

**Mayor's cup Welcome speech by the Mayor of Lepelle
Nkumpi Municipality 14 August 2005**

I feel honoured that you have chosen to come spend this evening with us. Let me start by welcoming all and sundry to this special evening. It is not special because of the food or music or because people are so nicely dressed. It is special because in it we honour the special people of this municipality- our sportsmen, women, girls and boys. It is through them that this municipality is becoming synonymous with excellence. It is no secret that when sports achievers are being mentioned in the Capricorn District Municipality and in the province as a whole are sports people are always mentioned. Through them this municipality is getting the recognition that is due to it. It is therefore fitting that we should gather in this fashion to toast them. As a municipality we do this in recognition of the importance of taking time to ponder the good things that are being done in our midst. It is worthwhile that in this age when so much negative is being reported we should take time to acknowledge the good achievements of others, more so when those people come from our own municipality. We should also not just take notice of the achievements of others but also our own. We have come tonight as a municipality to acknowledge that we can achieve greatness. Tonight is the time to toast that achievement. As we do this we are propelling ourselves to even greater achievements in future. As we consider all the great achievements that we have had in the current year and also in the past let that be a reminder that we are a people with great potential. We are conscious of the fact that some amongst us have never fully exerted themselves to realise the potential they possess. We should remember that as a municipality we are the sum total of all our individual actions. Therefore as we all strive for perfection the municipality as a whole moves towards perfection and will get a name for perfection in all things. This should therefore be an evening for toasting the great things that still lie ahead. I believe that the country has not as yet seen all that this municipality can be. I in particular hope that in this evening we will all consider ways of spurring our young people to always aim for excellence for in them our future lies. We will have no future if we are to build young people full of self-pity who do not believe that they can achieve anything. We hope that this evening will instil in us a desire to build up our young people to be people full of purpose and hope, to be people with the "I can" attitude. This is where our future lies.

With these words I would like to say that you are all welcome and please enjoy the evening with us.