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**ensure,**  
**restore hope**  
**and trust in**  
**the**  
**community**  
**of Limpopo**

**HUGE**  
**RELIEF TO**  
**ROAD**  
**USERS**

**NEW POTHOLE**  
**APP—REPORT IT,**  
**WE PATCH IT**

**PUBLIC PRIVATE**  
**PARTNERSHIP**  
**BENEFITS**

#### VISION

A leader in the provision and management of provincial Land, Buildings and Roads Infrastructure.

#### MISSION

Optimal utilization of resource in the provision and management of sustainable social and economic infrastructure including implementation and coordination of Expanded Public Works Programme.

#### VALUES

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure prides itself on the following core values:

##### Accountability

Every officials will be held responsible for own action and ensuring single point accountability,

##### Integrity

All officials will be truthful and honest in execution of duties in their area of competence.

##### Professional Ethics

All officials will perform diligently with necessary proficiency in the execution of duties in their area of skills backed by acceptable moral code.

##### Excellence in Service Delivery'

All officials shall dedicate their energy and time strive to deliver as a joint and cooperate amongst themselves for service excellence,

##### Transparency

The Department will always uphold Batho Pele Principles and deliver accordingly.

##### Answerability

The Department will collectively take liability for poor service delivery.

**The heartland of Southern Africa - development is about people!**





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**SEPTEMBER**  
**INTEGRATED PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH**

- Tourism
- Heritage
- Police
- Arbor Month

**THEME:** Batho Pele Revitalisation – Walk the talk.

**P**ublic Service Month serves as a reminder of what it means to serve communities and to also look at the impact the government has, especially around issues of service delivery. As part of the Public Service Month, public servants are expected to:

- ⇒ Roll up their sleeves and spring-clean their service delivery points;
- ⇒ Visit schools, hospitals, police stations and courts, talk to citizens, mediate the delivery of services and getting things done;
- ⇒ Unblock the bottlenecks and red-tape in the delivery of services;
- ⇒ Ensure the systems and infrastructure are working and use public resources efficiently to the benefit of the citizens; and
- ⇒ Recommit themselves to belong, to care and to serve the people.





MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale

# STEERING PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE HUB

....tsa eta ke tshadi pele di tla nwa maswi....

Executive Committee of the ANC, as well as the Provincial Working Committee of the ANC in Limpopo Province.

## Career

Worked as Community Development Worker attached to Maruleng Municipality, and through

hard-work and dedication, she was then appointed as the Manager and Supervisor of all CDW's in Limpopo, under Community Development Programme in the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA).

## Deployments

In 2014, she was then deployed by the Ruling Party to serve as a Councillor and the Executive Mayor Mopani District Municipality, a position which she diligently served until she was elevated to Limpopo Legislature, after the May 2019 National Elections, in which she became appointed as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) responsible for the Department of Social development. She is currently the MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure following the recent reconfiguration by Premier Chupu Stan Mathabatha. MEC Rakgoale is currently serving as a Member of Provincial



MEC Rakgoale with District Directors

## Witness Tiva

**M**me Nkakareng Rakgoale, MEC for Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure

## Birth

Born at Balloon village under Kgoshi Sekororo in Maruleng Local Municipality, Mopani District.

## Education

- Balloon Mantjana Primary School
- Matriculated at Maalobane High School (in Balloon village)
- Acquired a first Bachelor Degree at University of Venda.
- Still pursuing other qualifications with UNISA and WITS University

## Student Political activism

MEC Rakgoale cut her political teeth at the University of Venda, where she became an active member of student politics under the South African Student Congress (SASCO). She was elected a Branch Secretary of SASCO at the University of Venda, and rose through the ranks of the student movement and then elected a Deputy Provincial Secretary of SASCO Limpopo in 2001. And Beyond her student political activism and leadership roles in the student movement, MEC Rakgoale was also very active in the politics and structures of African National Congress, ANC Youth League and ANC Women's League, and she served the African National Congress and its Leagues in many capacities.



