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Minister of Justice and Correctional Services: Advocate Michael Masutha



MMC for Planning: Cllr. Papiki Moeng with the MMC for Corporate Services Cllr. Manneheng Tsomela



Deputy Mayor of Mangaung: Cllr. Connie Rampai



A group of musicians entertained the crowd



Members of the public



Over 800 learners attended the Correctional Youth Summit

Correctional Youth Summit seeks to combat crime amongst youth

Mangaung Metro, in partnership with the Department of Correctional Service hosted the Minister's second correctional youth summit in April in Bloemfontein.

Led by the Minister of Correctional Services Advocate Michael Masutha, the youth summit seeks to prioritise crime as a major concern that must be dealt with and defeated particularly amongst the youth and partnering with the City will help play an increasingly significant role in boosting the quality of life of all citizens.

"More than 60 percent of the offenders in our facilities are made up of youth. Surely, this is a picture that can never be overlooked, it has to be addressed and it calls for every sector of this country to stand up and put a helping hand."

These were the words expressed by the minister while addressing more than 800 learners gathered at the Summit. He further stated that it is time to accelerate dialogue and action between government and other sectors to create opportunities for young people that will prevent them from committing crimes.

The Deputy Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro, Cllr. Connie Rampai in her statement reiterated that amongst some challenges faced by the City, gangsterism and drug abuse were a major concern.

"As Mangaung Metro alone, we will never win this battle. This is why we are here today, working hand-in-hand with correctional service. We are all in unison, saying crime prevention requires a combination of effective criminal justice however, a social factor can never be overlooked, and that is creating opportunities for the youth," said the deputy mayor.

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AT THE HEART OF IT ALL



CUT Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Engagement Professor Henk de Jager welcoming guests



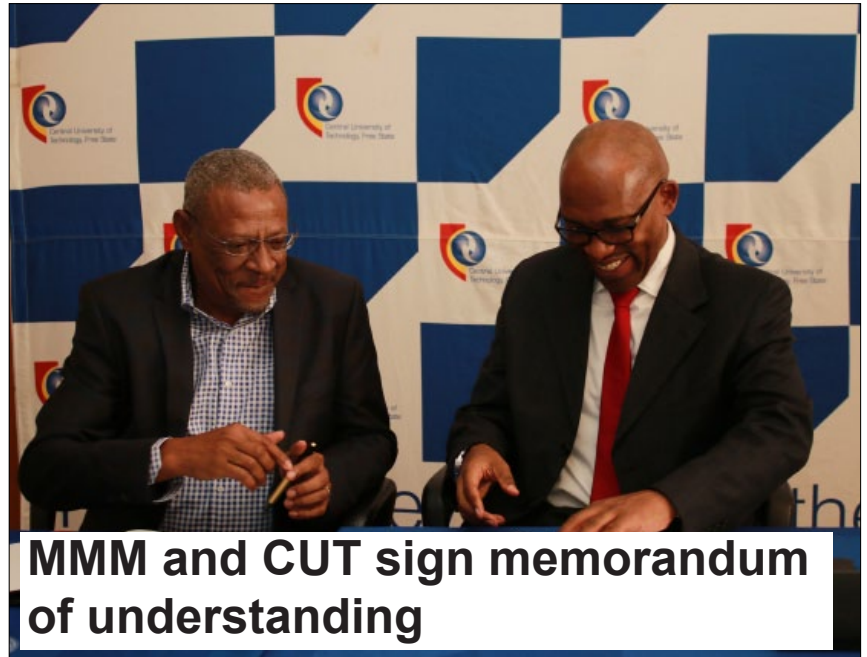
GM for Communications, Qondile Khedama



Officials from MMM and CUT after the signing of the MOU



Members of the media at the MOU signing



MMM and CUT sign memorandum of understanding

The Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro, Cllr Thabo Manyoni and Rector of CUT, Professor

Thandwa Mthembu, signed a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions on Friday 06 May 2016 at the Bloemfontein campus.

Through the MOU, the two parties agree to co-operate and work in consultation with each another on conceptualization, development and support for the training and skills development, research and innovation, work integrated learning, city planning and development, science and innovation ecosystem and entities and formalisation of other existing areas of collaborations.

I went on practical leave and lot

of ideas were then shared there after about what role CUT could play in the economy of the City and economy of the institution.

At the ceremonial signing of the document, the Executive Mayor said: "The City is determined to build this triadic relationship in accordance with the constitutional mandate of the local sphere of government and the needs of the local communities. The City is content that education is a key towards freedom of the masses of the poor and black people in particular from poverty."

