



Swakopmunder Lightbeams



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the Municipality
of Swakopmund

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New Municipal Office Complex

A historic ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the New Municipal Office was held on 18 July 2008.

The start of this construction project has been long overdue - over a decade since the Municipality identified the need for more space. The current setup became totally impractical seeing that the various sections are scattered all over town.

Officiating at the historic event the Mayor, Councillor G N Shitaleni informed everyone that design proposals were invited from Architects registered with the Namibia Institute of Architects for the proposed development of the Municipal Office Complex which closed during June 2006. Three companies submitted offers.

Messrs Mackintosh Lautenbach Architect's Associates was appointed for the design of the new Municipal Office Complex as their proposal was considered to be:

- the most cost effective (optimizing energy usage, natural lighting, ventilation etc) and operational efficient design.
- incorporating materials in design to minimize maintenance and to reflect the character of Swakopmund (double storey that looks like single storey).
- including attractive and useful landscaping that reflects the character of Swakopmund. Providing a focused identity to the complex reflecting the image of the Municipal Council of Swakopmund.

The Office Complex will be a two-storey multiple wing complex which will house all the different departments under one roof. This will not only provide better office accommodation for staff members and provide a safe and efficient working environment but it will also enable Council to provide improved and professional customer services to the public who are in actual fact the owners and custodians of the building.

The New Municipal Office Complex will replace both the main Municipal Building constructed during 1907 as well as the *Altes Ampsgericht* building which was completed during 1906.



A Historic Occasion: The Mayor, Councillor G N Shitaleni at the ground breaking ceremony. In attendance is the Governor, Hon. S S Nuuyoma, Councillors and Officials

Tenders calling for the construction of the new Municipal Office Complex which closed during March 2008, and four companies submitted their offers. The tender for the New Municipal Office Complex was awarded to LeBau CC for the total amount of N\$61 113 126.36 (inclusive of VAT) and a construction period of 30 months.

Council budgeted N\$20 million on the 2008/2009 financial year in order to commence with the construction of the complex.

And this new office complex - which will better serve our customers, the public, and our staff members - is a real investment in the future of our town which is an economic engine that is constantly developing.

The Mayor advised that the project should not only make a few ripples in the local economy, but should be seen as a long term investment of the Municipality. Provision will be made by Council in the next 2 financial years for the necessary funds to complete the project.

The New Municipal Office Complex is centrally located and within easy reach of all

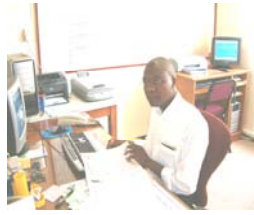
parts of the town. In conclusion the Mayor assured the Contractor of Council's support and co-operation during the various phases of the project.

Provision is also being made for the construction of the new Fire Station on the same premises. The tender for construction of this building is due to be awarded soon.

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From the Editor's Desk



Dear Reader

The previous edition of the *Swakopmund Lightbeams* has captured the imagination and interest of many of our readers with a lot more positive comments coming our way.

In this edition we have introduced two new features titled *Fun & Laughter* and *Words of Wisdom*. These might become regular features depending on the readers' interest. Surely humor is needed after a long day of hardwork!

Our advertising prices are the lowest in the industry and affordable thus businesses and individuals are urged not to miss this opportunity of great publicity. Prices will be reviewed in October and increases are not ruled out.

Don't miss the Photographic competition which will commence in our next edition and will be publicized in the media countrywide.

Also make sure that you don't miss any edition of the *Swakopmund Lightbeams* by forwarding your contact details to me for placement on the Mailing List!

Regards Tjiurutue

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READERS LETTERS

Efficient service from Swakopmund Municipality

In a recent edition of "*Swakopmund Lightbeams*", the bi-monthly publication of the Swakopmund Municipality, an e-mail address (swkmun@swkmun.com.na) of the Chief Executive Officer was advertised for any correspondence.