MEC Rakgoale with Chief Directors



MEC Rakgoale with Directors



# Enhancing Mobility - Ease Traffic Conjestion

**Johannes Mangena**

**T**ransport Minister Mr. Fikile Mbalula together with Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale officially opened the Musina Ring Road on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at Musina under Vhembe District. The road is between Musina and the Beit Bridge border post which is a gateway to many other Southern African Development Community countries that trade with South Africa such as Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Musina Ring Road is intended to restitute pressure causing conjestion and obstruction on the N1 pass through Musina City Center

Minister Mbalula indicated that roads forms an integral part of transportation

systems in South Africa and are the main arteries to economic participation in the country as well as the continent.

MEC Rakgoale indicated that "this is such a major relief to us as it will ease traffic congestion in the busy town of Musina

which links us with SADC countries like Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo." She further indicated that this is also an addition to the province's roads infrastructure.

The R640-million construction of the new ring road will end and alleviate pressure on the N1 pass through Musina City Center

that saw over 1000 heavy vehicles on a daily basis. The 8km ultra-modern road network means faster and more



The newly opened Musina Ring Road



The Plaque unveiled during the event

effective mobility that will make various destinations more accessible than before. This is part of the recovery plan aimed to create employment opportunities across various sectors and communities.

The National Development Plan orders all governmental departments to invest in a strong network of economic infrastructure designed to support the country's medium and long-term objectives in order to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth by 2030



**A** delegation from the department and Roads Agency Limpopo met with the communities of Sekgosese about Road D404 at GaMamaila, followed by meeting at Lekhureng, Tshipana, Malete, Seema and Bakone Taxi Association in Tibane Taxi

Association Boardroom regarding Road D3397 and Kutama Sinthumule Concerned Group at Kutama Traditional Council Office in Tshikwarani about Road D959. These communities invited the department and RAL concerning the state of road infrastructure in their respective

communities.

The Tibane community expressed that the 15km D3397 road from Dithabaneng to Lekhureng Clinic is inaccessible during rainy season. This was actually a follow-up meeting after the one held in March 2022, from which progress was expected end of August 2022.

In Tshikwarani, the community enquired about the funds for Phase II of Road D959 and the expected starting date of it. Phase I was done by the departmental inhouse programme while Phase II will be advertised on tender by RAL.

HOD Seroka informed the members that due to financial constraints the budget is no longer enough for the project. In the meantime, the department will blade the road shoulders so the community members are able to travel safely.



# Operation Thiba Mekoti Ditseleng Programme

**Working towards the provincial target of patching 180,000m<sup>2</sup> of potholes on identified roads**

**Maboku Maponya & William Ramollo**

**O**n the 08<sup>th</sup> of August the MEC of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure launched the Thiba Mekoti Ditseleng Project which is part of the national campaign of the Department of Transport named Vala Zonke. This initiative aims to fix potholes across South Africa through labour-intensive measures. As part of this programme, a comprehensive, integrated, and rigorous plan will be implemented to ensure the Department improves the condition index of local and provincial roads.

The provincial launch of Operation Thiba Mekoti Ditseleng took place at D1468 road between Vivo and Indermark in the Blouberg Local Municipality, Capricorn District.

Two day after the launch the MEC visited the Makhado Municipality to rollout and monitor the project at the road between Schoemansdal and Madabani.

This rollout went as follows:

⇒ D8 road in Letsitele that link R71 and R36 towards Ofcalaco

⇒ D2219 in Ga-Malekane  
⇒ D516 connect Marble Hall and Settlers road.

The department is targeting to patch 180000m<sup>2</sup> of potholes, which is 12% of the province's 6263 paved network. The MEC urged motorists to be patient with the department's pothole patching process and also allow a minimum of 6 months to see the progress.

MEC Rakgoale says "its all work in progress in the five districts of the province where the department want to create safer environment for road users". The programme will increase EPWP Work opportunities. A strong network of economic infrastructure is necessary to support long- and medium-term goals if the government is to achieve sustainable growth.

