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# M S M I E

## C A T A L O G U E

An initiative by PSJ Municipality in  
breaking barriers for its SMMEs.





# Vision

Destination of choice that promotes  
inclusive economic growth for a sustainable  
and unified municipality



# Mission

A municipality that is financially viable and  
committed to provide quality services through  
good governance in a manner that is equitable  
and responsive to community needs.



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# Foreword

Her Worship, The Mayor  
Cllr **Nomvuzo Mlombile-Cingo**



**M**icro, Small and Medium Enterprises are major drivers of growth in our economy and make a meaningful impact on unemployment, particularly in sectors identified as being high impact job creators, including agriculture, construction, information technology and renewable energy .

The catalogue features a wide range of businesses, from restaurants and retailers to service providers and artisans. Each listing includes contact information, a brief description of the business, and photos of products or services offered. This provides potential customers with easy access to information about local businesses and helps to promote economic growth in the area.

By creating a platform for SMMEs to market themselves, the municipality is helping to boost the local economy and support small businesses. This initiative not only benefits local entrepreneurs but also creates a more vibrant and diverse business community.

The SMME Catalogue is just one of the ways that Port St Johns Local Municipality is supporting economic development in the area. By providing resources and tools for local businesses to thrive, the municipality is investing in the future of the community and helping to drive sustainable growth.



# Remarks

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Portfolio Head: LED  
**Cllr A. Gantsho**

**A**s the Portfolio Head responsible for the Local Economic Development Directorate, I am excited to showcase the vibrant business landscape of Port St Johns. Our community is brimming with entrepreneurial spirit, innovative ideas, and drive for growth. By investing in Port St Johns, not only will you be contributing to the economic prosperity of the region, but you will also be part of a community that values sustainability, inclusivity, and collaboration.

I extend a warm invitation to investors to explore the vast possibilities that Port St Johns has to offer. Whether considering a new venture, expanding your existing business, or supporting local initiatives, Port St Johns welcomes you with open arms. Together, we can create a thriving hub of economic activity that benefits investors and the community. Your presence is highly valued and appreciated in our community.

Join us in shaping the future of Port St Johns and witness firsthand the transformative power of strategic investments in this dynamic coastal town. Your journey towards success starts here in Port St Johns.



**Cllr N. Mlombile-Cingo**  
HON. MAYOR



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Ward 6



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Ward 7



**Cllr B. Mjakuja**  
Ward 8



**Cllr S. Ndabeni**  
Ward 9



**Cllr N. Javu**  
Ward 10



**Cllr B. Ncomfu**  
Ward 11



**Cllr P. Ngozi**  
Ward 12





**Cllr P. Puzi**  
Ward 13



**Cllr N. Dobe**  
Ward 15



**Cllr S.I. Ncolosi**  
Ward 18



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Public Representative



**Cllr S.L. Ntlatywa**  
Public Representative



**Chief V. Ndabeni**  
Traditional Leader



**Chief N. Sgcau**  
Traditional Leader



**Cllr T. Xhangayi**  
Public Representative

An aerial photograph of Port St. Johns, South Africa, showing a town built on a hillside overlooking a wide river estuary. The town features various buildings, including a large yellow-roofed structure and several smaller houses. The surrounding area is lush with green vegetation and trees. The background shows a hazy landscape with more hills and a body of water.

# About Port St Johns

**P**ort St. Johns Local Municipality is a Class B municipality and an administrative area of the O.R. Tambo District Municipality of Eastern Cape in South Africa.

It is named after its only large town, Port St. Johns that is situated on the Wild Coast on a coastline of about 270km long. It is bound on the southeast and south by the Indian Ocean; to the southwest and west by the Nyandeni Local Municipality, and in part the Mnenu River; and to the northwest, north and northeast by the Ingquza Hill Local Municipality (Qaukeni) and in part the Mzintlava River. The major river in the municipality is the Umzimvubu River, and the large town of Port St. Johns is at the mouth of the Umzimvubu, that flows through a gorge known as the “Gates of St John” into an estuary located on the Indian Ocean. On both sides of the river ravine are high sandstone mountain peaks: Mount Thesiger and Mount Sullivan.

The municipality consists of 20 wards and covers a total area of 1239 square kilometers (8800 hectares). There are over 130 villages in the municipality.

# Ngcambu Tours in a mission to attract, keep tourists in Port St Johns

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**Sonwabo Khangela**  
Director - Ngcambu Tours

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The Port St Johns (PSJ) based tour guiding SME, Ngcambu Tours is on a mission to ensure that they attract and keep tourists flocking in large numbers in the Port St Johns region. Ngcambu provides visitors with an unforgettable experience of the Port St Johns region, while also promoting sustainable and responsible tourism practices. In order to attract more tourists Ngcambu provides top-quality tour guiding services for tourism attractions in the region. It has a team of knowledgeable and experienced tour guides passionate about showcasing the unique cultural and natural wonders of the area to visitors from all over the world. They offer a variety of tour packages, including: cultural tours, historical tours, wildlife safaris, nature walks and hikes as well as adventure tours.

