

Media statement

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Mandela Day was created to inspire people to embrace the values of democracy and contribute towards the ideals of ensuring a just and fair society.

In July, South Africa celebrates former president Nelson Mandela's birthday. 18 July has been declared Nelson Mandela International Day, but as South Africans we embrace the chance to celebrate Nelson Mandela's life for the whole of July. This gives everyone the opportunity to heed the call to action for people to recognise their individual power to make an imprint and change the world around them.

A global movement for positive change begins with small actions. As each person acts, they fuel momentum toward positive change, raising awareness and expanding the reach of Mr Mandela's values – fighting injustice, helping people in need and practicing reconciliation.

2014 is particularly symbolic as we work to honour a great South African statesman and make every day a Mandela Day as we mark South Africa's 20 years of democratic freedom.

The Thabazimbi Local Municipality in partnership with its stakeholders is dedicating the Mandela Day, through a series of activities that seek to benefit needy communities. There will be cleaning campaigns at Northam by TLM, Anglo American Platinum Union mine and community at large and Smashblock informal settlement by community, Department of Social Development and Chronimet Recycling centre respectively on the 18th July 2014. All activities start at 9:00.

The main event for Mandela Day will be at Northam RDP Sportsground on 18 July 2014 at 11:00. Anglo American Platinum Union Mine will be handing over Waste Removal Truck and 920 wheelie bins to Thabazimbi Local Municipality. The wheelie bins will then be handed over to the community of Northam especially the elderly, people with disabilities and child headed family as well as the indigents.

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