



MIDVAAL APPROVES A BUDGET OF R930 MILLION FOR 2012/2013

The 2012/2013 IDP and Budget is focussed on maintaining and enhancing basic service delivery to all areas in Midvaal with a shift towards addressing the need for additional infrastructure and social facilities in poorer communities.

BUDGET IN NUMBERS:

- Operating budget of R738 million - increase of 34% from the previous year's budget of R550 million. This is attributed to the expected economic growth, additional depreciation on revalued assets and NERSA's final tariff determination for Midvaal;
- Employee costs of R159 million

which is 22% of the total budget. (below the accepted norm of 30% but is sufficient to allow for an expected 8% increase in salaries as well as the creation of about 20 additional posts);

- Increase of 11% (R38 million) to repairs and maintenance budget with roads and bulk services making up the majority of this cost;
- Capital Budget of more than

R192 million, about R72 million of that reflects public donations for infrastructure for the Eye of Africa Development;

- R59 million for loans - Midvaal has been very conservative with regards to loan finance in the past and there is much scope to increase our borrowing in anticipation of future growth;

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“A celebration of our proud achievement this past year, and a renewed commitment to achieving quality living, for all residents, businesses and tourists of Midvaal.”

Refreshed - Midvaal News

Welcome to our new and refreshed Midvaal News. Our community newsletter focussed on keeping you updated with news and progress in the region, as well highlighting special activities in our community.

Communication with our communities is a vital process, in sharing progress, development, changes and general information so that everyone can be involved, informed and up to date with happenings and development in and around our area.

We certainly hope the fresh design and valuable content, together with the new name keeps you inspired and proud of Midvaal. We want to

see Midvaal continue to grow and develop by attracting residents, business and tourists and will work hard with you in positioning Midvaal as a well governed, vibrant and dynamic region that offers a great work-life balance by ensuring quality living for everyone.

We want you to embark on this journey with us and we hope that this communication keeps you abreast of our exciting progress and development. We trust that you will enjoy the read as much as we have enjoyed putting this newsletter together.

Welcome to Midvaal News !

Capital projects planned



- Upgrade three busy and dangerous traffic intersections in Meyerton with traffic circles;
- The commencement of the first phase of the Kidson Weir upgrade;
- The continuation of the rebuilding of Jan Neethling Street in Riversdal;
- Building a new reservoir in the Valley Settlements area that will supply Sicelo, Daleside, Henley-on-Klip, Highbury and Valley Settlements. Residents in these areas know that water pressure is extremely low and will deteriorate further with the expected growth. In the interim we will obtain an additional bulk water connection for Sicelo from Rand Water which will feed more stand pipes in the informal settlement;
- Improved sanitation and additional electrical connections at Sicelo;
- Almost R5 million to upgrade the electrical network to ensure a reliable supply of electricity to our communities.

- Purchase of vehicles to the value of R14 million in the new financial year. These range from traffic vehicles, to TLB's, Water Tankers, Tipper Trucks and an additional refuse compactor;
- Investment of R1 million to upgrade Midvaal's IT infrastructure and equipment;
- Creating informal trading sites within Sicelo, Ward 8;
- The construction of a library in Lakeside Estates;
- Extension of the Kookrus Cemetery

- to provide for more burial sites;
- Providing for the initial bulk infrastructure to the new Mamello Township;
- R30 million to enhance operations at the Meyerton Waste Water Treatment Works;
- R15 million for tarring of gravel roads, and R21 million for maintenance of tarred and gravel roads;

Tariff Increases

Tariffs for 2012/2013	
Assessment rates	10.0%
Basic water	9.0%
Basic sewerage	8.0%
Additional sewerage	8.0%
Refuse removal	20.0% (due to rising fuel prices)

Electricity	
Basic charges	20%
Residential consumption	max 10.82%
Non-residential consumption	average 18.85%
Water	Residents should note that Rand Water has announced a bulk tariff increase of almost 15% and this will result in Midvaal's water tariffs increasing by between 15% - 20% depending on your tariff.

“6 kl free basic water for all households, as well as 50 KWH free electricity for targeted indigent households is included in the budget.”

MIDVAAL NAMED MOST FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPALITY IN GAUTENG,

by ratings agency Ratings Afrika – this is mainly due to our improved payment rates resulting from the increased economic activity, which is also reflected in the Municipality's cash flow.

COUNCIL INTERVENES AGAINST HIGH ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASE

Following talks with the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) and considering the enormous pressure on households the Council has, through a review of its budget, further cut expenditure in an attempt to keep the tariff increase as low as possible. New tariffs appear in the table below.

