



## EDITOR'S NOTE

*As we reflect on the achievements and milestones of May, we are reminded of the strength, resilience, and unity that continue to define the Kei community. Through leadership engagements, community collaboration, development initiatives, and sporting excellence, we have once again demonstrated what can be achieved when people work together toward a common vision.*

*This newsletter celebrates the people, initiatives, and successes that continue to move Kei forward. The month was marked by productive leadership engagements, meaningful community partnerships, and continued efforts to strengthen development throughout the Kei region.*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Committee convened during May to review ongoing activities and discuss key priorities for the months ahead. The meeting focused on strengthening internal communication channels, reviewing progress on current projects and programmes, planning future community initiatives and events, and enhancing accountability within the organisation.

The Executive remains committed to transparent leadership, sound governance, and effective service delivery that supports the continued growth and development of the Kei community. Discussions held during this meeting laid an important foundation for the engagements and activities that followed later in the month.

## INDABA – 30 MAY

Building on these leadership discussions, a successful and impactful Indaba was convened on 30 May, bringing together community leadership, stakeholders, administrators, and representatives from various structures within Kei.

The gathering provided an important platform for engagement and focused on reviewing community development progress, strengthening collaboration between structures, strategic planning for future initiatives, and promoting inclusive participation and representation.

The discussions were constructive, solution-driven, and centred on ensuring sustainable growth and development for the Kei community. The outcomes of the Indaba reaffirmed the collective commitment to

building stronger partnerships, encouraging active participation, and creating opportunities that benefit all members of the community.

## CSA GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

One of the highlights of the month was the handover of cricket equipment to Nomandi through the support of Cricket South Africa (CSA). This meaningful contribution reflects the importance of investing in grassroots development and creating opportunities for young people to participate and excel in sport.

The equipment handover represents more than just resources; it is an investment in the future of our youth and the continued growth of cricket within our communities. Access to quality equipment plays a vital role in developing skills, encouraging participation, and creating pathways for future success.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Cricket South Africa for their commitment to community development and for giving back to the community through initiatives that empower and inspire young athletes.

## NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE (NYS) PHASE 5 PROGRAMME

A major development for the Kei region has been the continued implementation of the National Youth Service (NYS) Phase 5 Programme in partnership with Cricket South Africa.

*The programme represents a significant investment in youth empowerment, community development, and grassroots cricket growth across the Eastern Cape. Through NYS Phase 5, young people are being provided with opportunities to contribute meaningfully within their communities while gaining valuable experience and practical skills.*

Participants will serve in various capacities including coaching, umpiring, tutoring, and facility support, helping to strengthen both cricket development and educational support structures within schools and community facilities.

### REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOOTPRINT:

Mthatha   Tabase   Payne   Mqanduli   Centane   Butterworth   Dutywa   Ngqeleni  
Port St Johns   Lusikisiki   Bizana   Mount Frere   Ntabankulu   Elliotdale

NYS Phase 5 reflects the shared commitment of Kei Cricket and Cricket South Africa to creating pathways for youth development while ensuring that sport remains a powerful vehicle for education, leadership, and positive social impact. As the programme unfolds, it is expected to strengthen grassroots cricket structures, support schools, and contribute to building stronger and more resilient communities throughout the region.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Beyond leadership meetings and development initiatives, May showcased the incredible spirit of community involvement throughout Kei. From strategic planning sessions and stakeholder engagement to youth empowerment through sport, the month reflected a community committed to progress and positive change.

The support demonstrated through the CSA equipment handover, the successful Indaba, and the implementation of the NYS Phase 5 Programme highlights what can be achieved when organisations, stakeholders, and communities work together toward a common goal.

Community members continue to play an active role in supporting initiatives that uplift, empower, and create opportunities for others. Together, we continue to strengthen the foundation for future generations and build a more connected, inclusive, and thriving Kei community.

## CLOSING MESSAGE

We extend our deepest appreciation to all stakeholders, leaders, volunteers, parents, supporters, and community members who continue to contribute towards the growth and success of Kei.

We also extend our gratitude to Cricket South Africa and all partners who continue to invest in our communities and support the development of our young people.

Your dedication, passion, and belief in our shared vision do not go unnoticed. Together, we are building something meaningful—a stronger, more connected, and more vibrant Kei community.

Thank you to the entire Kei community for your continued support, commitment, and belief in the vision of growth and development. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, plays a role in shaping the future of our community.

**Together we grow. • Together we build. • Together we succeed.**

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