

# **Ombupupu**

*Okahao In Print*



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## Editor's Note

The growth of Okahao Town is undeniable. Skyrocketing demand for serviced land is testimony to this. Absence of serviced land poses a threat to the town. Economic development is the only way out, as this is the catalyst of any town's prosperity. Okahao Town Council recognizes the role of the business community of Okahao and the surrounding areas, not only as beneficiaries but also as important drivers of the much needed economic development. For this reason, a formal meeting platform is created, whereby the Town Council and the business community will meet once in every two months to share ideas with regard to both the issues affecting business people and creating a favourable business environment. This will enable more direct input of the business community in the planning and development of this fast growing town. A few meetings of this nature (called Public Private Dialogues) have already taken place with the facilitation of the Local Economic Development Agency (LEDA). After meaningful input from the business community, Council fully supports the continuation of such dialogues. I therefore appeal to all business people in town (small, medium and large) to participate in the dialogue and make their ideas put to work.

Until then...

## Staff Movements



**Mr. Shikongo Alweendo**, now appointed as Deputy Director at Oshana Regional Council.



On the other hand, Council also continues to attract new staff. **Mr. Joel Nekwaya** had been at the helm of the Department of Planning, Technical Services and Environment since his appointment in September 2012. He replaced **Mr. Timoteus Namwandi** who was appointed Deputy Director at Oshikoto Regional Council. From the 1st March 2013,



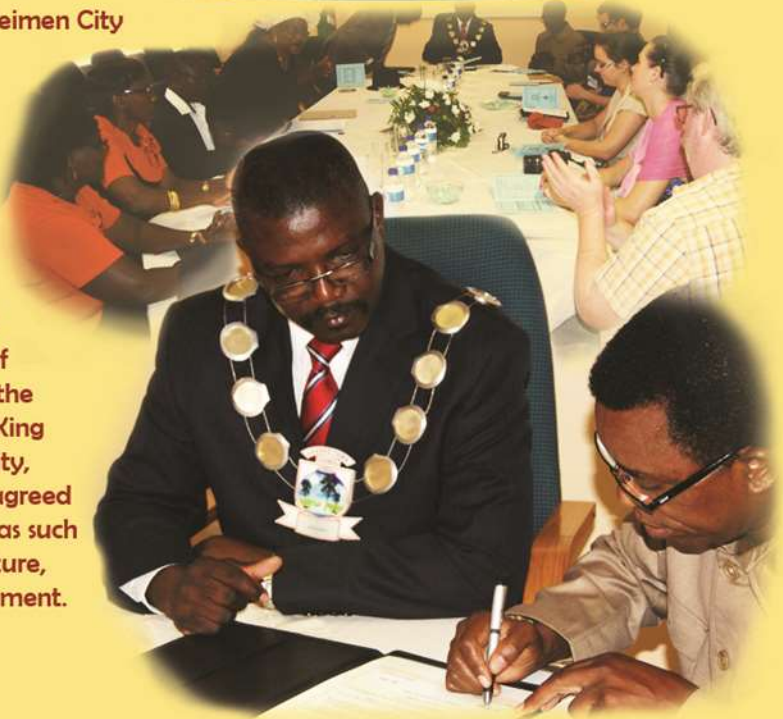
**Mr Efraim Shikesho** resumed as head of the Department of Finance, HR and Administration. Best wishes to staff members that left and those that joined Council.





## Okahao-Ongwediva Partnership

In addition to being friends with Heimen City in China, Okahao had been long-time friends with its sister town of Ongwediva. The two towns have renewed their friendship by jointly signing a Treaty of Friendship on 14 February 2013 at Okahao Town Council offices, endorsed by the Mayors of the two institutions: Hon. David U. Isai of Okahao and Hon. Jason Asino of Ongwediva. Those that witnessed the occasion included His Majesty the King of Ongandjera Traditional Authority, Johannes Mupiya. The two towns agreed to cooperate on identified key areas such as: Administration, Youth and Culture, as well as Local Economic Development.



At the ceremony, Okahao Mayor Hon. Isai said he has confidence in the partnership and expects benefits of the agreement to be realised within the communities of the respective towns. Ongwediva's Hon. Asino on the other hand urged leaders and administrators of the two local authorities to make the partnership a living reality, so as to improve the living standards of their respective communities.