The launch included the introduction of a new pothole web APP which the public can use to report potholes in their vicinity. The app will allow the public to raise any issues (such as uploading

pictures, details of the issue and get real-time location of the road where the issue is raised) on an interactive map that will show the owners of the different roads, as well as get status updates on issues raised using a pothole ticketing system. The APP is currently available on **Google Play** and the **IOS App Store**.

## REPORT PoTHoLES

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"The department is continuing with both preventative and routine maintenance on the roads of the province. This work is carried out by Roads Agency Limpopo and through the household programme" **said MEC Rakgoale during Budget Debate held 08 July 2022 at Limpopo Legislature.**

**M**r Walter Sathekge, the Acting Chief Director in Roads Infrastructure says a pothole is caused by number of factors ranging from traffic, rainy weather, material used and poor construction. "In many instances trucks travelling

on roads are too heavy and can create cracks on the tarroad which will eventually lead to potholes," elaborated Mr Sathekge.

"Maintenance of the road should be done yearly after the road has been completed," he explained further.

After the road has been constructed, the road is under guarantee for a certain period of time. An appointed service provider before being released on the contract, is given a snag list for maintenance required on the road, Mr Sathekge elaborated further.





Waterberg Road Maintenance team at road R516 between Marblehall and Settlers—25 September 2022



Sekhukhune Road Maintenance team at road D2219 gaMalekana in Makhuduthamaga Municipality—23 September 2022



Mopani Road Maintenance team at road D673 that connects R36 with R71 via Letaba Hospital outside Tzaneen—08 September 2022



Mopani Road Maintenance team at D8 Letsitele Road, this road link the R71 and R36 towards Ofcolaco - 18 August 2022



Vhembe Road Maintenance team at road D2814 Schoemansdal and Madabani in Makhado Local Municipality—10 August 2022



Capricorn Roads Maintenance Team at road D1486 Vivo and Indermark in Blouberg Local Municipality—08 August 2022





MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale during the maiden Departmental Strategic Planning Session

# LDPWRI HOLDS ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

## Maboku Maponya

**T**he Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure held its Strategic Planning Session which is aimed at helping the department to set its strategic agenda and road map for 2023/2024. The session was held at Forever Resort Warmbaths in BelaBela Local Municipality. The session was attended by Head Of Department, Chief Directors, Union members, RAL, and other departments. The session was focusing on four programs that is Program 1: administration (Corporate Services and Finance Management), Program 2: Infrastructure (Property and Facilities Management, Education Infrastructure Management, Health Infrastructure Management and Other Provincial Infrastructure Management), Program 3: EPWP and Program 4: Roads Infrastructure Management. The vision and mission of the department was the guiding framework to the strategic planning and all the discussions which were held during this session. MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale addressed the session and highlighted that there is more that still needs to be done by the department in servicing the communities, without the

determination and commitment they will never succeed in their efforts of provision and management of provincial government land buildings. "The department owes it to the people, that the mandate of the department is improved and fulfilled through road infrastructure, building of new government buildings and maintaining the existing ones" said MEC Rakgoale. "The province is not doing well in terms of maintaining the existing infrastructure and the department has a major role to play in ensuring that the plan of Limpopo Development Plan is achieved," elaborated MEC further. The department has received two unqualified audit opinions for two years in succession which is an indicative fact of clean audit. The Head of Department Mr Dikgole Seroka advised the attendants that the targets which they set should be SMART, Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely as such it will help them avoid unnecessary audit issues when the AGSA starts with auditing and avoid committing the same mistake perpetually and ensure that we share common objective and vision. The Director General of the Limpopo Provincial Government Mr Nape

Nchabeleng was also in attendance. Nchabeleng expressed his satisfaction that the department has taken a decision to reclaim its mandate "this department should be able to advice the province in all infrastructure related issues," Nchabeleng said.

**On 2nd- 4th August 2022 the Strategic Management held a one on one session at Bolivia Lodge Polokwane where they were reflecting on the targets they had set for the previous financial year**



HOD Mr Dikgole Seroka during strategic planning session



# ENSURING COMPLIANCE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY



From Left: Mr M Chesane, HOD Dikgole Seroka, Mr Mpho Lebese, Mr Kishan Tulsi and Hon Donald Selamolela

improve the livelihood, ensure safety of the residents even make transport services reach their village.

