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EXECUTIVE MAYOR:
PETER TEIXEIRA

STATEMENT TO MIDVAAL RESIDENTS

Dear Midvaal Residents,

With at least two years remaining until the end of my term, one of my biggest priorities will be to position Midvaal as an investment destination within Gauteng. Key to this strategy is to continue to get the basics of service delivery right; this is non-negotiable. Our administration is investing heavily in infrastructure development. This is key if we have any hope to grow our local economy and improve the living conditions of our people. Infrastructure such as proper roads and a consistent supply of bulk services such as water and electricity are what make an area more attractive to investors. With the national unemployment statistics sitting at a worrying 41.2% (according to the expanded definition) and over 18.2% of people in South Africa living in poverty, it is crucial that as local government, we create an environment for opportunity, growth, and investment. We are already seeing the fruits of this strategy. In January, we opened the Sasol petrol station in Meyerton. This multimillion-rand project is set to stimulate the Midvaal local economy, paving the way for increased job opportunities and development for our residents. Last year, we welcomed the construction of a multi-million-rand mall, poised to generate hundreds of temporary jobs and create additional long-term opportunities. A prosperous local economy will not only lead to reduced unemployment but will also play a significant role in addressing pressing socioeconomic issues, including poverty and crime.

Ald. Peter Teixeira.



MIDVAAL RATED THE MOST FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Midvaal Local Municipality has been rated the most financially sustainable municipality for the third consecutive year by Ratings Afrika. Midvaal tied for first place with Mossel Bay Municipality.

Ratings Afrika published its annual Municipal Sustainability Index (MFSI) results of the 104 municipalities' top performing plus the eight metros for the financial year end of 2023. Amongst these, Midvaal scored 74 out of 100, an increase of two points from the 2022 financial sustainability. According to Ratings Afrika, only a handful of municipalities achieve a score above 70, and Midvaal is the only municipality in Gauteng to achieve this. The other four are in the Western Cape: Mossel Bay, Saldanha Bay, Swellendam and Swartland Municipality. Our administration remains committed to continuing to implement sound budgetary practices and stringent financial controls.

MIDVAAL RECEIVES TENTH CONSECUTIVE CLEAN AUDIT



Midvaal Local Municipality has achieved a 10th unqualified opinion audit outcome for the 2022/2023 financial year. The municipality underwent auditing of its financial statements, performance management, internal controls, and compliance efficiency. The Auditor-General confirmed that the municipality provided valid financial records with no material findings or misrepresentations. Our administration will continue to work hard and ensure that the clean audits find expression in tangible service delivery, such as the improvement of infrastructure, service delivery, and the upliftment of our people in Midvaal.



BENEFICIARIES OF THE MAYORAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMME



Midvaal Municipality launched the Midvaal Mayoral Student Financial Aid Programme in January 2024 to provide support for those pursuing higher education qualifications. The municipality allocated R750,000 to the program to address the significant demand for study assistance. Following the vast number of applications received and a thorough review process, twenty-nine (29) students were approved



for financial aid. Students received varying forms of assistance, including tuition, registration fees and other essential study resources such as laptops and books. The Mayoral Student Financial Aid reaffirms our commitment to fulfilling the Mayoral undertaking of creating opportunities for all. It also demonstrates our proactive efforts to realise the promises we made to the residents of Midvaal.

SERVICE DELIVERY: REHABILITATION OF JOHAN LE ROUX



Midvaal Local Municipality launched the rehabilitation of Johan Le Roux Road in Meyerton at a cost of R18 million. Over the years, the road has deteriorated due to factors such as wear and tear, weather conditions, traffic loads, and other environmental factors. Johan Le Roux plays a critical role in the movement of goods and services which is essential to the local economy. The road also carries heavier loads and experiences increased traffic. The rehabilitation project will involve the



complete rebuilding of the road structure, and removal of the existing pavement and base layers by replacing them with new materials. Staying true to our commitment to empowering our residents, at least ten local SMMEs were hired for the project. These SMMEs will provide various services such as TLB hire, security, paving, site establishment, and drainage. At least 14 locals were also hired to work on the project.





