



EDEN SPORT COUNCIL

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STATUS REPORT – 30 MARCH 2017

It is indeed a pleasure to present the following report on the activities of the operations of the EDENSC. Please note that this is only a synopsis and it is impossible to cover everything.

It is good to state that the Executive of the Eden Sport Council is in full complement and no vacancies exist. This goes for the Commissions as well.

AMINISTRATION

The administration of the EDENSC is on a sound basis but the MANCO constantly strives to better service delivery to the members and improve the functionality. This has become a major challenge being resulted by the funding and manpower available – and according to the information on the new DCAS funding allocations for 2017/18, this won't improve and may even starve this vision resulting in less project and capacity building! Many of the Strategic Planning Goals will have to be scrapped if there is not a revisit to this funding model – projects like:

- *Workshops for administration, treasurers, secretaries, chairpersons;*
- *Good Governance Indaba – King IV Report [21 April 2017]*
- *Workshop on Constitutions for all members;*
- *Expanding the Farm Workers programme in Eden;*
- *All Stars Nite again this year;*
- *Substance Abuse Workshop [4 May 2017]*

The secretariat finalised the Date & Event Calendar for 2017 and many more members contributed to it this year. We however still await the major dates from DCAS.

The EXCO also attended many AGM's of their members and are regularly invited to their functions and event. This is building a close relationship between EDENSC and their members. EDENSC also advise on many challenges the district sport federations might experience.

BI-LATERALS

As part of their good governance vision, the EDENSC EXCO is scheduling bi-lateral meetings with the EXCO's of all members on a regular base and the meetings were conducted with Table Tennis, Chess and Badminton. The next session will include Boxing, Rugby, Jukskei and Darts.

MEMBERSHIP

EDENSC boasts with 50 DSF'S and 6 LSC's affiliations. A presentation was done with the Kannaland Municipal council, another one with Knysna is scheduled for 14 April and George SC is in the process of re-structuring. 3 Potential new federations are one the cards [Triathlon, Bridge, Volleyball] and Eden Pigeon Federation has restructured – only the AGM is to follow on 4 April 2017.

MEETINGS

The following scheduled EDENSC EXCO & MANCO meetings are provisionally tabled:

EXCO:	15 May [ODN], 14 Aug [George], 9 Oct [Goerge]
MANCO:	24 Apr [George], 22 May [ODN], 14 Jul [ODN], 13 Nov [George], 30 Nov [tba]
AGM:	2 Jun [George]
MEMBERS:	22 Oct [George]



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EVENTS

OCC WHEELCHAIR CHALLENGE – 18 FEBRUARY, GEORGE



The 15th annual Outeniqua Wheelchair Challenge, a race exclusively for athletes living with physical disabilities, was held in George on 18 February where South African athletes dominated in the winners' circle.

The winners in the 42km men's race was won by Steward McCreadie (South Africa) in the hand cycle category, Ernst van Dyk (South Africa) in the racing chair category and Pieter du Preez (South Africa) took the men's quads title. Claiming victory in the women's 42km race was Justine Asher (South Africa) in the hand cycle category and Ayishetu Seidu (Ghana) in the racing chair category.

The streets of George were filled with helpers and supporters from early morning as the more than 1 500 wheelchair racers tackled a tough new course over the standard marathon and half marathon distances of 42.2km and 21.1km. There was also a fun race of 5km for community members and supporters who wanted to push the athletes or walk with them.

Sponsored by George Airport, the race once again attracted competitors from all over South Africa and as far afield as Ghana, the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe. The George Municipality has led and facilitated the event over the past 15 years. Brenda Vorster, Manager of George Airport, believes the Outeniqua Wheelchair Challenge is growing in stature and reputation among athletes living with physical disabilities and has become the airport's flagship project.

The event would not be what it is today without the support of the community in and around George. The pride and excitement from supporters and volunteers at this year's race was almost electric. Even the rainy weather could not dampen the spirit that the OCC brings to the beautiful town of George, which has become the tourism gateway to the Garden Route.

