

Mayor's Message at Austerville Spar Day – Wentworth, Saturday 17 November 2017

- Mr Nkululeko Sithole, Jobe & Sons Property,
- Management of Spar,
- Community leaders present,
- Dignitaries,
- Sports fraternity leaders,
- Sponsors,
- Ladies and gentlemen,
- Sanibonani,

I would like to thank everyone for coming here to make this day a success. We understand that today is Saturday and people are supposed to be resting but you chose to be with us today.

I was here to formally open this revamped Spar under the new ownership of a young man – Mr Nkululeko Sithole. We congratulate Mr Sithole for acquiring this entity which includes the property. He is starting on the right foot by reaching out to community.

We hope more young people will be inspired and find business ventures that will make profit instead of government contracts. Cash injecting business is key and cash is king in terms of business language.

Giving back to the elders and children is always a blessing. You are inviting blessing upon your business and it will grow and impact people.

We understand that there will be also a soccer match and we hope the best team will win. What is important for us is to keep youth actively involved in productive activities instead of drugs and alcohol. The future of this country belongs to the youth and they must get ready to lead by conducting themselves in a good manner.

Young people must take charge of their future today and register to vote. Our generation fought hard to liberate this country but our youth must take this country forward. They must not allow themselves to be demoralised by their challenges. They must be activist in their own right. They must actively fight drug abuse, crime, HIV and all social ills.

As we approach the festive season, my message is that we must all enjoy ourselves but we must do it responsible. Let us be wise. Don't drink and drive, use a condom, use dustbin, don't take drugs, don't commit crime, check your children regularly, spend wisely, obey all the rules and don't use your phone when you are driving. Be wise.

Have fun and lot of fun. This is a time to relax with your families don't spoil it. Go out and enjoy our oceans, parks and malls.

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