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Motion - Fleet
Upgrade Unveiled**

**Strategic
Appointments to
Drive Growth and
Excellence**

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Leadership o
Review
Advancement of
Thohoyandou
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Facilities**

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Teams Together in
Friendly
Competition**

**16 Days, One
Mission - Break the
Silence**

GO TUPA LEROLE LIMPOPO KA BOPHARA



The heartland of southern Africa- development is about people!



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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 Delivery⁴

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.

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HAPPY NEW
YEAR
2026



Daddy Phukuntsi
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

As we begin the new year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. May 2026 bring good health, renewed strength, and continued prosperity.

I wish to sincerely thank all staff for the dedication, resilience and hard work demonstrated thus far during the 2025/26 financial year. Your commitment to service delivery, often under challenging conditions, is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

As we move into the remaining months of the 2025/26 financial year, I encourage senior management and all officials to intensify our efforts and remain focused on achieving our strategic objectives.

Let us continue to work collaboratively, uphold professionalism, and maintain accountability in everything we do.

I wish you a productive and fulfilling 2026.

OVER
300

**PERMANENT
EMPLOYMENT CREATED**
Since 2024 to December 2025

Strengthening internal capacity through new appointment—promoting employment equity and youth inclusions said MEC Ernst Rachoene



Premier Dr. Ramathuba flanked by the EXCO members during unveiling of new fleets in Polokwane

"A fleet only becomes meaningful when it turns into action. Once these vehicles leave here today, their impact must be felt immediately. Roads that have long deteriorated must begin to show progress," said Premier Ramathuba.

The Premier's remarks reinforced the department's expectation that the newly acquired fleet will be deployed across all 5 districts without delay, ensuring that communities experience visible improvements in infrastructure conditions, particularly on roads that have suffered prolonged neglect.

Beyond infrastructure

NEW WHEELS TO BOOST SAFETY, RELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY

Mabosholo Lelope

The department has officially unveiled 105 new white and yellow fleet vehicles, marking a significant milestone in its efforts to strengthen internal capacity and accelerate service delivery across the province. The addition of these assets to the Department's movable asset register signals a renewed commitment to operational

delivery, the fleet will play a vital role in supporting the department's human resource expansion. The vehicles will serve as essential tools of trade for officials across the province, including the 590 new recruits appointed since the start of the 7th Administration, of whom 140 commenced duty on 1 December 2025. Improved mobility will enable these officials to perform their duties effectively, particularly in field-based operations, inspections, and project monitoring.

The department has emphasised that the acquisition of the fleet is part of a strategic intervention to address historical capacity constraints. Limited access to reliable vehicles has previously hampered service delivery, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas. The new assets are expected to significantly reduce these challenges and improve turnaround times on critical projects.

The launch of the 105 new white and yellow fleet represents a practical and visible step towards building a more responsive, capable, and efficient workforce. It reaffirms the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure's commitment to delivering quality services, restoring public confidence, and ensuring that government resources translate into real improvements in the lives of communities across the province.



efficiency, visible service delivery, and improved infrastructure maintenance.

The newly launched fleet comprises a diverse range of vehicles and heavy machinery designed to support the department's core mandate. These include graders, dozers, front-end loaders, tipper trucks, trailers, minibuses, light delivery vehicles (LDVs), sedans, as well as single- and double-cab bakkies. Collectively, these assets are expected to play a critical role in enhancing the department's ability to respond swiftly to infrastructure needs, particularly road maintenance and construction projects.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba, who was joined by MEC Ernest Rachoene. Addressing officials and stakeholders at the event, the Premier emphasised the importance of translating resources into tangible results on the ground.



LISTENING. FIXING. DELIVERING.

