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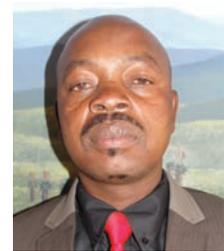
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CLLR N P LUZULANE



**DEPUTY MAYOR**  
CLLR S V ZULU



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CLLR M W MTOLO



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CLLR S T DLAMINI

## OVERVIEW

Ingwe Local Municipality is a Category B municipality located in the north-west of the Harry Gwala District Municipality. The main settlements are Creighton, Bulwer, Donnybrook, and traditional rural council areas.

Ingwe Local Municipality is 1 976km<sup>2</sup> in extent, which equates to 16.4% of the Harry Gwala District. It is bounded by the Richmond Local Municipality in the north, Kwa Sani Local Municipality in the west, Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality in the east and uMzimkhulu Local Municipality in the south.

## VISION

Ingwe Municipality will provide basic, quality and affordable services to all its communities in a transparent manner and promote socio-economic development, while protecting the environment.

## MISSION

Ingwe will achieve its vision and strategic development goals by strengthening its working relationship with its communities, and other municipalities, sector departments, funders of development and investors, and by promoting good governance and adhering to legislation, while encouraging innovation and creativity.

## SERVICE DELIVERY

The performance highlights of the Municipality have revolved around:

### Community Support and Development Programmes

There are many community support and development programmes, including the HIV/Aids campaign; Operation Sukuma Sakhe; War Rooms; campaigns for women, the youth, disabled people, senior citizens and learners; crime and drug awareness; men's sector; education; sport development initiatives; poverty alleviation initiatives; support for SMMEs; responses to disasters; cultural events and performing arts competitions; and development of ward committees and community-based plans. This work is carried out by the Municipality's Special Programmes Officer and Community Development Officer and their staff.

### Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure Projects

The provision of electricity connections to households and schools is one of the Municipality's main priorities, with an installation of a total of 1 087 new connections during the 2014/15 financial year.

Seven access roads were completed during the year. The Memela and Nkompolo access roads were brought up to standard by maintenance work carried out during the year.

The community hall at Mpumulwane and the sportsfields at Ngwangwane and Woodhurst were completed during the year. A new, registered landfill site was established outside of the town of Creighton, and the Municipality continues to render a twice-weekly refuse removal service to the towns of Creighton, Bulwer and Donnybrook.

## LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Biofuel Project

In an initiative to create jobs, the Ingwe Municipality has facilitated a business, owned by a community trust, using forest residue and sawdust in the manufacturing of wood chips.

The traditional communities of Amacala-Gwala, Memela and Vezokuhle, living in the vicinity of the plantations, were selected as the beneficiaries of the project. Over the past two years, 138 jobs have been created.

### Tourism

2014 marked the 10th anniversary of the Aloe Festival, which has become an iconic event in southern KwaZulu-Natal. A record number of 2 008 passengers were attracted to Creighton over the three weekends in July, with almost 1 000 on the Aloe Festival weekend. Over 400 bed nights were generated as a result of the event.

The restored museum and gallery celebrates the memory of Gerard Bhengu, a son of Ingwe Municipality, who is honoured for the contribution he made to society in the form of his art. The fact that Centocow is accessible on tar roads from the R617 means that many visitors, both local and foreign, staying in Underberg visit the gallery.

### SMME Support

The Municipality was involved in support of community SMME projects identified via the IDP consultative process. These include cooperatives aimed at supporting agricultural production, sewing projects, candle making and leather products.

### Mentorship Programme for Farm Workers

This involves the allocation of people with a passion for agriculture to established farmers so that they can gain the skills and knowledge required to become independent and sustainable farmers.

### Public Participation and Communication

The year saw the inclusion of actions towards better communication, increased public awareness, and improved engagement with the public in decision-making and accountability to communities.

In an effort to enhance ward participatory democracy, the Municipality is continuing to upskill the Ward Committee structures through training and involving ward committees more in municipal affairs. Through the Public Participation and IDP/PMS Unit, Ward Councillors are supported in interacting with their communities through IDP/Budget Road Shows and report back meetings.

## FUTURE ACTIONS

The Municipality has continued the roll-out of wall-to-wall planning schemes in order for informed decisions to be taken with regards to development and investment, through which the provision of community facilities, infrastructure and services, community development, economic development, and human settlement can happen in a sustainable manner.