, update and implement a new Strategic Plan to coincide with the new term.

### **Mr. Desmond Basson**

The Executive Management of the Municipality started with company-wide review during 2020 where procedures and policies were updated and/or created in order to streamline operations.

On 17 February 2021, the municipal management team concluded the process with a Risk Management Workshop . All risks and mitigating actions were identified to ensure timeous action in crisis.

The long-standing frustration of by-laws that are either outdated or not in place was addressed and the municipality is very pleased to announce that the following by-laws were promulgated recently:

- Dog control regulations;
- Business regulations;
- Street trading regulations,

The municipality will start with a awareness campaign on the new bylaws in due course.

# Capital Projects (2020/21):

## 1. Provision of Electricity & Water Infrastructure:

- 200 Erven in Tseiblaagte Extension 6 were serviced with electricity at a cost of N\$2.5 million
- 80 Erven in Tseiblaagte Extensions 2 & 6 were serviced with water, sewer and electricity at a cost of N\$3.1 mil

## 2. Roads:

The following tar roads in Keetmanshoop were resealed and potholes repaired at a total cost of N\$2.8 million for the financial year:

2nd Street (Tseiblaagte)

Cathedral Street (Town)

Mittle Street (Town)

11th Street (Westdene)

22nd Street (Westdene)

Keetman Avenue (Westdene)

6th Street (Town)





## Mayor's Corner

The Keetmanshoop Municipal Council was sworn-in on 02 December 2020, and has hit the ground running. We started the new year with a series of staff meetings at the municipality in order to familiarize ourselves with operations.

The entire council received training in the Local Authority Act, and after Public Meetings were held in all neighborhoods I believe we are now up to speed and can start the business of serving our electorates.

I have started with office hours at the Keetmanshoop Municipality where I see residents and try to solve their problems. What I have learnt in this short time is that some of our residents are really struggling to make ends meet. I spoke to some business owners informally and managed to obtain some donations. In the next pictures I'm distributing bread that I received from **SUPERSPAR KEETMANSHOOP** to various recipients.



# Mayor's Corner

Independence Celebrations at the Keetmanshoop Municipality on 19 March 2021.



**Back fltr:**

Yvonne Dreyer, Theopeline Mack, Leandra Witbooi, Jegg Christiaan, Aina Amunkete, Sandra Poulton

**Front fltr:**

Maree Smit

Desmond Basson

NFA Women Soccer Tournament on held on 20 March 2021.



Women soccer teams from all over the region competed.

**FLTR:**

Hon. Maree Smit, Ms. Cloete (NFA) Hon. Aletta Frederiks, Hon. Charlcya Cooper

Spray-a-Thon in support of the Cancer Association of Namibia held on 26 March 2021

**FLTR:**

Ms. Leandra Witbooi, Hon. Maree Smit and Ms. Gazandra Snewe



# COVID-19 Vaccination

Deputy Mayor Hon. Charlcya Cooper was one of the first recipients of the COVID-19 vaccine during the official launch of the Vaccination Campaign on 16 April 2021. In her welcoming



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capped the devastation that COVID- 19 caused and stressed the necessity for cooperation to curb the further spread of the virus.

The Deputy Mayor says it is encouraging that most frontline workers have responded positively to the call to be vaccinated.

“Keetmanshoop has been reeling under COVID-19 related deaths and I urge all residents of this beautiful town to stay vigilant and adhere to protocols”



# National Youth Day & Week

Her Worship, the Mayor of Keetmanshoop, Hon. Maree Smit welcomed all participants to the official opening of the 14th National Youth Day & Week on 27 April 2021 in Keetmanshoop, under the theme “Youth ignites zero tolerance towards gender-based violence”.



National Youth Council Board Member, Viviane de Koe stated that it is imperative that leaders are conscious of how gender biases, problematic mind-sets and harmful norms drive Gender-Based violence (GBV)

De Koe said that from Sept 2019 - Sept 2020 more that 6000 GBV cases have been reported, 800 rape cases and 74 GBV related murder cases.

