

# Dududu community lauds service delivery improvement initiative

ON MONDAY, August 12, the Umdoni Mayor, Cllr W T Dube, officially opened the Dududu satellite office, which has been applauded by the local community as an important service delivery initiative. The opening of this office is aimed at creating an environment for this community to participate actively in the affairs of the municipality. The office had been closed when the erstwhile Vulamehlo Municipality was merged with the Umdoni Municipality in 2016. Since then a service delivery gap has been identified, with communities having limited access to the municipality. The purpose of reopening the office is to bring services closer to the people.

There was much jubilation amongst the members of the community when Mayor

Dube announced that the office would operate on a full-time basis from 7H30 to 16H00, Mondays to Fridays, and that the community would have access to services such as housing, road maintenance,



*Traffic and Policing Services and Fire and Disaster Services personnel perform a drill .*

waste management, the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP), traffic, fire and disaster, Local Economic Development (LED) special programmes and customer care services. Mayor Dube further stated that it was imperative to bring services closer to the people as most

of the rural communities were affected by the triple problems of unemployment, poverty and inequality. “Our people should not be subjected to further poverty by spending the little that they have to reach us at the municipality.

This is why we saw it fit to extend our services to the rural community.”

The municipality will be fulfilling the commitment made to the community during the

IDP and Budget road shows, of delivering community development projects such as the KwaLembe Sports Field in Ward 1, the KwaCele Community Hall in Ward 2, the Nkampula Road in Ward 3, the Mbungulu Community Hall in Ward 6 and the gravelling of Gumede Bhodla Road in Ward 19. Dududu community traditional leader, Inkosi JM Mqadi, was pleased that Umdoni had seen fit to serve the needs of his community. He said, “We are confident that this will bring positive change to our community.”



*The new Area Manager of the Dududu Office, Mr Sthembiso Bhengu (middle) poses with Fleet Manager Mr Mthandeni Ngcobo (far left) and waste management staff, Mr PV Govender, Mr BD Khathi and TR Shozi.*