Ansie Swart, organiser and champion of the Outeniqua Wheelchair Challenge, believes that the race is now firmly in place as the premier event for athletes living with physical disabilities. "There are road races for able-bodied athletes that have become iconic and always fire up the imagination. We feel that the Outeniqua Wheelchair Challenge is well on its way to earning such iconic status for athletes living with physical disabilities," she says.

Swart hopes to continue developing the race so that it attracts not only more world-class athletes but also participants from communities all around the country.

WC SPORT CONFERENCE – 11 MARCH 2017, NMMU, GEORGE

The Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, George Municipality, Eden Sport Council and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University hosted the 3rd Western Cape Conference on Sport at the university's George Campus on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 March 2017. Prof Quinton Johnson [NMMU Campus Principal], Rudi Claassen [Vice Chairperson of EDEN Sport Council] and Councillor Melvin Naik [George Mayor], welcomed all to this beautiful campus after which the MEC of WC Department of Cultural Affairs & Sport, me Anroux Marais, delivered the keynote address to the attendees from all over the Western Cape. The conference was



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covered life by Eden FM and the Programme Director, Morné Pietersen, really steered the proceedings in the right direction.

The conference theme of **Olympism**, was well supported by topics like

- Olympic values [Prof Marion Keim - UWC]
- Fundamental principles of Olympism [Bennet Bailey -DCAS]
- Assessment of the implementation of the NSRP in the WC [Dr Lyndon Bouah - DCAS]
- Citius, Altius, Fortius [Dr Debbie Alexander –SASCOC]
- Diversity in Sport [Deshun Deysel - Mountaineering]
- The Athletes Perspective [Ernst van Dyk - SA Paralympic athlete]
- Governance and Administration in Sport [JP Naude – WCPSC]
- Municipalities and Sport [Shanold Marillac – George Municipality]

Presentations of a high standard were delivered and frank, robust and serious discussions were at the order of the day. In his vote of thanks, Desmond Speelman [Chairperson of Eden Sport Council] acclaimed the success of the conference and thanked the partners in this event, DCAS, NMMU, George Municipality and the Eden Sport Sport Council for their vision and delivery of this conference. He also thanked the sponsors [Vodacom, Leading Edge, Klein Karoo International, Oudtshoorn FORD, VW Du Plessis Motors, Futurelife, Klein Karoo Toyota, Bavaria] for supporting this major event.

After the breakaway sessions where more in depth discussion took place, and chaired by Rudi Claassen, David Maans, Granville Campher and Ronald Gabriel, the conference adapted some serious resolutions to be submitted to the relevant role players for discussion and implementation. Some of the major resolutions were:

- Physical Education must be reinstated in the school curriculum;
- To ensure that national federations embrace the NSRP completely;
- Mandatory maximum allocated portion (15%) of MIG Funding be utilised for Sport Clubs. No Deviations;
- The Western Cape Sport Confederation/DCAS in partnership with WCED will conduct Olympic Values [Excellence, Respect & Friendship] training sessions, which must be filtered down to all the structures;

It is a given that sport can, and should, make a positive contribution to the development of youth and to the quality of life in our communities. It brings people together, fosters friendships, reinforces healthy lifestyles, and builds civic pride and community participation. It is the responsibility of each one of us to ensure that we continue to build a strong sport culture in our communities.

The conference aim of bringing together sport managers, sport administrators, coaches, athletes, local government, district and provincial sport federations to foster ties in establishing a strong and unified representation of sport in the Western Cape, was definitely achieved.





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CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP – DISABLED, 16 MARCH 2017, OUDTSHOORN

GESTREMDES OPGELEI AS BEAMPTES DEUR SWD TWEEKAMP

In wat as 'n eerste beskou word vir EDEN [en moontlik die Weskaap!], het HIGHGATE SWD Tweekamp in vennootskap met die Weskaapse Departement van Kultuursake & Sport [DKES] op Donderdag 16 Maart 'n kapasiteitswerkswinkel aangebied vir gestremde persone en atlete om as beamptes by atletiek, swem en tweekamp op te treë. Daar is hoofsaaklik op tydhou gekonsentreer. Op hierdie wyse is gestremde persone verder bemagtig! In sy openingsrede het Dirk van der Westhuizen [DKES –Eden] SWD Tweekamp geloof maar ook genoem dat dit jammer is dat dit so lank geneem het om 'n werklikheid te word. Die puik fasiliteite van Eden Sportakademie op Oudtshoorn is vir die geleentheid gebruik.

