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R450 000 from Illembe District for KwaDukuza Centre

Enterprise Illembe have made a R450 000 contribution towards the upgrade of the King Shaka Visitors Centre at KwaDukuza. The funds were directed towards four major projects, these being

- i. A new up to date docudrama on the life of King Shaka.
- ii. New fittings and furnishings for the on site reception and shop.
- iii. Landscaping of the gardens.
- iv. New signage and outdoor interpretation.



Left and Right: New Reception and shop area



The new audio visual, filmed on location around the Emakhosini and produced by Meyer Productions of Richards Bay is up and running and replaces the outdated video presentation.

The shop area and reception boasts new furniture, display cases and lighting. In the gardens, paved areas have been created, including paths to the Shakan Bananas live exhibit and homestead reconstruction.

All of the above has created a new-look centre that compliments the tourism product of the area. Amafa has expressed its sincere gratitude to Illembe for its continued support of heritage.



Left and Right: New entrance branding and signage



Manager of the centre, Gugu Ndlovu finally has something to smile about as tourists enjoy rich pickings at her centre, rather than leaving disappointed. (JVV)

KWAZULU CULTURAL MUSEUM CELEBRATES NATIONAL HERITAGE DAY

National Heritage Day is one of the mandatory events of KwaZulu Cultural Museum. KwaZulu Cultural Museum, in line with national policy, celebrated National Heritage Day with the theme "Celebrating Heroes & Heroines of our South African struggle".

The day was celebrated on the 27th of September 2014, by schools under the Mahlabathini Circuit Management Centre (CMC). The Programme Facilitator was our own guide, Mr T.R Hlophe and the event was hosted by Matshitsholo High School. Other schools present were: Ekujabuleni P.P, Buhlebelanga P.P, Hlungulwane P.P, Landulwazi P.P, Bhekamakhosi P.P, Goje P.P and Mpungamhlophe High School.

The school groups competed in various competition categories: that were Ingoma (Boys), Ingoma (Girls), *Isicathamiya*, Poems, *umreko* and *Amahubo*. The adjudicators were: E.J Magwaza (MMC), N.M Mbatha (MMC) & Nonhlanhla Xaba (Guest), and Mrs. T.M Hlongwa spoke on behalf of Amafa.

The Council of Kwa Nobamba, The Royal House, Induna B.W. Buthelezi, Ulundi ward 23 Councillor: G.N Mtshali and the Community blessed us with their presence.

Ezemvelo donated an *Inyala* to the event, while Ulundi Municipality donated the backpacks for children.

The event was a huge success, as the children and community learned about Amafa as a Provincial Heritage custodian and their role in heritage preservation.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Matshitsholo High School staff who helped us with the event. They became part of us. Without them much would have been impossible, as they went the extra mile & used their own resources. The educators of participating schools also deserve special mention. Educators keep up the good work, you rock!

Thank you to Ondini Staff and Mgungundlovu Multi Media Centre staff

All Amafa staff combined their efforts to make a day a huge success. Colleagues team playing is an imperative tool in making any task a success. *Niqhubeka njalo!*

G.J. Mazibuko: Education Officer and Project facilitator



Left and above: Children enjoy the celebrations

New Memorial at Ceza Battlefield

While most people are aware of the famous battles fought at Isandlwana and Shiyane / Rorkes Drift, the conflicts of the Zulu Civil War of 1883 are largely unknown. Over the last few years Amafa has sought to recognise conflicts that have escaped the mainstream of provincial history. It has undertaken a programme to erect markers at sites of lesser known battles, not necessarily to commemorate a victory or defeat, but to honour those who fell in defence of the ideals they held dear. Markers have been erected at sites such as Mome, Tshaneni, Hlopekulu and most recently Ceza.

The Battle of KwaCeza was fought between supporters of King Dinuzulu and the British-backed Mandlakazi under Inkosi Zibhebhu. On 2 June 1888 Usuthu forces under the command of King Dinuzulu ka Cetshwayo, Prince Ndabuko ka Mpande and Hemulana ka Mbangazeli forced the British forces into retreat near Ceza. (JVV)



AMAFA AWARDS R1.3 M ROADS TENDER

The Amafa Council has awarded a tender valued at over 1M for the upgrade of the access road to the Mgungundlovu Multimedia Centre.

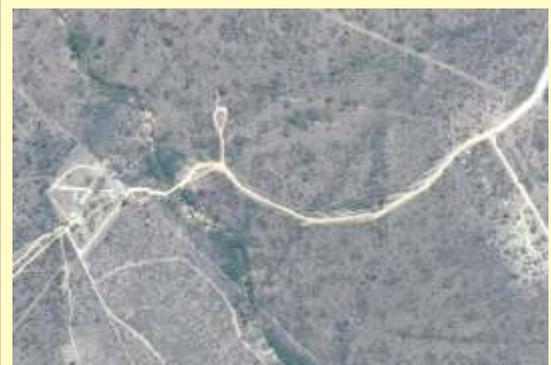
A 1 km section of road that includes a steep area prone to washaways is to be tarred.

Access to the site has long been a point of complaint by tourist operators who have refused to take their busses on the road.

The winning tender was submitted by Shisalanga Construction.

A smaller roads improvement project is also underway at the Spioenkop Battlefield where a 500 m portion of dirt road on the battlefield is being tarred, proving access to the summit of the battlefield during wet weather.

It is hoped that both projects will lead to improved visitor numbers at these sites. (JVV)



Above: An aerial shot of the road to be tarred. MMC at lower left