The Director of Ngcambu Tours, Sonwabo Khangela who hails from Hlamvana location, Port St Johns, in 2019 he visited an accommodation place called Buccaneers in East London. He was offered Kayaking, one of their activities. Then, he thought of taking this back home because he would see people at 2nd Beach packed and having nothing to do, only drinking alcohol. Sonwabo describes tour guiding as a sport and activity that may keep children or everybody busy. As a team of Ngcambu they are not only focusing on tour guides but also get involved in corporate social responsibility like supporting local communities by hiring and training local tour guides, partnering with local businesses, and promoting local culture and traditions. They are also working tirelessly to protect the environment by practicing responsible tourism, reducing carbon print, and promoting eco-friendly practices as well as giving back through charitable donations and volunteering their time and resources to community initiatives. "We are dedicated to protecting the environment, supporting local communities, and promoting the unique cultural and natural wonders of the area," he said. He stressed that the equipment in this business is needed to make it big, so that they would be able to put Port St Johns in the global level.

# PSJ Champion in Tourism

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**Mpumezo David Kolobeni**  
Managing Director - Smart Operation

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**W**hen you talk about a person who is committed and fully behind the promotion of the tourism in the small Coastal town of Port St Johns, is non-other a Managing Director (MD) of Smart Operation Eastern Cape, Mpumezo David Kolobeni who is also known as Ponti. There can be never enough words on self-definition of this Mthumbane born, besides identifying him as a social cohesion, principled with his country's nation building theme of a rainbow nation.

Kolobeni based himself in recreational tourism which gives home to all those visit the town. In the sector he has received many accolades as he is an award winner, winning Eastern Cape Guide of 2019, Lilizela Awards as best Cultural guide in the province. "This is not pride based, rather identity of commitment in making our country a more accommodative destination," he said.

Mpumezo is currently amongst 6 Mpondoland/Wild Coast Guides mentored by Dr Sinegugu Zukulu. "We are hosting Micealhouse Boys High in Cultural experience Edu Tour since 2021 in September which is a multi-National school. The impact of this experience on our boys and some of our staff went far deeper than I could ever have imagined. It is almost impossible to quantify, and so I think the best I can do is to try and qualify this transformational experience through an anecdotal reflection," he said. Kolobeni has a dream of seeing Port St Johns match the international standard and one of the top tourism destinations in Africa, attracting more tourists than this time.



# Young Tourist guide in a mission to promote rural tourism

**S**izwe Dusubana is a young official registered tourist guide based in Port St Johns, whose mission is to promote tourism in deep remote areas of Port St Johns. Dusubana is a founder of Wild Coast Trails and Transfers which offers one day hike lunch, two day overnight hike and five day overnight hike from Port St St Johns to Coffee Bay or vice versa. Along their way with tourists they teach them about rivers, birds and trees.

“We cross the rivers by foot or by boat, walk up the hills and go lonely on beaches, through splendid forests. Sleeping dinner and breakfast in homestay accommodations run by locals,” he said. Sizwe believes that it is crucial to promote rural tourism because the tourists are able to know about our cultures in South Africa. He expressed his gratitude to Mr Mangala and Jimmy Selani who gave him an opportunity to this industry of tour guiding. “They trained me and now I am running my own tourist guide company. In 2008-2009 Dusubane was awarded as the Best tour guide in the OR Tambo region.

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## Feel the rural life at Ncumisa's Homestay

**N**cumisa Somakephu is a proud owner of Ncumisa's Homestay situated at Noqhekwana Village in Port St Johns. Homestays are accommodations in a form of rondavels, and this excites tourists because it gives that feel of rural life.

"In 2004 I was a Tour Guide, it was a bit straining and demanding for me. That's when I ventured into this accommodation business to give visitors that rural feeling. I setup and prepare a rondavel for my guests and they sleep on what is called ukhukho which is a traditional xhosa mat made from grass," explained Ncumisa.

For breakfast she serves guests porridge, steamed bread and vetkoeks. "After breakfast I give them hot water in a basin to bath, but some used to complain that it was difficult for them, so I had to make two outdoor showers with hosepipes to accommodate those who cannot use the washing basin," she said. For lunch she serves seafood, fish, crayfish, mussels and oysters.

She also highlighted that her business creates job opportunities for fellow villagers, There is an entertainment traditional dance group, fishermen, and others who sell their craftwork to tourists.

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# A local producer of natural beauty products

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**Philasande Mahlkathe**  
CEO - Village Divah Organics

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**P**hilasande Mahlakatha is a founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Village Divah Organics, which is operating at Mpantu location in Port St Johns. Village Diver Organics started in 2009, producing beauty products, self-care, health care, health wellness as well as health beauty. She uses natural plants from South Africa and from neighboring countries like Nigeria. Her beauty products are made out of natural raw materials containing absolutely no chemicals- made at home.

Before Philasande started the business of producing and manufacturing beauty products, she was working at a nursery in Southernwood, Mthatha. Mahlakathi, started developing an interest in plants, when she was working there in 2006 to 2007. Loving of plants led her to produce beauty products from these plants. In 2008, she came back home in Port St Johns, where she became a manager and she stayed there only for a year and the opportunity came through as the nursery in Mthatha was for sale. So, she popped out from her own pocket, purchasing that nursery. "I started there doing gardening services in Mthatha households, maintenance on a monthly basis in schools and even in the municipalities. At some point, as I'm running a nursery I learned some aspects of the business, it's when I explored other avenues of producing essential oils. It was not easy to penetrate the industry of oil production as it is white dominated sector," she said. Even though there are some challenges in this business, this dynamic young woman is optimistic to succeed in this sector. She is interested in contributing to the economy of this country and creating job opportunities and training more to participate in this sector. Philasande recently acquired the steam distillation unit from the department of land reform which will help to grow her business. Meanwhile in 2010, she won an award from the department of Agriculture as the best young female entrepreneur.