MASEPALA O NKA MEHATO KG AHLANONG LE HO NYOLLWA HA THEKO YA MOTLAKASE

Ho latela dipuisano le Lefapha la Tshebediso ya Motlakase Afrika Borwa (NERSA), le ho ela hloko kगतello e hodimo baahing, Masepala, ho ya ka tekolo ya leano poloko, o tswelletse pele ho kगतola tshebediso ya ona ya dijtjelete ho leka ho nyenyefatsa nyollo ya theko ya motlakase baahing ba rona. Ho latella tekanyetso, tshebediso e balwa ho ya ka sekala se latelang ka tlase.

RAAD GRYP IN TEEN HOë ELEKTRISITEITS TARIEF VERHOGING

Na gesprekke met die Nasionale Elektrisiteits Reguleerder van Suid-Afrika (Nersa) en as gevolg van die geweldige las op huishoudings, het die Raad met die hersiening van die begroting verder besnoei. Uitgawes is verminder ten einde verligting op die tarief verhogings vir inwoners te bewerkstellig. Soos voorgeskryf, word die gebruik op 'n glyskaal bereken, soos hierna uiteengesit.

Block Units	Old Cost (p/unit)	New Cost (p/unit)	Effective Increase
0 - 50	65c	66c	1.54%
51 - 350	77.2c	82c	6.22%
351 - 600	99c	109c	10.1%
Above 600	116.40c	129c	10.82%



Mayor announces recycling project

At the recent budget meeting the Mayor, Cllr Timothy Nast announced a recycling programme in the Midvaal area driven by a partnership of our local private sector and co-operatives.

“We should not see recycling as an expense but rather as an investment as it has the potential to create a reliable income stream for many poor families and it will also reduce the long term expenditure on landfill sites” said Cllr Nast. “Our desire is to see at least 6000 households sorting their refuse at source before the end of 2012”.

A public tender will be advertised once the specifications have been finalised and businesses are encouraged to submit proposals in this regard.

Other successful partnerships with local community

- Community members in Sicelo have turned illegal dump sites into clean areas with benches and trees;
- Members of the Thorntree Conservancy have been clearing illegal animal traps in open spaces;
- Residents of Henley-on-Klip have raised funds and pledged donations to establish a cultural centre within their library;
- Community patrollers, neighbourhood watch members, CPF members, charitable organisations and business forums that are hard at work fighting social ills such as poverty and crime.



“Midvaal applauds successful partnerships that benefit local communities”

R50 000 TO MIDVAAL BENEFICIARIES



The Midvaal Local Municipality together with its business partners, recently presented a total of R50 000 to various charity organisations and community projects in the region. The money raised through fundraising initiatives, like the Midvaal, 90.6 Cycle Challenge and the Midvaal Council Golf Day assisted in providing a helping hand to needy beneficiaries. Beneficiaries included the VCR Soup Kitchen Project, Helpende Hand, Tour de Walkerville and Leratho Children's Home.

“Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our sponsors. We believe in facilitating partnerships with our business community to work jointly on projects and also to ensure we are able to support our communities in need” said the Acting Mayor, Clr Cliff Hartman, at the recent site visits and handover of the cheques.

Sponsors included: City Paving; Eye of Africa; Heineken; Gijima; Mjodi Facility Management; Lichenry; Model Bottle Store; BBP; Old Mutual; Spur; Spar; Relay; PCN Printers; Midvaal Raceway and VCR 90.6.

MIDVAAL PARTNERS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES TO UPGRADE RECREATION AREAS



Mr. Amos Masitenyane of Vibro Bricks and Cllr Phil Pretorius

Through partnerships with our local business community, several recreation areas in the Meyerton area have been upgraded.

Two parks situated in Ward 14, one of which is known as the "Vlei" have been equipped with play equipment donated by Futuris Monitoring System. Further upgrades confirmed include lighting and irrigation, soon making it a prime picnic spot and play area for families to enjoy.

Blitz Concrete International and Vibro Bricks have also donated 1200

square meters of paving towards the pedestrian and cycle path, in Meyerton.

Ward Councillor Phil Pretorius said, "The support and partnership received from local businesses is indeed com-

mendable. It is only through public private partnerships such as these, that we can continue to make great strides in improving the quality of life of all our people."

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Opgradering van ingang tot Rothdene

Deur 'n donasie van plaaslike sakeman, Mnr Frik van Greune, was dit moontlik om die kruising van Verwoerd en Viljoen laan op te

gradeer. Die opgradering met nuwe plaveisel, randstene en grenspale het die estetiese voorkoms verbeter van een van die gebied se hoof ingange.



Now, a beautiful Bontebok street in Highbury



Midvaal Local Municipality recently completed the upgrading of Bontebok Street in Highbury through a partnership with local businesses. This upgrading included 300m of road surface; paving of 1 050m² of the intersection, complete with curbing; as well as the beautification and planting of palms on the pavements alongside the road. This also forms part of the R59 corridor development programme.

Local businesses Hough Structures and Profile Plant Hire sponsored the beautification and the palms on this street.

