

FREE Newsletter of the Municipality of Walvis Bay

Dec 2019 / Jan 2020

BayNews



Municipality of Walvis Bay

Public Relations & Customer Service Division

Tel: +264 64 201 3111 / Fax: +264 64 205 590 / Email: pr@walvisbaycc.org.na



Contents:

Page

3	Mayor's Message Year end mesasge
4	A few observations by Alderman Wilfried
5	Rules for Fireworks
6	Council 2019-2020
8-9	Enjoy your Holiday
10	Electronic Visas upon arrival
11	Interest Amnesty
12	Tourism Forum launched
13	Playtime Sports for the youth
14	School gardening Project
15	Silver Jubilee
16	Betterment Fees Explained
17	Junior Council 2019 -2020
18-19	Pictorial



NOTICE

Closure of Municipal Offices

Customers are hereby notified that the Libraries and offices of the Municipality of Walvis Bay will be closed from

27 to 31 December 2019.

The last working day will be Tuesday, 24 December 2019. The cash halls, however will remain open until 13:00 on this day.

For emergencies, please contact the relevant departments or standby personnel as listed on the back page.



The Editor

Kevin Adams

Editorial Team

Caty Sheya
Anita Kaihiva

Design & Layout

Anita Kaihiva
Grace Amunyela



Mayor's

Year end Message

Once we have reached this time of the year, we usually reflect on the past year as per our tradition.

We have witnessed many success stories, although not without a couple of challenges. With Walvis Bay having turned 25 years we can surely say we have come of age based on the growth over the past couple of years. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the challenges and successes of this year.

Some of our successes

The inauguration of the new container terminal at the port certifies a grand new development that will pave the way for a myriad of opportunities for investors who are prepared to walk-the-talk.

Our progress in fast tracking Farm 37 cannot go unmentioned as we have made great strides in this regard. Council takes the need for affordable housing very seriously and will continue to make a concerted effort to meet the needs of our residents. We signed another 'Friendship Cities' agreement – this time with Pointe Noire in Congo-Brazzaville in March of this year. The agreement will allow the two municipalities to work together in areas of mutual interest and share best work practices. We look forward to fostering this relationship in order to benefit the residents of both cities.

Some Challenges

One of the main issues we faced this year was the sudden spike in GBV atrocities in our community as well as across Namibia. Although this remains a deep-rooted cancer in our society, I believe it is something we can fight by introducing a social antidote to

male chauvinism in society, increasing counselling services, as well addressing the problem of substance abuse. These are just some of the approaches to adopt as a matter of urgency.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge members of our community who face emotional hardships to seek counselling and advice from their community leaders, church pastors or psychiatrists/psychologists in order to be equipped with coping skills during difficult times.

Another challenge would be that of cleanliness in our town. Although it is council's mandate to keep the urban environment clean, I would like the to urge our residents to take ownership of this task too, by avoiding acts such as littering and public urination. Let's all join hands and take pride in our beautiful town.

Something positive for 2020

Starting in the new year, we will announce some of the major projects that will help propel our economy. This will include stimulating our SME market through initiatives such as SME Aisle, which is an adaptable and scalable product and services concept for the coastal areas of SADC. The concept is supported by Finland, Sweden, Latvia, and Estonia and focuses on Infrastructure, Ship Building, Retrofitting, Certified Training and Expert Services such as safety, surveillance, environment and custom clearance procedures.

The idea is to establish linkages between our business sector and businesses from the Baltic and Nordic countries.

We will always work in tandem with willing partners, to pave the way for investment in general to flourish, and

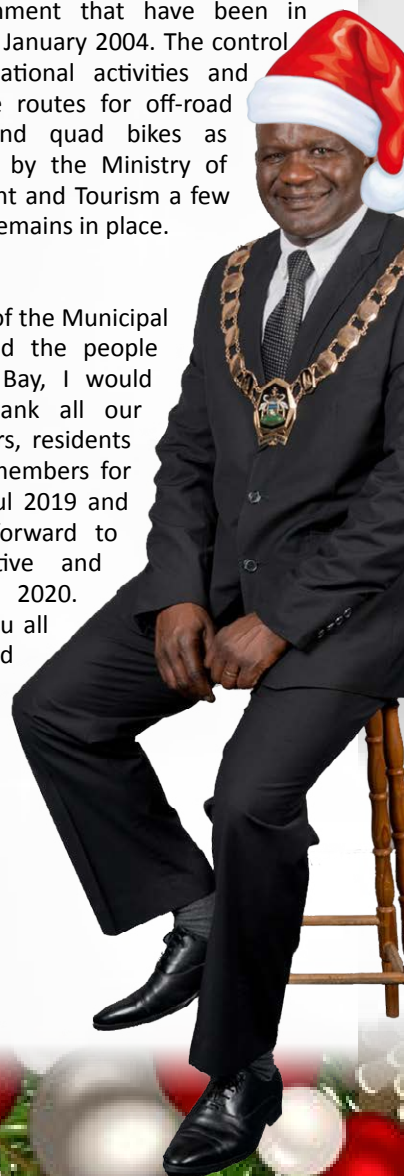
for our residents to benefit as a result.

