



## EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Readers,  
Welcome to the June-July 2026 edition of the Oshakati Town Council Newsletter. This edition reflects moments of growth, community engagement and progress across our town. From community initiatives and strategic partnerships to various Council activities, these pages capture some of the collective efforts that continue to shape Oshakati.

As our communication platforms continue to evolve, we are also rethinking how we tell the Oshakati story. Going forward, we intend to transition from quarterly newsletters towards a more comprehensive annual publication, allowing us to focus on quality, stronger storytelling and a meaningful reflection of Council's programmes, projects, achievements and the people behind them.

This does not change our commitment to keeping residents informed throughout the year through our various communication platforms. Rather, the annual publication will provide an opportunity to bring together the most significant developments and stories of Oshakati in one quality publication. We extend our sincere appreciation to all stakeholders, partners, residents and staff members whose contributions continue to support the development of our town.

We hope you enjoy this edition and look forward to taking you along as we enter this next chapter of telling the Oshakati story.

Kind regards,

Mr. Martin Kapuka  
Corporate Communications Officer  
Oshakati Town Council

## KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS



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TOWN COUNCIL

### KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS Oshakati Local Authority 2025-2030



His Worship Cllr. Leonard Maseko  
Town Mayor



His Worship Cllr. Mervin Pabalo  
Deputy Town Mayor



Cllr. Heffert Maseko  
Chairperson for the Management Committee



Cllr. Maria H. Murembikwa  
Member of the Management Committee



Cllr. Johannes Murembikwa  
Member of the Management Committee



Cllr. Simbani Murembikwa  
Ordinary Council Member



Cllr. Victoria M. Maseko  
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## SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS



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### SCHEDULE OF OSHAKATI TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

| DAY       | DATE              | TIME  |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| Monday    | 23 February 2026  | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 25 March 2026     | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 29 April 2026     | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 27 May 2026       | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 24 June 2026      | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 29 July 2026      | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 27 August 2026    | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 30 September 2026 | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 28 October 2026   | 15H00 |
| Wednesday | 25 November 2026  | 15H00 |

• The meeting scheduled dates and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

• Council meetings will be live streamed where possible.

• All council meetings will take place at Oshakati Town Council Civic Center in the Council auditorium hall.



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## RELOCATION



### Oshakati Town Council Relocates Over 1,160 Households from Flood-Prone Areas

The Oshakati Town Council has successfully relocated more than 1,160 households from flood-prone informal settlements to the higher-lying Onawa Township as part of its ongoing commitment to improving residents' safety and well-being.

For many years, seasonal flooding has affected communities living in low-lying areas, causing damage to homes and disrupting daily life. Through this relocation programme, the Council is providing families with safer residential land while reducing the risks associated with recurring floods.

The initiative forms part of the Council's broader vision of promoting sustainable urban development, strengthening climate resilience, and creating safer communities for present and future generations. Oshakati Town Council remains committed to implementing long-term solutions that improve the quality of life for all residents.

## WELLNESS DAY 2026



### Wellness Day 2026: Promoting Health, Teamwork and Employee Well-being

The Oshakati Town Council hosted its annual Wellness Day on 17 April 2026, bringing employees together for a day dedicated to health, wellness, and team building.

Staff members were divided into four colour teams Blue, Orange, Green, and White and participated in a range of exciting activities, including sprint races, relay races, tug of war, soccer, and other fun team-building games. The event encouraged teamwork, friendly competition, and interaction among colleagues from different departments.

After an energetic day of competition, the Blue Team emerged as the overall champions, followed by the Orange Team in second place. The Green and White Teams also demonstrated great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day's activities. While the scores determined the winners, the true success of the event was the participation, unity, and camaraderie displayed by every employee.

The Wellness Day served as a reminder that a healthy and motivated workforce is key to organisational success. By promoting wellness, teamwork, and employee engagement, the Oshakati Town Council continues to foster a positive workplace culture where every staff member plays a valuable role.

Because everyone participated, everyone was a winner. #TeamOshakati

## KICKSTART FUNCTION 2026



### Disco Through the Years: Council Employees Kick Off 2026 in Style

Oshakati Town Council welcomed its employees back to work for the new year in true celebratory fashion, hosting its annual Kickstart Function on 20 February 2026 at Oshandira Hotel, under the theme "Disco Through the Years of Service."

Staff embraced the spirit of the occasion, dressing up in 80s and 90s-inspired outfits that brought a wave of nostalgia and color to the event. The atmosphere was lively from start to finish, with old-school music, dancing, and plenty of laughter setting the tone for the year ahead.

His Worship the Mayor of Oshakati Town, Cllr. Leonard Hango, opened the event with welcoming remarks, setting a positive tone for employees as they returned to work for the new year. Member of the Management Committee, Cllr. Johanna Nakambonde-Daniel, followed with a motivational address, encouraging staff to reflect on different animals and the unique characteristics each represents, drawing parallels to the qualities employees can identify with and draw strength from in their own roles. Chairperson of the Management Committee, Cllr. Hofeni Mutota, brought the formal proceedings to a close with closing remarks, thanking staff for their continued dedication and commitment to the Council.

