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## **ETHICS FROM THE START**

On 6 June 2019, Council honoured the invitation from the Gauteng Department of Social Development to present on the Code of Ethics at the Departmental induction and orientation programme for newly employed social workers held at Desmond Tutu Child Care Centre and Itireleng Residential Care Facility, respectively. The Registrar, Ms Malamba, was deployed to the Desmond Tutu Child Care Centre, while the Professional Conduct Manager, Mr Sekhitla, accompanied by the Professional Conduct Officer, Ms Madonsela, were deployed to the Itireleng Residential Care Facility. Council commend the Gauteng Department of Social Development for conducting a rigorous induction and orientation programme for its employees. Council appreciate the practitioners' level of consciousness, maturity and commitment to serve humanity and the pride of being social workers. We trust and believe that they will continue to protect the integrity and dignity of the social work profession and fight for social justice and preservation of human life.

**PLEASE NOTE** that if you have not paid your annual fee or if you have paid it after 31 March 2019, your registration with Council has lapsed and you will need to follow proper restoration procedure as per regulation. **Social service professionals, by law, may not practise if not registered with the South African Council for Social Service Professions.**

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Prof Willem Jan Roestenburg (10-07690) has been elected in accordance with section 5(1)(a) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 to serve on the 4<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions from 2019 to 2021.

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The Committees for Communications & Public Relations and the IT & Business Re-Engineering held their meetings on 18 and 19 June 2019 at Council's offices in Pretoria. These Committees dealt with a range of matters relating to improved stakeholder engagements and the total overhaul of Council's IT system to make it more userfriendly and interactive. More developments will be shared on this platform.

We appreciate the feedback, complaints and compliments related to our services we are receiving through the suggestion box placed at our reception area. Your concerns raised are monitored and are being addressed by the relevant divisions. We encourage registrants to make use of this platform as it helps us to improve our service.

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## **#NATIONBUILDING**

The National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers (NACCW) 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference and the 4<sup>th</sup> CYC-NET World Conference 2019 took place in Durban from 2 to 4 July 2019 under the theme *Nation-Building- One Child at a Time*. The 1,400 delegates in attendance included representatives from all nine provinces, youth from the Isibindi programme as well as international delegates. This conference provided delegates including youth, who had their youth conference parallel to the biennial conference, an opportunity to outline their challenges and progress made since the last conference in 2017.

The President of Council, Dr Maria Mabetoa, shared progress made by Council and pledged Council's commitment to continue advocating for the sector on a number of pertinent issues including increased access to more institutions of higher learning to offer a degree in Child and Youth Care. The chairperson of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work, Ms Aziwe Magida, highlighted some of the work done by the Professional Board, for example the amendments of Regulations to include recognition of 4 year BTech degrees at NQF level 7 for registration at professional level. This amendment also extends the sunset clause for child and youth care workers registered at auxiliary level by virtue of the RPL policy, to get their FET certificates within a further 4 years – i.e. 7 years from initial promulgation of the Regulations – to 2022.

The Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba, was a panelist on a live webcast under theme *Nation Building: The Role of Child and Youth Care Workforce in Child Protection and Violence Prevention*. Delegates were also able to raise their queries with Council and 102 registration related enquiries were recorded.

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## **SOMETHING FOR 2020**

Many people may have a diary that they keep and update regularly. Keeping a diary to keep track appointments, tasks to do and insights from your work life is a key tool for both short-term and long-term goal planning and personal development. A diary can help you see where your time went and help in tracking progress on your goals. Additionally it helps you reflect on your wins and losses, and you will see your own personal growth.

Council is considering design and publish a unique diary, specially designed for social service practitioners applicable for the practice of social work and child and youth care work. The first step is to ascertain the interest and practical requirements for such diary that will be most beneficial for social service practitioners. Please help us to meet your needs by participating in a short survey. Click on the link below and complete the survey before or on 25 July 2019. It will take no more than 5 minutes to complete (and there is no obligation to purchase once you have participated in the survey).

Click on this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/D4ce8LVT1TeJuvLN8>

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## **THE GREATEST GIFT**

This week the nation and the world celebrated *Nelson Mandela International Day* and Council's staff gave their '67 minutes' in honour of Nelson Mandela at the Tshwane Leadership Foundation, a non-governmental organisation in the inner-city of the Tshwane Metropolitan Area working with women and girls at risk (including victims of domestic violence), homeless people, children and economic development of people, amongst others. Our staff assisted in cleaning the shelter for the residents, where after a workshop on ethics was also conducted with 23 social workers, student social workers, social auxiliary workers and child and youth care workers working for the organisation.