On three separate occasions I have e-mailed the municipality regarding various maintenance matters. The problems reported included a broken barrier pole & a stone beacon that had been moved allowing vehicle access to the beach; a damaged cable fence at the "paddock" and a bench destroyed by vandals on the beach path. In all instances, I received an immediate acknowledgement of receipt of my e-mail from the General Manager: Engineering Services and better still, by the next day, the problems had been rectified!

This is impressive service! And the Swakopmund Municipality deserve credit for their prompt and efficient service.

It is highly unlikely that a similar response would be forthcoming from any Municipality in South Africa and Swakopmunders can be grateful that municipal services are efficiently run.

A Satisfied Resident

Hitch-Hiking Area Illegal & Dangerous

Council earlier this year decided to close the hitch-hiking Area on the B2 main road at the entrance to town for safety reasons.

It has become a safety concern as some hitch-hikers often crossed the road without considering their safety and that of motorists.

The hitch-hiking area is located on a bend, at a T-junction and on the reverse side of the train bridge, making the location dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians.

The Long Distance Taxi Rank in Mondesa along the Nelson Mandela Avenue was constructed to offer commuters and taxi operators a safe, well managed and con-

trolled transportation system in so doing to ensure the safety and security of citizens and visitors alike.

The Traffic Section has been instructed to apply strict law enforcement at the hitch-hiking area whilst regular patrols will be instituted in that area to curb illegal stopping on the road whilst road-barriers will be extended further.

The old Taxi rank opposite Owetu Supermarket will be closed soon and the bend in the road which was used as a parking space for taxis will be replaced with a straight road.



OFFICIAL OPENING: MONDESA PLAY PARK

The Mondesa Play Park was official opened on 28 June 2008 much to the delight of the community of Mondesa.

The event started with a march from the Mondesa Municipal Office to the Play Park at the corner of Independence and Vrede Rede Streets. Young and old were delighted to witness the event whilst to some of the elders the event brought back memories of their childhood days when they could still somersault.

The Mayor of Swakopmund, Councillor G N Shitaleni stated that the need to create the play park was identified some time back as there was no public open space for the children and the community to get together and have fun. The Mayor revealed that a need still exists for more parks, particularly in Mondesa and that Council budgeted for a second park which will hopefully be completed during the current financial year.

The Mayor said that the aim of the park is to create an alternative for children to spend their leisure time constructively as opposed to getting caught up in wrong and illegal things. She stated that the youth is our future and Council does not want to see this future being destroyed.

The Play Park which was constructed to the tune of N\$200000.00 was designed and built internally by the Municipality of Swakopmund, including the landscaping of the area. This project has brought a renewed sense of community identity and



We witnessed it: A section of the crowd who attended the official opening of the Mondesa Play Park.

pride and has regenerated a run-down area into an attractive space for the local community.

The Mayor pleaded with the community of Mondesa, young and old to take good care of the park as it belongs to them and specifically requested the surrounding neighbours to be on the look out for irregular activities and to report it as soon as possible. Protect it, care for it and maintain it for not only your children, but for your children's children to come, she said.

The Erongo Regional Governor, Honourable S S Nuuyoma was the keynote speaker at the event and said that the park is a reflection of what Government expects from the municipalities countrywide. Honourable Nuuyoma stated that the challenges facing children are enormous and

no one organization can effectively deal with these challenges. We as parents, Government and Stakeholders need to closely collaborate and work together for the betterment of society through the early childhood care and development, he advised.

The Governor requested parents and guardians to allow the children to run, jump, explore, share, chase, see, slide, ride, eat, walk, sit, smell, feel and belong whilst for the aged a park awakens and ignites the youth in them once again.



Its Ours: Energetic youth performing dramatic performances much to the delight of the crowd

In conclusion the Governor urged that the park should not be utilized as a bar and no alcohol should enter the park premises stating that the park is not a place for criminal activities.

The event was attended by a huge crowd who enjoyed the beautiful warm weather. A jubilant crowd of children attended the event and contributed to the carnival atmosphere which prevailed with local musicians entertaining the crowd.