# Nonjabulo left her profession, chose to invest in the Port St Johns economy

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**Nonjabulo Makhalane**  
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**N**onjabulo Makhalane (31), is a qualified diagnostic radiographer who arrived in the small coastal town of Port St Johns to pursue her profession. Nevertheless, after five years, she changed her mind and resigned in 2022 from her profession and followed her dream in beauty bar.

That alone contributed a lot in the economic development of Port St Johns. Besides being a qualified diagnostic radiographer, Makhalane was a self-taught nail technician and hair stylist. Then, in December 2022, she followed a God-given talent by starting her own hair bar in Port St Johns called Nirvana Beauty Bar, using all her pension money. “I moved to Port St Johns to fulfill my dreams and explore all that life has in store for me. We are a unisex beauty bar that caters to all genders and ages, we offer nail services, wig services, and hair products ,”said Nonjabulo. She revealed that she is intending to expand and offer massages, hair extension, bleaching, trimming, make up, lashes, barber, and selling wigs.

Treating her clients like kings is topping her business priorities, as even the name of the business tells it all. Nirvana is a place of perfection and happiness, like heaven, when you're getting their service that's how they make their clients feel and look afterwards they not only get pampering, but they will be at ease and feel at home with their hospitality. The KwaBhaca born formerly known as Mt Frere stressed that tourism and interaction with tourists at all times in Port St Johns, was the reason attracted to base her business in that town. “I was already working here; I fell in love with the place as one of the tourism destinations. I am able to connect with all types of people coming from different regions. When the time is right I will be able to do both, radiography and beauty industry. I need to explore my other skills as an entrepreneur, as I've always wanted to be independent and have freedom,” she concluded.

# IT company aims to develop Port St Jonians

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**E** BON Computers and Stationery which is situated in the CBD of Port St Johns was established in 2014 with the aim of assisting people of that coastal town in skill development and technological knowledge in Information Technology as well as to develop a town itself. EBON was formed by one of the community members, Emmanuel Nortei who is a Managing Director of the company.

EBON Computers and Stationery was established mainly to improve the information technology (IT) services, create jobs, familiarize the people with the internet, assist in communication through faxing and emailing, and improve security systems.

The Managing Director of Ebon and a husband to Nomfundo said that their aim is to participate in the stream of Port St John's economy and also to create jobs for those who were previously not employed, especially the youth, females and people with disability. "We are interested in moving with the new technological systems and making information technology (IT) problems easier for the community of this town. Our focus is to encourage the use of Technological products like computers, scanners, printers," he said. Amongst the services or products EBON offers include: training the people about use of computers, sales (laptops and desktops), printer sales, sales of commercial photocopiers, network installation and setup, computers repairs, software installations (operating systems like windows 7, 8 and 10), Antivirus.

Their aim is growing the economic cycle, creating more jobs and promoting the Information Technology (IT) system and bringing the computers services to the people and to provide quality IT services to the entire Port St Johns as well as minimize costs to travelling to cities for IT assistance.

# A software developer, Entrepreneur from Port St Johns

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**Athini Bashe**  
Software Developer - Revish

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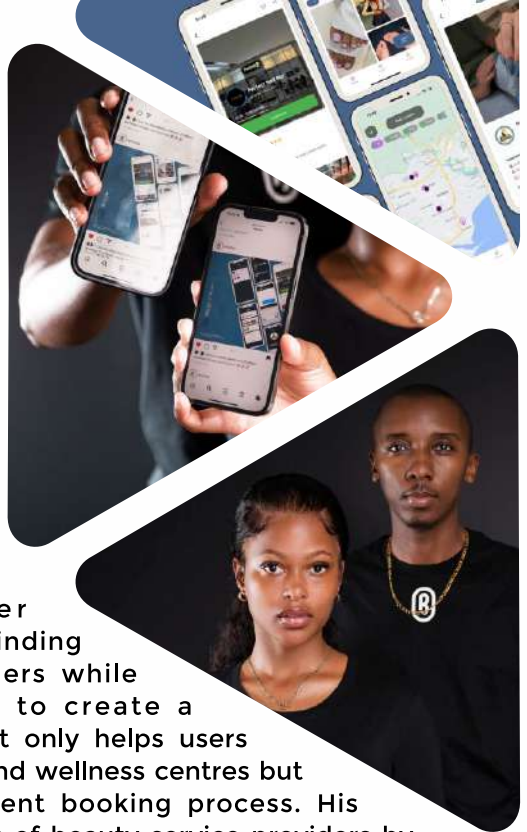
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**G**rowing up in the rural town of Port St Johns (PSJ), never deterred Athini Bashe's dream of becoming a software developer and entrepreneur, as a result of his strong desire he managed to create Revish and Revish Business, a solution that addresses a real-world problem in the beauty service industry.

The inception of his company stemmed from his personal observation when Athini noticed the challenges his partner Ntandokazi Mzamo faced in finding trusted beauty service providers while traveling. This inspired him to create a comprehensive solution that not only helps users discover trending beauty styles and wellness centres but also streamlines the appointment booking process. His business also caters to the needs of beauty service providers by offering tools to manage appointments effectively.

After completing his early childhood education at De La Ray Mkatshwa JS School, Athini's academic journey took him to Umtata Technical High School, where he developed a love of technical studies, focusing on electrical and engineering drawings. However it was his passion for Information Technology (IT) that eventually led him to pursue higher education in software development at both Walter Sisulu University and Nelson Mandela University. Anithini has over five years' experience in the IT industry and he also honed his skills in developing mobile and web applications. His involvement in significant projects such as Zulz On Demand and Sixty60 has provided him with valuable insights into the mobile app landscape in South Africa. "We are currently available on the App Store and Google Play, Revish has the potential to revolutionize the beauty service industry by making it more accessible and convenient for both consumers and businesses alike," he said. Athin's entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to leveraging technology for social good are truly commendable, it's exciting to see how Revish continues to evolve and make an impact in the market.