On 15 July 2019, Council conducted a workshop attended by 47 child and youth care workers and social workers from public and NPO sector on registration and ethics at Enerst Malagas Treatment Centre in Nelson Mandela Bay. Council commends the collaborative efforts of child and youth care centres in and around Port Elizabeth who collaborated in organising this workshop, which makes Council's vision "*social service practitioners united in service excellence*" a reality. Council encourages other child and youth care centres throughout the country to follow this collaborative approach and invite Council to conduct similar workshops.

Council salutes all social service professionals for the significant role they play in communities and the lives of vulnerable groupings. To all social service professionals, as we celebrate 10 years of Nelson Mandela International Day, let's remember Tata's inspiring words - "*There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return*".

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## **#WOMENSMONTH2019**

Council celebrates the bravery of women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956, to protest against the Apartheid pass laws. Under the theme “25 Years of Democracy: Growing South Africa Together for Women’s Emancipation”, the Women’s month campaign was launched on 1 August 2019 in Pretoria by the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities.

The theme ties together the success story of South Africa, with the gains women have made since the dawn of democracy in 1994. It also reminds citizens of the social compact that is required to break down the multiple barriers and threats that women, young women, and women with disabilities still face.

As advocates of social justice, social service professionals must continue to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources and opportunities that allow them to meet their basic needs.

Kindly note that the office will be closed off to the public on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to allow the administration to process the high volume of applications pending finalisation. Registrants who wish to get hold of the office should use the email addresses listed below.

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## **YOUR COUNCIL @WORK**

The SACSSP secretariate closed off to the public on 7 and 8 August 2019 to allow processing of registration applications pending finalisation. A total of 348 registration applications, including status reports and applications for restorations, were finalised. We urge all registrants who received communication regarding their applications to act on that communication.

The Education, Training and Development International Qualifications panel reviewed four (4) applications for consideration to be registered with Council. The outcomes will be communicated to the applicants as soon as all verifications are completed. The Education Training and Development Committee of the Professional Board for Social Work conducted assessments on social auxiliary work learning material (NQF level 5). The outcomes of this assessment process will be published soon.

The Registrar, Ms Malamba, held a consultative session with the management team of the South African Defence Force (SANDF) social work unit to look at ways to support the 167 practitioners employed within the Department of Defence and to understand their everyday work related challenges and challenges with the SACSSP.

The Communications and Public Relations practitioner at Council attended a two day National Communicators Forums organised by the National Department of Social Development. The key focus of the National Communicators Forum is to provide a platform to share progress, best practise and networking opportunities for communicators of the Department of Social Development, its entities and key stakeholders. The Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, graced this event and addressed communicators. In her address she emphasised the important role communicators play in bringing the nation together.

## **UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SPECIALITIES:** 17 August 2019: Ms Eunice Vilakazi, Council's ETD Manager, is addressing all social workers interested in learning about the value of specialities in social work and the requirements needed to apply. <https://www.saaswipp.co.za/NewsEvents/Events>

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## **IT'S IN THE MAIL**

Work never stops in the registration division as 282 new applications were processed from 12 August 2019 to 16 August 2019 (164 for social work, 92 for social auxiliary work and 26 for child and youth care work). A total of 115 practitioners names were restored to the Register in accordance to section 20 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978. A further 74 status reports, 171 Registration Certificates and 833 practice cards were processed and posted. Sms notifications with tracking number have been sent and we encourage registrants not to ignore notices issued by the South African Post Office for collection of documents send through registered mail.

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## **DOEK ON FLEEK**

On 20 and 21 August 2019, the Professional Board for Social Work held its 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Pretoria. A range of topics were discussed and significant milestones were reached. A statement on the outcomes of this meeting will be issued shortly.

On 23 August 2019, the Professional Conduct Manager, Mr Hitler Sekhitla, and the Professional Conduct Officer, Ms Annah Madonsela, presented the Code of Ethics for newly employed social workers of the Gauteng Department of Social Development, as part of their induction and orientation programme. A total of 103 social workers from the Johannesburg Metro, Sedibeng and West Rand Regions attended respectively. Council commends the Gauteng Department of Social Development for investing time and resources to capacitate these cadres as they begin their new journey as practitioners. We congratulate the participants in their employment and wish them well in their endeavours.

On 23 August 2019, staff at Council's office celebrated Women's Month under the theme "Doek on Fleek" as a symbol of courage and that there were those who went before us who fought for equal rights, the vote, equal pay and the right to self-determination. Nedbank partnered with Council on this event and presented on financial wellness. A representative from the Cancer Association of South Africa also presented on different cancers affecting women and the importance of regular self-examination or clinical examination in early detection for enabling effective treatment and a better chance of recovering from cancer.