The Festive season is upon us

Although the festive season is a joyous occasion meant to be spent peacefully with family and friends, this time is unfortunately also the time when we experience an increase in criminal activity.

To ensure a peaceful and safe holiday, visitors should keep in mind the municipal regulations relating to the control of the seashore, the sea, and its environment that have been in force since January 2004. The control over recreational activities and permissible routes for off-road vehicles and quad bikes as introduced by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism a few years ago remains in place.

On behalf of the Municipal Council and the people of Walvis Bay, I would like to thank all our stakeholders, residents and staff members for a wonderful 2019 and we look forward to a productive and successful 2020. Wishing you all a safe and fruitful festive season!



A few observations

by Alderman Wilfried



Alderman Wilfried,
Mayor of Walvis Bay

Following certain revelations recently, the spotlight has been on the fishing industry, and especially here in Walvis Bay the plight of those affected by the alleged misdeeds has never been under more scrutiny.

It was therefore of great relief when the acting Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Dr. Albert Kawana hurried to Walvis Bay in order to conduct a meeting with all the industry stakeholders on Wednesday, 11 December 2019. The gesture by the minister was widely appreciated

and his message offered hope that transparency and accountability would be the hallmarks of the industry from here onward. This, according to the minister, would help to rebuild trust and ensure that Namibia's resources benefit all Namibians. We trust that all our deserving stakeholders who are part and parcel of the Namibian Fishing Industry will reap the desired benefits in future, and which will be based on merit.

In my acceptance speech on Wednesday, 11 December 2019, following my re-election as Mayor, I again referred to the fact that this is a well-run municipality, and the authenticity of that has been widely affirmed nationally, and even internationally. One such affirmation has been the fact that we have

received another unqualified audit report from the Auditor-General. Our finances, including investments, are in a healthy state and the public records in the form of the Auditor-General's reports can prove this. It therefore came as a big surprise when an organisation such as the Swakopmund Ratepayers Association alleges in their November newsletter that Swakopmund and Ondangwa are the only local authorities that are not bankrupt. I'm certainly no expert on other local authorities, but what I can say with conviction is that the Municipality of Walvis Bay is solvent, and we intend keeping it that way. We would like to encourage the SRA to be a little more circumspect when purporting to publish facts on local authorities.





RULES FOR FIREWORKS

The Municipality of Walvis Bay would like to inform residents and visitors that it is prohibited to set off or burn fireworks in undesignated areas.

INDIVIDUALS- 31 DECEMBER 2019

For individuals who wants to shoot fireworks on 31 December 2019, no permission is required but it must be conducted at the following 2 designated areas:

Area 1: Walvis Bay Extension 14 Narraville
(From C14, turn into left into Kruis Street then first turn to your right)

Area 2: Area south, south west of turnoff road to the Bird Island also known as "Ronde Duin"



ORGANISED EVENTS

Permission to shoot firework displays for an organised event must be obtained from the Namibian Police and the Municipality of Walvis Bay as approved by a certified Pyrotechnic technician.

If permission has been granted, extreme care should be taken when handling or setting off fireworks. Emergency contact numbers for fireworks are:

- Chief Inspector Kambatuku 0812808383 (Fireworks)
- Clarence Beukes 0812770207 (Fireworks)
- Mr. George King 0811285491 (Pyrotechnician)

The following rules do apply when shooting fireworks at New Year's eve:

- 1000 feet limitation must be maintained when shooting fireworks
- Do not allow children to play with or shoot fireworks.
- No fireworks will be allowed at any other areas in Walvis Bay including Independence Beach.



