

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.

Written By: Debbie V Ashipala

Stepping into this role as General Manager is not just a professional milestone.

It is a profoundly personal journey that I embrace with a heart overflowing with gratitude, humility, and hope. My new role is a responsibility, an honour, and a privilege to serve.

I carry forward the work of those who came before me, whose unwavering belief in Oranjemund's potential, resilience, and dedication have built the foundation upon which we now stand. Because of them, I am ready to lead with purpose, ensuring that every project and initiative we undertake serves not just a few but everyone who calls this town home.

At OMD2030, we are here for you. Our doors remain open to everyone to ensure our commitment to this town will be fulfilled.

Thank you for your support and for showing up in all the minor ways that contribute to the success of every initiative we do. We can not wait to see you at our 2025 events.

To our stakeholders, partners, and Board of Directors, your belief in our vision and commitment to our shared value and purpose drives us. We are looking forward to working together and continuing to ensure that Oranjemund remains a town where people are happy to make a place where they belong.

As we forge the path of 2025 and face incredible work ahead, I am immensely proud of the unseen heroes behind the scenes, the operations team.



Debbie V Ashipala

Your hard work and dedication to this organization's mission remain unwavering.

Thank you for the work you've done and continue to do as we bring to fruition the plans of 2025.

I do not doubt that this will be a great year. Let us embrace it with purpose, resilience, and open hearts. Let us continue to build together.

May this year be kind to you and those you hold dear.



Cheers to a great 2025!



At OMD 2030, we are committed to hosting inclusive events that align with our mission, to inspire and create a sense of belonging for everyone in our community.

Since the start of 2025, we have organized a variety of events aimed at bringing people together. So far, we have held two fun runs/walks, three community yoga sessions, a vibrant Independence Day celebration, and most recently, a Family Day Market.

Together, these events have welcomed over **1,500 community members**, fostering connections and strengthening the spirit of Oranjemund.

Stay tuned for more exciting events as we continue to build a thriving and inclusive town!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Community Yoga – 12 April 2025
- Community fun run/walk – 19 April 2025
- Community event (Theme TBC) – 26 April 2025
- Community Yoga – 10 May 2025
- Community fun run/walk – 24 May 2025
- Market day (Theme TBC) – 31 May 2025
- Community yoga – 14 June 2025
- Community fun run/walk – 21 June 2025
- Themed Event – 25 June 2025



March 2025 - Community fun run/walk



Independence celebration



Independence celebration



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Community fun run/walk participants

Family Market Strengthens Community Connections

On Saturday, 29 March 2025, our community came together for a fantastic Family Day Market at 5th Avenue Park.

The park was full of life and colour as **35 local vendors** set up stalls, offering everything from delicious homemade treats and tasty food to beautiful plants and unique arts and crafts. There was truly something for everyone.

The market kicked off at 10:00 am, and from the start, the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement. Local DJ Casper kept the energy high with great music, getting both kids and adults dancing and enjoying the day.

One of the biggest highlights was the pony rides, kindly provided by Yolandi Hite, which brought endless joy to the children.

As the day went on, we were thrilled to welcome over **460 people**, all coming together to support local businesses and enjoy a day filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit. The positive energy was wonderful to see, reminding us how special it is when people connect and celebrate together.

If you enjoyed this event or missed it, stay tuned to our social media pages for news about the next one.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

