

# OMD 2030



# NEWSLETTER

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OMD 2030 is an independent Community Association and the Citizenry Partner of the Oranjemund Town Transformation Programme. Our role within this project is to encourage and facilitate active citizenry involvement in co-creating a sustainable, economically diverse, and culturally rich town.

## Each issue contains:

- Highlights and news about our most recent activities.
- A glimpse into our upcoming events.
- Important contact information.

## Three issues per year.



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# Namibia's Best Kept Secret

## Oranjemund Wins Big at the Namibia Tourism Expo

At the recent NTE, the Oranjemund town exhibit won a silver award. The event is held annually by Namibia Media Holdings. The silver award was given based on the attractiveness or warmth of the stall and the engagement with people throughout the three-day event.

This year our theme was based around the unique mystery surrounding our beautiful town – *Namibia's Best Kept Secret*.

Moreover, after the opening of our town in 2017, hospitality and tourism were identified as the key areas for the economic growth within the Oranjemund Town Transformation strategy. Thus, to promote the town and drive home the message that Oranjemund is an ideal business and tourist destination, the three major town transformation stakeholders, Oranjemund Town Council, OMDis, and OMD 2030 attended the 2022 NTE.

You can explore more about what our southern regions have to offer by watching a three-part series titled "Namibia's Best kept secret: The South" on YouTube filmed by Wanderlust travel magazine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwSQHCU2VoY>



Oranjemund stall awarded a silver certificate at NTE



Oranjemund School learners accompanied by principals & teachers

*The world is a book  
and  
those who do not  
travel  
read only one page.  
– St. Augustine*



School learners playing Oranjemund road map game



Exhibit viewers playing Oranjemund road map game



# Eco Awards

Eco Awards Namibia is an internationally acclaimed organization which offers a sustainable tourism education and accreditation programme.

In 2020, Oranjemund was the first town ever to undergo an environmental sustainability audit and was the first to receive an environmental sustainability accreditation.

This year three Oranjemund Schools – !Garibams Secondary School, Ambrosius Amutenya Primary School and Oranjemund Private School participated in the audit earlier this year with Eco Awards Namibia who added new schools criteria to their assessment process.

Oranjemund was the first ever town/ municipal area to undergo an environmental audit, the town audit together with the recent school's audit was championed by OMD 2030.

During the recent Namibia Tourism Expo. Twenty-two certificates were awarded to different tourism establishments by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's Director.

Eight of these were the highest awarded category: the Five Green Flowers category which gives special recognition to establishments who scored 5 flowers overall, and in addition, scored 90% or more in four of the environmental criteria sections i.e., **Water, Energy, Waste Management and Conservation.**

Ambrosius Amutenya Primary school was awarded **5 Green Flowers**, followed by Oranjemund Private School who received **4 Flowers**, and !Garibams Secondary School who received **2 Flowers**.



Namibia Eco Awards – Award ceremony with winners



Oranjemund School learners, teachers and principals celebrating with Sue Cooper and Debbie Virting.



Eco Awards audit at OPS



Eco Awards audit at OPS

*The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment,  
is to get everybody involved – Richard Rogers*

# “Unlimit Your Life” – Resilience Tools for Teenagers



Resilience training facilitated by Retha van der Schyff & Sue Cooper

OMD 2030 and Retha van der Schyff from [Salients Alliance](#) have been working together to deliver a series of resilience workshops for learners in grades 9 and 10 at !Garibams School during the last school term.

These sessions are designed to help the teenagers live their best lives, and to thrive, not just survive despite obstacles that they meet on the way.

The first three workshops covered topics such as: who am I, the labels I give myself and goal setting.



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The final three workshops will be delivered at the start of the new school year and will look at how to deal with negative thoughts and self-limiting beliefs, setting boundaries, self-worth, and self-esteem

We are proud of the progress that the learners have made and look forward to further breakthroughs when the sessions resume in 2023.

If you feel that you, or any other local organization would benefit from taking part in a tailor-made resilience programme, designed to meet your needs, please contact us for more information.

- Sue Cooper

## Recycling Figures 2022

These are the collective recycling figures for the total weight recycled for this year.