# Young Mthumbane farmer aims high

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**Siyabonga Sacoyi**  
Founder - Sajonisi Chickens

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**D**espite challenge of unfavorable terrain to reach Sajonisi Chickens, in Mthumbane township, Port St Johns, nevertheless the young founder of the business, Siyabonga Sacoyi (32) is optimistic that he would not stop the business from pushing forward. Sacoyi confirmed access to the farm is quite difficult due to unfavorable terrain. He said securing a more conducive land will be a blessing for the business.

Sajonisi Chickens is a poultry business operating in Port St Johns, 967 eGephini, Mtumbane location. Its principal activities are to produce and supply live and slaughtered chickens, chicks and eggs. The business is owned and operated by the ambitious, young businessman Siyabonga who holds Masters in Public Affairs.

He founded the business in 2020 during the Covid-19 lockdown. “As I was always indoors and depressed by not getting the job that I spent years studying for, I used the lockdown as the opportunity to think of ways to tackle stress of being jobless. My hard work paid off when more lives were changed as the business began to employ not only me but more people of the community,” he said.

As of May 2024, the business has five employees and plans to have doubled the number by 2025. The business’s mission is to be a competitive commercial supplier of live and slaughtered chickens, chicks and eggs within the region of OR Tambo District Municipality, Eastern Cape in particular (initially-on conception of company) with a view to expand once it has fully secured its target market.

Presently, Sajonisi chickens target market is based in households, restaurants, retailers, butcheries, bakeries, government and private companies. It aims at opening opportunities to previously disadvantaged individuals-thus making a meaningful contribution to the empowerment of women, youth and people with disability. The business wants to contribute to development by creating a vibrant economy and instill the initiative of ploughing back to the community.

# A rare breeding by a Port St Johns young farmer

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**Luzuko Kamtshe**  
Rabbit breeder and beekeeper

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**A** caguba born, Luzuko Ndoda Kamtshe

(30) is a farmer from his tiny age who took a very uncommon route in farming, as he breeds rabbits and is the only bee keeper in Port St Johns. Kamtshe is the only rabbit breeder in the radius of 350 km or more – the ones that are nearer are based in Gqeberha and Port Shepstone. He started with four rabbits but presently he owns more than 70 rabbits.

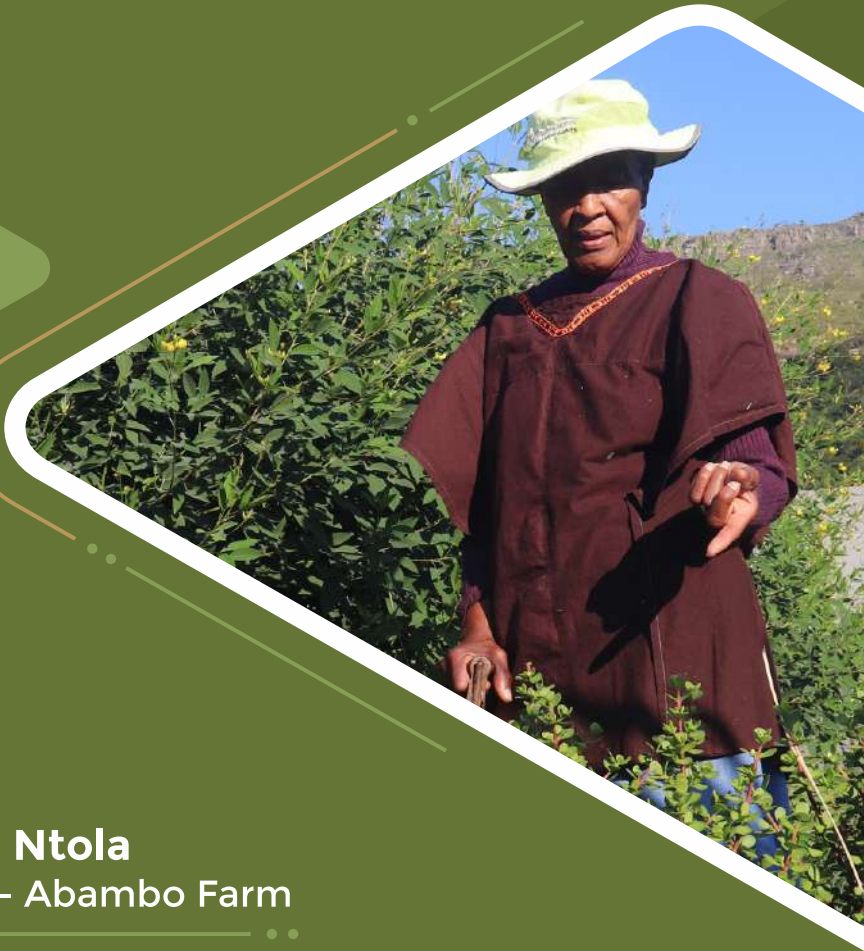
Luzuko followed this route in farming after reading a book on sustainable farming five years ago. Then, that led him to establish Babalo Farming. After reading a book he became more interested in breeding rabbits. “In the book they stated that rabbit droppings and urine are rich in nutrients. I knew rabbit meat was healthy and that is on the market as some farmers I know buy it or have rabbits on their farms for their own consumption. So I started breeding them and a year later I started keeping bees. I never thought I would be a beekeeper because I fear bees even seeing a swamp gives me goosebumps,” said passionate Luzuko.