Council 2019 - 2020



His Worship, Immanuel Wilfried (Alderman)
Mayor



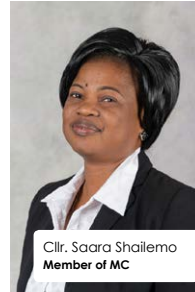
Cllr. Penelope Martin-Louw
Deputy Mayor



Cllr. Lilo Ntsheng
Chairperson of MC



Cllr. Paulus Kauhondamwa
Member of MC



Cllr. Saara Shalemo
Member of MC



Cllr. Hilka Erastus
Member of MC



Cllr. Tobias Nambala
Alternate member of MC



Cllr. Gibson R Goseb



Cllr. Valencia Izaaks

Health and Wellness Outreach



The responsibilities of the municipal Wellness Champions include developing programmes that will assist employees and others to adopt and maintain a well-rounded, healthy lifestyle.

Groups targeted are mostly the vulnerable and orphaned children, the youth and elderly, and those in need of medical attention.

During this year peer educators have been reaching out to communities and schools, educating them on Hepatitis E, personal health education, fire safety and environmental hygiene.

The group also visited schools such as Kids Haven and J.P. Brand, which is situated in the Kuiseb River basin. Peer educators donated sanitary pads to a group of girls

that has reached puberty and provided each of 280 students at JP Brand with a cosmetic parcel containing toothpaste, soap and deodorant.

Sanitary products were also distributed to 14 girls of Kids Haven. Dischem Walvis Bay sponsored all the donations.

DOLPHIN PARK

SWIMMING POOL RULES



NO TENTS

No tents are allowed on grass areas, as it obstructs the view of other park users.



NO BOTTLES

No bottles or drinking glasses in or around swimming pool area as they can cause injury to other park users.



NO HUBBLY

No smoking of any kind allowed on the premises.



NO BRAAIS

No braais or fires permitted on the grass areas or walkways.



NO LOUD MUSIC

No excessive or loud music in park area, or noise pollution to disturb other park users.



NO PETS

No pets allowed at any resort.



NO BALL

No ball games on grass areas as it causes inconvenience to other park users.



NO LARGE FLOATING DEVICES

No large floating devices allowed at the Swimming Pool (no birds, doughnuts, lounge chairs, tubes etc).



PARENTS / GAURDIANS

Parents to attend to their children at all times.



SWIMWEAR

Swimwear is required for the use of the slides (no other garments allowed).



Parking of vehicles at own risk.

Entrance tags to be on wrists at all times.



Users to provide their own braai grids and to clean up after themselves.

Operating Hours of Dolphin Swimming Pool are
Mondays to Friday at 10h00 to 17h00 and Public holidays at 08h00 to 17h00.



Enjoy

Your stay on Walvis Bay

For decades Walvis Bay's coastline has always been a popular choice for visitors to soak up the sun and enjoy the cool breeze, while the more adventurous at heart take on the dunes and ocean in a variety of sports and recreational activities. In the past, the festive season has also seen its share of injuries and damage to property due to irresponsible behaviour and disregard for road safety and fellow road users. Such behaviour not only spoils the festive mood, but can also cause the loss of lives. Similarly, the desert environment is home to many unique plants and small animals that are destroyed by such behaviour.

To ensure a peaceful and safe holiday, visitors are reminded of the municipal regulations relating to the control of the seashore, the sea and its environment that have been in force since January 2004. The control over recreational activities and permissible routes for off-road vehicles and quad bikes as introduced by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism a few years ago remains in place.

Littering

Visitors are prohibited from dumping, depositing, leaving, spilling, dropping or placing anything that affects the cleanliness of beaches. This includes leaving behind bait, fish hooks or offal on the beaches.

These actions will be regarded as a health nuisance, alternatively as indecent or offensive behaviour, and carry fines of N\$1,000.00 or three months imprisonment, or both. A similar fine will be imposed on those found guilty of damaging municipal property, notice boards, fences or any local authority building along the

beaches. The Municipality appeals to everyone to report any vandalised, broken or damaged municipal facility through the following means:

Tel: 064- 275 000 / 081 128 3238

Fax: 064-205 590

Email: pr@walvisbaycc.org.na

Photos can be emailed to the address above.

Camping at Langstrand

Visitors are not allowed to camp on the seashore overnight.

Bonfires or braai's are not allowed on the beach unless suitable and removable containers are used.

Do not leave ash or coals on the beach.

- No pets are allowed in the camping area.
- No driving of quadbikes in the camping sites.
- Pet owners are to pick up their pet droppings from all walkways and grass areas.