Professor Mthembu reiterated the Executive Mayor's sentiments, saying that "what we are doing today is the practical manifestation of what we have been talking all the time.

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MANGAUNG METRO HONOURS JAZZMAN MOKGOTHU

As part of its quest to continue with the public participation process mandate of *Naming and Renaming Certain Main Streets and Public Places* as endorsed by council, Mangaung Metro officially renamed Botshabelo's main road to **Jazzman Mokhothu Highway** on Thursday, 12 May 2016.

The move is informed by the vision of the current leadership in correcting and contributing in South Africans' historical landscape.

"We are here today to rewrite our history by renaming this street to Jazzman Mokhothu Highway. Jazzman played a pivotal role in fighting for freedom in Botshabelo, and we are saying to his family - your son's efforts are being recognised today, we honour him and we thank him for what he did for Botshabelo," said Council Speaker Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana during his speech.

Speaking on behalf of the Mokhotu family, Jazzman's mother Bahedile Mokhothu said "I would like to thank the Free State government and Mangaung Metro for bestowing this honour over my son's life and making sure his name live on."

Amongst others, the event was attended by Premier ACe Magashule, members of the mayoral committee, councillors and the city's heads of departments.



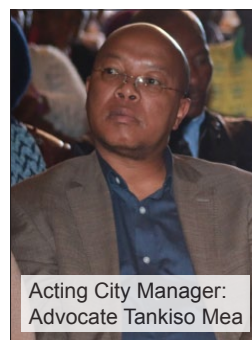
Cutting the ribbon are Premier Ace Magashule, Mme. Bab-sie Mokgothu, Speaker: Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana, MMC: Cllr. Papiki Moeng and Chief Whip: Cllr. Zolile Mangcotywa



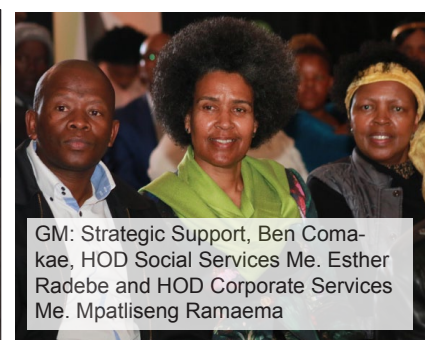
Unveiling the Jazzman Mokhothu Plaque



MMC for Finance: Cllr. Nthabiseng Mokotjo and MMC for Corporate Services: Cllr. Maneheng Tsomela with some councillors



Acting City Manager: Advocate Tankiso Mea



GM: Strategic Support, Ben Coma-kae, HOD Social Services Me. Esther Radebe and HOD Corporate Services Me. Mpatliseng Ramaema

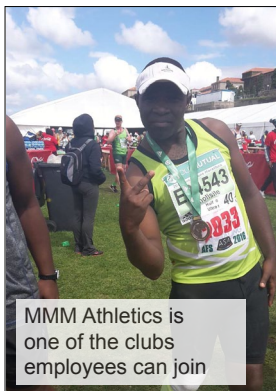
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AT THE HEART OF IT ALL



Wellness Office aims to get more employees active



MMM Athletics is one of the clubs employees can join



Participants at the aerobics marathon received medals



Gao Makhetha with personnel from sponsors, Old Mutual



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With just a few days to go until the 4th annual *Tekkietax Day*, the city's Wellness Office is encouraging all employees to get involved in the course, and secure their stickers, shoelaces and tshirts.

All contributions, or Tekkie Tax, collected on the day will go towards supporting CANSA Bloemfontein in its fight against cancer.

"This is but one of the projects we saw it fit to support and participate in. Not only are employees affected by cancer in their families, but we have lost friends and colleagues within our own institution," said Acting Manager in the Employee Wellness Office, Gao Makhetha.

Makhetha also explained

that they are trying to get as many employees as they can involved in recreational activities of their choice to mitigate against healthy style diseases such as cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart diseases and many other chronic diseases.

As part of its 2016 programme, the office held an aerobics marathon earlier this year at the Kaizer Sebelo arena in Botshabelo. Supported by Old Mutual and department of health, the marathon was held under the theme "*Wellness is a right not a privilege*".

"The aim of Employee Wellness in MMM is to promote the general wellbeing of employees. Without healthy employees, MMM will not realize its service delivery objectives" Makhetha said.

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