The event coincided with the fundraising activities of Festus !Gonteb, Vrede Rede and Hanganeni Primary Schools.



Remembering their heydays: A group of elders performing traditional dance during the official opening of the Mondesa Play Park

Media Release: Drowning Incident

On Friday 13 June 2008 a tragic and very unfortunate incident occurred at the Sewage Works when two young children drowned in the Oxidation Ponds at the Sewage Works. It is with sorrow that we have learnt about the loss of 2 young lives at our Sewerage Plant, Rudi Klaase 5 and Dino Swartbooi 6.



Oxidation Ponds: Where the unfortunate incident took place

Initial reports indicate that three young boys under the age of 5 years were seen at the entrance to the Sewage Works earlier that morning and they were chased away by some of our staff. It later transpired that two of the young boys have drowned and the matter was reported to the Namibian Police who dealt with the matter further.

Apart from the question why these small kids were allowed to wander around town on their own, the most important question is what can be done to prevent a similar occurrence. In this instance it seems that the boys gained entrance to the site via the vehicular entrance. It should be noted that it is possible to also gain access to the site by climbing over the boundary wall of the Works.

their curiosity resulting in their attempts to look around the plant.

The Department of Engineering Services has arranged for a security guard to be on site during working hours with the main task to man the vehicular entrance, but it is not the solution as the site is very big and one guard will not be able to effectively guard the whole site against unlawful entrances. The cost amounts to N\$135.00 per day or N\$3 000.00 per month. During a Special Management Committee it was agreed that the entrance gate be closed all times and that staff should be alert not to allow any unauthorised person on the premises.



Awareness Campaign: Warning notices placed around Sewerage Plant

In addition warning signs have been placed around the premises to caution public members, however it will not be effective in the case of small children who cannot read yet or illiterate people.

For that reason another solution has been considered. Information campaigns will be launched at schools whereby the children are informed about the dangers such a treatment plant pose. This could however have a negative effect as it might just stimulate

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Sewerage	081 128 4993 or 4104274	081 128 4993
Traffic	081 122 4679 or 4104301	081 122 4677/ 8/ 9

OKU KELELA OMULILO

Fire Fighting and Prevention

“Otatu vulu kuhulitha po”

Oshike hashi holoka po uuna omulilo gwa kwata sha?

1. Londodha aantu mboka ye li meni opo ya zemo mbala.
2. Kambadhala nokukutha mo omulilo nawa, ihe ino itula ngoye mwne moshiponga.
3. Inda mbala potelefono yopopepi e to ithana Aadhimi yOmulilo.
4. Ngele Aadhimi yOmulilo ya thiki, ou na kukala konima wa mwena opo yo ya vule okudhima omulilo.
5. Kala ushi mpoka pun a omuligu gomulilo gwopopepi e to tseyithile aalumentu yomulilo.
6. Kala u na oonomola dhotelefono



ndhoka wa pumbwa meke lyoye.

Omulilo oshike?

Omulilo ohagu holoka po ngele pwa ningwa ekudhilo lyon-

tumba. Ekuthilo oli na okuningwa uuna omulilo gwa holoka. Shika oshashi holoka ngiini? Inima itatu oyi na okukala po opo omulilo gu holoke.

1. **OMAHOLI** – ongashi iikuni, omakalamanya, oombapila, omafagalala, omakende, omaholi gopetololi noparafina nayilwe.
2. **OMBEPO** – niitja yimwe, uuna kaape na ombepo itapu kala omulilo.
3. **ONZO YUUPYU** – omahala mpoka tapu zi uupyu opo mpoka pun a omulilo gwa tema, okalehita, okapalwa nenge okuwega iinima kumwe, Ethimbo limwe mpoka wo tango tali vulu okutaandelitha omulilo, ngele etango lya tosha mekende nenge miisipili.

Omulilo ohagu taandele ngiini?