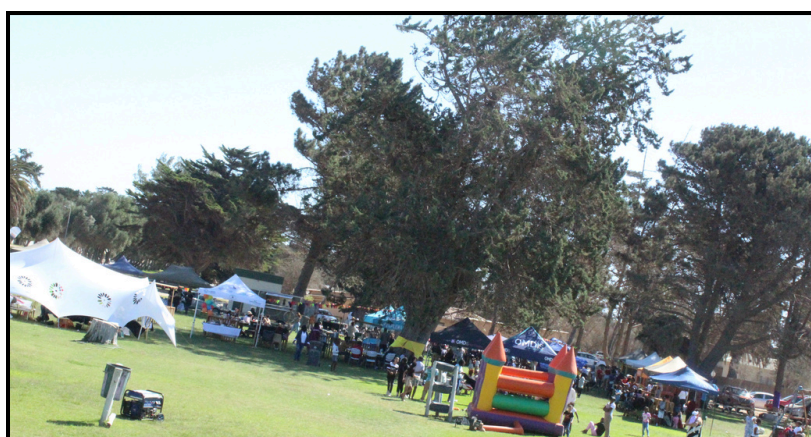


Photo snaps from the family day market

Community Garden Competition

In February 2025, OMD 2030 launched the Community Garden Competition to bring people together and make our town greener and more beautiful.

This fun challenge encourages residents to take care of their gardens and brighten up our neighborhoods. We're excited that 15 community members applied, and seven have officially joined, proudly sharing their garden spaces in the first round.

Unfortunately, seven applicants had to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances, but many have expressed their eagerness to rejoin in the next competition!

A project coordinator and local judges have visited each garden to see the effort and creativity put into them. So far, the gardens look fantastic, with each one showcasing the owner's unique style and love for plants!

The competition runs from 3 February to 30 April 2025, giving participants time to improve their gardens even more. At the end, a winner will be chosen by a team of judges, including experts from OMD's Nursery, OTC Parks & Gardens, and a local community member.

This competition is about more than just plants—it's about bringing people together, sharing ideas, and creating a town we can all be proud of.

With such a positive response, we hope to make this a regular event to keep the community engaged and inspired!



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Garden Competition

This is your moment to shine and turn heads as people pass by your house! Transform your space into something beautiful, help restore Oranjemund's greenery, showcase your gardening talent, have fun, and claim the bragging rights as Oranjemund's Best Garden!

Participate to:

- ✓ Restore town greenery
- ✓ Show your talent
- ✓ Promote community pride
- ✓ Foster sense of community
- ✓ Encourage sustainable practices

Enquiries : hub@omd2030.com

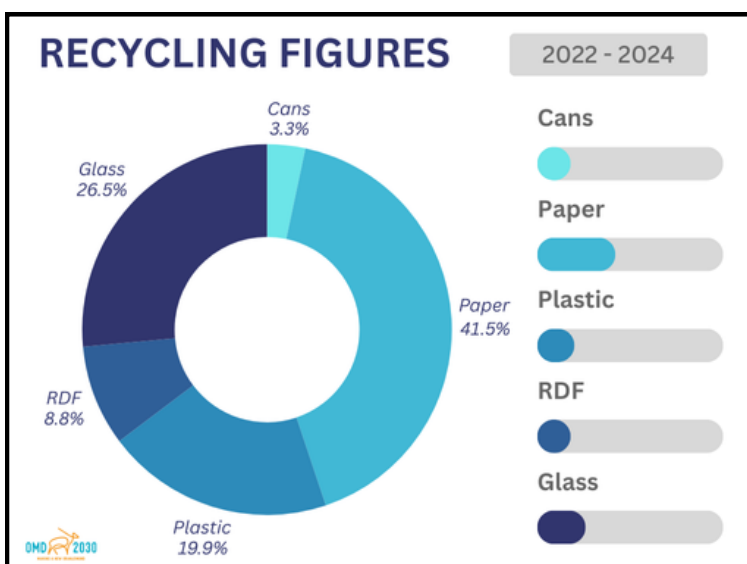
Entry fee: N\$ 50.00

Sustainability Practices

Recycling plays a crucial role in decreasing pollution, mitigating global warming, and conserving energy, materials, and natural resources. Our waste is systematically categorized into several groups, including Plastic, Paper, Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF), Glass, and Cans.

These materials are collected at designated recycling centers within the community. Namely, **OMD 2030, Oranjemund Private School, and Ambrosius Amutenya Primary School.**

We encourage individuals/community members to contribute to environmental preservation by properly separating their waste.