The District Director Ms Kgobe reported that assessment for the access road was done even costed however there are no funds moreover there will be a bridge required as there is stream where the access road is needed. The meeting resolved that the community will be invited to Limpopo Legislature when the road is being tabled for debate.

The community members insisted that they need a meeting with Premier Stanley Chupu

## Khomotjo Serumula

**T**he Standing Committee on Public Participation and Petition led by Hon Falaza Mdaka started off a road trip by conducting oversight visit in Capricorn and Waterberg districts to assess the condition of roads petitioned by communities to the Limpopo Legislature. The Committee was joined by Head of Department, Mr Dikgole Seroka who was leading the team from the department and Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL).

The team started at Verlien Village about roads D5007, D3426 and D3428. The roads were mentioned during the tabling of the departmental budget speech as those that will be designed. According to community members the road is inaccessible during rainy season, a villager was swapped away by flooding river even a pregnant woman had given birth by the roadside as the ambulance could not cross to the village.

Mr Tulsi from RAL reported that he is finalising the detailed designs of the 40km road that will be implemented in 5

-8km phases. He further informed the committee that the designs and environmental assessment will be finalised in the next 2-3 months.

Thereafter the committee proceeded to Road D3537 at Ga-Seleka community about the road which is damaged at the edges by storm water and bridges which were to redirect stormwater blocked by sand from the roadside. Hon Mdaka requested the community to assist by ensuring villagers not to harvest and mine sand by the roadside as they are also contributing to the damage.

The committee also met with the community at Kgoro ya Rasello about road D3534 and access road to the nearby village, Pudiakgopa.

The community also need an access road to Pudiakgopa village that will make services such as clinic to be reachable. This road infrastructure development required will

Mathabatha.

However at Matlou Village it was discovered that the road belong to the local municipality. The community and municipality will be called at Limpopo Legislature to discuss planned interventions for the construction of the road. Road is badly ruined by storm water and require a new bridge.

Hon Mdaka promised all departmental petitions complainants that the queries will not be closed until they are resolved moreover those promised during tabling



The edges of road D3537 at Ga-Seleka.



## HUGE RELIEF FOR R71 ROAD USERS



Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha addressing the delegates during the signing of MOA at Fusion Boutique

### Maboku Maponya

**M**emorandum of Agreement was signed by the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) and Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) representatives at Fusion Boutique Hotel Polokwane for the construction of the R71 Interchange at Boyne, Capricorn District on the 19th of August 2022.

The Premier of Limpopo Mr Stanley

Chupu Mathabata led the signing of the MOA and expressed his gratitude and excitement on this long awaited project which will benefit the motorist and pedestrians as well as the nearby communities by creation of jobs even business opportunities. The road interchange will connect traffic to R71 and D4020 leading to St. Engenas ZCC and surrounding villages like Ga Molepo and Ga Maja.

"This project has come in handy for the ongoing socio-economic development in this part of the country, everyone in this province has a reason to celebrate the signing of this memorandum" said the Premier.

The R71 road is one of the busiest in the province and connects the capital city Polokwane with the provinces second biggest town Tzaneen. It is also a route to the much visited Kruger National Park which is the biggest park in the SADC Region. The volumes of traffic are usually very high during the festive season and new year celebration of the ZCC churches which often results in more

accidents and more delays on the road. This project is expected to lessen and ultimately do away with accidents on the roads, more importantly it will reduce the travel time. People will be able to spend more time at church or home with their loved ones. Mr Piet Lekganyane on behalf of the St Engenas ZCC assured both RAL and SANRAL the church's constant support to make sure this project is successful. MEC of Public Works Roads and Infrastructure Nkakareng Rakgoale together with MEC for Provincial Treasury Mr Seaparo Sekoati, RAL CEO Mr Gabriel Maluleke and Chairperson of RAL Board of Directors, Mr Matome Ralebipi are amongst those who were there to witness the event.