Opu na omikalo ndatu nkene omulilo hagu taandele. Uupyu otatu vulu okweendela miitenda ngaashi miipeleki okuziilila moombuli dhondunda. Uupyu otatu vulu okutaandela u ukkilila okupitila mombepo, oshiholelwa, okamulilo okashona otaka vulu oweetitha omulilo mondunda ngele okakwata komalapi gopomakende. Uupyu otatu vulu oku etitha olwithi nongele inalu pita mo

mondunda otatu vulu okweetitha omulilo moombuli.

Otandi gamene ngiini komililo?

“Egamenoli vulu epango”

Molwashoka omatungo giiti niipeleke ohaga kwatwa mbala komulilo ngoka hagu taandele nuupu, osha simana opo u ya longe nkene taa gamene nokukondjitha omulilo omanga ye li aashona.

1. Ngele otashi vulika, omagumbo oge na okutungwa ge lyaathane kokule ngaashi tashi vulika (1.5 oometa). Shika otashi kwatha okugamena etaandelitho lyomulilo.
2. Egumbo kehe nali kale li na omiyelo mbali nenge omakende gi ilile (ano inaaga gama hu kwa hama omakwawo) ngaaka, opo to vulu okunuka mo nuupu okuza kombinga onkwawo.
3. Omateliala ngoka haga vulu kukwata nuupu komulilo, ngaashi iipakete, oyi na okupungulwa pevi.
4. Mbyoka hay kwatwa nuupu komulilo, ngaashi uupalwa, ohasa noparafina,



oyi na okupungulwa pehala lya gamenwa, kokule naampoka uunona itaau vulu oku adha.

5. Kala wa kwashilipalelwa kutya ohasa nenge oparafina yoye yokutelekitha oya konkonwa nawa.
6. Omolwokuziya kwohasa, pata nawa oshisiikilo e to egulula omiyelo nomakende opo ohaasa yi ze mo. Fala oshisiikilo shohasa pondje na kala wa shilipalelwa kutya iilongitho ayihe yohasa oya pangelwa manga inaayi longithwa ishewe.
7. Ino dhana nuupalwa, uusekeleta nenge uutoloha, ohasa nenge iikwakulelekithwa yilwe nopwaa na egandjomaye lyaakuluntu yoye.
8. Oshikwatelwa oshinene nenge eyemele lyomeya nali kale aluhe meni.
9. Oshikwatelwa oshinene nashi kale mo aluhe shu udha evi opo ku keelwe omulilo gu taandele nuupu okuya kiikunguluki ngaashi iikwamahooli.

10. Oshilapi sha tuta nenge ekumbatha lya nyuta nali kale po opo li kale lya longithwa mokudhima omulilo.
11. Ino kelela omulilo nokutunga nenge nokutula po iihauto nenge u umbile po iinima ya kaka.
12. Omulilo ngele gwa tameke, tango kambadhala okuhupitha aantu, opo nduno to vulu okuhupitha iipumbiwa yoye.
13. Kambadhala okudhima omulilo omanga omushona, dhimbulukwa kutya omulilo omunene ogwa tameka omushona.
14. Kaleka aluhe uukende wokweetsinina kokule nuupyu. Uukende wa tya ngaaka ohau topa nuupu nohau taandelitha okupya nuupu. Uundooha wa tsinina wa pwa inau umbilwa nande momulilo.
15. Ino ya mombete omanga inoo dhima ngaashi omalehita noolamba.
16. Ino hila omakaya omanga wa lala.
17. Kaleka esiga kokule nuunona nonomalapi gopamakende.
18. Ngele okila ohayi longo koparafina, ino hila ko otenga yomahooli goparafina uuna kwa tema omulilo, Dhima omulilo okuza pombanda pomulungu gotenga ndele hakotenga yo yene.
19. Ino kala kuuna nezimba lyohasa ndele tala mpo tapu etha. Longitha omeya gothewa ino longitha okapalwa.
20. Omalehita naga kalekwe kolule ninima mbyoka hayi kwata omulilo mbala, nakuuhumbata okalehita na ilonge okuhumbata nawa opo kaa ka gwe mo meke lye.

