

**POSTAL:** Private Bag X9020, Mount Frere, 5090 | **PHYSICAL:** 813 Main Street, Mount Frere  
**TEL:** 039 255 8500 | **FAX:** 039 255 0167  
**WEB:** www.umzimvubu.gov.za



**MAYOR**  
MS K PANGWA



**SPEAKER**  
MR Z SISILANA



**CHIEF WHIP**  
MS N MBELE



**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
MR TOBELA NOTA

## VISION

To be the best-run municipality in South Africa.

## MISSION

To properly plan and deliver quality and sustainable services to improve the socio-economic status within the broader Umzimvubu community.

## VALUES

Passion, Accountability, Competitiveness, Diversity

## OVERVIEW

The Umzimvubu Local Municipality falls within the Alfred Nzo District in the Eastern Cape province. The Municipality covers an area of 2 506km<sup>2</sup>.

The Municipality has undergone a number of amendments in terms of municipal and ward demarcation, which has had a profound impact on planning in the area.

Covering two towns, Mount Frere and Mount Ayliff, it has 27 wards, 54 councillors and 10 chiefs serving in the council. Led by the Mayor, Councillor Kulukazi Pangwa, it has a staff compliment of about 278 and has six output departments, namely: Citizen and Community Services; Corporate Services; Infrastructure and Planning; Local Economic Development; Special Programmes and Communication; as well as the Budget and Treasury Office.

The Municipality boasts a myriad of diverse cultures, featuring Amabhaca, Amahlubi, Amaxesibe and Amampondo. As part of its natural beauty and wealth, the Ntenetyana Dam, Lugelweni Waterfalls and Ntsizwa Mountains form part of the attraction.

IsiXhosa is the official language spoken within the Municipality. The language comes across with a rustic accent and hinterland flavour. One of the distinctive features of the language is the prominence of click consonants, and in the Municipality each region has its own accent, charm and peculiar expressions, which usually identify the speaker from the very moment they open their mouth.

The most famous maize dish in Umzimvubu is *umngqusho*. This dried maize and bean melange has been compared with Italian *risotto* and is delicious when served with a meaty stew. Other key Xhosa foods include *isopho* corn soup, *umpokoqo* maize porridge and soured milk.



From top: Umzimvubu Municipality; Aloe production within Umzimvubu; Electricity switch-on at Sigidini A/A.