From Left: RAL Board Chairperson Mr Matome Ralebipi, RAL CEO Mr Gabriel Maluleke and SANRAL A/CEO Ms Lehlogonolo Memeza

## REHABILITATING ROAD D192 FOR SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW

### Johannes Mangena

**M**EC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Nkakareng Rakgoale paid a courtesy visit to the Langa and Mapela Traditional Councils on 03 August 2022 joined by Mogalakwena Municipality Mayor Cllr Ngoako Tauatsoala and the Waterberg District Municipality Chief Whip Bernard Monare. This was part of the launch of the rehabilitation of the 20km stretch on Road D192 in the Mogalakwena Municipality. The road connects seven villages which will have a major impact since it connects R518 (Lephalale road) and Jakkaskuil road.

The SOD Turning and official handover of contractor for Road D192 took part at Rantlakana Village.

The MEC emphasized that the community should cooperate with the contractors in order for the project to

be successful. She added, "As much as we can have disagreements, vandalizing is not the solution to the problems that the community may encounter. We will ensure that we inspect the progress made for the construction of the road."

She further highlighted that the completion of the road will ensure smooth traffic flow and easy access to essential services such as education, health care and shopping centers in the area.

The project will cost R96-million and is

expected to be complete in 12 Months.



MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale flanked Cllr N Tauatsoala and Cllr B Monare during the SOD Turning at Road D192





MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale with Cllr Tsheko Musolwa and Cllr Star Mbalati during the SOD Turning at Hoedspruit

## REHABILITATING D9109 TO BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY IN HOEDSPRUIT

### Maboku Maponya

**T**he D9109 road users in Hoedspruit, Maruleng Local Municipality will soon be driving on smooth roads as a contractor to rehabilitate the road has been handed over by Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale. The road links the R40 and the Eastgate Airport and it will be rehabilitated in two phases, with Phase one expected to be completed within 6 months. The first phase will start from the Eastgate (Hoedspruit) Airport for a stretch of 6km.

MEC Rakgoale in her keynote address urged the contractors to do their work with diligence and cautioned that the issues related to SMMEs and local labourers should not be allowed to affect the progress of the project as it will affect targeted project completion time.

The Mayor of Maruleng Local Municipality, Mr Tsheko Musolwa expressed his gratitude to the department and RAL for the good work they do across the province, he also said quality roads and infrastructure will further unleash the municipalities economic potential.

**"Of the seven (7) traditional council offices in the province that the department committed to build, the department handed over six (6) contractors the commence the construction of the Bakone ba Matlala, Raphahlelo, Bakwena ba Matsepe, Manoke, Davhana and Bokone Traditional Council Offices. There is a slight delay in finalizing the processes for the handover of the contractor for the construction of Majeje Traditional Council, the delay is attributed to the relocation of a site." said MEC Rakgoale during Budget Debate held 08 June 2022 at Limpopo Legislature.**



The newly constructed Masia Traditional Council Office

### Khomotjo Serumula

**T**he Masia Tribal Authority received a newly constructed office building with guard office, palisade fencing, pavements, parking, borehole, court room, boardroom, finance office and a strong room for a value of over R12,4 million. The project created

16 EPWP work opportunities for the community of Masia. The Traditional Council Office was officially handed over to Thovele Mthumeni MJ Masia and the Masia Tribal Authority on 09 September 2022 after official site over held 14 August 2018.

## PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS SELWANA

"developing communities should not only be the responsibility of government" alluded MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale



MEC Rakgoale, Selwana Chief Council member Mr L Malatji, BaPhalaborwa Mayor Cllr M Malatji and A/Executive Mayor Cllr Mohlala and PMR Senior Manager Mr D Modise during the official handover of the 3km road