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## **COUNCIL@ASASWEI**

The Registrar, Ms Malamba, and Communications practitioner, Ms Mbuzo, attended the *Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI)* conference held at the University of Cape Town from 27 to 29 August 2019. The theme of the conference “*promoting healthy human relationships*” is aligned to the 4<sup>th</sup> theme of the Global Agenda for Social Work. The Registrar delivered greetings from Council and the two Professional Boards to the 267 delegates from various institutions of higher learning across the world and key stakeholders in social work profession in attendance. In her presentation the Registrar challenged delegates to reflect on social patterns that inhibit them from having positive human relationships at home and in the workplaces. Stimulating topics were presented by various academics and social work practitioners leading to robust engagements and debates. The Chairperson of the Professional Board for Social Work, Ms Sharon Follentine, also had the opportunity to engage with all heads of the Schools of Social Work after the conference was closed officially by the outgoing ASASWEI President, Prof Adrian van Breda. An important opportunity created by the conference is the dialogue amongst social workers on the need to mobilise the social work fraternity into a vibrant and sustainable association.

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work held its 37<sup>th</sup> meeting from 28 to 29 August 2019. The Professional Board reflected on the work that has to be finalised within the 18 months left in their term of office. More details will be shared on the statement to be issued soon.

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## **A NEW BANK ACCOUNT**

This week we finalised the process of changing Council's bank account to **NEDBANK**. All social service practitioners registered with the South African Council for Social Service Professions are requested to note that Council's bank account will change to Nedbank from **1 November 2019**. From this date all payments such as registration fees, annual fees, restoration fees, fees for status reports and duplicate registration certificates, continuing professional development (CPD) application fees, among others, should only be paid into the NEDBANK account below. *(The ABSA account will no longer be active from this date).*

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## **IT'S IN THE GAZETTE**

The Amended regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers made under the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 was published in Government Notice 1164 of 2019 (published in the Government Gazette No 42697 of 13 September 2019) and takes effect immediately. Please note that these Regulations amend the Regulations for Child and Youth Care Workers, Auxiliary Child and Youth Care Workers and Student Child and Youth Care Workers published under General Notice No. 38135 of 2014 (GNR 838 of 31 October 2014) and should be read together. The Amendment Regulations can be downloaded on the government's website [www.gov.za](http://www.gov.za) or click [here](#) for a direct download.

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## **NO MAIL?**

On 12 September 2019, the Professional Conduct Manager, Mr Hitler Sekhitla presented the Code of Ethics for social work to 29 social workers employed by Child Welfare in Stellenbosch. The participants also took the opportunity to highlight areas in the Code of Ethics which they are of the view needed to be updated.

From 13 September to 18 September 2019, 44 certificates were returned. It is advisable to constantly track your mail so as to avoid future costs of reposting. This [link](#) provides the list of all returned mail. If your name appears on this list, please send an email to [mailclerk@sacssp.co.za](mailto:mailclerk@sacssp.co.za).

On 20 September 2019 Council was represented at a psycho-social collaboration symposium on harm reduction in working with people who use drugs held at the University of Pretoria. This symposium was organised by the university, COSUP (Community Orientated Substance Use Programme) and City of Tshwane municipality. Amongst the topics that were discussed was the code of ethics for social workers. Mr. Hitler Sekhitla presented the mandate of Council and emphasised the value of professional registration and actions taken against unregistered persons, the importance of continuing professional development for practitioners and internal Council procedures followed regarding the investigations of complaints lodged against social workers.

Everybody is looking for that perfect diary. The SACSSP surveyed practitioners and designed a diary that will allow you to track your appointments, deadlines and tasks, while at the same time record statistics, kilometres travel and even overtime. All on one page – every day! Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **WE STAND TOGETHER**

On 23 September 2019 the Professional Conduct Manager, Mr Hitler Sekhithla, Professional Conduct Officer, Ms Annah Madonsela, and the Registration Officer, Ms Jacobeth Somo, conducted a registration project and the promotion of ethical conduct for 120 child and youth care workers in the Thabo Mofutsanyane District, Free State, hosted by the Provincial Department of Social Development. Child and youth care workers from Kestell, Arlington, Vrede, Senekal, Reitz, Memel, Harrismith, Maqekung, Phamong, Maseleng and Department of Social Development attended. We also issued 50 registration certificates on the day.