Fishing

A fishing permit is required for recreational angling and can be obtained at the offices of the Ministry of Marine Resources and Fisheries in Walvis Bay or Swakopmund. For more information, please contact the offices in Swakopmund at 064 – 410 1000 or in Walvis Bay at 064 – 201 6111. Fishing is allowed at the Paaltjies area, and north of Walvis Bay up to the Swakop River mouth. Unwanted fish (sharks etc.) must be returned to the sea while bait

and fishing tackle must be removed from the beach. Remember to use only the designated fish cleaning spots and refuse bins.

Off-road Vehicles and Quad Bikes

A permit is required for off-road or dune excursions by quad bike or four-wheel drive vehicles. Permits and identifying stickers are available free of charge at the Ministry of Environment and Tourism offices in Swakopmund (tel: 064-404 576) and Walvis Bay (tel: 064-205 971/2) and Dare Devil Adventures at Langstrand. No vehicles other than emergency services are allowed to drive in vegetated and fenced-off areas.

When using public roads, quad bikes must be licensed and riders must wear helmets at all times. Quad bikes are only allowed in the central dune belt between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay as demarcated by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Motorbikes and quad bikes (other than registered tour operators with permission) are not allowed in the following areas:

- On the beach between the Swakop River and Sandwich Harbour (including Pelican Point),
- Between the low water mark and the first crest of the western side of the sea-facing dunes between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay up to the Kuiseb Delta,
- On any unproclaimed roads or tracks on the eastern edge of the dune belt, any gravel plains, or anywhere in the Swakop River.

The central dune area between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay may be accessed from the demarcated corridors opposite Langstrand, Dolphin Beach and at Dune 7.

Traffic Control

The Municipal Traffic Division and NAMPOL Traffic will exercise strict control over road use and adherence to traffic rules and signs. Road blocks will be set up to ensure that road users adhere to traffic safety regulations. Road users are reminded to wear seat belts at all times and to adhere to the speed limits. Motorists should note that various speed limits apply between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund. Avoid drinking or using a cell phone while driving. Also make sure that you have your driver's licence in the car when driving as well as the required emergency triangle. Switch on your headlights between dusk and dawn, and in foggy or hazy conditions.

Fireworks at New Year's Eve

Residents and visitors are reminded that it is prohibited to set off or burn fireworks in undesignated areas. Permission for fireworks works in two ways:

ORGANISED EVENTS

Permission to shoot firework displays for an organised event must be obtained from the Namibian Police and the Municipality of Walvis Bay as approved by a certified Pyrotechnic technician. If permission has been granted, extreme care should be taken when handling or setting off fireworks.

Permission contacts:

Emergency contact numbers for Fires Works are :

- Chief Inspector Kambatuku 0812808383 (Fireworks)
- Clarence Beukes 0812770207 (Fireworks)
- Mr. George King 0811285491 (Pyrotechnician)

INDIVIDUALS

For individuals who wants to shoot fireworks at New Year's Eve, no permission is required but it must be conducted at the following two designated areas:

Area 1: Walvis Bay Extension 14 (close to the Narraville turn off from the Airport road)

Area 2: Area south, south west of turnoff road to the Bird Island also known as "Ronde Duin"

The following rules do apply when shooting fireworks at New Year's Eve:

- 1000 feet limitation must be maintained when shooting fireworks
- Do not allow children to play with or shoot fireworks.
- No fireworks will be allowed at Independence Beach.

Dolphin Park

No tents are allowed on grass areas, as it obstructs the view of other park users.

- No smoking of any kind allowed on the premises
- No bottles or drinking glasses in or around swimming pool area as they can cause injury to other park users
- No braais or fires permitted on the grass areas or walkways
- No pets allowed at any resort
- Parents to attend to their children at all times
- No excessive or loud music in park area, or noise pollution to disturb other park users
- No ball games on grass areas as it causes inconvenience to other park users
- Swimwear is required for the use of the slides (no other garments allowed)
- Operating Hours of Dolphin Swimming Pool are Mondays to Friday at 10h00 to 17h00 and public holidays at 08h00 to 17h00.
- Entrance tags to be placed on wrists at all times.

Parking of vehicles is as at own risk.

Users to provide their own braai grids and to clean up after themselves.

No swimming floating devices allowed at the Swimming Pool (no birds, doughnuts, lounge chairs, tubes etc.)

Street food

During the festive season a great number of street vendors will be presenting their delicacies to the public. Below are important health tips for the public when buying street food.

If the stall is unsanitary, purchasing food there will be at your own risk.

Take a little time to watch a street vendor and notice their habits of cleaning utensils, using tongs and keeping the food covered..

Do not eat food that is not protected from insects which can contaminate even freshly cooked dishes.