This is also the first year we have included E-waste into our recycling at the OMD 2030 Hub.

The total recycled for 2021 was **3.2 tonnes**, and the total recycled for 2022 this far excluding the month of December is standing at **3.3 tonnes**.

These are all the different locations where you can find a recycling centre in town - [OMD 2030](#), [Oranjemund Private School](#) and [Ambrosius Amutenya Primary School](#).

During the holiday period you can drop of your recycling at OMD 2030 Hub.

Description	Weight / kg
<b>Cans</b>	86.24 kg
<b>Glass</b>	774.5 kg
<b>Paper</b>	1 258.6 kg
<b>Plastic</b>	461 kg
<b>RDF</b>	137 kg
<b>E-waste</b>	582.5 kg



# Community Christmas Carols Evening



OMD 2030 together with OMDis hosted a two-day Community Festive Market from Friday, 2 December to Saturday, 3 December 2022.

On Friday, the Community Christmas Carols took place at the Jasper House Museum. There were performances by the Oranjemund community choir and Majory Cloete.

Santa Claus made an appearance to hand out gifts to all the children present.

The evening was filled with joyful cheer.



*Community Christmas Carols evening*



*Santa Claus with community children*



*Majory Cloete performing*



*Santa Claus and his helpers*



*Oranjemund Community Choir performing*



*Community enjoying musical performance*



*Oranjemund Community Choir performing*



# Community Festive Market



*Community members at market*



*Community members at market*



*Market Stall vendor*



*Market Stall vendor*



*Market stall vendors*

## Performances



*Majory Cloete*



*Najee*



*Ueja*



*Royal Ndappy*



*Dj Shoza*



*Dj Casper*



# Promoting Active Communities & Healthy Living

Part of our mission is to provide our community members with effective ways to stay fit and enjoy time with family and friends.

Therefore, we have been providing free activities to the Oranjemund community at large throughout the year.

One of the activities is the monthly Community Yoga class led by Chantelle Darné, and another is the successful 5 km fun run/walk that also takes place once a month on a Saturday morning.

Altogether we have hosted **10 community fun run/walks with 169 participants**, and **7 free community yoga sessions with 108 participants**.

We are proud of the community participation and support throughout this year and hope to have an increase in numbers next year.



*5 km community fun run/walk at starting point*



*Free community yoga session*

**OMD 2030 would like to thank all our community members and stakeholders for your continuous support and contributions throughout the year.**

- Namdeb Diamond Corporation
- OMDis Town Transformation
- Oranjemund Town Council
- Spar Oranjemund
- !Garibams Primary School
- Oranjemund Private School
- Ambrosius Amutenya Secondary School
- L & S Garden Services
- My Tuintjie Nursery
- Eco-awards Namibia
- GL Panel Beaters
- Purple Butterfly
- Shepherds lodge
- Retha van der Schyff
- Salients Alliance
- Chantelle Darné





## Revamped OMD 2030 Garden

Thank you to Karlien and her team at My Tuintjie Nursery for our lovely new garden at our office.



## December Operating Hours



**Holiday  
Operating Hours**

OMD 2030 & JASPER HOUSE MUSEUM

OMD 2030 WILL BE HAVING LIMITED  
OPERATING HOURS FROM **19 DECEMBER 2022**  
UNTIL **13 JANUARY 2023**.

**OPENING HOURS**

<b>Jasper House Museum</b>	<b>OMD 2030</b>
Monday - Sunday 09h00 - 13h00	Monday - Friday 09h00 - 13h00

**Closed: 24,25,26,31 Dec 2022 & 1-2 Jan 2023**

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FOR ANY ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF THESE  
HOURS PLEASE CONTACT US ON 081 6255407





## And Finally.....

We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. It is designed to provide you with a summary of some of our most recent projects in an informative, easy-to-read manner.

If you would like to know more about what we are currently involved with come, and visit us at the Hub, follow us on social media, check out our You Tube channel for our latest videos, or visit our websites.

<https://omd2030.com/>

<https://oranjemund-tourism.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93wkqOAvdy4>

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### **OPENING HOURS:**

Monday to Friday 09h00 – 16h00

After hours contact us on 081 625 5407



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