***“if you consider that 80% of cases are not reported we are looking at the tip of a very cold iceberg”.***



# LED Advisory Committee

The newly elected LED Advisory Committee held their 1st meeting on 18 March 2021, at Central Lodge.

## The committee members are:

1. A Stuurman - NUST
2. Z. Epifanio - Lagos
3. A. Aluketi - Jika-Jika
4. T. Skakana - Youth Group
5. L. Hartung - MoHSS
6. A. v/d Merwe - Mwatyatye Trading
7. W. Kambonde - KRC



Hon. Maree Smit & Aina Amunkete

The Advisory Committee will meet quarterly to debate on economic development, with the objective of advising the LED department on opportunities in their specific areas of expertise

SE: LED, Jegg Christiaan explained the opportunities & challenges experienced by the LED department with the meeting and shared details of the following upcoming projects with the meeting:

- Community backyard garden project
- Egg production project
- Poultry farming project



## LED Projects: Current

An **Open Market** that will accommodate 62 SME's is being constructed under the B1 Bridge. The Municipality availed the land, GIZ funded the materials and the labor cost will be covered by the Local Economic Development Agency (LEDA) under Ministry of Urban and Rural Development. Expected completion is scheduled for July 2021, and the total project worth is N\$ 1.2 mill.

Keetmanshoop Municipality received financial assistance from GIZ to construct **ablution facilities in Monument Park** (erf 240) that will cater for vendors of Central Park and Monument Park as well as members of the public at a minimum fee of N\$2.00.



GIZ funded **30 mobile stalls** that will be installed at Central Park and Monument Park for vendors at a cost of N\$92,000.00, in order to create a clean, hygienic and esthetically pleasing trading environment.



# Health Matters

The Health Department of the Keetmanshoop Municipality acquired and placed 6 additional skips in the following areas, in an effort to address the increasing occurrence of illegal dumping:

1. Krönlein NHE Houses
2. Tseiblaagte Extension 5 (Mass Housing)
3. Tseiblaagte extension 4 (Ileni)
4. Seventeenth Avenue Westdene
5. Windhoek Road Krönlein
6. NDC stalls in town



The municipality regularly cleans illegal dumping spots but within a week, the areas are as bad as always. Kindly refrain from dumping household-, building and garden refuse anywhere and look for a skip in your area where you can dump this refuse.



The Health department plans to have monthly clean-up of illegal dumping spots in town. Areas which have been identified for the next clean-up operation includes the area behind Noordhoek.

Fines will be issued to any individual caught dumping refuse illegally.

# Health Matters

## Cleaning up



**Before**



**After**



**Illegal dumping spot cleaned in Tseiblaagte Extension 5 (Ileni)**

# Community Activities



Petrus Hilumbwa and Melody Swartbooi are the leaders of a group of concerned residents calling themselves “Agents for Change” that took the bold decision to be part of the change that they wanted to see in Keetmanshoop.

They requested assistance from the municipality as far as equipment is concerned and cleaned sand from the intersection between Krönlein & Tseiblaagte that was caused by flood waters. The municipality welcomes initiatives of this nature and thanks the Agents of Change for this gesture.



## ***Hospital Gate***

Another issue that the Agents for Change are addressing is the Hospital Gate that has been closed for vehicular traffic for a few years.



The group met with the Hospital management explaining the difficulties that the closure is causing the community. Management responded positively promising a response by 29 April 2021.

# KEBU



During March and April 2021 KEBU has been experiencing streetlight cable theft, at two areas during different intervals plunging the areas into darkness. The first area is near Jan Japan motors all the way to the B1 Circle, a length of more than 100m of cable stolen, amounting to N\$9000.00.

Second is the area in-front of the new Ombudsman office, a length of more than 40m of cable stolen, amounting to N\$3600.00. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Namibian Police.

The theft of street light cable does not only have monetary implications for KEBU and the municipality it also impacts the safety of the community.



Streetlights are put up as a safety measure to deter criminal activity, and when streetlights are vandalized the community is left vulnerable.

# Appointments



Ms Yolande McCallum was appointed Assistant Accountant Debtor on 01 December 2020. She has been employed at the municipality on a contractual basis since 01 April 2019.