- Make sure the food you are getting is being made for take-away and go for stalls that serve hot, freshly prepared food.
- Watch the temperature of the food.
- Food from street vendors should be cooked thoroughly. Warm or cold food should be kept or displayed under the correct temperatures.
- Warm foods should be above 65°C.
- Cold foods should be below 5°C.
- Avoid dairy products as they are more susceptible to spoilage if not maintained under cold temperatures to stay fresh.
- Wash all fruits and vegetables under running water before eating or cooking.
- Always wash your hands before eating.
- Street vendors are subject to national and local health regulations including certification and registration and regular inspections by Health Inspectors. As a customer you are entitled to ask a vendor if they are registered or to show their registration certificates. If a vendor is not registered to sell food, do not buy from them.



ELECTRONIC VISAS

Now at Walvis Bay International Airport

Upon arrival at the Walvis Bay International Airport, visitors can now get a visa within 15 minutes as part of the new visa-on-arrival system. “The decision by Namibia to implement a visa on arrival system is in line with the African Union’s drive to promote a visa free Africa as well as part of Namibia’s plan to improve the economy through tourism,” said Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration, Maureen Hinda-Mbuende.

The new system was launched at Walvis Bay International Airport after being piloted at Hosea Kutako International Airport. The next port of entry to have the system will be the Katima Mulilo border post at the end of November, while Noordoewer, Ariamsvlei, Oshikango, Trans-Kalahari and Oranjemund entry points will have

the system only in the first quarter of 2020. Namibia does not have a far reaching diplomatic representation and network across the world and with the new system, visitors from specific countries no longer need to apply for visas before departing from their countries of origin for visits, tourism activities, or for being in transit through Namibia. Visitors are required to meet the following in order to obtain the e-visas:

- Completion of the visa application forms upon arrival.
- Payment of N\$1080.
- Passport should be valid for a period of not less than six months from date of arrival and there should be no less than three blank pages for the endorsement of visas.

- Visit must be legitimate.
- Visitor must have sufficient means of sustenance or proof that they are sponsored for that purpose while in Namibia.

The visa-on-arrival will provide easy access to people and professionals with temporary work visas. Potential investors exploring business opportunities, visitors coming to attend seminars, workshops and meetings (except those performing pay-related jobs, which will still require an employment permit) and those who are traveling to Namibia for family and medical-related visits will also have access to visa-on-arrival. The new system aims to boost Namibia’s tourism sector by accessing maximum benefits for the local economic and social development.



INTEREST AMNESTY

ENDS 30 APRIL 2020

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on **03 December 2019**, Council announced that an interest amnesty period will be applicable from **1 December 2019** to **30 April 2020**.

The interest amnesty is aimed at assisting customers who are struggling to settle their municipal bills for various reasons. Accounts that are in arrears normally attract interest and other penalties which result in the debts becoming even more unmanageable.

The interest amnesty exercise is NOT aimed at writing off the capital debts of customers but merely aimed at having the interest accrued to such capital pardoned whenever the capital debt is settled in full within the amnesty period. Customers should therefore confirm which portion of their debt is capital and how much is interest.

Customers who want to make use of the amnesty should contact the following officials at the Credit Control Section:

Chris //Naobeb (Tel: 064-201 3278; CNaobeb@walvisbaycc.org.na)

Helena Resandt (Tel: 064-201 3392; hdiergaardt@walvisbaycc.org.na)

Municipality of Walvis Bay

Public Relations & Customer Service Division

Tel: +264 64 201 331 / Fax: +264 64 205 590 / Email: pr@walvisbaycc.org.na



Notice regarding plastic bag levy being charged by shops



The Municipality of Walvis Bay would like to inform the public that the WB retailers are charging for plastic bags at their own discretion



The Municipality's Economic Development Division, headed by Tulimekondjo Ilishitile, recently launched the Walvis Bay Tourism Forum under the theme *Promoting Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism while capturing Emerging Trends*.

Although the forum members will only be selected in February 2020, various role players in the tourism and hospitality industry attended the launch. Membership of the forum will be restricted to those operating within the tourism and hospitality industry in Walvis Bay.

Speaking at the event, the General Manager for Community and Economic Development, Agostinho Victor said, "When managed and planned effectively, the tourism industry has the potential to unlock doors to other aspects of our economy: investments, development partnerships and most importantly employment creation."

Victor said the forum is an excellent opportunity for all stakeholders to meet and exchange views, to establish partnerships, to share good experiences and learn from each other. "It is a wonderful source of inspiration and data for us policy-makers and regulators to get a clear understanding of what we can do better to create a good enabling environment and help tourism thrive," he added.

