

KWA SANI VIEW POINT

Warm greetings to Kwa Sani Citizens, it is with great pleasure that we meet once again this week, as the days are drawing closer to the 27 of April 2014, This momentous occasion presents an opportunity for us to reflect on how our freedom and democracy were achieved as well as the progress made over the past 20 years.

Compared to before 1994 we can proudly proclaim that millions of people now have water, electricity, sanitation and housing and at Kwa Sani this is evidence through the efforts that have been made by the Municipality as well as stakeholders that are part of the Kwa Sani family. By our own standards, we declare that this is not good enough; that we must not rest until all the people can claim a better life.

As we focus on the benefits of freedom we should also reflect on the strides we have made in achieving the vision of a better life for all. Much has changed since 1994 and there has been progress in every sphere of society, but we are aware that more must still be done. As Kwa Sani community we can proudly point out the achievements both tangible and non-tangible aspects of development within our municipality.

The construction of sidewalks in Underberg has started and this project will benefit the pedestrians walking on the Underberg school road and the community in general, the other positive aspect about the sidewalks is that they also beautify the town and environmentally they play a vital role.

On the 5th of April 2014 the municipality will be hosting the beauty pageant contest which will be held at Emqatsheni at ward 1, the aim of this programme is to encourage the youth to pride themselves and be proud of being a youth in South Africa. These are few of the privileges that we get to see and participate as a result of the 20 years of freedom in South

Africa. Kwa Sani Municipality invites everyone to be part and participate on the programme and we invite every stakeholder to be part and parcel on the day.

On the 27 of March 2014 the Kwa Sani municipality hosted the Tourism Enterprise start up awareness programme at Jabulani hall in Himeville; the purpose of this programme was to encourage especially the previously disadvantaged community to tap into tourism business opportunity. This programme provided a platform for the community to engage with different tourism bodies such as representative from Mission Tourism, Ithala Bank, SEDA to mention a few who provide them with insight, skills and requirements necessary for tourism environment, funding and practices, hence inculcating tourism transformation in our society as we celebrate the 20 years of freedom.

Let us embrace the honour of being South Africans and be patriotic as Kwa Sani citizens.