FIGHTING FIRES AND KEEPING OUR AREAS SAFE

Midvaal Municipality procured six top-notch skeet units and six fire trailers designed to combat grass and wildland fires. Each skeet unit boasts a 500-litre tank, a high-pressure pump, and a 30m hose reel. The fire trailers come equipped with a 750-litre tank, a high-pressure pump, and a 30m hose reel. This firefighting equipment will be donated to the Fire Protection Association (FPA) to tackle fires and keep our community safe.

KEEPING MIDVAAL CLEAN: 45 EPWP WORKERS APPOINTED



We're thrilled to announce a significant step towards maintaining the cleanliness of our streets in Midvaal. Forty-five(45) workers have been appointed to the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) to tackle road cleaning duties in our community. We urge all residents to join hands in keeping Midvaal clean. Whether it's properly disposing of waste, reporting littering, or simply lending a helping hand when needed, let's work together for cleaner, safer streets in Midvaal.



GRASS-CUTTING EQUIPMENT TO KEEP MIDVAAL PRISTINE



The municipality received ten state-of-the-art tractors and four advanced slashers. The tractors and slashers were procured through the capital budget at a cost of R3.7 million. These new additions will bolster our existing fleet, bringing the total number of tractors to twenty-eight (28). This procurement is aimed at enhancing our capabilities by adding to our grass-cutting cycle. This investment reaffirms our dedication to maintaining the pristine appearance of our community, ensuring a well-kept and pleasing environment for all our residents.

MIDVAAL LAUNCHES STATE-OF-THE-ART PODCAST STUDIO IN SICELO LIBRARY

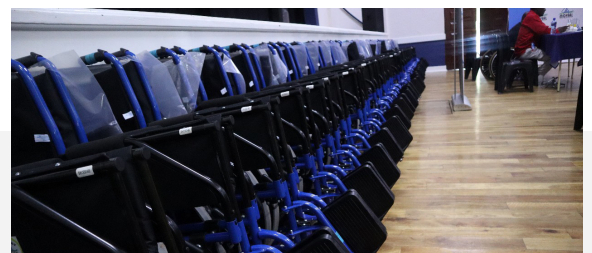


Midvaal Local Municipality officially opened a state-of-the-art Podcast Studio at Sicelo Library. This innovative facility aims to empower community members to create and share their stories, ideas, and voices through the medium of podcasts. The Podcast Studio is equipped with recording equipment and editing software. We are hopeful that the establishment of the Podcast Studio will serve as a valuable resource for empowering our people, equipping them with skills, fostering creativity, and promoting economic and social development in their communities. We envision the Podcast Studio as a platform where individuals can monetize their content, attract sponsors, or develop related services such as audio production or event hosting.

MIDVAAL MUNICIPALITY FACILITATES THE DISTRIBUTION OF MORE THAN 180 TITLE DEEDS TO SICELO HOUSING BENEFICIARIES



Midvaal Local Municipality facilitated the distribution of 185 title deeds to housing beneficiaries of Sicelo. This was done through persistent pressure and facilitation by our administration. Midvaal Municipality has overseen the issuance of over 600 title deeds to deserving recipients of various housing projects since the beginning of this term (2021). Although housing is a competency of the Provincial Government, Midvaal Local Municipality will continue to work tirelessly to facilitate the construction of houses and the issuance of title deeds.



SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES

Midvaal donated 40 wheelchairs and 20 crutches as part of our commitment to community welfare and supporting individuals with mobility challenges. This initiative aligns with the municipality's mission of being a people-centred and compassionate institution. Midvaal Municipality pledges to continue to do more with the limited resources we have to support different groups in our community. We want to create a Midvaal that is accessible to all. We want to build a Midvaal that all our residents can proudly call home.

COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS: SPREAD THE LOVE



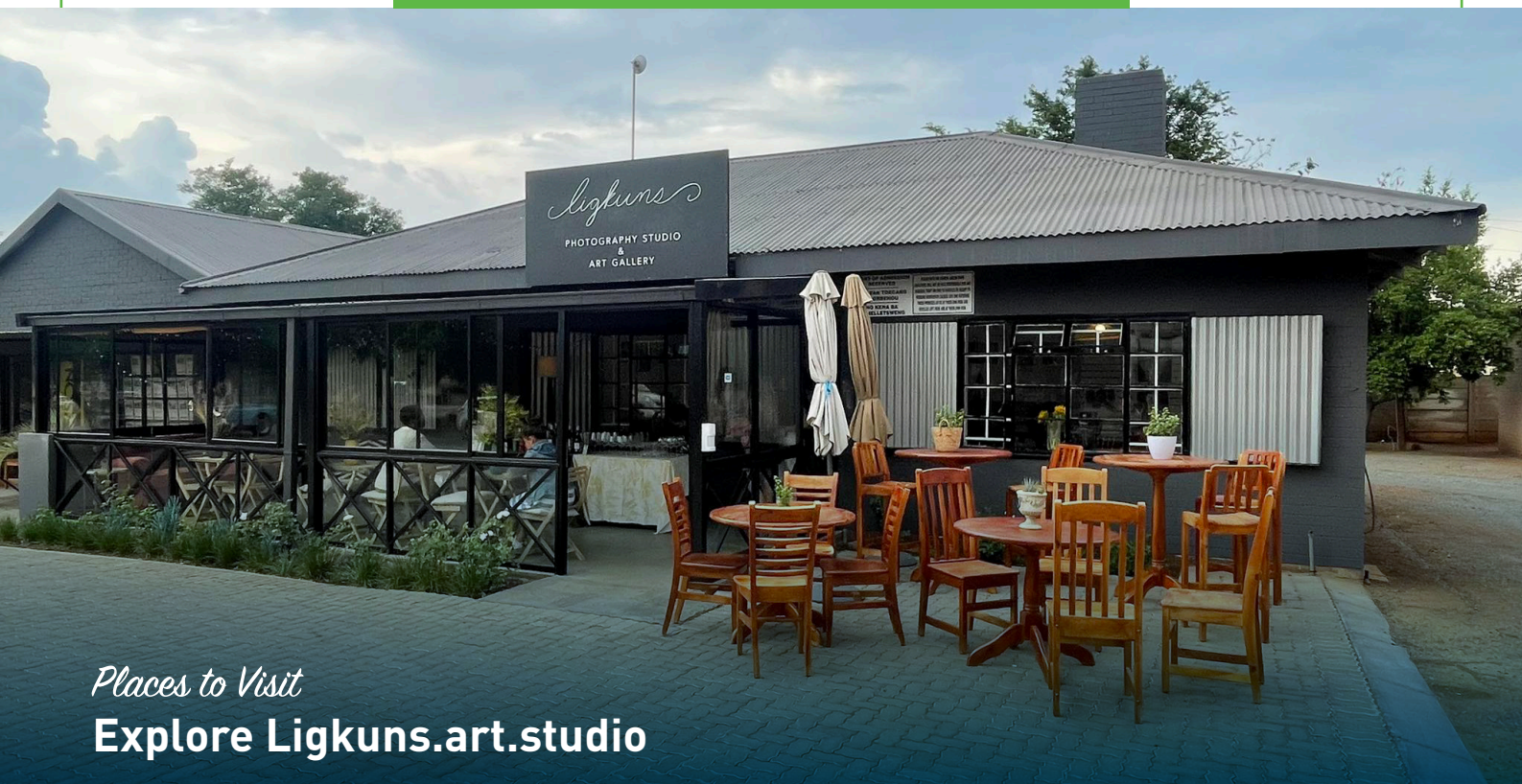
We continue with the Spread the Love campaign which aims to aid impoverished and vulnerable families and individuals. With the incredible support of Lynca Meats and Harvest Fresh Farms, we donated food packages to the community of Skansdam informal settlement and Talitha Home for disabled children.

PROMOTING SAFE DRIVING FOR ALL



Midvaal conducted its annual Arrive Alive campaign during the Easter week, emphasizing the importance of safe driving practices. This crucial initiative aims not only to educate motorists on the rules of the road but also to foster a culture of responsible driving within our community. Let's carry forward the lessons learned and continue to prioritize safety on our roads, not just during holidays but every day of the year.





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