The Forum will provide a platform where all tourism stakeholders can exchange views and strengthen their collaboration on the issues of sustainability and competitiveness.

At the same occasion, Ilishitile made a presentation on how those in the industry can pay attention to trends, the future of the tourism industry in Walvis Bay, ecotourism and how to remain relevant.

The main focus areas of the Tourism Forum will be to:

- Create synergy and provide more attractive products to lure visitors to Walvis Bay and make it a destination of choice for tourists;
- Manage and grow the tourism industry in a manner that is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable;
- Work on the importance of tourism as a marketing and investment tool for Walvis Bay;
- Monitor and take advantage of emerging trends to boost the industry;
- Grant an opportunity to tourism industry players to network and link-up with players from different sectors of related industries.

For more information please contact Tulimekondjo Ilishitile on 064 2013374 or email on tiishitile@walvisbaycc.org.na





PLAYTIME

Keeping the youth engaged through sports

Playtime is a Youth Development Clinic started by Sandro de Gouveia, to keep the children in the Walvis Bay community engaged and entertained through sporting activities.

De Gouveia, who in his heyday as a footballer led the Brave Warriors with

distinction, said the programme was developed to promote soccer amongst school going learners so they can consider taking it up as a profession in future.

"I started this initiative, because I love soccer and I have an interest in keeping the youth of Walvis Bay engaged in

something positive after school," said de Gouveia.

Bay News spoke to some of the learners that take part in Play time:



Diogo Dias
Under 9 International School Walvis Bay
I really like playtime because soccer is my favourite sport and I'm learning more about soccer from the coaches.



Diogo Dias
Under 9 International School Walvis Bay
I like taking part in playtime because the teammates are supportive and it's something fun to do with a lot of my friends. The coaches are friendly and teach us a lot of new techniques.



Tatenda Kimbini
Under 13 – Dolphin School
Playtime gives me something to do after school and it's good exercise. It also gives me something exciting to look forward to other than school.



Daniel Markus
Under 11 0 Immanuel Ruiters Primary School
I like this initiative because the coaches are friendly, we learn new skills and we get an opportunity to mingle with kids from other schools.



Usko Aimwata
Under 11 – Immanuel Ruiters Primary School
I like taking part in this initiative because it's fun and I'm learning a lot about soccer. The players are great teammates.



Gardening project

For Walvis Bay Schools

The Municipality's Environmental Fund has donated N\$ 70 000 to all government schools across Walvis Bay for the development of school gardening projects. The fund was established to award grants for projects which aim to enhance the quality of life of Walvis Bay residents through proper management of the environment and natural resources. The fund usually funds projects aimed at improving the environment and gives grants during every financial year.

The Environmental Fund in conjunction with the Parks Section purchased items that will be donated to the schools to kick-start or upgrade existing gardens. The gardens were established to supplement school feeding programmes and to create a practical environment for students studying agriculture.

The Parks Section will also offer technical support to staff members at the various schools who will run the gardening projects.

Recently, a team from the Environmental Fund as well as staff members of the Parks Section held a workshop with representatives from the various schools to enlighten them on the purpose of the donation. Those in attendance received details on how to use each gardening tool, plant seeds, transfer seedlings and how to prepare the soil.

Some of the items donated were: Sifted building sand, plant trawlers, T-markets, planting bags, seedling trays, super phosphate, germination mix, various vegetable seeds (cabbage, tomatoes, carrots, onions, spinach), and garden utensils.

"The purpose of this donation is mainly to help contribute towards food security in urban areas and also to give learners an opportunity to learn how to grow their own food," said Nangula Amutenya, who is the Environmental Coordinator at the Municipality and a member of the

Environmental Fund.

The donation comes after a proposal was submitted by the Directorate of Education, Arts & Culture through its Walvis Bay circuit Office.

The schools that are benefitting from this donation are:

Flamingo Primary School
 Flamingo Secondary School
 Duinesig Combined School
 Kuisebmond Primary School
 Seaside Primary School
 Immanuel Ruiters Primary School
 Kuisebmond Secondary School
 !Nara Primary School
 Tataleni Primary School
 Tataleni High School
 Namport Primary School
 JP Brandt Primary School
 Narraville Primary School
 De Duine Secondary School





Walvis Bay Silver Jubilee

Walvis Bay recently celebrated 25 years since its reintegration. The celebration was held under the theme *Walvis Bay, the pulse of the Namibian Economy*.

