



**PRIZED PAPERS:** Ongeziwe Hadebe, a pupil at Ikusasalentsha Primary School in Newtown, Inanda, receives her birth certificate from Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Malusi Gigaba during a visit by top parliamentary officials to the INK area last week

Picture: KEN MCHUNU

## High praise for INK

**SAMANTHA MOODLEY and KEN MCHUNU**

A R375-MILLION grant received from the national Treasury to finance current developments in Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu (INK), will ensure a dramatic change in the quality of life for residents.

That was the message to the area's political champions, National Minister of Public Enterprise Alec Erwin and Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Malusi Gigaba, after a visit last week.

The area's big developments, including Bridge City, KwaMashu Town Centre and numerous others, are well on track, and have earned Ink acclaim from all levels of government.

Erwin said: "Ink is by far the most successful urban regeneration programme in the country".

He said the Ink area-based management programme had strived to deliver the best quality of service for its populace, "despite the odds".

"A lot of work still remains,

and we as political champions for this programme will continue to identify obstacles to service delivery and will take them up with the government", he said.

The two-day area inspection programme started with a fundraising breakfast at Daluxolo Primary School in KwaMashu, in honour of the adopt-a-school pilot project.

An initiative by local businesses, adopt-a-school seeks to address the needs of 11 needy schools in the area, which include a lack of electricity and sanitation.

Horrified by conditions at some of the schools, Gigaba promised to lobby for the delivery of proper facilities.

He said it was unfair to expect any child to achieve results under such "appalling" conditions.

City Manager Michael Sutcliffe later gave a detailed presentation to the ministers on the major developments and how the City tackled difficulties in the area.

"The R375-million neigh-

bourhood grant from the national treasury will be used to build up the area around Bridge City, as well as numerous other nodes in the Ink area," Sutcliffe said.

Ink would also come under the spotlight when the 2010 World Cup preliminary draw took place in Durban at the end of the month.

"It's the biggest media event on the African continent... and we will ensure the people are involved. There will be soccer matches at Princess Magogo Stadium, music and big screens showing the draw," said Sutcliffe.

Ministers later visited construction sites of the Inanda Victim Trauma Centre and Bridge City.

They also went to Ikusasalentsha Primary School at Inanda Newtown, where Gigaba handed out birth certificates to pupils who had applied for them from Home Affairs.

Erwin pledged regular visits to the area to keep tabs on the developments.

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# Million Man March appeal

**METRO REPORTER**

MEN are being urged to take a central role in this year's 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children campaign, which begins next week with a full programme planned.

The campaign will culminate in a "Million Man March" to underline the crucial role of men in ending abuse.

Deputy Minister of Provincial and Local Government Nomatyala Hangana urged government, civil society and business to support the march.

She said the initiative was aimed mainly at changing the attitudes and behaviour of men and boys, but was also designed to raise funds for shelters and places of safety for the victims of abuse.

This year's theme is "Don't Look Away" and various tools

such as postcards, white ribbons, a website, cyber-dialogues, an SMS campaign and other fundraising projects will be used to spread the message.

The 16 Days is a United Nations campaign. It takes place every year from 25 November (International Day of No Violence against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day). Since 1999, the South African Government has run a parallel campaign that includes issues relating to violence against children.

The municipality's gender co-ordinator, Samukele Khumalo, said this year's activities were particularly relevant in light of the "brutal abuse" of women for wearing pants in T-section Umlazi and the serial murders of women in the cane fields of Umzinto south of the city.

She said men were crucial to the success of the campaign. "Leaving men behind could be a disaster in the making."

"If men are not actively involved in, or are excluded from the gender transformation of our country and continue to view these campaigns as 'more women's stunts', they may seek opportunities for attention negatively."

Khumalo said the City had created several structures to tackle gender issues, including an internal gender forum and a men's forum.

She called on local gender organisations and forums to submit their contact information for inclusion on the eThekweni Gender Database.

