



Get to know Nzuzo Pukuza, Manager: Projects

Nzuzo started out with the HDA in January 2014.

He leads the Project Management (Technical) Team. He is responsible for overseeing projects from beginning to end and making sure that everything happens smoothly and as it should. Nzuzo explains what he enjoys most about his job:

“Construction is my passion.”

“With my department being tasked with the delivery of houses for beneficiaries, I’d say the most enjoyable part of my job is watching what starts off as a few lines on a piece of paper (the design) end in a proper house for a family that has previously lived in a shack. The best part of this is seeing the joy on the beneficiaries’ faces when they receive the keys to their completed house.”

Project Updates:

Soweto-on-Sea Rectification

- To-date 2029 of a total of 2500 houses have been rectified

Chatty 1380

- 1192 of a total of 1380 houses have already been completed
- 1056 units have been handed over to approved beneficiaries who have signed Client Handovers
- 1345 foundations, wall plates and roofs have been completed
- New “norms and standards” – that include internal plastering, gutters and downpipes – have been implemented at 480 houses

Joe Slovo West 4040 (Services)

- 4026 of a total of 4040 sites have been serviced

Chatty 1060, Chatty 491, JSW 4000 (Top Structures) and 500 Soweto-on-Sea / Veeplaas Unbuilt Sites

- All four projects are in the procurement stage
- Relocations to Chatty 1060 and Joe Slovo West 4000 are underway
- Tenders are being evaluated that were submitted by potential Principal Agents / Structural Engineers to provide services that will include design, contract administration and close out processes for the construction of around 6051 houses

Soweto-on-Sea / Veeplaas 380 (Toilet / Bathroom Attachments)

- The project is at a procurement stage
- A public tender advert for contractors – that was printed in the Government Gazette dated 25 July 2014 and in the Herald newspaper on 28 July 2014 – closed on 05 August and the HDA is evaluating proposals
- The HDA is looking to directly contract ten Small, Medium or Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)

Useful contact numbers

The Housing Development Agency: 041 393 2600
 Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality:
 Customer Care (All hours): 041 506 5555
 Service Delivery Centre (All hours for water, sanitation and all other services): 0800 205 050
 Human Settlements Eastern Cape: 043 711 9500
 Emergencies: (From cell phone): 112
 Childline: 08000 55 555
 Eskom Customer Care: 0860 037 566
 Public Transport Information: 0800 656 463
 Land Invasion:
 Macdonald 082 410 5066
 Hlela 079 490 0531
 Fire: 041 585 2311
 Water leaks, Power outages etc. 0800 205 050
 General Emergencies: 041 506 2735

Clinics

Chatty Clinic in Dullisear Street: 041 481 2111
 Veeplaas Clinic in Kani Street: 041 464 1529
 Zwide Clinic in Johnson Street: 041 464 1732
 Soweto-on-Sea Clinic in Mbanga Street: 041 464 6021
 Booyens Park Clinic in Auburn Road: 041 506 2700
 Booyens Park Clinic 2 in Booyens Park Drive: 041 483 1590

Police Stations

Booyens Park Police Station: 041 404 3000
 071 475 1938
 Kwazakele Police Station: 041 408 7743
 Zwide Police Station: 041 405 4712



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The Zanemvula housing project launched in 2006. It is an informal settlement upgrading and human settlement project in Nelson Mandela Bay. The project is located in the Chatty, Joe Slovo West, Soweto-on-Sea and Veeplaas areas and involves the relocation of residents from the floodplains of the Chatty River, backyard dwellings and other stressed areas around Nelson Mandela Bay to decent human settlements. The project will deliver 13 500 houses.

Greening their heritage

September is Heritage Month.

Heritage is defined as “something that is inherited at birth... or handed down by tradition”. It is up to every homeowner to ensure that their house becomes their family’s heritage.

A home that is properly maintained can provide shelter and a place to gather for generations to come. Maintenance is about a lot more than just making sure that the house has no cracks or leaks. It’s also about ensuring that the property as a whole is well-looked after and made beautiful.

There are already many residents in Chatty 1347 who are taking steps to beautify their properties. Some have built fences around their houses; others have planted grass and trees.



Sipho Ntombeni’s garden is his pride and joy.

Sipho Ntombeni says he has lived in Chatty 1347 for four years and his garden is his pride and joy.

“I love gardening; to be able to grow plants and flowers.”

Sipho enjoys being outdoors, and says that he spends up to five hours a day in his garden which has attracted the attention of his neighbours.

“Some of them have asked me to help them start gardens at their homes. I’ve already helped some of my neighbours to lay grass and grow different plants and flowers.”



Sipho recently started a vegetable garden in his backyard.

Sipho adds that he started a vegetable patch in his backyard a few months ago.

“I’ve planted carrots, spinach, beetroot and onions – they are not very difficult to grow. My family and I regularly cook meals using veggies from our garden. This is a good thing for us; we’re saving money because we don’t have to buy vegetables.”