Omulilo otandi gu dhimi ngiini?

- A. **UUTALALA** – okudhima omulilo nomeya.
- B. **ONDJALA** – ngaashi omuntu, ngele owa nina omulilo, oto si. Ou na okuninga ngeyi opo u kuthe mo omuku, to pata omuku (ombepo) komulungu gwohasa, nege u kuthe mo oshihwa mondjila yomulilo.
- C. **OKUHILA** – okudhima omulilo pakukutha mo ombepo yakufudhila mo nokusiikila ko nevi.

Aadhimi yOmulilo
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SISTER CITIES & TOWNS

The Municipality of Swakopmund has in recent years entered into twinning agreements with a number of towns and cities around the globe in order to share expertise on technology, culture, tourism, local economic development, waste management, town planning, service delivery, human resources development and information on other issues of common interest.

Twinning agreements are being considered for Tainjin and Yiwu (China), Florianopolis (Brazil) and most recently with Malmö (Sweden) whilst cooperation agreements has been entered with local towns such as Walvis Bay and Okakarara.

Malmö is the third largest city of Sweden, situated in the south of Sweden with 277 000 inhabitants of which 47% are youth. Malmö has for the past 15 years undergone transition from being an industrial city to a city of knowledge where older industries have been replaced by investments in new technology and training programmes of high caliber.

During June 2008 a delegation from Malmö paid a visit to Swakopmund to cement cooperation ties and a reciprocal visit is being arranged by the Municipality of Swakopmund to visit Malmö before the end of this year.

The resort town of Sharm El Sheik in Egypt with whom the



Cementing International ties: From L-R the CEO, Echarid Demasius, Councillor Kavita, behind on the far right is the Chairperson of Management Committee, Councillor J Ngolombe, the Mayor (in red) and in the centre are representative of the Swedish City of Malmö

Municipality of Swakopmund has signed a twinning agreement recently received extensive media coverage in view of the African Union (AU) summit held there in June 2008.

PROJECT SHINE 2008

The project was launched for the first time on World Environment Day in 2007 with the aim of cleaning the main road from Swakopmund to Arandis from all litter and especially bottles dumped on the side of the road.

The success of the project in 2007, enthused the organizers to expand the project to include the Namibian coastline from Sandwich Harbour up to Hentiesbay.

The Namibia Coast is often described as pristine and untouched but the reality is far from that as it is profoundly polluted and in need of a major clean-up. Namibia is dependent on tourism as a contributor to economical growth and the importance of maintaining our resources for this purpose is of the utmost importance.

This year's project was officially launched by Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor G N Shitaleni on 1 July 2008 and 12 non-profit organizations were selected to clean the beaches on condition that each organization will receive a monthly donation of N\$1 000.00 whilst an additional N\$2 250.00 will be shared between the 1st, 2nd and 3rd cleanest wards as per the judges decision.

The goals of the project are as follows:

- Reducing the negative effects of glass, packaging and other pollutants on the environment.
- Assisting the Municipalities of Swakopmund, Walvis Bay and Henties Bay in an effort to promote the recycling industry.
- Create awareness among participating organizations and the sponsor's towards environmental conservation



Concern about the environment: From L-R (Front row) Clive Lawrence General Manager: Health Services, the Mayor and representatives of the sponsors during the

- Creation of ownership and environmental awareness among members of the local community.

This year's project is co-sponsored by the following companies and institutions; Namibia Breweries Limited, Roads Contractor Company, NAMPORT, NACOMA, Rössing Uranium, Murray Roberts, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Namibia Wildlife Resorts, Municipality of Walvis Bay, Municipality of Henties Bay, Hospitality Association of Namibia and the Municipality of Swakopmund.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Words Of Wisdom



Architectural masterpiece: The A van der Walt Transport Offices in the Industrial Area

Swakopmund is regarded as the mecca of tourism in the SADC region and a prime holiday destination for Namibian and foreigners alike.