### Khomotjo Serumula

**T**he spirit of giving in the month of July came evident when MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale in collaboration with Palaborwa Mining Company (PMC) handover the 3km road to the community of Selwana under Baphalaborwa Local Municipality. The road was constructed by PMC taken from the Ba-Phalaborwa Integrated Development Plan. To date, PMC has completed over eleven (11) projects in the Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality area and is currently constructing a 3km road in Mashishimane area even twelve (12) classrooms and an administration block at Moshibutjana Primary School in the same area. During the gathering, PMC

committed to construct a further 3km road for the community of Selwana. MEC Rakgoale said "we all can play different roles in the quest to ensure that communities receive the best services on our watch." The public-private partnership involves collaborations between government and the private sector as another tool to improve service delivery to the citizens of the province. MEC Rakgoale used the opportunity at the gathering to update the stakeholders that the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) has appointed a contractor for the rehabilitation of the D3840 road to service the people of Phalaborwa, Ngove and Shikhumba.



# ROLE OF CUBAN ENGINEERS IN LDPWRI

## Johannes Mangena

**T**he South African and Cuban governments entered into the Bilateral agreement for the construction and development of Infrastructure of Department buildings and transferring of skills in South Africa in 2008. The first group of 5 engineers started in 2008 and the second started in group of 12, however 7 are remaining. These agreement applies to all Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in all Provinces.

They transferred skills to South African candidates since 2016 and they are about 50. The main focus is to transfer skills in civil, mechanical, electrical, architecture, hydrology, and project management. In all fields, the candidates accumulated knowledge in project planning and management from inception to project close-up, design and interpretation of designs

and SANS (South African Norm Standards). Other knowledge include Structural Audits for defects., procurement-site briefings and tender evaluations, conduction conditions assessments, projects hand over, Microsoft projects and Auto Desk. The skills transfer is also beneficial to Cubans in terms of exposure and experience of South African construction environment .

So far the CUBAN Engineers brought improvement in the quality of infrastructure delivery that is in designs and completed buildings. As a result of this intervention the life cycle cost is lowered and the review of designs is now of better quality, which reduces variations, ensures buildings are energy efficient and in accordance with building regulations. Applicable projects includes the upgrading of laundries, clinics and EMS. There is now reduction in the cost of projects as

the department does not have to appoint consultants for every projects.

The Cuban Engineers were busy constructing ten projects of which one is completed and nine are still ongoing, of that three projects are from Department of Health, six from Department of Education and one Public Works Government building.

## IN OTHER NEWS

The CUBAN National Technical Committee held a meeting at Meropa Casino for two days

to give a report and reflect on the performance of the 4th quarter of the 2021/2022. This technical committee gave presentation on the progress they made on construction of different projects. The presentation was followed by the site visit to Gidela Secondary School in Blinkwater, Mopani District.

# How do “WE” relate

## Khomotjo Serumula

**T**he Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) is an entity of National Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPW&I) and report to the Minister. There is an agreement that provincial departments host the CIDB offices hence the Limpopo Regional Offices share the same building with the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure.

The CIDB motto is **development through partnership**. “CIDB partner with any entity that need to develop construction industry,” said Mr Mabelebele CIDB Limpopo Regional Manager. It has partnership with the department for the Limpopo Contractor Development Program

Steering Committee which aims to develop contractors in the province, move them from one grade to another. “To date there are 35 contractors who have been developed with 21 of them trained” emphasised Mr Mabelebele. CIDB together with NDPW&I and ILO trained 30 contractors in Belabela, Waterberg District with future plans to provide same training at other districts. The participants or contractors who will be trained are those that own Grade 2 to 6 and potential emerging construction companies that are managed and controlled by previously disadvantaged.

The partnership with ILO is to ensure that the training provided aim to improve how construction businesses are run.

The CIDB is the construction procurement custodian and assist the department and client departments on how to procure infrastructure and furthermore capacitate the department in relation to construction procurement including all infrastructure client departments.



