# OMD 2030 MAIN 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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# **Christmas Carols Evening**



Community members showed out in numbers and were

OMD 2030 hosted our annual Christmas carols evening on Friday, 1 December 2023 at the Jasper House

entertained with musical performances from Majory Cloete, Denzil and Hakeem.

Moreover, Santa Claus made an appearance and distributed small gift packs to all the children in attendance.

The evening was truly filled with excitement and joy from our community.











Museum.



# **OMD 2030 Board Stakeholder Engagement**



Engagement session with OTC



Engagement session with Regional Councilor



Engagement session with Namdeb

The Board Stakeholder Engagement plan was developed to introduce ourselves to our key stakeholders and identify potential areas of collaboration as, together, we employ our efforts, to make Oranjemund a Town of choice.

Our first stakeholder engagement meeting was held on 3rd October 2023 with our very own operations team, and we were excited to formally meet the team responsible for running OMD 2030.

It was great to engage with them and get insights into the day-to-day operations.

Thereafter, the board met Namdeb leadership on the 16th of October, the OMDis management team on the 25th of October, the Oranjemund Town Council on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and the Regional Councilor, Honourable Lazarus Nangolo and Johanna lileka on the 27th of October 2023.

The meetings were very insightful, and the Board is left feeling inspired by the responsiveness and welcome it received on all fronts.

People and their well-being are at the heart of what we do at OMD 2030, and we will continue to strive for an active citizenry that promotes community, because "People truly make Places".

#### Contributed by Cindi-Lee Kisting – Chairperson OMD2030



Engagement session with OMD 2030 staff

# **Youth Resilience Workshops**



AAPS workshops activities



AAPS workshop activities



OPS workshop activities



!Garibams workshop activities

Building a better future for Oranjemund means building resilience to achieve psychosocial well-being in our community.

To date, we have successfully hosted twenty-five workshops with !Garibams Secondary School, Oranjemund Private School, and Ambrosius Amutenya Primary School with an overall attendance of 117 students.

The primary school workshops were held under the theme "How to be the best me". Thirty-six grade 7 students from OPS, and sixity-one students from AAPS attended four, ninety-minute workshops.

Moreover, grade 10 students from !Garibams Secondary School workshop sessions were held under the theme "Unlimit your life". Twenty students attended six, ninety-minute workshops sessions.

OMD 2030 would like to extend a massive thank you to Chantelle Darné who willingly gave up her time to volunteer and assist at all our resilience workshops.



OPS workshop activities



AAPS workshop activities

## **SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER**



Christmas tree handover to Swartkops community

On 27 November 2023, OMD 2030 donated a Christmas tree and decorations to Swartkops community members.

This donation is for a local programme initiated and hosted by local Swartkops residents that will take place on 2 December 2023.

Pistolin Jassob is the driving force behind this beautiful gesture towards her community and when asked why she started this imitative this is what she had to say – "The aim of this event is to uplift and encourage the community as well as our little ones since it is the time of the year where family and friends come together and share love."

# **Building great partnerships**



Bank Windhoek - Oranjemund

As we are approaching the end of 2023, OMD 2030 operations team would like to thank all our stakeholders in town who have played a key role in our success this year.

We would heartly like to thank the following organisations and individuals – Gift Kandukira, Ryno Husselmann, Brisley Cloete Bank Windhoek Manager, Izak Klazen from Namdeb Mine Store, Arthur Conry from Oranjemund Spar, Phillemone Nakathingo from Namdeb Wellness, Willem Kayongo and Karomo Raphael from Express Cashloan, and Iastly Chantelle Darné

In addition, we would like to recognise and thank all Jasper House Museum volunteers.

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." – Henry Ford



Namdeb Minestore



Oranjemund Spar



Namdeb Wellness Department

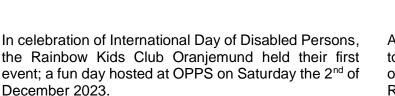


Willem & Raphael

# **Special Needs Oranjemund**

## **Fun-filled Rainbow kids Club Day**





Along with their parents, the little geniuses showed up and the look on their sweet faces was just so priceless to witness. They played games on the grass and sandpit, painted, jumped, and spent time in fantasy play area for the day.

Some even showed us their awesome dance moves! We would especially like to thank our sponsors for this event: OPPS, OMD 2030, Oranjemund SPAR and Tonga Events. This day would not have been possible if it was not for you.

A very special thank you to the parents who brought their children to the Rainbow Kids Club fun day. With your support and willingness, they made a new friend (or two).

As a parent to a child with special needs, I am proud to belong to a community of parents who are supportive to their little geniuses, raising them as they embark on this journey called life, with a sense of individuality and independence.



As tough as it is to raise our geniuses, it much tougher for them to fit in. We raise our kids not for ourselves but empower them for the world. Remember that God knows why he blessed you with your child.

He knew that you could and would love him/her unconditionally. Acceptance is so important for them.

Thank you for accepting your little one just the way they are. GOD BLESS YOU. We would like to encourage all parents with special needs children to join our community. It comprises of various stakeholders in Oranjemund.

Support is there for you and your child. As we look forward to hosting more events in 2024, please bring your child (ren) to these amazing events, as we show them how special they are to us.

Contact OMD 2030 if you are a parent interested in bringing your child along to a future event.

~ Helena Penda Rainbow Kids Club Project Coordinator

## **Health is Wealth**

### 5 km Community Fun Run/Walk & Community Yoga



Community yoga

Our goal is to inspire and promote a healthy lifestyle within our community.

For 2023, we have successfully organized and hosted nine community fun runs, with a total of 249 participants that have taken part in them.

Moreover, we have hosted nine community yoga sessions with a total of 68 participants for this year.



5km Community fun run/walk

We would like to thank everyone in the community for your continuous support and participation, and a huge thank you to Chantelle Darné who delivered all the yoga sessions.

Watch our social media pages and community WhatsApp groups for 2024 activities calendar.

## Tourist Info Centre - Holiday Operating Hours



OMD 2030 office and Tourist Information Centre will be taking a break this festive season.

The Jasper House Museum will be open with limited operating hours this holiday season and will be catering to all our local and international visitors.

All tourist information can be found at the Jasper House Museum this festive season.

After hours contact number +264 81 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-toread 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.

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