



**Press statement issued on behalf of the Executive Mayor of Midvaal Municipality Cllr Timothy Nast**

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### **MIDVAAL'S MAYOR HONOURS 185 LOCAL PENSIONERS**

Today the Executive Mayor Cllr Timothy Nast hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pensioners Tea, in the Meyerton Town Hall, to honour the senior citizens of the community. Some 185 pensions from all the wards as well as from the Meyerton Old Age Home, Henley Retirement Village, Randvaal Old Age Home, Abbeyfield and Meyerton Dienssentrum were in attendance.

The Mayor spoke of this year's highlights in addition to the impact the fluctuations of the rand and inflation have had on pensioners. He mentioned that while other municipalities rates and taxes have risen as high as 20%, Midvaal has tried to keep rates and taxes to the minimum.

"In Midvaal we have only needed to increase rates by 8%. This is because of our commitment to do more work with less money. We are serious about keeping our costs as low as possible so that you, the pensioners, have more money in your pockets to cover your living expenses. Because of our passion for cost saving we will continue to keep our rebates for retirement villages and we will continue to support them in any way we can," says Executive Mayor

While being entertained by Alchemy Music Duo, Estie and Riccardo Guarrera, senior citizens had the opportunity to interact with their Mayor and councillors. The Meyerton Spar sponsored gift bags, chocolates and Christmas cakes and the municipality provided other edible goodies.

Executive Mayor Nast wishes all the senior citizens in Midvaal a Very Merry Christmas and wishes to thank them for their support over the year!

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