Tourism is the main contributor to the town's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as well as the major employers apart from the booming mining industry.

Tourism is a very fragile sector and can be affected by various external factors such as increase in fuel prices and political instability hence the need to diversify the economy of the town in order not to rely much on one sector of the economy.

In line with this vision the Municipality of Swakopmund during December 2005 sold 66 industrial erven at Extension 10, north-east of the

railway station. Extension 10 use to be 'decorated' with white marble rocks and many thought that the area is inhabitable and no buildings could ever be constructed in that part of our town.

Today, much to the amazement of many, Extension 10 is a successful industrial area for light industrial warehouses and service industry with astonishing architectural masterpieces such as the truck depicting 'A van der Walt Transport' offices and many others.

The sale of industrial erven has enabled Swakopmund to diversify its income while remaining tourism friendly because of the lack of pollution from the new industries. More industrial erven are planned for the future.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest. *Mark Twain 1835—1910*

Always give your best; never get discouraged, never be petty. Always remember others may hate you. But those who hate you don't win, unless you hate them, and then you destroy yourself. *Richard M. Nixon 1913—1994*

Be practical as well as generous in your ideals. Keep your eyes on the stars but remember to keep your feet on the ground. *Theodore Roosevelt 1858-1919*

Live fast; die young; leave a good-looking corpse behind. *James Dean 1931—1955*

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. *Aristotle 384 BC—322 BC*

Many African leaders refuse to send their troops on peace keeping missions abroad because they probably need their armies to intimidate their own populations. *Kofi Annan*

Before anything else, preparation is the key to success. *Alexander Graham Bell 1847—1922*

The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work superbly well. *Sir William Osler 1849—1919*

Conquer yourself and the world lies at your feet. *St. Augustine 354—430 A.D.*

When you were born, everyone around was smiling and you were the one crying. Live life so that when you die, everyone around you is crying and you are the one smiling. *Unknown*

There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group, there's less competition. *Indira Gandhi 1917—1984* Source: <http://www.jimpoz.com/quotes>



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Fun & Laughter

There was a man who worked all of his life and saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I wanna take my money to the afterlife."

So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he dies, she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!" She had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and rolled it away. Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket."

"Yes," the wife said, "I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did. I got it all together, put it into my account and I wrote him a cheque."

Source: www.superlaugh.com/funny-stories.php

Electricity for PDA

The Progressive Development Area (PDA) consist of about 800 erven which Council has provided with the necessary municipal services except electricity.

These erven will be allocated to low income groups who will benefit through the Decentralized Build Together Programme and other local housing initiatives.

Council during June 2008 decided to accelerate the provision of electrical services and took a resolution to util-

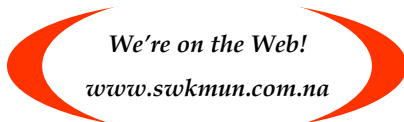
ize available funds for the installation of electrical services in the PDA. The funds available will be sufficient to provide electrical service to about 400 erven.

Tenders for the installation of electricity services at the PDA will be invited in due course.

The provision of municipal services is a costly exercise and thus the installation of electrical services will be done in phases.



Home Sweet Home: An incomplete Build Together house



Coming Events & Entertainment

SWAKOP INFORMATION:
Office in the Tourist Centre. Corner of Sam Nujoma Ave and Hendrik Witbooi Street.

☎ 403129

SWAKOPMUND MUSEUM:
Open daily (including weekends and public holidays) from 10:00 to 17:00.

☎ 402046

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Open on weekdays from 08:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:00

Saturdays : 09:00 – 13:00 Recommended for scientific research. School children are assisted with information for their school projects.

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TOURS : ROSSING MINE:
Every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 to 14:30. Bookings at Museum – not later than 12:00– on Thursdays.

☎ 402046

BRIDGE ENTHUSIASTS:
Swakopmund Bridge Club plays Duplicate Bridge every Monday at 19:00 at the dining-hall, Lions Altersheim, Rhode Allee.

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