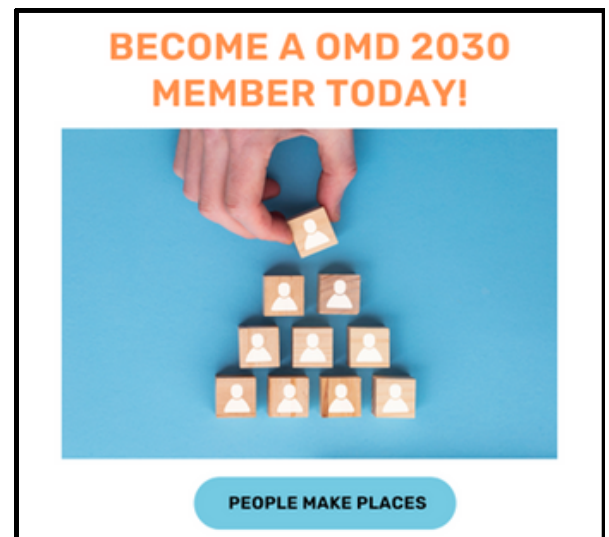


Become a member

Are you a resident of Oranjemund or have you lived here for more than six months? If so, you're eligible to become a member of OMD 2030.

Joining is easy, simply visit our office, provide your details, and become part of a movement dedicated to shaping the future of our town.

As a member, you'll have a say in the transformation of Oranjemund, ensuring it remains a thriving and inclusive community. Sign up today and be a voice for change!



Welcoming a new team member

OMD 2030 is thrilled to officially welcome Alfried Ipinge to our team! We look forward to sharing this journey with him and collaborating to drive meaningful change in our community.

"OMD 2030 has always felt like home to me. From the very beginning, I have believed in its vision and dedicated my time as a volunteer on numerous occasions, driven by a deep passion for the work being done. Now that I am finally part of this incredible team, I feel a profound sense of purpose and belonging. It fills me with gratitude and excitement to contribute to the transformation of Oranjemund, ensuring a brighter future for everyone in our community." — Alfried Ipinge



Alfried Ipinge



Left to right: Annastasia English, Debbie Ashipala, Alfried Ipinge

April is Autism Awareness Month

As we celebrate autism awareness month under the theme: advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainability Development goals. Let us be mindful of those who are around us and let's show support and acceptance.

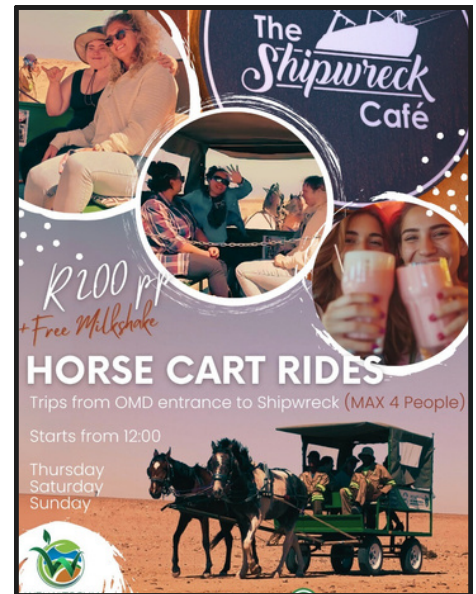


Did You Know?

In 1956, a monthly newsletter was started by Oranjemund local and former mine General Manager Stan Devlin. The newsletter encouraged sharing of news as well as opinions among town residents.

It also acted as a communication network between residents and CDM. The newsletter went through various stylistic changes over the years. Early issues were called the "Oranjemund Newsletter" and were later published as the "Sperrgebiet Gazette".

In recent years, the newsletter became a weekly publication, and was produced regularly until November 2008.



And Finally

We hope you've enjoyed reading our newsletter! It's designed to give you a quick and easy update on some of our latest projects.

If you'd like to find out more about what we're working on, feel free to visit us at the Hub, follow us on social media, watch our latest videos on YouTube, or explore our websites:


 <https://omd2030.com/about-us/>

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


 <https://www.youtube.com/@OMD2030>

We'd love to connect with you! 😊

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