The official launch took place during a gala dinner held in Walvis Bay and was officiated by Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development, Derek Klazen.

The main event kicked off with a colourful street procession from the fire station in Kuisebmond to the Kuisebmond stadium. At the stadium, various speakers delivered memorable speeches, which were appropriately interrupted by enjoyable music and cultural performances. During the evening a splendid show by some of Namibia's award-winning music artists rounded off the celebrations.

Council appreciates the input of all the sponsors that made this special event possible:

Erongo Marine – Main Sponsor

Erongo RED

Bank Windhoek

Hollard Insurance

Namport

First National Bank

Tafel Lager

Nampower



Betterment Fees on properties

Explained

These are fees that apply to the rezoning of erven.

In terms of Section 34 of the Town Planning Ordinance 1954, (Ordinance 18 of 1954), as amended, a local authority may recover from a person whose

property has increased in value due to rezoning an amount not exceeding seventy-five percent of the amount of that increase.

A uniform policy on the levying of

betterment fees was forwarded to local authorities by the Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development dated 31 August 2007.

Betterment fees apply as follows:

Previous zoning	New zoning	Maximum Betterment Fees (%) Walvis Bay
Institutional, private open space - no subsidized price	Residential General Residential	50%
Institutional, private open space - no subsidized price.	Office, Business	50%
Institutional, private open space – Subsidized price applicable	Any other zoning	70% Where land had been provided at a subsidised value which is not going to be recovered in any other way.
Residential	Higher densities residential	20%
Residential	General Residential	20%
Residential, general residential	Office or Business	40%
Residential, general residential, business	Industrial	30%
Office	Business	30%
Office or Business	Increase in bulk	30%
Any zone	Institutional	No betterment fee
Any zone	Special	On own merits up to 50%
Undetermined agriculture	Any zone	30%
Special	Any zone	No betterment fee
Any zone where an unauthorised activity or illegal building works is being legalised	Any zone	75% Only when legalized use is authorized in terms of the scheme. (Unauthorized uses to be terminated if not compatible with surroundings land use).
State (Owned by Government)	Any	No betterment fee payable provided land is and remains in State ownership.
State (state owned enterprises)	Any	Betterment fee to be based on the existing legal usage before rezoning.
Municipal	Any zone	No betterment fees.
Township development on private land	Any zone	30%

Examples:

SR – Single Residential, INS – Institutional, GR – General Residential, LB – Local business

Old Zoning	New Zoning	Value Before Re-Zoning	Value After Re-Zoning	Scheme no	Difference (N\$)	Percentage Charged	Leviable Fee
SR	GB	47 000.00	141 000.00	42	94 000.00	40	37 000.00
SR	LB	500 000.00	1 630 000.00	42	1 130 000.00	40	425 000.00
INS	LB	2 520 000.00	10 100 000.00	42	7 758 000.00	50	7 580 000.00

For more information, contact our Town Planning Section on 064 201 3229.



Junior Council

2019-2020

The Walvis Bay Junior Council was inaugurated on 25 October 2019.

The inauguration was held at the Civic Centre, Council Chamber with 16 junior councillors and 16 Pre-Juniors drawn from eight local high schools. The event was graced by Deputy Mayor Penelope Martin-Louw.

The following members of the JC were sworn in during the ceremony (portfolios indicated in brackets):

Hope for 2020

As long as we remain hopeful, the determination to improve ourselves personally and collectively should never forsake us. No matter what beliefs or family traditions, it is a time

when our community of Walvis Bay can join, reflecting on the past year's achievements and setting goals for the future – *Junior Mayor KK*

The Junior Council's main aim is to be a voice for the youth. Stand up for the youth and to encourage them to be better versions of themselves – *Deputy Mayor Jacky Geirises*.

Executive committee

Kuundja Kavari (Junior Mayor)
Jacky Geirises (Deputy Mayor)
Anna Uupindi (CEO)
Selma Ilonga (Deputy CEO)
Rosemary Geinus (Secretary)

Sarita Rossouw (Deputy Secretary)
Amber Coetzee (Treasurer)
Valencia Naruses (Deputy Treasurer)
Violet Morrison (Human Resources)
Beata Nangombe (Deputy HR)
Juandro van Rooi (PRO)
Tully Haikola (Deputy PRO)