In sy verwelkoming het Dave van der Walt, voorsitter van SWD Tweekamp, die 32 gestremde persone versoek om deel te word van die hoofstroom beamptes en hulle volwaardige plek daar in te neem. Hulle het 'n groot rol om daar te vervul. Hy het ook 'n uitdaging gerig aan ander sportkodes om ook te belê in gestremdes as beamptes. Die atletiekgedeelte is behartig deur Abrie de Swardt terwyl Sureta Badenhorst die swemdeel gedoen het. Elkeen het 'n handleiding ontvang en is aan die einde beloon met 'n sertifikaat wat deur die vise voorsitter van SWD Tweekamp, Godfrey McCallum, oorhandig is. Danksy die vennootskap tussen SWD Tweekamp en DKES kon die werkswinkel gratis aangebied word!

Susanna Spires van die Klein Karoo Vereniging vir Gestremdes het agterna die gestremde gemeenskap se dank uitgespreek vir die baanbrekerswerk wat SWD Tweekamp vir hulle doen. Sys al graag meer sulke projekte wil sien.



CANGO MARATHON – 25 FEBRUARY 2017, OUDTSHOORN

Meer as 'n 1000 atlete het op Saterdagoggend 25 Februarie aangetree vir die Kango Marathon wat aangebied is deur die Infanterie Skool op Oudtshoorn. Die podium in die mans ope afdeling van Saterdag se 42,2 km Kango-marathon is deur Nedbank SWD-atlete volgestaan. John April het eerste oor die wenstreep gehardloop in 'n tyd van 2:29:13, met Lindile Tokota (2:40:31) tweede en Zandisile Ngeva (2:44:51) derde.

Tanith Maxwell (Boxer WPA - 2:47:12) was die eerste vrou oor die wenstreep, gevolg deur Danette Smith (KPMG - 2:49:46) en Anel van Wyk (Nedbank SWD - 2:56:23). Tokota het met sy algehele tweede plek ook veterane mans 40-49 prys verower. In dié kategorie was Maxwell ook die vroue-wenner. Die veterane mans

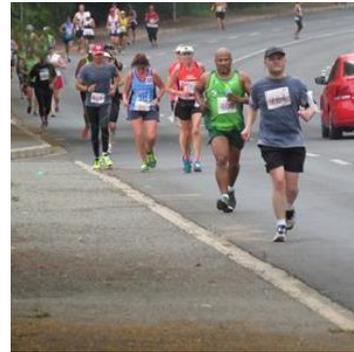


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en vroue 50-59-afdeling is onderskeidelik deur Selwyn Losper (tydelike nommer - 2:58:03) en Annatjie Botes (Nedbank SWD - 3:14:17) gewen. Thomas Moses (Worcester - 3:06:39) en Nancy Will (Pinelands - 3:33:33) het die mans en vroue eerste plekke in die veteran 60+ kategorie ingepalm.

Altesame 1007 inskrywings is ontvang vir die 42,2 km-wedloop. Atlete van sover as Kaapstad, Randburg, en Pretoria het na Oudtshoorn gereis om deel te neem aan die wedloop.



EDEN SPORT ACADEMY TESTING – 25 MARCH 2017, OUDTSHOORN

On Saturday the Eden Sport Academy and the Central Karoo Sport Academy shared facilities and facilitators to do the testing and evaluation of their new athletes that have been allowed into the academy. Under the supervision of Abrie de Swardt, the EDSA Manager, the ETA team under the leadership of Henrico Louw, performed the tests.



MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM

- DCAS Cheque Handover Ceremony – 4 April 2017, Eden Sport Academy, Oudtshoorn
- Good Governance Indaba – 21 April 2017, George

Thank you.

Dave van der Walt
Secretary

Desmond Speelman
Chairperson