On 26 to 27 September 2019, the Professional Conduct Division convened the joint Professional Conduct Task Team of the Professional Board of Social Work and Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. The purpose of the task team was to develop the draft regulations regarding the responsibilities of employers of social service practitioners, review the Code of Ethics for social workers and develop the practice manual for child and youth care workers. The draft documents will be presented in the Professional Boards' meetings scheduled for October 2019 and later at Council's meeting in November 2019.

On 27 September 2019 Council joined a public service march against gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa that was organised by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA). The march started at Church Square in Pretoria and proceeded to the Union Buildings. During the march, public servants and government leaders committed themselves to a pledge in line with public service policies offering recourse for sexual harassment in the workplace, victimisation and unsafe working conditions. A torch lighting ceremony in honour of women who died as a result of gender-based violence was also held on the lawns of the Union Buildings.

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## **THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST**

On 1 October 2019, the Professional Conduct Manager, Mr Hitler Sekhithla, delivered Council's message of support at the launch of the Gauteng Department of Social Development's *Provincial Supervisors' Learning and Support Forum*. The message emphasised the importance of supervision of social workers as part of Council's mandate to protect and promote the interest of the social service professions and the ethical responsibilities of social workers, in particular supervisors in practice settings. On the same date, the Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba, addressed the Department of Health's district social workers on "*ethics- a personal journey of self reflection*", at Weskoppies Hospital.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Registrar addressed the University of Venda's Institute of Gender and Youth studies' strategic planning session led by the HOD, Dr R Raselekoane on the mandate of Council and the prospects of registration of the youth in development qualification with Council.

On 4 October 2019 the *IT and Business Re-Engineering Committee* held its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in Pretoria. A range of topics were discussed such as the records management, digitisation, utilisation of Council buildings and the roll out of the IT system. The challenges around email and telephone responsiveness were once more addressed and creative ways explored to mitigate the problems.

*Newsletter 1 of 2019* will be published next week and we hope you will enjoy it. Some of the interesting articles in this newsletter are a reflection of three years with the 4th Council, environmental justice and social service professionals; why our professions are regulated, CPD and we go behind the scenes in the Professional Conduct Division.

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Newsletter 1 of 2019 is available [here](#) or on our [website](#) (follow the link on the homepage). Download your version and share with your colleagues. It includes messages from the President of Council as well as the Registrar; a reflection on the work of Council, the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work; interesting articles on environmental justice and the responsibilities of social service professionals, the reasons why some professions are regulated, the importance and value of CPD for the child and youth care work professional, the concept, value and use of econometrics in social work, and the interface between social work and child and youth care work in multi-disciplinary teams. The Newsletter also goes behind the scenes in the professional conduct division, focuses on school social work in South Africa and reviews an interesting book on the political economy of social welfare in Africa.

On 10 and 11 October 2019 the Professional Board for Social Work held its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting in Pretoria. A range of topics were discussed and achievements and developments since the previous meeting in August 2019 were noted. Lookout for a detailed statement to be issued next week.

From 1 to 10 October 2019, 19 certificates were returned. It is advisable to constantly track your mail so as to avoid future costs of reposting. This [link](#) provides the list of all returned mail. If your name appears on this list, please send an email to [mailclerk@sacssp.co.za](mailto:mailclerk@sacssp.co.za).

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## **STRENGTH IN UNITY**

The Registrar attended on the 16<sup>th</sup> October a consultation session on student placements that was organised by Department of Health for universities and social work managers at academic hospitals.

On 18 October 2019, Council convened a dialogue attended by 50 social workers from the South African Police Service, Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Defence, Unisa, PRASA, social workers in private practice and social workers from the Office of the Family Advocate, amongst others, on the value of professional associations for social service professionals at the South African Police Service Tshwane Police Academy. The Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba, started the discussion by asking social workers to remember where the journey of social work started and to imagine a society without social workers. The topics that were discussed reflected on the state of affairs affecting the social service sector in South Africa and how to better reposition the role of social worker associations within the country. Empowerment of communities and promotion of social justice was discussed as one of the core business of social work. Challenges that face the profession such as lack of resources, lack of recognition of the profession by organisations, lack of awareness of services offered by social workers, quality of supervision (and supervision by non-social workers) were also raised.

Council calls on social workers to organise themselves, so as to have a unified collective voice that can offer sustainable professional support in the interest of their profession. Social workers are called upon to attend future dialogues and organised structures like *South African Occupational Social Workers' Association* (SAOSWA) and *Employee Assistance Professional Association* (EAPA) as well as student social work associations can contact the SACSSP's communications office for more information ([communications@sacssp.co.za](mailto:communications@sacssp.co.za)).