The position of Assistant Account Debtor is responsible for providing clerical and administrative support to the Debtor's Accountant.

More specifically, Yolande is tasked with verifying water readings, calculating final consumption charges, processing connections, and disconnections and supervising the Cashiers as well as Meter Readers.

Meter readings are done once a month from the 20th until the 07th to be billed on the 15th of the next month. Residents are requested to avail easy access to their properties or call 063 - 221228 for instructions to send their readings in.

Yolande says that her biggest objectives are to maintain timeous and accurate billing of municipal accounts whilst providing excellent customer service to the residents of Keetmanshoop.

**“EXCELLENCE IS NOT A DESTINATION, IT’S A CONTINUOUS JOURNEY THAT NEVER ENDS”.**

# Investment Talk

Keetmanshoop Municipality and NIPAM have signed a partnership agreement to service (construct bulk municipal services) for a total of 390 plots in two townships (Westdene and Krönlein).

In terms of the partnership, Keetmanshoop Municipality has appointed NIPAM as Project Managers to amongst others conduct housing market studies, prepare funding proposals and obtain relevant regulatory approvals to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

Keetmanshoop Municipality foresees to complete the servicing of these plots during the course of 2021.

A total of 700 plots are expected to be serviced in 2021 through various projects managed by Keet-



# Public Notice



## Keetmanshoop Municipality

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Residents of /Gereres (Tseiblaagte Extension 7) are hereby invited to come and register from 31 March to 30 April 2021 to purchase serviced plots which will be developed in the new township (Brukaros).

You are required to bring along a copy of your ID. For more information contact Peter Shikalepo at +264 818441970 or via email: [p.shikalepo@dw-namibia.org](mailto:p.shikalepo@dw-namibia.org)

You can also contact Ms. Aina Amunkete at 063221264 or [econdev@keetmansmunicipality.org.na](mailto:econdev@keetmansmunicipality.org.na)

Venue: Keetmanshoop Fire Station

Time: 08:00-16:00

Your sincerely,

Desmond Nicodemus Basson  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*Council members: M. Swis • C. Cooper • EMG. Isook • SE. Skakana • WJ. Kisting • G. Krahn • J. Nghidwa*

*All official correspondence must be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer*



**REGISTER FOR AMNESTY AND FORFEIT PENALTY FEES AND BACKDATED CONSUMPTION CHARGES**

**SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE KEETMANSHOOP MUNICIPALITY ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT AMNESTY**

From the 8th of February to the 31st of May 2021, Keetmanshoop Municipality will provide its consumers with Amnesty; these are consumers who are charged or billed incorrect electricity consumed as a result of manipulation, defective meters and unregistered meters.

**AMNESTY REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

- 1** Get your application form from the KEBU office Cor. of Sam Nujoma and 1st avenue Keetmanshoop
- 2** Complete your application form and pay the Non-refundable registration fee of N\$229
- 3** Submit your application along with your receipt to the Keetmanshoop Municipality Electrical Department. Only applications submitted during the application period will be considered.

Keetmanshoop Municipality will follow a strict meter audit process after the Amnesty Period, and all meters will be inspected. The audit process includes:

- a. Removing illegal connections
- b. Disconnecting bypassed meters
- c. Issuing fines for contraventions
- d. Reprogramming the meter charge Tokens.



For any queries, please contact the Keetmanshoop Municipality on the following numbers, Tel.: 063 221 211 | Fax: 063 223 065 E-mail: [pro@keetmansmunicipality.org.na](mailto:pro@keetmansmunicipality.org.na) or contact the Keetmanshoop Municipality Electricity Business unit offices. Terms and conditions apply.



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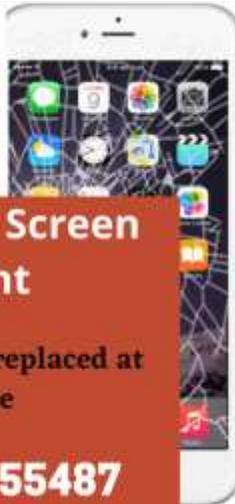
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