Luzuko heard about bee keeping training in Port St Johns and he decided to attend with a guy who was conducting that training. “The guy took my number and later I was helping him in his farm to gain some knowledge on the trade and I stepped out and got my own hives as well and started keeping,” said Kamtshe.

Even though Kamtshe is facing some challenges, he never dropped his dream of becoming more successful in this type of farming. His main goal is to build an Eco-village, where his idea of rabbit breeding and bee keeping was established. He also wishes to become a South African organic seed bank and see this type of farming sustain and become prominent. He is so proud of introducing something new to the community and he is willing to expand but lack of funding and having no source of income may hinder his wishes.

# A family in a mission of using the land as source of income

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**Mayoli Ntola**  
Owner - Abambo Farm

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## A bambo Farm is a family owned

establishment cultivating various herbs, fruits and vegetables in Mpantu in the coastal town of Port St Johns. The operation is managed by Mayoli Ntola, who is the owner of the farm with assistance from her son Khanyisa Ntola and a labour force of women and youth from neighboring areas.

Abambo Farm's main products are vegetables of the season, fresh produce, whole plants (as they would be supplied in a plant nursery) and home-made sauces made from Pepper dew's & chili peppers. Our vegetables are started from seeds and sometimes sourced from nearby plant nurseries are mango, avocado pears, guava, macadamia nuts, pawpaw and banana

Abambo farm also produces medical plants sometimes used as ornamental plants, plants used for crafts. Their market is the local supermarkets, individuals, family and friends.

Plants for expansion: making pastes from a variety of herbs, fresh fruit juices from mango, pineapple and other fruits, restaurant & tea garden, crafts shops, cannabis coffee shop, we also make beaded garments.

The bead work on our garments is done by women from the surrounding villages. Most of our orders are made for heritage celebrations and cultural events.

We are in the process of applying for a permit to cultivate Hemp and are on the local government of Agriculture's database and will be processing our cannabis under the government medical marijuana license.

# A big dreamer in the bakery industry

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**Siyamthanda Lawrence**  
Owner - I Bake Sweet Creations

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**A**lthough there is a challenge in terms of cracking the market, in particular for the bakeries from deep rural areas, Siyamthanda Lawrence believes that the market will one day open even for rural bakers. Siya as she is affectionately known runs home based bakery, **I Bake Sweet Creations by Siya** located at Nonyevu, Ward 06, Port St Johns.

I Bake Sweet Creations is a home based Bakery established in November 2023, dedicated to providing freshly baked, high quality treats to the customers. “We specialize in a wide range of confectionery products, including cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, scones and many more. Our mission is to provide delicious, made-to-order-baked goods that exceed our customers’ expectations. Pure passion is our secret ingredient,” said Siyamthanda.

Siyamthanda is the owner and head baker at I Bake, with over five years of baking experience, as a self-taught baker. Because she wanted to improve her baking skills she later attended some baking training. Siya has a passion for creating delicious treats and is dedicated to providing the highest quality baked goods to customers.

#### Business Hours

Mon-Fri: 08h00-17h00

Saturday: 08h00-14h00

Sunday: Closed (available on special requests)

Goal driven young man makes coal for a living and is creating employment for the young people in his village, Khwanyana.

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**Sibusiso Mfazwe**  
Charcoal burner

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**S**ibusiso Mfazwe's, 28, entrepreneurial journey as a coal supplier is truly inspiring, especially considering his determination to expand his business locally and internationally.

Starting his business in 2017, Mfazwe had no idea that a simple idea of making coal could have him establishing a coal business that supplies large supermarkets across the Eastern Cape.

Over the years through hard work and dedication Mfazwe was able to register his company and started applying for help in the municipality, through the Local Economic Development unit. It was after this support that the young man went on to secure funding from various government entities, including Department of Social Development (DSD).

Sibusiso's vision and the recognition of his potential as a successful coal supplier has been a journey that was not easy but his tenacity saw him through.

His story serves as the reminder on the importance of perseverance, dedication, and seizing opportunities when they arise. His willingness to seek business counselling and financial assistance from government departments highlights the significance of government intervention in developing businesses.

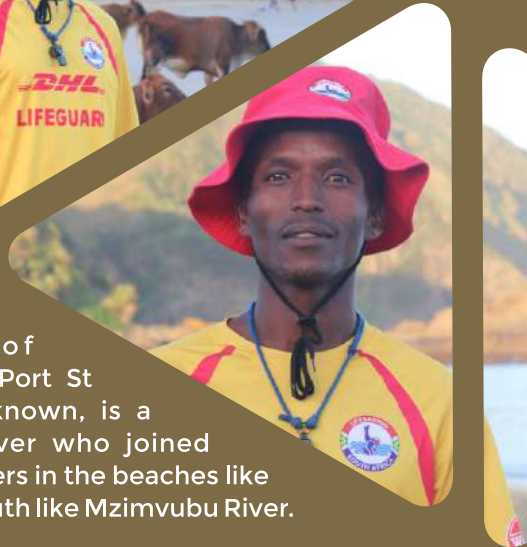
# A saviour in Port St Johns beaches

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**Ndumiso Ndabambi**  
Lifeguard

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**T**he Mthumbane born, Ndumiso Ndabambi is a man who always maintains the safety of visitors/swimmers in the beaches of Port St Johns. Ndura, as he affectionately known, is a qualified lifeguard and a quality diver who joined lifesaving in 2012, taking care of swimmers in the beaches like Second Beach, Silaka and pool/river mouth like Mzimvubu River.