## Peace Officer

Ms Mirjam Hamalwa, the Town Council's Environmental Health Practitioner Assistant has successfully completed training and is now a certified peace officer. This means Ms Hamalwa has legal powers to issue notices and penalties to all types of transgressors within the jurisdiction area of Okahao Town Council.

Offences that will see offenders penalised include violation of environmental laws.

One should therefore not be surprised if fined for urinating at open spaces, as such practices are not only indecent but also a public health hazard.



## Advertising in Town

**Advertising in a proclaimed Local Authority area of jurisdiction is a regulated activity. Before erecting any free standing advertisement billboard in town, an application has to be made with Okahao Town Council and permission has to be granted. Such boards have to be registered and paid for on a monthly basis, depending on the type and size of the board. Boards erected illegally carry a N\$ 500 penalty and ought to be removed by Council, and stored at a cost. See the revised advertising rates below effective from 1st July 2013**



### Billboard Advert Fees Per Month

Board - 2.5sqm or Less	N\$ 100.00
Board - bigger than 2.5 sqm	N\$ 40.00/sqm
Council Billboard	N\$ 50.00
Backlight/Illuminated Board	N\$ 500.00
Flags/Banners (up to 3)	N\$ 100.00
Flags/Banner (more than 3)	N\$ 100.00 each additional
illegal advert penalty	N\$ 500.00
Storage of removed boards	N\$ 4.00/day

### Website Advertising Fees

20x21 Space per 15 days	N\$ 100.00
@0x21 Space per 30 days	N\$ 150.00
Whole page per 15 days	N\$ 150.00
Whole page per 30 days	N\$ 200.00



# Random Pictures



Attending Kakwaya's Movie Launch



Ladies Looking Good



Utsi and Tanga



Helena AKA "Bam Bam" with Emily at Work



Mbuku on Stage



Fares and Dosh testing Fire Fighting Equipments



Girls at the movie launch



Omugoyi nOmugoyi showing some loyalty



## New-Look Website



Being part of the contemporary world means the use of modern communication technology is inevitable. It has to be so because modern life dictates that both the young and old make use of the internet every day. Okahao town Council's website is one the most active and useful websites in the local authority circles. It is therefore Council's duty to keep the site new and updated in order to provide information to investors and residents, especially those that are away from home. Before any information about the town is found anywhere else, the website and our Facebook page are the first spots to display the info. Tenders, Vacancies, and all other important information will be found on the "Notice Board" on the website. Various application forms can be obtained by clicking the "Downloads" link on the site. An opportunity is also created for businesses to advertise on the Council's website. Go to [www.okahaotc.com.na](http://www.okahaotc.com.na) and take advantage of this rare opportunity.

## Local film Launched

Shot in Okahao town and the surrounding areas, the film titled *Uuyuni Uukwanampinyuka* was launched on the 8th March 2013 in Shaanika Nashilongo Secondary school hall. Festus Hashipala, the main actor in the film plays the role of Kakwaya, a learner who did not take school work seriously as he had well-off parents. On the other hand, learners from poor families worked hard at school. In the end, as per the title of the film, Kakwaya had to live a life of suffering. His peers on the other hand enjoyed the fruits of their hard work. In his speech, the Town's mayor Hon. David U. Isai encouraged learners in attendance to do more in their school work. He emphasised that respect for teachers is key to learning and cautioned that not knowing why one is at school leads to a life as that of Kakwaya. The film continues when Part Two will be released.





## Council Supports Education

*Okahao Town Council sees itself as a responsible institution that should positively contribute to education. It is for this reason that despite the limited resources at its disposal, Council has managed to avail internship opportunities for a few students at a time for some years now.*



*From the beginning of the year 2012 to date, more than 25 students did their internship with the Town Council in different fields of study such as Accounting, Plumbing and Pipe fitting, Environmental Science etc. Students are enrolled with different institutions such as the University of Namibia, Polytechnic of Namibia and various Vocational Training Centres.*

**In addition, Okahao Town Council also welcomes educational visits from schools especially the neighbouring village schools that may wish to expose young learners to real life situations with regard to various school subjects. In this picture, a group of primary school learners visited the Weather Station located on the premises of the Town Council offices and were helped to understand its various components.**



**On the left, a group of students from various overseas institutions pay a visit to the popular Okahao Baobab National Heritage site, where people were tortured and killed by South African forces during the war of liberation struggle. The tree was declared a National Heritage site in September 2011. Read more about the Baobab tree in the next edition of **Ombupupu**.**

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