Senior Members

Dean Fortune
Peter Sparks
Divan van Vreden
Erastus David

Join us on Social Media

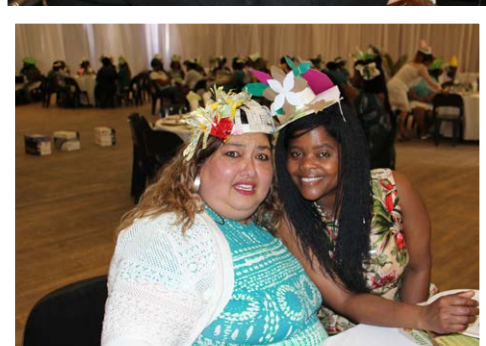
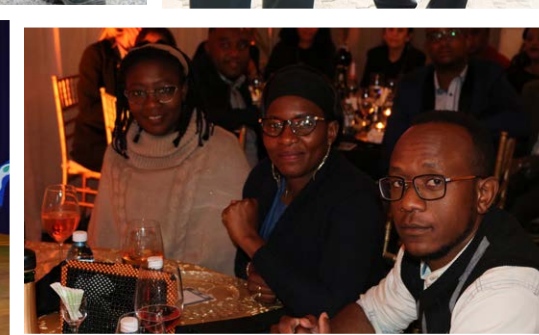
Municipality of Walvis Bay
@municipalityofwalvisbay







round! vis Bay





Emergency Numbers

Do not allow children to abuse these emergency numbers.
A life may depend on the rapid response of these services.

Municipal Services (After hours)

Customer Service	081 124 0726
Credit Control	081 122 0850
Stores	081 142 6029
Hazardous Waste (Chemical spillages)	081 129 5017
Librarian	081 388 3902
Sewerage	081 128 8324 / 081 143 0223 / 081 122 0810 / 081 151 0973
Public Health Services	081 143 5871 / 2 / 3
Animal Control	081 124 1009 / 081 124 0502
Public Relations	081 1 28 3675/ 081 124 8999 / 081 152 7239
Refuse Removal	081 164 3481
Street Cleaning	081 129 9316
Beach Cleaning: Dune 7 & Dorob National Park (From Langstrand to Swakopmund River mouth)	081 297 1780 / 081 315 8342
Resorts: Esplanade Park, Dolphin Park and Langstrand Camping Site	081 143 1291
Markets and Independence Beach	0812170130
Sport	081 124 0401
Parks & Cemeteries	0811552472 / 0813402111/ 0811243200
Water Disruptions	081 128 8328 / 081 122 0815
Roads & Building Control	081 128 3238
Road Maintenance	081 145 6696
Road Construction	081 129 9702

Other Emergency Services

Ambulance	081 129 6280 / 085 9555
E-Med Rescue	081 924
State Hospital	064-216300
Welwitschia Hospital	064-218911
Walvis Bay Police	064-219 048 / 081 485 0954
NAMPOL Traffic Swakopmund	081 202 8391
Municipal Traffic	064- 212901/3 081 127 2662 (available 24/7) 081 124 3423/ 081 122/ 081 122 0822
Fire Brigade	081 922 / 081 122 0888 / 081 143 5875 / 081 122 0833
G4S	064-213922 or 081 922
Eagle Night Watch	081 9125
Sea Rescue	064-208 2221 / 081 129 6295
Walvis Bay Airport	064-271123
Air Traffic Control	064-702690
Namport Fire & Port Control	064-208 2221 / 064-208 2265
Namibia Defence Force (Rooikop)	064-219400
Life Guards	081 122 0833 / 081 143 5875

Crime Prevention Units

Walvis Bay Police Stations	
Walvis Bay Police	064-219 048
Kuisebmond Police	064-219-070
Tutalení Police	064-219 073
Narraville Police	064-219 071
Port/Harbour Police	064-200 509
Afrodite & Langstrand (Yianni Savva Police)	064- 203 920
Police Emergency Mobile	081 485 0954

Walvis Bay Reaction Team (All of Walvis Bay)

Standby Number	081 558 1323
----------------	--------------

Narraville Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Paul Fisher	081 129 4425
Mr Erwin Byl	081 669 6815

Walvis Bay Community against Crime

Mr Tara Shimbulu	081 128 3629
Mr Alex Geiriseb	081 208 1241

Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Riaan	081 297 1780
Thomas Amadhila	081 315 8342

Erongo RED Services (After hours)

Electricity	081 129 3875
Toll-free	081 9600

Kuisebmond Neighbourhood Watch

Lucky Shipanga	081 340 2111 / 081 124 3555 / 081 339 5874
----------------	--

Lagoon Neighbourhood Watch

Claudia Fortuin	081 564 2777
-----------------	--------------

Police Community

Wrnt Shapumba	081 297 7798
---------------	--------------