For more information, call Khumalo at 031 311 6169/6185 or e-mail [khumalo.samukele@durban.gov.za](mailto:khumalo.samukele@durban.gov.za)

## ETHEKWINI'S PROGRAMME

DATE	Event	Venue	Contact
21 November	City Aids Day	St Wendolin's Sports Ground	Jabulile Madondo
25 November	16 days launch	To be confirmed	Samukele Khumalo 031 311 6169
27 November	Awareness on Aids and abuse issues	W435 Vukani Centre	Jabu Khambule 082 049 1184
28 November	"Let your T-Shirt talk for you" "Stop Violence against Women" Bus Campaign	Church Walk City Centre	Cookie Edwards 031 304 6928
29-30 November	Municipality Gender Workshops	To be confirmed	Samukele Khumalo 031 311 6169
1 December	World Aids Day	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
6 December	International Day for the Disabled	To be confirmed	Dudu Mokoena
5 December	Workshop for Women with Disabilities	To be confirmed	Dudu Mokoena 031 311 6164
8 December	Umlazi Wheelchair Race	From King Zwelithini Stadium to Umlazi Mega City	Mxolisi Juba Gumede 073 485 7737
10 December	Million Man March to end the campaign	To be confirmed	Dr Mkabela 033 341 3447

## Visit by famous missionary clan

THE INK (Inanda, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu) area will be hosting Rev Jackson Wilcox and his family next week. Wilcox is the grandson of missionaries and civil rights activists William and Ida Belle Wilcox, who founded the Zulu Industrial Improvement Company to give black people in Natal economic power through the ownership of land. The family also took in a Zulu child and educated him. The child was John Dube, who grew up to be one of the most important figures in the country's history as a co-founder of the ANC. The week-long visit will include a lecture and reunions. — Samantha Moodley

## Masakhane roadshow

**SAMANTHA MOODLEY**

WARD 48 residents got an opportunity to make their feeling known about local government, as well as learn about municipal services last weekend as the final leg of the Masakhane Roadshow for 2007 got under way.

It takes councillors and officials into communities to identify and address problems and to provide citizens with information about the municipality.

Masakhane mobilises communities and serves as a platform for the public to participate in municipal service delivery programmes.

For details of the next roadshow in your area, contact your ward councillor. Masakhane roadshows will take place in wards 19 (KwaDabeka / Wyebank) and 32 (Congella / Albert Park / Esplanade / Maydon Wharf) this Sunday, and in wards 13 (Mangangeni / Marianhill) and 73 (Rose Heights / Witteklip / Croftdene / Arena Park) on 25 November.

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**1 December**  
**VENUE: Bombay grounds (Zone 13)**

WARD	NAME OF ORGANISATION	ADDRESS	GOODS REQUIRED
53	Sakhisizwe Best of the Best	Amaoti	1 x sound system, 1 x keyboard, 1 x lead guitar, 1 x bass guitar
53	Fisokuhle Creche & Pre-School	B 323 Cuba, Amaoti	35 x blankets, 35 x mattresses, 1 x 4 plate electric stove
53	Maqhawe Creche	B 966 Cuba, Amaoti	R10 500 cheque
53	Slindile Catering Women's Club	Amaoti	10 x metal table, 2 x 100 litre pots, 50 x plates, 50 x plastic chairs
53	Simamani Poultry and Gardening Club	B 328 Cuba Amaoti Inanda	R10 500 cheque
54	Sukumawenze Place of Care	B 130 Inanda Newtown	R10 500 cheque
54	Buhlebethu Cultural Group	C 660	R10 500 cheque
54	Zamokuhle Creche	B 322 Mthombe Road	R10 500 cheque
54	Together Empowerment Organisation	C 363 Inanda township	1 x computer, 1 x printer, 1 sound system
57	Khayelihle Creche	Ohlange Phase 2 B 367, Inanda	1 x fridge, 1 x electric stove, 1 x computer
57	Siyaphila Youth Support Services	267 Ohlange	R10 500 cheque
57	Mthandeni Education Services	M 25 Inanda Main Rd Dube Village	1 x sound system, 2 x speaker stands, 2 x Wharfdale speakers
57	Senzenje Women's Organisation	21669 Angola Amaoti	R50 000