Nomathemba Basi grows a variety of vegetables in her garden.

Nomathemba Basi also lives in Chatty 1347. Much like Sipho, she spends a lot of time in her garden. She’s planted a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers, has also laid grass and paved a path to her front door from the pedestrian gate.

“I’ve also been able to plant vegetables. I grow carrots, spinach, lettuce, chillies and beetroot.”

Grow your own vegetables

Growing your own vegetables is an affordable way to bring healthy food to your table and the whole family can get involved.

A garden the size of a kitchen door can grow enough vegetables to feed a family of four. If you don't have a yard or the space to plant a garden, you can grow your vegetables in containers.

Getting started:

To get your garden started you'll need basic tools like a spade, garden fork, a watering can or hosepipe and seeds. Water and compost are also very important.

Build your vegetable garden in a spot that gets lots of sunlight. Plant your seeds in rows and leave enough space between them for your vegetables to grow. Once your seeds are planted you must water them well at least once a week, and up to two or three times a week if the weather is very hot.

It is important that you also check your plants for insects and remove any that you find. Another way to keep insects at bay is to plant certain flowers such as sunflowers, petunias, marigolds and lavender.



Khanyiswa Silengile (Chatty) cooks for her family with vegetables that are grown in their garden.



Nombulelo Mkalipi (Chatty) grows spinach, chillies, beetroot and other veg.

Make your own compost heap:

Compost is an important part of growing vegetables because it binds the soil and helps your plants grow better.

Making your own compost is also a good way to get rid of some household waste and will mean less refuse going onto landfills.

Making your own compost can be easy and affordable and can be done using an old tyre with a board to cover the top or a box built from wooden planks.

Compost ingredients:

- Garden waste – like grass cuttings, dead leaves and flowers (but not weeds)
- Vegetable and fruit peels, tea leaves or bags, crushed egg shells, old bread, rice and barley
- Paper, cardboard, sawdust or ash from a wood fire

Do not use meat, fish, dairy products or oil because these either breakdown slowly or not at all, will smell and attract pests.

Start your compost heap:

Find a shady spot in your yard and set up your tyre or box. Make a layer of mixed waste (like grass with vegetable peels and paper) that is about 20 centimetres high. Add a bit of water, so that it is damp, but not soaked through and cover it.

Continue layering the waste like this for a couple of weeks until you reach the top of your container. Finish with a layer

of soil, dry grass, leaves or saw dust that will keep bad smells and flies away.

You will notice that the heap will become warm and moist which means that the waste is beginning to break down and turn into compost.

After a few weeks, if your heap cools down, turn the waste. This will help break it down, become damp and heat up again. Keep turning over your heap every few weeks until all the waste has broken down. The compost is now ready to go into your garden.



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Electrification of houses at Chatty

Since 2003, the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's Electricity and Energy Directorate has provided electricity to 5489 houses at Chatty.

Each house has been fitted with a "Ready Board", three socket outlets, a pendant light fitting and a wireless prepaid meter. The meter itself is installed inside a pole mounted service distribution box and the keypad – that is used to load electricity units that are bought onto the meter - is situated next to the "Ready Board" inside the house.

The municipality says it has faced challenges in the roll-out of electrification in the project. This includes the theft of overhead line conductors, the illegal invasion of incomplete houses and meters being tampered with. Another problem has been illegal connections – wires are taken from electrified houses to nearby informal settlements and this has caused overloading and the pole-mounted transformers to explode.

Electrical connections must still be provided at approximately 1060 units in Chatty. This however only happens once the construction of the house is completed.



"Missing" beneficiaries at Chatty 1347

Three months remain for "missing" approved beneficiaries in Chatty 1347 to come forward and take ownership of their houses.

To-date, 1339 houses have been completed and 1231 have been handed over to their rightful owners. The vacant houses have been vandalised.

The HDA has tried to trace the 108 "missing" beneficiaries. The Agency has partnered with local community leaders to track them down and has sent a list of names to the ward councillor's office. It has also tried to contact them telephoni-

cally and held a public meeting.

If the approved beneficiaries do not come forward and the HDA is unable to find them within the next three months, a process of deregistration will begin and new applications for the houses will be considered.

It is important that approved beneficiaries remain in their "source" or "reception" areas. If you need to leave the area for any period of time, you must inform the HDA and let them know how you can be contacted while you are away.

Public Amenities By-Law:

Public places are as much part of our heritage as our homes are, and it is important that we do what we can to look after them. The Public Amenities By-Law outlines how people may and may not behave when visiting these spaces.

In a public amenity, no-one may:

- Break or damage anything or not abide by municipal instructions
- Pick or damage any flowers or plants grown there
- Walk in a flowerbed or swim, play or walk in a pond or fountain
- Vandalise any structure with writing, graffiti or paint
- Make a fire or burn waste
- Litter or dump any waste or building materials
- Play or sit on play-park equipment unless they are younger than 13-years-old