Beyond the speeches and dancing, the Kickstart Function gave employees a valuable opportunity to network and strengthen relationships with colleagues across departments. Games and refreshments rounded out the celebration, helping to build team spirit and a renewed sense of connection among staff as they began the new working year together.

The Kickstart Function continues to be a cherished tradition at Oshakati Town Council, reminding employees that they are valued, and setting the tone for a year of teamwork and service to the community.

## SPONSORSHIP FOR NALASRA AND THE TEAM THAT WENT THERE



### Corporate Sponsors Support Oshakati Town Council Team for the 15th NALASRA Games

The Oshakati Town Council extends its sincere appreciation to the corporate partners who generously sponsored the Council's team participating in the 15th Namibia Local Authorities Sports and Recreation Association (NALASRA) Games, held in Grootfontein from 25 to 29 May 2026. The annual games bring together employees from local authorities across Namibia to promote wellness, teamwork, sportsmanship, and professional networking.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the valuable support of Up Mark Investment CC, Ashikuni Construction and Plumbing CC, Kondja Engineering and Construction CC, IWS Trading CC, Tulipamwe Consulting Engineers, and Windhoek Consulting Engineers. Their generous sponsorship enabled the Oshakati Town Council team to proudly represent the Council at this national sporting event.

The Oshakati Town Council values the continued partnership and commitment of these sponsors, whose contributions help promote employee wellness, unity, and organisational pride. The Council congratulates the team for representing #TeamOshakati with dedication and sportsmanship throughout the games.

## MAYORAL CUP 2026



### Onekulo FC and Eleven Champions Win Big at the 2026 Mayoral Cup

On the 05th of May 2026, the Oshakati Independence Stadium was full of energy as Oshakati Town Council hosted the 6th edition of the Mayoral Cup; and this year's finals didn't disappoint.

In the Youth Final, Onekulo FC went head-to-head with Omuthiya United FC. Neither team could score during normal play, so the match went to penalties. After a tense shootout, Onekulo FC came out on top, winning 6-5 to be crowned this year's Youth Champions.

The Legends Final told a different story. Eleven Champions A played with confidence from start to finish, beating Safile Legends FC 2-0 to take the Legends title.

This year's tournament was bigger than ever, with 76 teams taking part 52 in the youth category and 24 in the legends category. Getting to the final wasn't easy for anyone: Omuthiya United FC needed a dramatic 10-9 penalty shootout to beat Power Boys FC, while Onekulo FC edged past Caltas FC 1-0 to secure their spot in the final.

Standing in for His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Leonard Hango, Deputy Mayor Her Worship Cllr. Mariana Pokolo congratulated all the teams for their hard work and sportsmanship. She said, the Mayoral Cup continues to show how sport brings people together, helping young people build discipline, teamwork, and confidence, while giving legends a chance to lead by example. She also noted that this year's strong turnout shows just how much the community values these kinds of events.

Now in its sixth year, the Mayoral Cup remains one of Oshakati Town Council's key initiatives to promote youth development, healthy living, and community unity through sport. The Council would like to thank its partners and sponsors namely, FNB Namibia, Omulunga Radio, Delta Emergency Services, and the Ministry of Communication and Technology for helping make this year's tournament a success.

## OSHAKATI TOTEM EXPO 2026



### Oshakati Totem Expo 2026: Strengthening Ties Through Culture

The Oshakati Totem Expo 2026, held from 29 May to 6 June 2026 at the Oshakati Independence Stadium, once again demonstrated why it is one of northern Namibia's premier trade, cultural, and entertainment events. Hosted under the theme "Strengthening Ties Through Culture," the Expo brought together businesses, exhibitors, entrepreneurs, artists, sponsors, and thousands of visitors for eight days of networking, economic development, and cultural celebration.

The Expo was preceded by a successful Fundraising Gala Dinner held on 25 April 2026, where an impressive N\$843,000 was pledged by sponsors and stakeholders, reflecting strong support from the business community and development partners. Throughout the Expo, visitors enjoyed a diverse programme of activities, including the Official Opening Ceremony, the Opening and Closing Music Bashes, the Oshakati Idols Singing Competition, the Dance Competition, Boxing Bonanza, Bodybuilding Competition, Miss Oshakati Totem Expo, and Miss Womalenga. These events celebrated local talent, promoted youth participation, and provided quality entertainment for residents and visitors alike.

Beyond the entertainment, the Expo remained a key platform for local businesses, SMEs, government institutions, and exhibitors to showcase their products and services, build partnerships, and explore new business opportunities. The event also contributed significantly to promoting tourism, entrepreneurship, and local economic growth within Oshakati and the surrounding region.

The Oshakati Town Council extends its sincere appreciation to all sponsors, exhibitors, partners, volunteers, service providers, artists, competitors, and members of the public whose support contributed to the success of the Oshakati Totem Expo 2026. Their collective efforts continue to strengthen the Expo's reputation as a flagship event that celebrates culture, drives economic development, and unites communities under the shared vision of building a vibrant and prosperous Oshakati.

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM

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