Midvaal's position on a Metro

The demarcation proposal aimed at forming a "Vaal River Metropolitan Municipality" by combining the municipalities of Emfuleni and Midvaal has been strongly rejected at a recent Council meeting.

A petition campaign against the Metro proposals has already been launched and social networks are also being used to gain support against the demarcation.

"We all remember when Meyerton formed part of the Vereeniging Kopanong Municipality from 1995 – 2000. For the sake of our residents, we will do all we can to protect Midvaal's existence," said the executive Mayor of Midvaal, Timothy Nast.

Circle of life for Henley-on-Klip

Recently, the Circle of Life project which is situated on Fraser Park in Henley-on-Klip hosted a commemoration ceremony with the planting of trees in recognition of residents or families who have lived in Henley for 35 years or longer.

Each year the committee, comprising of community members, recognises residents of the area that have been pioneers in the community and have played a significant role in the development of Henley-on-Klip.

Midvaal Local Municipality commends this initiative as part of its on-going commitment to developing parks and open spaces and works together with this community in the maintenance of the park.



Mr. Tony Dickinson, Mr. Koos von Eck, Ms. Irma Coetzee, Ms. Joy Kirsten and Mr. Tom McGhee at Fraser Park.

DRUG AWARENESS EVENT FOCUSES ON YOUTH IN DALESIDE



Recently local Ward Councillor Rob Jones, together with the Klipriver SAPS, Sedibeng Social Services and community members hosted a Drug Awareness event at the Daleside Library, which was well attended by both youth and parents from the area.

Presentations focused on separating fact from myth and ensuring our youth are well informed, of not only the dangers of drug abuse, but also what support is available to those that may be in need of help.

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Follow-up meetings will be held, with plans to link in with crime prevention forums (patrollers, neighbourhood watch etc.), and use Daleside as a pilot area to highlight awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Statistics estimate that over 73% of all violent crimes are related to either drugs or alcohol abuse and in most cases crimes of house-breakings, 'smash and grabs', and other crimes are by drug users in need of quick cash to support their habit.

MIDVAAL RUGBY KLUB

Midvaal het onlangs die hergevestigde Midvaal Rugby Klub 'n donasie geskenk om vir hulle nuwe toerusting aan te skaf. Rugby wedstryde word elke tweede week gespeel by die Meyer-ton Sports Klub.

Op die foto met van die nuwe trui: Raadslid Cliff Hartman, Waarnemende Burgemeester en Mnr Skippie Scheepers, voorsitter van die Midvaal Rugby Klub.

Vir meer inligting skakel gerus, Mnr Skippie Scheepers, op 082 540 9206.



Tour de Walkerville



The annual Tour De Walkerville on Worker's Day was yet again a great success, with around 800 walkers supporting the event. Started 16 years ago as a charity event, this 10.5km fun walk has since grown in both walkers and funds raised.

"What was initially just a great idea for fun is now a fantastic fundraising initiative and also of course, a great community event that reflects the spirit and camaraderie of our community." said Midvaal MMC Malcolm Hack.

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This year, no less than 16 charities benefitted from the entrance fees of the Tour De Walkerville event. Numerous pit-stops along the way ensured walkers got to experience the Midvaal countryside, with additional lucky draws and an auction adding to the fundraising kitty.

Everyone had loads of fun, with many walkers even bringing along their dogs and more interestingly, even a few horse riders were spotted along the route.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME reaches new heights



The Midvaal Youth Leadership Programme launched last year by the Midvaal Local Municipality, the Oliphant Institute of Leadership and the North West University can now boast a 65 percent success rate. Of the 80 students who participated in the training, 52 completed their courses successfully.

This year the programme has again selected 80 youth to further their studies through the programme.

"South Africa is in desperate need of leaders. This programme is custom-made to produce leaders of substance. The opportunity has been created for you and we trust that you will not disappoint us!" said MMC of

Development / Planning and Housing Bongani Baloyi, in addressing the students.

"The unemployment rate in South Africa is regrettable and of the 26 percent who are jobless, 60 percent are young people. The leadership programme was launched in response to the high rate of youth unemployment in our country. The partnership believes in creating an opportunity to develop future leaders and entrepreneurs who will make a valuable contribution to their society," said Reverend John Maluma, from the Northwest University.

The training will focus on life skills, starting your own business, computer

skills, leadership skills, supporting communities with HIV/AIDS (prevention and treatment), as well as community leadership. The leadership programme is a 12 month programme hosted at the North West University's Vaal Campus. Funding for the training is provided by the Midvaal Local Municipality and various sponsors.

"We are in need of leaders with high ethical and moral values who can steer our country to a stable and prosperous future. We are very grateful for this partnership with Midvaal and the University. Together we are bettering the future," said Dr. Molefi Oliphant, from the Oliphant Institute of Leadership.



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