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NDLAMBE MUNICIPALITY COVID-19 JOINT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Containing the spread of the virus: Reported daily cases of Corona Virus are on the decline, however we need to guard against a second wave by maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks and washing / sanitising our hands. An appeal is made to all residents to please observe protocols, and for businesses to enforce protocols. Ward based rapid response teams have been set up to track and trace in the event of any new cases.

As at 12 October, the breakdown for Ndlambe was:

Town	Total	Active Cases	Recoveries	Deaths
Port Alfred	690	4	666	20
Alexandria	93	3	85	5
Bathurst	81	0	79	2
Kenton on Sea	95	0	93	2
Boesmansrivier	43	0	43	0
Total	1002	7	966	29

Health: To date 44,969 screenings have taken place in Ndlambe, with 1002 positive cases. We currently have 7 active cases. Ndlambe has recorded 966 recoveries and sadly, 29 deaths. The Marjorie Parish Hospital Covid ward is 90% complete, with an expected completion date of 16 October.

Water Supply: Dam levels in Port Alfred and Bathurst continue to decline. The recent rains have been most welcome, however, it takes several days for water to flow down the Kowie River from the catchment areas. Communities in Port Alfred and Bathurst are reminded that water supply is at critical levels and you are urged to save water, every drop counts. A Joint Operations Committee has been established by Council to address water related issues, and reports from this sitting will be published on Ndlambe Municipality's website, on social media, through the press and Ndlambe FM.

Events and gatherings: The annual Schools Boat Races in Port Alfred will not take place this year, however they will continue in 2021. A calendar of events for the festive season is presently being drawn up and will be made available shortly.

Communication: Ndlambe Municipality and Sunshine Coast Tourism are working together to ensure that communities are kept informed through the Ndlambe website, various social media platforms, Talk of the Town, Ndlambe FM and via load hailing through rural areas.

Economic Recovery: There is demand for domestic tourism, and we can cautiously expect a vibrant tourism season in December. A major drive to market the area and its activities will shortly be launched under a fresh new look Sunshine Coast branding.

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