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MIDLANDS REGION – SONA 2014 PICTORIAL REPORT

In Umgungundlovu the SoNA event took place at Impendle Thusong centre. About 100 people coming from different organisations and general public were visible at the public viewing area. The event that was dominated by positive mood and high level of discipline was graced with the presents of the local Mayor and other local political leadership. Audience reached comprised of women, men young and old.

After the president speech the Mayor Cllr SG Ndlela made summation of the SoNA in a local context which got community talking about issues affecting them at local level and they have made recommendations for the council to consider when planning the budget for 2014/2015.



Mayor Cllr SG Ndlela, spoke at length on how Impendle Municipality has progress in delivering services in line with government priorities where he mentioned that they have about 87 local learners who are on the municipality student bursary.

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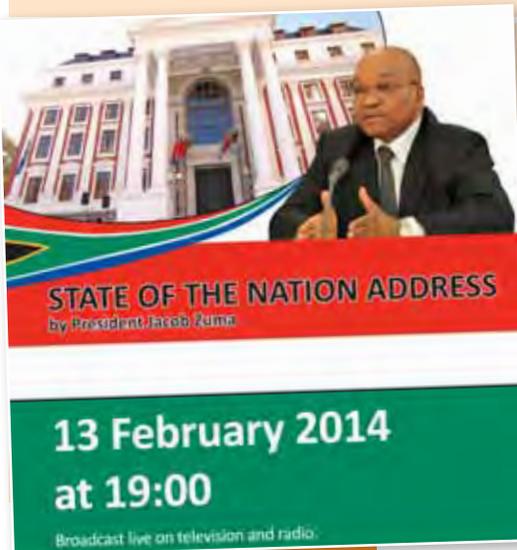
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PRE- SONA BUILD-UP PROGRAMMES IN SUTHERLAND AND VISIT TO SALT



GCIS, Namakwa District Municipality and Government Departments having a service delivery outreach informing the community of Sutherland about the upcoming State of the Nation Address and addressing service delivery issues in the community.



The Speaker of the Namakwa District Municipality, Ms Sylvia Cardinal accompanied by members of the Namakwa District Council and Government Departments arriving at the Southern African Largest Telescope (SALT) in Sutherland prior to the Live Broadcast of the State of the Nation Address.



SEDA giving advice to community members on how to start their own business.



Mr Willem Prins, tour guide of SALT since 2006, informing the officials of the operations of SALT. Mr Willem Prins a resident of Sutherland was a volunteer of the Sutherland Observatory since it started. Since 2011 he was appointed as a contract worker and his knowledge about the astronomy shows his passion for his job.



Chief Director of GCIS, Mr Michael Currin and Provincial Director of the Northern Cape, Mr Marius Nagel seeking more information about SALT.



The first telescope that was used at the Sutherland Observatory and became operational in 1972.



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EHLANZENI DISTRICT: SIMILE COMMUNIY HALL, SABIE



Thaba Chweu Executive Mayor, Cllr M Ncongwane delivering a key local message to the audience before the Presidents speech.

Simile community members appreciated the SoNA big screen viewing organised by GCIS and Thaba Chweu Local Municipality. The event was attended by 350 people and also graced by Executive Mayor Cllr. Mike Ncongwane.



Gogo Stephelina Mashego appreciated the State of the Nation Address: "I am happy that the grants will not be discontinued."



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Audience listen intently to the speech.



PICTORIAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE PRE SONA ACTIVATIONS AND THE SONA LIVE BIG SCREEN VIEWING AT LEKWA MUNICIPALITY.

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Community members of Sakhile glued to the Big Screen during the opening of Parliament.



Community members attentively watching the Opening South Africa's Parliament.



President Jacob Zuma Addressing the Nation.



Attentively listening to the SoNA from the Big Screen organised by the GCIS.



MMC Busisiwe Skhonde summarised the SoNA in vernacular for everyone to understand.



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SONA PUBLIC VIEWING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MPUMALANGA SIYABUSWA CAMPUS

The University of Mpumalanga Siyabuswa Campus students and staff enjoyed the State of the Nation Address by President Jacob Zuma. This was organized by GCIS AND Dr JS Moroka Municipality. The event was attended by 230 people. The students were happy about the address more especially issues affecting them directly, for example University of Mpumalanga, the increase of NFSAS, sign language teaching in schools,

the president mentioning Grade R education, the building of 10 FET Colleges in the country as well as job creation. The session was graced by the attendance of the acting Mayor of Dr JS Moroka Municipality, Cllr MS Ntlailane and his entourage as well as University representatives.



GCIS Director Mr TP Ramotse defining the purpose of the event to the SoNa attendees.



Community members attentively watching the Opening South Africa's Parliament.



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STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS LIVE VIEWING AT MTWALUME HIGH SCHOOL

GCIS in partnership with Umzumbe local municipality held a first time live viewing screen of the State Of the Nation Address at the Umtwalume High school. There was a debate with the topic "20 years of freedom and the envisaged role of the Youth –

Vision 203. The Hall was overflowing of participants at the programme estimated at 350 people,

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Excitement amongst the learners of uMtwalume high school when were to view the SONA. They engaged with the Umzumbe leadership on pertinent issues. Parents also braced the programme.



attendance was more than the expected number the school hall was packed and community member were viewing from the Windows and they were very participatory in the discussion.



Cllr Ngcobo Umzumbe Speaker interacting robustly with the youth on the Priorities of Government and what was mentioned in the President's Address and alongside him was the Head of communication Mr Khanyile who was handing out some goodies.



Live viewing of the SONA attentively.