



**PROVINCE OF KWAZULU NATAL**  
**MINISTRY OF ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM**  
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**PROFILE FOR HON. MRS WEZIWE GCOTYELWA THUSI**  
**MEC: ARTS, CULTURE & SPORTS AND RECREATION**

**Personal**

- Date of birth: 09 August 1952.
- Marital status: Married.

**Current Position**

- MEC for Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation (current)
- MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism since (2006-2009).
- Member of the Provincial Legislature since 2001
- Chairperson of the Parliamentary Women's Caucus (2004-2005)
- Chairperson of the Standing Committee on the Quality of Life, Status of Women, Children, Youth and People with Disabilities (2004 – 2005).
- Chairperson of the Health Portfolio Committee (2005 – 2006)
- Member of the Provincial Executive Committee and Provincial Working Committee of the ANC Women's League in KwaZulu-Natal (2008-present).
- Convenor of the KZN chapter of the Progressive Women's Movement of South Africa.

**Academic Qualification**

- Chief Professional Nurse – Equivalent of a Matron.
- Diploma in General Nursing Science.
- Diploma in Midwifery.
- Diploma in Psychiatry.
- Certificate in Reproductive Health Care.

## **Career History**

- Worked in different hospitals in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal.
- Worked as Chief Professional Nurse at the Commercial City Reproductive Health Care Centre until June 2001.

## **Community Involvement**

- Nehawu Shop steward.
- Member of the South African Health Workers Congress.
- Board Member - RK Khan Hospital, Chatsworth.
- Board member – Siyakhula Community Music Centre.
- Secretary – Umlazi Health Forum.