



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

INTERNET ARTICLE

Keeping the environment clean for safe and healthy water

11 June 2018

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) joined the City of Mbombela and other water and environment stakeholders in celebrating World Environment Day at Umjindi Trust Sportsground on 08 June 2018 under the theme ***“Beat plastic pollution: if you can’t reuse it, refuse it”***.

The awareness event started with a cleaning campaign to promote a clean and healthy environment. Community members participated in the cleaning campaign and promised to take care of the environment for a healthy community and clean rivers for healthy rivers for their use and agricultural purposes.

Community members were encouraged to keep their surrounding environment clean and healthy, as litter if not controlled ends up polluting our water resources leading to water borne diseases and the loss of life and livestock.

An official from the Department said; “The pollution of water resources affects water quality and the available water for human consumption. We must always keep the environment, especially water resources clean and healthy for a healthy community, as water has no substitute. South Africa is a dry and water scarce country, so it is crucial that we take care and keep our water resources healthy at all times. Plastic is dangerous to livestock and other water creatures. Plastic is also used by throw waste into our water resources, sometimes blocking the flow of water, so let us be responsible in our use of plastic”.

Learners from SA Makam Primary school encouraged the community to use plastic in a responsible manner as bad use of plastic has serious negative effects on water and the environment. They further encouraged the community to reuse plastic to make carpets and hats instead of throwing them all over the place and in the water resources.



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Mr Johannes Mulaudzi from City of Mbombela encouraged the stakeholders and the community to work together to keep the environment clean and healthy. Working on Fire urged the community to be extra cautious during the fire season. Fighting runaway fires requires a lot of water, so preventing unnecessary fires saves much needed water in our water scarce country.

Themba Khoza