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## **ETHICS FROM THE START**

On 24 October 2019, the Professional Conduct Manager, Mr Hitler Sekhithla, presented on the Code of Ethics to 120 social workers at the Social Work Day hosted by the South African Military Health Service of the Department of Defence in Kimberly. On 25 October 2019 another presentation on the Code of Ethics was made to more than 80 newly employed social workers from the Gauteng Department of Social Development in the Ekurhuleni Region. Council congratulates all newly employed social workers and wish them well in their endeavours.

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## **OPEN DAY**

On 7 November 2019 the Education Training and Development Division Manager, Ms Eunice Vilakazi, attended the Gauteng Department of Social Development's provincial quarterly Victim Empowerment Forum and presented on the roles and responsibilities of social auxiliary workers. It was attended by social auxiliary workers, social workers, social work supervisors and centre managers.

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**OPEN DAY!** There will be an open day on 20 November 2019 from 9h00 at Council's office (37 Annie Botha Avenue, Riviera, Pretoria). Our registration helpdesk will be at work and registration application and issuing of receipts will be done instantly provided all documents are in order. Nedbank, our banking partner, will also be available on the day to give you detailed information about their products and services, and to answer any questions that you might have.

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## **YOU ARE INVITED**

The South African Council of Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is preparing for an open day which will take place on 20 November 2019 from 9h00 at SACSSP's office (37 Annie Botha Avenue, Riviera, Pretoria). The registration helpdesk will be attending to registration applications and issuing of receipts instantly provided all documents will be in order. Nedbank, the SACSSP banking partner, will also be available on the day to give detailed information about their bank products and services, and to answer questions related to their services.

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## **A HISTORIC WEEK IN 2019**

On 22 November 2019 Council, represented by the President of Council, Dr Maria Mabetoa, Members of the Executive Committee, Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba, and managers of Council met with the Minister of Social Development, Ms. Lindiwe Zulu, for the first time. The objective of this meeting, besides meeting and greeting, was to discuss the objects of Council, the roles of the Minister of Department of Social Development towards Council and key challenges faced by Council. The meeting yielded positive results as most needed items were identified, to mention a few: the appropriation of funding from Parliament for Council and systems development to strengthen registration process was well received by the Minister and she committed her support going forward and providing support to Council. More engagements like this will happen to put plans into actions for the betterment of social service professions.

The South African Council of Social Service Professions (SACSSP) held its Open Day in partnership with Nedbank on 20 November 2019 at the SACSSP offices. This event was graced by the presence of SACSSP President, Dr Maria Mabetoa, Member of the Professional Board for Social Work, Dr Hendrika Stutterheim, Nedbank's National Head of Public Sector, Ms Phumela Xanywa, and Provincial General Manager, Mr Mohammed Salim Kadoo, amongst others. Dr Maria Mabetoa welcomed guests comprising of Council's secretariat, Nedbank personnel and registrants. Nedbank as Council's banking partner, was chosen as they provide a personalised service to Council which will also ensure that the unidentified fees are reduced. In her speech Ms. Xanywa thanked Council for choosing Nedbank as its banking partner and promised Council a "walk the talk" service and donated R30,000 to Council towards a worthy course. Council is engaging with NGOs who will benefit from this donation.

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## **TIMES GONE BY**

On 24 November 2019, the Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba, was a panellist at the South African Black Social Workers Association (SABSWA) reunion where a strategic programme for further engagements was discussed. This reunion was intended to be a get together of former members of this association which has since ceased to exist. Most members have made phenomenal contributions to reforming the social welfare and developmental service and policies in our country. Former members revisited their past engagements; documented their experiences and nominated a task team which will further explore ways of shaping the current social welfare and developmental spectrum. Council's registration helpdesk attended to 30 enquiries and issued 7 restoration certificates and 7 receipts.

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## **LOOKING BACK @2019**

Another successful year draws to a close. It is amazing how much has been achieved by Council this year receiving the title deed to the new office block at number 33 Annie Botha street, which is adjacent to the existing office block; changing of our bank to NEDBANK, which provides the most cost effective banking options for Council; revamping of Council's website (though still in progress) and the IT system which has started with connecting the two buildings; the new system of payment of annual fees for social service practitioners employed in the Departments of Health and Social Development; and the very positive meeting with the Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu.

The staff had their year-end function on 6 December 2019, which is an annual affair to appreciate employees for the hard work done.

On 11 December 2019, Council hosted a delegation from SOS Children's Villages, Ethiopia. Amongst other issues, the delegation was empowered on Council's legislative mandate and the professionalisation of child and youth care work.

We offer our sincere thanks for all your support and constructive feedback throughout the year and we wish to have many more successful milestones with you in the coming year.

**May your festive season and 2020 be filled with peace, love and happiness.**

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