**ILO in collaboration with CIDB introduced start and improve your business modules to train the contractors from Grade 2 upwards. The training encourage efficiency in businesses by improving management and business structures while creating employment and growing.**

**I**nternational Labour Organization (ILO) is a United Nation Agency which started in 1919 soon after the first world war. Initiated to setup social justice in the workplace by bringing together government, employers and workers to set labour standards, develop policies even devise programmes that create decent work for women, men, youth and people with disability. ILO aims to promote rights to work, encourage decent employment opportunities through public participation, enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue on work related issues. ILO has a global reach with about 187 countries, South Africa also partner and assist government to setup the capacity to have labour based approach and implement EPWP. “Employers want profit, workers want income and government want social justice and protection of all this parties,” explained Mr Dingilizwe Tshabalala, the ILO Technical Advisor.

Historically, it was ILO that assisted South Africa to be involved in the Community Based Public Works Programme. In 2001 Gundo Lashu was initiated by then MEC Collins Chabane, however it was only in 2003 during the Growth and Development Summit that it was declared that Gundo Lashu was relevant to South Africa. It was relevant because post apartheid era, most South Africans did not receive formal education, so EPWP was introduced as an umbrella for many ILO initiatives to assist such people. So they can at least receive an income while doing productive work.

ILO does research in the world of work by ensuring that introduction of technology, government policies and other factors does not negatively impact job creation for the unskilled labours, entrepreneurs and emerging businesses.

ILO is involved in skills transition with four professionals who are South Africans for the next 3-4 years, thereafter the programme will concentrate on knowledge development products that can be used by EPWP beyond the ILO's stay. The department has however appointed eight officials in infrastructure operations, facilities and roads for transfer and reorientation of skills.







Ms Suzan Kekana being congratulated by Ms Hanyane



Ms Kholofelo Mokwele being congratulated by Ms Betty Machavi and Ms Edwina Makhobotwane

These are the winners of heritage day held at Head Office on the 30th September 2022. First price winner is Ms Kholofelo Mokwele from Finance Section and second price winner is Ms Suzan Kekana from Fleet Management. The prices were sponsored by Simply Properties, the company also donated bottled water to the participants.





# CALL TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR AFRICAN HERITAGE

.....tomorrow people, were is your past.....

William Ramollo

**G**reater Letaba Local Municipality hosted this year Provincial Heritage Day commemoration in Mokwakwaila Stadium under Modjadji Royal Council led by MEC Seaparo Sekoati, Acting Premier for the day. The event was attended by many people in their different traditional attires, colourful, splendor and extravagant. Festivities were celebrated in variety of songs and dance from cultural groups even local artists who graced the event. "No one can match our unique style which

is based on a fusion of different cultures of our people," said Acting Premier Sekoati. MEC Sekoati used the platform to make a call to the youth "please young people, lets promote and protect this heritage with all we can."

Acting Premier called and warned the youth against the use of drugs and alcohol abuse. "There is no better future which is wrapped in nyaope or inside a quart of beer" advised Sekoati. He further informed the youth to seek financial assistance in government entities and become a generation that make education fashionable.



MEC Seaparo Sekoati addressing the gathering during the Provincial Heritage Day celebration

## SALUTING THE COURAGE & TENACITY OF WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY



MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale addressing the mass during the Provincial Women's Day celebration at The Chuene Resort

**Maboku Maponya & Johannes Mangena**

**T**his year marks the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary wherein the Federation of South African Women organised more than 20 000 women from all walks of life to march to Union Building on the 9 August 1956 against the carrying of pass laws.

The Limpopo Provincial Women's Month Launch led by Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale on behalf of Limpopo Premier Stanley Chupu Mathabatha, launched a Provincial Women's Month on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 on a virtual platform as this day marks an important occasion declared a national day in 1994. MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale joint by various Women Organizations for an official launch under the theme: **Women's Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment: Building Back Better for Women's Resilience.**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> August the Provincial Government held an event to commemorate the National Women's Day at The Chuene Resort, Ga Chuene Village in Polokwane Local Municipality.

Premier Stanley Mathabatha addressed the

masses in attendance from different districts of the province. The Premier challenged women to be available for each other. "As women you must be there to hold each other's hand. You must start by supporting and guiding a girl child. Younger generations should benefit from the experiences of those who walked the path before them and not learn things from the streets. It is the responsibility of older women in the family and community to guide the young ones" said Mathabatha.

