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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.



OMD 2030 Tourist Information Centre

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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BOM JESUS INAUGURATION

A Voyage That Lives on Forever

On, 20 August 2024 **OMD 2030** in collaboration with **OMDis**, **Namdeb** and the **Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture** launched the first Bom, Jesus Shipwreck exhibition display in Oranjemund at the Jasper House Museum.

The Bom Jesus Shipwreck was a Portuguese ship that set sail from its home port in Lisbon, Portugal, on 7 March 1533. She was presumed to have disappeared during her voyage in the mid-Atlantic ocean. Which lead to the ship's discovery on 1 April 2008 during diamond mining activities by Namdeb and was excavated by a vast team of archaeologists from all around the world.

OMDis in partnership with OMD 2030 hosted national and international delegates and partners that played a pivotal role in making this project a successful reality. Namely, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, Honourable Faustina Caley, Joana Vasconcelos from the Embassy of Portugal, Regional Governor, //Kharas Region – Hon. Aletta Frederick, and Executive Director of MoEAC – Ms Sanet Steenkamp were in attendance and addressed the audience of the day.

The official ribbon cutting was done by Honourable Faustina Caley. Moreover, during her opening speech she applauded the Oranjemund community on their spirit and praised Namdeb for their role in preserving the remains of the ship, she also acknowledged the importance of the discovery for Namibia and the educational opportunities it will lead to for Namibians.

The shipwreck room is now home to artefacts from the Bom Jesus shipwreck. Some of the artefacts you will find in the room are copper ingots, lead and tin ingots, 1529 world map, ivory, coins, navigating tools and life on board – kitchenware items.



Official ribbon cutting by Hon. Faustina Caley



Artefacts explanation by Ronel van der Merwe



Local Focus

World Ocean Day Commemoration



Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources



Beach clean-up campaign

World Oceans Day (WOD) is annually celebrated on the 8th of June. This year it was celebrated under the theme - “Catalyzing Action for Our Ocean & Climate”, intending to raise awareness about the importance of oceans and marine life and seek ocean conservation efforts to encourage sustainable management of aquatic resources.

WOD was commemorated in Walvis Bay between 7 – 8 June 2024 because it is the home to Namibia’s Port, and it serves as a gateway port for Southern Africa’s landlocked countries and hosts the largest percentage of Namibia’s fishing sector.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources mandated the commemoration of this day by all coastal towns. Thus, the **Oranjemund Town Council** in collaboration with **OMD 2030**, **OMDis** the **Ministry of Environment and Tourism**, and local schools hosted a belated event in celebration of WOD on 15 June 2024.

The WOD event took place at the Oranjemund beach. Participants were transported from town to the beach by bus.

The keynote address was delivered by Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Silva Makgone who shared insights on ocean conservation and Namibia’s efforts to protect marine resources.

As a build up towards the clean-up day Oranjemund Art Centre initiated an art competition where community members were encouraged to submit drawings related to the WOD theme of 2024. The prize giving ceremony was held at the clean-up day event and all prizes were sponsored by **OMDis**, **OTC**, **OMD 2030** and **Namdeb**.

Furthermore, the local community engaged in a beach clean-up campaign where more than fifty -five bags of waste was collected and disposed into a skip. Most of the plastic bags were recycled.

Oranjemund Safe Haven Foundation



Oranjemund is set to benefit from an innovative community safety program by establishing the Oranjemund Neighborhood Watch. This new initiative, founded by the Oranjemund Safe Haven Foundation, is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to enhancing the safety and security of the town and its surrounding area.

The Oranjemund Neighborhood Watch aims to address local safety concerns by fostering a collaborative approach to crime prevention and community vigilance. The program is grounded in the “See, Report, and Log” (SRL) methodology, which encourages residents to actively oversee and report suspicious activities.

As a non-profit entity, the Neighborhood Watch relies on the dedication and commitment of volunteers, alongside funding from the Oranjemund Safe Haven Foundation. This partnership underscores the foundation’s ongoing commitment to improving community welfare and safety.

Objectives and Collaborations

1. Securing the Community

The organization is focused on creating and maintaining a safe environment for all residents of Oranjemund. By actively engaging the community in safety measures, the initiative aims to reduce crime and enhance the overall quality of life in town.

2. Collaboration with Nampol

Working closely with Nampol (Namibian Police Force), the Neighborhood Watch will assist in monitoring and reporting criminal activities. This collaboration ensures that local law enforcement is well-informed and able to respond effectively to incidents within the town.