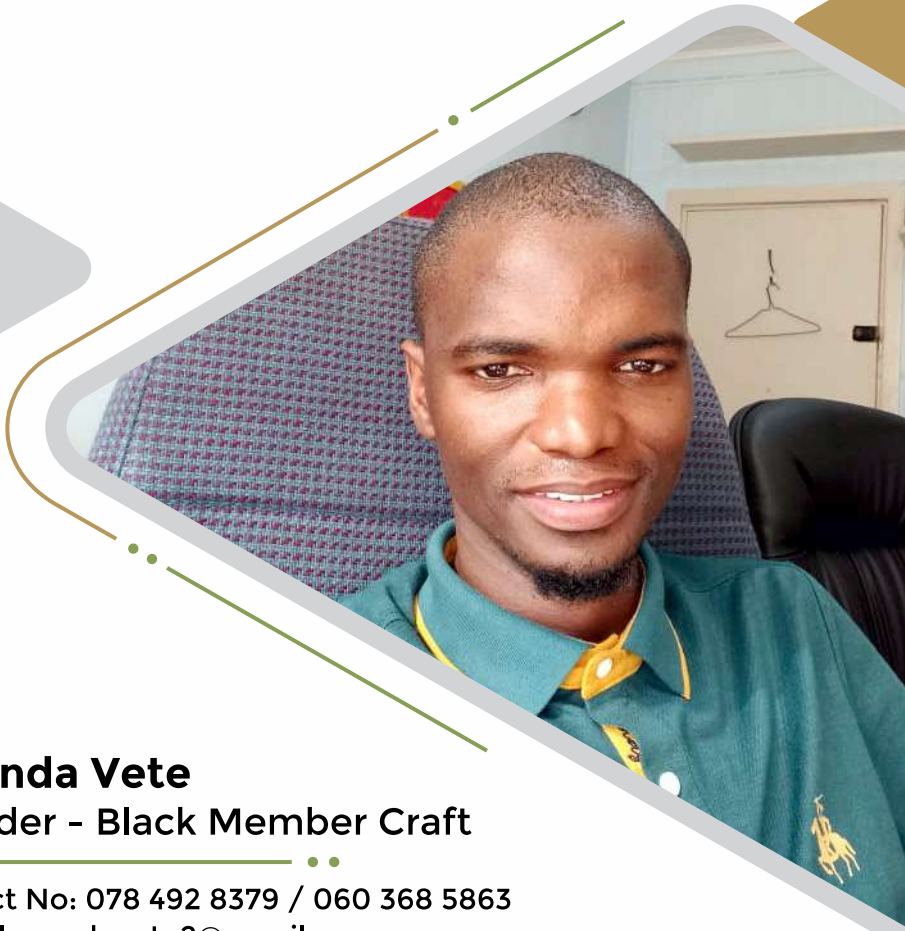
Ndura, demonstrates the ability to inspect the swimming area and report or communicate any unsafe conditions. Proficient in administering lifesaving procedures using First Aid and CPR certified certifications in depth knowledge of safety procedures and protocols relevant swimming and other water sports activities.

In 2018, he started training young people from Mpande, Manteku, Noqhekwana and Mngazi who wanted the lifesaving skills or becoming qualified lifeguards under Umzimvubu lifesaving club. All the participants in the training got certificates, now they are the members of Umzimvubu lifesaving club. "I did this because I wanted to make the tourists that are visiting Port St Johns beaches safe.

"It's been over 9 years including my volunteer duties in Port St Johns specialized experience in ensuring the safety of individuals in the beaches of Port St Johns. As they are not permanent lifeguards working only on December and Easter holidays, nevertheless Ndumisa is hoping that one day they will be employed on a full time basis or the contract to be increased to six months, so that they would stop drowning which entrenches Port St Johns beaches particularly Second beach.

# An aspiring craft specialist in PSJ

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**Amanda Vete**  
Founder - Black Member Craft

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**A**manda Vete (27), is a young passionate crafter based in Ntsimbini location in Port St Johns, Eastern Cape. Vete has a big dream about the craft with the intention to convey it even to the next generation to keep it alive. After completing his National diploma in Art and Design from Lovedale TVET College in 2020, he paid more attention in crafting as a result, advancing himself with many skills in the career. Therefore, he introduced craft specializing in beadwork and leather making.

Vete is also a founder and the owner of Black Member Craft, the company which is situated at Ntsimbini location, ward 7 at Port St Johns. He said this name was established to empower a black child. "I started giving training to individuals due to a lack of resources to accommodate many people. I am looking forward to training as many people as possible and my main objective is to provide skills to the youth, so they can be self-employed, focus on opening businesses and create job opportunities," he said.

Amanda is aiming at opening a craft shop and being able to employ youth. To provide training or workshops and to be every person's first choice. He said when he conducts training, he always encourages creativity and also calls to make use of cultural collaboration through craft.



## A master in basket manufacturing

**M**xolisi Bhadulana from Genville is an owner of Zele Shop which manufactures baskets in the Coastal town of Port St Johns. Bhadulana has been in this industry for the past 18 years, nevertheless he still has no stable market. Even that difficulty never demoralized his passion of manufacturing the baskets to make ends meet.