Our country is facing a high rate of gender based violence, emotional abuse, physical abuse of women and ballooning rape culture in our societies are some of the things which the Premier indicated that together we need to commit ourselves to fighting them and also called on the SAPS to dedicate enough resources including manpower to tackle domestic violence and abuse which is our recent pandemic.

One of the community members Ms Phindile from Lekurung Ga Mphahlele said that it is important for government to host such as events because as women they get empowered by the information they are getting from such gatherings.

## INTERNATIONAL MANDELA DAY 2022

*"There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return" Nelson Mandela*

**Johannes Mangena**

**O**n the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale joined other MEC's and Mayors in commemoration of Nelson Mandela International Day Celebrations at Ukuthula Primary School at Mageva village outside Giyani. The 2022 Mandela day theme is centered on food security and climate change with the tagline **"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."** According to the Nelson Mandela Foundation, the focus is on promoting community and home based gardens, supporting fruit and indigenous



MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale ploughing plants in Mageva village.

tree planting, and creating awareness of the intersections between food security and climate change.

In the spirit of giving, MECs and Mayors joined together in one spirit to plant trees and seedlings at Ukuthula Primary School as a way of ensuring and acknowledging the importance of this day and to encourage learners and communities to start backyard farming to help boost the province's food security. They also donated school uniforms, bags, caps and other goodies to the pupils.

The commemoration of Mandela Day marks an important day to celebrate continuous strive for justice, peace, equity and human rights for all. The 18<sup>th</sup> of July is declared Mandela day to celebrate his life by giving back to the community in a form of inspiring and uplifting the livelihoods of young people and elderly.





#### William Ramollo

**M**aintenance is one of the department's program. The Mishomo team checked in with the departmental horticulture section about the remarkable work being done at Lebowakgomo Government Complex and Parliamentary Village. For Lebowakgomo Government Complex in Sekhukhune, Ms Yvonne Mathanyela is responsible while at Parliamentary Village Capricorn District the responsible person is Ms Connie Makwela with Mr Sekhu as the Horticulture Coordinator based at Head Office.

Speaking to Mr Sekhu prompted an interview with Ms Makwela to know in depth what is Horticulture. According to Mr Sekhu horticulture entails landscaping plans which include cultivation, growing and fertilizing. Horticulture has two areas that deals with (a) landscaping—which involve decoration ornamental plans used for decoration around departmental buildings (b) crops/farming. "The department as a public entity deals with ornamental horticulture, landscaping", Mr Sekhu explained.

#### Q: What is Horticulture?

Horticulture is the study of plants and their characteristics. It entails the types of plants, their groups/family and how they adapt to different conditions.

#### Q: The importance of Horticulture

In short, horticulture supplies food for health and mind, more calories per unit area, develops better resources and

yields higher returns per unit area. It also enhances land value and creates better purchasing power for those who are engaged in this industry. Therefore, horticulture is important for health, wealth, hygiene and happiness.

#### Q: Maintenance Processes?

In horticulture a lot of machines are used that have an important function. In order to keep the life of the machines as long as possible, maintenance is essential. Also the preventive maintenance of machines should not be underestimated.

#### Q: what are some of the requirements for one to become a horticulturist?

A four year qualification in horticulture, plant science, soil science or another related field is typically required to get an entry level position as a horticulturist. These programs take four years to complete and will cover courses in botany, chemistry and soil science.

#### Q: Challenges faced in Horticulture

The sector has increasingly been faced by many challenges even as the global economic fortunes seem to be getting better. Poor infrastructure, unpredictable weather, high cost of farm inputs, obsolete technology and stringent international standards are some of the challenges the sector continues to face.



*Re a Šoma*



# Rest in Peace

*....words fail to express the deep sorrow of your loss....*



## SEPTEMBER

Thobejane SD—Knowledge Management in Head Office

## AUGUST

(a) **Mangena ME**—Property and Facilities Management in Thabazimbi Cost Centre, Waterberg

(b) **Mandule TE**—Roads Maintenance in Mothapo Cost Centre, Capricorn

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