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Knysna honours Madiba

On 18 July Knysna municipal councillors and staff celebrated the centenary celebration of Nelson Mandela's birth. Promoting the spirit ubuntu, they participated in different activities, making the lives of those less fortunate a little easier.

Knysna Executive Mayor, Mark Willemse said, "As we celebrate the centenary celebration of Nelson Mandela's birth it is important that we pull together and work towards a common goal. Knysna has been through a tough time and for the benefit and future of our town, it is essential that we put our differences aside and get to work."

Councillors, municipal staff and Community Work Programme (CWP) teams visited various areas in Greater Knysna to lend a helping hand. The day's activities included donations to soup kitchens, opening of the Hornlee Outdoor Gym, handing over of food parcels, vouchers, stationery, sanitary towels, school visits and refurbishing of houses.

Willemse thanked everyone for their contribution to the communities. "Thank you to our councillors, staff and community members for their contribution to building and creating a better Knysna. A big thank you to City Paint Tool, Destination Garden Route, Metelerkamps and Sunrise Mini Stores for their generous donations. Thank you all for honouring Tata Madiba's legacy in such a special manner."

Mandela Day calls on us all, every day, to make the world a better place. Each year on 18 July we look back on what has been achieved, and look forward to what will be done. Making every day a Mandela Day celebrates Madiba's life and legacy in a sustainable way that will bring about lasting change.

Ubuntu is an Nguni term meaning "humanity". It is often translated as "I am because we are," and also "humanity towards others".

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