

SPECIAL EDITION

MAYORS CUP TOURNAMENT 2024

DAY 1

September 27, 2024 | Ncumisa Kondlo Indoor Sports Centre, Peddie Town



Opening Ceremony

Once again, Ngqushwa Local Municipality hosted the Annual Mayors Cup Tournament which started with a buildup Official Opening Ceremony on the 27 September 2024. This is the second annual event following last year's successful Mayors Cup. The event was embraced by the Mayor's guests from different backgrounds, namely Ms Andisiwe Kumbaca (Member of Parliament), Amathole District Municipality Acting Executive Mayor (Mr Fumanekile Phumaphi), House of Traditional leaders represented by Chief Sizakele Ngwekazi, Provincial Department of Sport Recreation Arts and Culture, Ngqushwa Transport Sector represented by Mr Mandisi Guwa, Noloyiso Bhonga from Umhlobo Wenene, and one of our own Mr Mbuyiselo Sambu and Ngqushwa Councillors attended the opening ceremony.

Councillor Lindiwe Mdabula (EXCO Member)

Councillor Lindiwe Mdabula, Member of Executive Council, expressed sincere appreciation to all the Mayor's guests who generously attended and made the event to become a success.

Ngqushwa Mayor: Sanga Maneli, Key Note Address

Ngqushwa Mayor Sanga Maneli in his keynote address said "as the Council we want to change the socio-economic status of Ngqushwa. Sports is not just a game, it is a teacher, a guide, and for many, a second home. It builds character, discipline, and leadership qualities that are essential not only on the field, but in life.

He continued and said, Ngqushwa has got talent and through sports, our youth learn teamwork, resilience, and the value of hard work. They experience the highs of success and the lessons that come from defeat and these experiences shape who they are and who they will become. "I believe it is our duty as leadership to provide opportunities for our youth to grow, learn and be the best they desire to become. Hence, you will find us also focusing on education through our programme of schools adoption every year in support of grade 12 learners to produce good results." This year we have adopted three high schools that we will support during examination period.

The Mayors Cup programme has my heart, because it is where our children see that there is more to life than drowning themselves in drugs in the name of enjoyment. In conclusion, Ngqushwa Youth "Never underestimate the power of sport" said Mayor Sanga Maneli.



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Municipal Manager, Mr Ndoda Mgengo

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do much."

The Municipal Manager, Mr Ndoda Mgengo explained the purpose of the whole Mayors Cup programme. He said, the primary objective is to encourage youth from all 108 Ngqushwa villages to actively participate in various competitive sporting activities, fostering pride, social cohesion in the community.

He further said the programme promote a safe and healthy environment within communities, build strategic partnership with various stakeholders that carry the mandate of developing sport and community involvement. Mr Mgengo concluded by saying "Throughout the history, sport has played a significant role in nation building, it brought together athletes from different backgrounds, fostering a sense of unity and shared identity."

Messages of support by stakeholders

The stakeholders delivered messages of support, speaking with one voice on encouraging collaboration and unity in strengthening sports development in Ngqushwa. They all discouraged alcohol and drug use by youth as it has negative consequences in their health and well-being.

The young people were motivated to love sports and make their dreams come true. They were told that discipline and respect instills humility and uphold the integrity of the sport and by so doing they will be successful in their lives.

Parents were encouraged to get involved in their children sports development, allow them to play in school sports and in the locality and also support them economically. Stakeholders appreciated the role Ngqushwa plays in youth development. They aspire to see more sports development facilities, encouraging them to play at a young age.



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Mayors Cup Tournament Kick- Off



The Mayors Cup kick-off commenced with 10km and 5 km Fun Run/Walk both starting and finishing at Ncumisa Kondlo Indoor Sports Centre and participants enjoyed the exercise.

Community members came in numbers to watch the games supporting their own. Notably, the Mayor, Councillors, Ngqushwa born sportsman Mbuyiselo Sambu (Ward 9) a former soccer player and a professional coach together with Sportswoman Nomthetho Cinywa (Ward 8), a soccer referee in the Professional League supported the games. Ngqushwa under 19 youth played soccer, netball and rugby games in four sportsgrounds in and around Peddie Town and the rules of the game were adhered to. Ten wards participated in the soccer game and 4 wards participated in both netball and rugby.



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Award Ceremony



congratulations
**TO THE WINNERS
"SOCCER"**



WARD 9



WARD 11



WARD 3



congratulations
**TO THE WINNERS
"NETBALL"**



WARD 8



WARD 12



WARD 9



congratulations
**TO THE WINNERS
"RUGBY"**



WARD 2



WARD 1



WARD 4

The Ncumisa Kondlo Indoor Sports Centre was full of joy and excitement by both players, supporters and spectators and everybody was in a vibey mood to congratulate the winning teams.

Ngqushwa Mayor Sanga Maneli led the award ceremony of winning teams. In his opening remarks he said, "we are happy because there were no incidents of wrongdoing during the tournament, people were disciplined and united and I thank everyone for the participation and honour that showed success in the programme." Mayor congratulated all the winners in the three sporting codes. He further consoled the losers that the municipality will be rolling out launch of ward leagues to make sure there is continuation towards the next Mayors Cup.

The final games of the Mayors Cup were between ward 9 and ward 11 in soccer, ward 1 and ward 2 in rugby and ward 1 and ward 8 in netball.