3. Promoting Community Awareness

The Neighborhood Watch seeks to build a strong sense of collective responsibility among residents. By promoting S.R.L methodology, the initiative encourages citizens to be vigilant, proactive, and engaged in maintaining their own safety and that of their neighbors.

A Community-Centered Approach

The Oranjemund Neighborhood Watch represents a significant step towards fostering a safer, more connected community. The program’s success hinges on the active participation of residents and their willingness to adopt a collaborative approach to safety.

With the support of the Oranjemund Safe Haven Foundation and the dedication of volunteers, the Neighborhood Watch is poised to make a meaningful impact on the safety and security landscape. Through its efforts, Oranjemund is setting a new standard for community-driven crime prevention and vigilance.

For more information on how to get involved with the Oranjemund Neighborhood Watch, residents are encouraged to contact the organization directly or visit their official website www.oranjemundsafehaven.com.

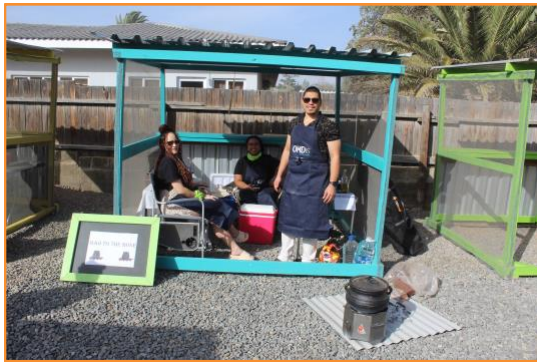
Together the community of Oranjemund can work towards a safer, more secure future.

Connecting the Community

Potjie Kos Competition



1st Place Winner - Mercy Isaacs



OMD 2030 hosted the first annual Potjie Kos competition on 6 July 2024.

The invitation went out to the local community whereby teams of 3 were permitted to enter the battle of the stewing competition.

OMD 2030 provided the participating teams with wood, blitz and a green buff.

We would heartily like to congratulate the two best potjie masters of the day.

Mercy Isaacs walked away with the first-place title and the "Potjie Master" bragging rights along with a cash prize of N\$ 2 500 and a N\$ 500 voucher sponsored by South End Service Station.

Moreover, the second place was awarded to Carlyn Draghoender and she walked away with a cash prize of N\$ 1 500.

We would like to extend our gratitude towards South End Service Station, and OMDis who sponsored branded aprons to all the contestants and vegetables combos from their nursery.



Strong Body Strong Mind



An **active community** is one where everyone can enjoy the health benefits of being active. It is a community intentionally designed.

Thus, OMD 2030 has hosted five successful community fun run events with an overall attendance of two hundred and thirty-nine participants. Moreover, Yoga and Movement have facilitated six community yoga sessions since the start of the 2024 year with an average turnout of fifty participants.

OMD 2030 would like to thank all local stakeholders and individuals who play a vital role in the coordination of these community events.



Next Scheduled Events

Fun Run/Walk: 14 September 2024
Community Yoga: 7 September 2024

Heritage Week: 16 – 22 September 2024



Kultuur is Gemeenskap
NAMIBIAN HERITAGE WEEK
16 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NAMIBIAN HERITAGE WEEK?
Heritage Week is an opportunity for Namibians to celebrate our heritage. It encourages Namibians to keep their culture alive and to pass on inherited traditions and knowledge to our descendants. Heritage gives us pride in our identity. "You can't know where you're going if you don't know where you're coming from." The week encourages people to experience the beauty of our cultural diversity or to visit a different part of the country to experience our natural wonders.

The aim is for there to be a week dedicated to Namibian heritage each year which includes participation from government, organisations, and individuals from all fourteen regions so that the week can successfully become an annual and national event.

WHAT ARE THE THEME AND DATES FOR NAMIBIAN HERITAGE WEEK 2024?
The theme for Namibian Heritage Week this year is "Kultuur is Gemeenskap, Gemeenskap is Kultuur" in Afrikaans, which translates to Culture is community, community is Culture in English. The Heritage Week Team decided that each year the theme for Namibian Heritage Week will use a local indigenous language as part of our commitment to promoting pride in our cultural diversity. Namibian Heritage Week 2024 will be 16 – 22 September 2024.

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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.

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