After hunting for employment for some years but in vain, instead of sitting home folding his arms, he ventured in the baskets business which he learned from his elders back at home. “We were doing very well until the COVID 19 took center stage in this country and completely ruined our business. COVID immensely affected my business even now, that’s why we are still appealing to the government or municipality to offer an injection to boost our businesses because it will take time to be fully recovered. This is the only source of income that I am having and there is no way I can get a job now because I failed to get it at my early age,” lamented Bhadulana. Presently Bhadulana also trains the young people to ensure that his legacy leaves on and be passed on to the next generation.





# Craft lives in Mkhontwana's blood

**S**imon Mkhontwana from Gimville in Port St Johns has been in the craft for some decades and he educated his children with money from the craft. Even though there is no market, he does not see himself living the craft.

Mkhontwana crafts different types of wood workmates, keyholders, baskets and so forth. He sells them in the local B&Bs in Port St Johns and surrounding localities. He has a stand in town, where the visitors are flocking in large numbers to buy his beautiful work. "We were four when we were starting but now we are two, the others left because there is no money. Since we love this we are still continuing and we are hoping that one day the government will provide assistance in crafting," he said.

His daughter, Noloyiso Mkhontwana, who is also working with her dad in the stand, agreed that her father loves craft work wholeheartedly. "Since I was born my father was doing this and now we are old, he is doing it. We went to school with the support from his craft work," said Noloyiso.

# A Good Samaritan brings urban primary healthcare in Port St Johns

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## **Dr Nathi Sibhoko**

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**D**r Nathi Sibhoko's reason to establish his medical practice in Port St Johns was to bring strong primary health care for the communities of Port St Johns and provide affordable private healthcare that meets urban standards. Dr Sibhoko started his practice in March 2022 and since then it has grown from strength to strength. The Port St Johns born doctor did his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at Walter Sisulu Medical School.

His practice now has a Dermatology, Gynecologist and Dietician with goals to expand the team to more specialized services accessible to the people of Port St Johns without any need to travel to the cities. "My medical practice is involved in annual medical outreach programmes to rural and remote parts of Port St Johns offering free medical care, health education and school shoe drives amongst other initiatives to give back, support and empower the people of our town," said Dr Sibhoko.

Meanwhile, Dr Sibhoko has had years working in both tertiary and district hospitals in Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal before he decided to come back home.

# A mechanic has big dreams for his home town PSJ

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**Sibulele Siwane**  
Owner - Hlubi Workshop

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**S**ibulele Swane, who hails from Mthumbane location in Port St Johns, is dreaming big about his home town of Port St Johns. Swane needs to see that small coastal town having its own motor industry which does not exist in that town, so she wants to establish his own automotive company.

Presently Sibulele is running his own big workshop called Hlubi workshop situated at the Military base in Port St Johns. His workshop deals with VW and Audi and he hired young people from Sajonisi and surrounding areas. His intention is to also take the young people from the tertiary level and give them practical advice from the school. After he grew up in a home where there was a mechanical workshop, as they were doing mechanics at their young age, he decided to go to Feutro mechanicals in East London to advance his skills in mechanics and became a professional mechanic. His focus was on VW and Audi because he wanted to come up with something new because at home they were repairing a lot of cars from Toyota and other brands that are popular on that side.

“One day I want to bring the NTT depot to Port St Johns because as young people we need to bring something different to our town. So in order for foreign businesses to see the potential in Port St Johns we need to also be innovative and produce something as people who were born in that town,” said Swane. He called on mechanical engineers from outside to consider that town by paying a visit even if it’s once a year to come and train the young people. He expressed his gratitude to the municipality of Port St Johns for their support because of some of the tools he received from the municipality as a donation to advance his business. “Although we are facing a lot of challenges as an informal town, we are optimistic that our dream will be fulfilled,” he concluded.

# Port St Johns songbird makes her mark in music

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**Csana**  
Musician

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**C**sana, real name Nonguquko Mlaza, is a gifted singer hailing from Port St Johns. She is known for her distinctive fusion of traditional South African music and modern beats. Her music spreads a message of optimism, affection and solidarity.

With her soulful voice and unwavering commitment to her roots, the isiMpondo singer serves as a positive example for young people in South Africa and beyond.

Nonguquko's talent for singing was discovered during a time of hardship as she sought to provide for her family at a young age. At age ten, she developed a love for singing and playing the tin guitar, which she shared with her grandfather.

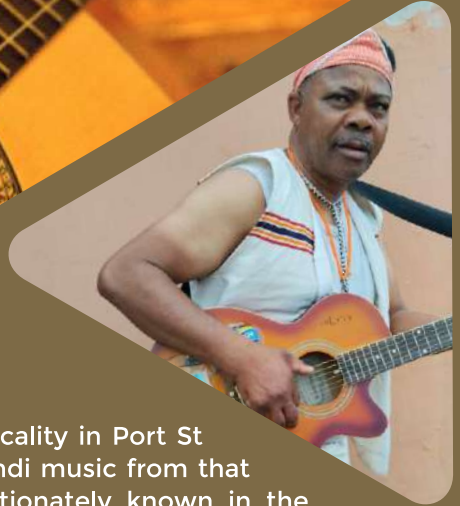
"When I was 19 years old, I began singing on the streets to earn money for my family's survival. Unfortunately, we were struggling with poverty, and I had to drop out of school. I was fortunate enough to receive a guitar from the late Saba Mbixana, a well-known radio DJ who gifted me with this instrument. It was my first time ever playing a real guitar, and I still use it to record my albums," shared Nonguquko.

