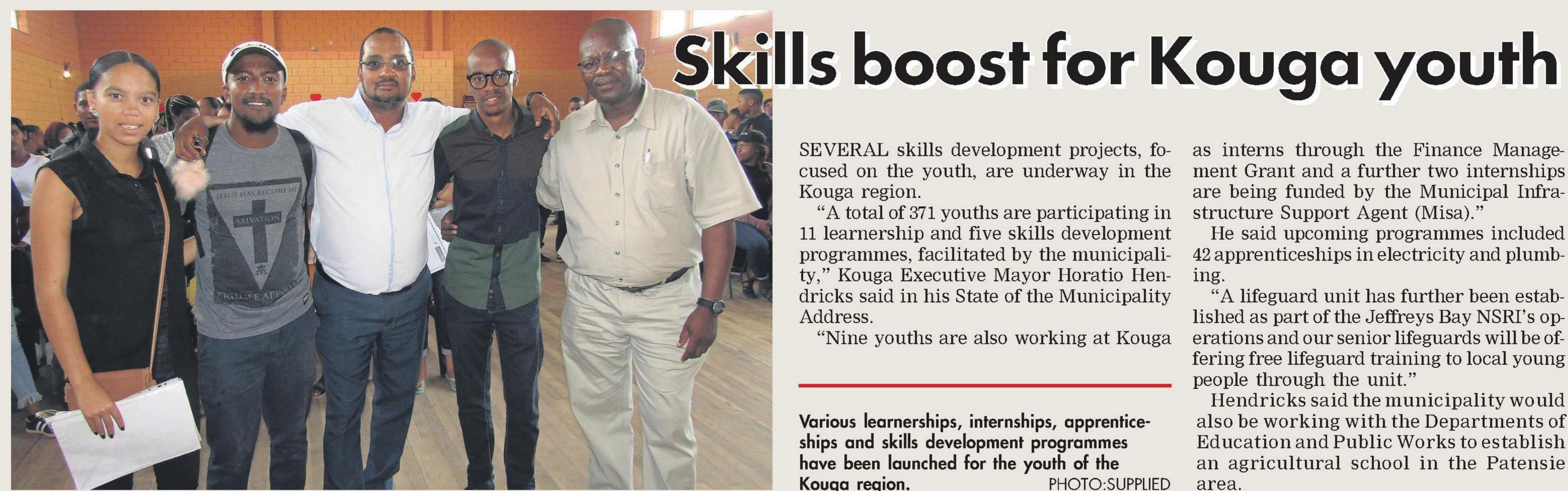
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SEVERAL skills development projects, focused on the youth, are underway in the Kouga region.

"A total of 371 youths are participating in 11 learnership and five skills development programmes, facilitated by the municipality," Kouga Executive Mayor Horatio Hendricks said in his State of the Municipality Address.

"Nine youths are also working at Kouga

Various learnerships, internships, apprenticeships and skills development programmes have been launched for the youth of the Kouga region. PHOTO:SUPPLIED as interns through the Finance Management Grant and a further two internships are being funded by the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (Misa)."

He said upcoming programmes included 42 apprenticeships in electricity and plumb-

"A lifeguard unit has further been established as part of the Jeffreys Bay NSRI's operations and our senior lifeguards will be offering free lifeguard training to local young people through the unit."

Hendricks said the municipality would also be working with the Departments of Education and Public Works to establish an agricultural school in the Patensie area.

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