Nonguquko says her break came after the Eastern Cape Department of Arts and Culture noticed her talent. They helped her record her first album at the Miriam Makeba Centre of Performing Arts in East London, where she worked with producers like Luyanda Madope and Nduduzo Makhathini.

Her latest album, Inguquko, her second album is an ode to her late mother. The self-titled album celebrates her culture and showcases amaMpondo to the world.



# Legendary Maskandi Musician from Port St Johns



**S**iphiso Sigidi (62) from Mampube locality in Port St Johns is a living legend of maskandi music from that Coastal town. Sonaliti as he is affectionately known in the maskandi fraternity got involved in the music since 1985, pursuing his career in Umbhaqanga music.

He was inspired in the Umbhaqanga music with the likes of Steve Kekana, Soul Brother, Babsie Mlangeni and many more. He went to the Gauteng province for greener pastures and fortunately got a chance of backing many groups of Umbhaqanga music. It was a great opportunity for the rural boys to crack in the music industry in cities like Gauteng. In 2009, he turned his focus to Maskandi and went solo when he became famous.

From there he released his first album 'Wabethumfazi' which was followed by three albums that did well in the market. Sonaliti, now is back at home Mampube grooming the young artists in the area of Port St Johns. He is also pursuing his music career, as he is busy preparing his next album which is expected to be out this year. He is also busy teaching the young people about the traditional music in the entire Eastern Cape. "My intention is to restore the dignity of traditional music because youth of today pay more attention to western music, whereas it is very important to adhere to our own roots. There is a lot of talent in remote areas like ours, so as the old artists we need to pay focus as well to unearth such talent," said Sonaliti. He is also in a plan to establish his own studio at home to help the emerging artists from rural areas because it is too difficult to live home for cities as competition and exploitation is too high in those areas.





# From netball player to owning a netball club

The Gomolo born in Port St Johns, Nomawethu Diko, started her netball career in Silimela Junior Secondary School in 1994 and currently she is an owner of Coastal Strickers netball team with her co-founders of Strickers, Nokonwaba Silinga and Zolelwa. She is also a head coach of the team which is campaigning in the OR Tambo netball Federation. The reason for forming this team was to take girls out of early pregnancy and drugs.

“I started playing football just for fun, then I took it seriously playing for a team of Sadtu, later 1996, I started my own team,” she said. In 2021, Diko was elected as Chairperson of netball federation, the position which she is also holding in the OR Tambo District. “There are ups and downs in netball and many challenges, but I don’t have any regrets as I always faced the challenge. But what I know I will come out with solutions and good goals. I always encourage the players to be disciplined and respect the game of netball in order for netball to respect them,” she concluded. Meanwhile, diko is working tirelessly to improve the mayoral cup by developing netball players from deep remote areas of OR Tambo region.



## Do you know the oldest butchery in PSJ?

If you didn't know, Dalintlutha Legacy Butcheries is the oldest butchery in Port St Johns situated at Bridge Street and it was known as Port St Johns Butchery before. Apparently Daluntlutha Butcheries is a family business and in 2018 the son of the late well known business guru in Port St Johns, Mr Mnyaka, Siviwe took over and put a new face in the business which led to a rapid growth and became more famous in that coastal town and surrounding areas. The butchery which also includes the restaurant is known for good customer service, tasty fresh quality meat, delicious food and excel in cleanliness right through to the toilets. Vulintlutha also gives 'intlutha' (feeding) to the patients in the hospitals and in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

Siviwe after taking over of the butchery, he immediately renovated the premises, uplifted the standard which resulted to be more attractive and the growth. "We always maintain good relationships with our customers and ensure that when they get there they feel comfortable and are treated to a kingly lifestyle. We have guys who make it a point that our customers get tasty meat after the braai. We are always there to manage everything and we hired employees who have a long experience when it comes to meat, as 95% have vast experience in whatever they do inside the butchery because we need quality service," he said. Vulintlutha is boasting of employing 17 employees and also distributing meat even in Mthatha and local businesses.

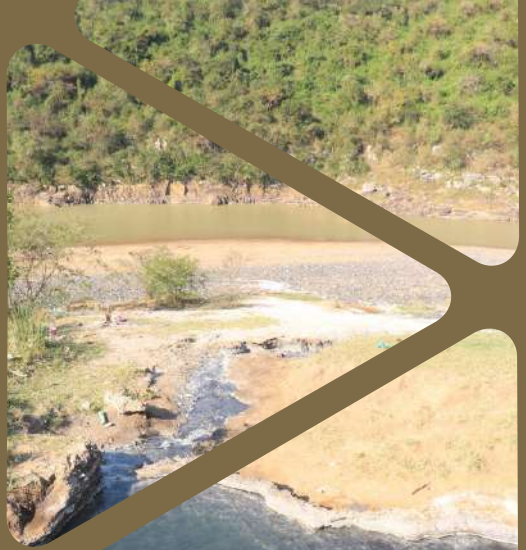
# Port St Johns, The Gift that keeps giving

**N**estled in the heart of Tyityana Village lies a hidden treasure known as Sibhengile - a lesser-known counterpart to the renowned Isinuka. Locals swear by its extraordinary healing powers. "We searched for it for hours until two gentlemen came to our rescue. They spoke fondly about it and made great effort convincing us of the water's remarkable healing properties". What's cool about it is that it flows into Umzimvubu River.

According to villagers, not too many people know about it and their prayer is that it remains that way forever.

Besides the fact it is not easy to find, navigating the narrow zigzag gravel road and forests in search of this Sulphur spring is a sporty adventure on its own.

Narration supplied by Joy.





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