DIKGEREKGERE TAKING SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE COMMUNITIES



Departmental Pothole Patching team at D2454 Myngenoegen , Dalmada Road

Sophy Shai, Khomotjo Serumula & Martha Modiba

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure is making significant progress on blading, debushing, pothole patching and regravelling roads that connects villages to major service delivery points. These are the internal ongoing efforts through the Dikgerekere Wednesday Programme to improve accessibility and address service delivery concerns on road infrastructure across

Limpopo. The Departmental Routine Roads Maintenance Teams at five (5) districts and 36 Cost Centres are hard at work to maintaining road infrastructure and also constructing bridges, culverts even cleaning existing water drainage pipes/culverts to redirect storm water.

Through this programme, the departmental teams at different sites remain committed to improving access roads and enhancing mobility across the province. The main aim of the programme is to improve the condition of the roads infrastructure but also enhance access to healthcare, education and economic opportunities for communities. These improved infrastructure are expected to contribute significantly to the socio-economic growth of the province.

Why is it important to maintain gravel roads?

Limpopo has over 13 000km of gravel roads and with ongoing rains, daily traffic usage, the gravel roads surfaces breaks quickly, leaving potholes, deep ruts and eroded sections. Hence the #DikgerekereWednesday initiative which is implemented throughout the year to improve the roads and to keep

the gravel surface conditions drivable and safer for all road users.

The scope of work for the road maintenance team include repairing wash-outs, debushing, blading and regraveling surfaces that are damaged by traffic and/or rain. Proper and adequate maintenance of the gravel roads can also be cost effective when roads are upgraded to tar even for road users such as farmers and mining companies transporting their goods to economic hubs in and around the province.

The department uses own plants and equipments such as graeders, tippers, loaders and water

“Go tupa lerole”
said MEC Rachoene

Team Dikgerekere continues to make roads drivable, the machinery were at:

- Bridge on D2132 near Moloko Dam, Lephalale
- D180 to D536 Bela-Bela
- D21 Sekororo
- D2454 Myngenoegen, Dalmada
- D333 in Blouberg
- D3440 linking Molemole and Blouberg
- D3886 and D4157 GaMaake
- D4044 Serobaneng, Lepelle-Nkumpi
- D4180 Atok to GaSelepe
- D4197 Malomanye Road
- D4200 GaMatlala, GaMashabela, Thabanaseshu, Mphanama and GaNchabeleng
- P171/1 Rosenekal, Mashishing, Burgersford, Stofbege and Groblersdal
- R25 Groblersdal

tankers for the routine road maintenance. Using own machinery allows the department to reduce costs of outsourcing through tender processes. In a way respond faster to community road infrastructure needs not limited to pothole patching, blading, regraveling even debushing.

The Dikgerekere Wednesday Programme remains an ongoing service delivery road maintenance initiative aimed to emphasise responsive governance and strengthen internal capacity, emphasised MEC Ernest Rachoene.



Dikgerekere machinery at site

D2405 Kgautswane to Alverton

D3332 Moletjie

D3404, D3370, D3364, D3355, D3359
and D3333 Ward 41 Matlala, Mashashane
and Maraba

D3428 and D3429 Ramotlokwane to
GaSebotse

D3428 Moletjie Leokaneng

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D3505 Bakenberg

D3642 Gumbani to Phaphazela

D3746, D3634, D3753, D3778, D3718,
D3754 and D3719 Sundani to Makhasa,
Vyeboom to Davhana crossing,
Tshimbupfe to Hanani, Bungeni to
Tshipuseni and DeHoop to Nkusane

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Stakeholder Engagement

October - December 2025

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D4070, D4077, D5010, D4086

Mamaolo, Apel and Ntotokwane

D4180 Atok Mine Sefateng to GaSelepe
to Modimolle

D4283 Glen Cowie to Malaka Village

D4285 Leeukraal

04

D4932 Nobody to Laastehoop to
GaMothapo

George Valley Road and

Makgoebaskloof section of R71



Representatives from Provincial Military
Veterans Working Committee



Representative from Vallambrosa
Primary School project



Representative from Lepelle-Nkumpi LM about roads that connect
villages of Mamaolo, Apel and Nkotokwane



Representative from GaMothapo Traditional Council



Representative from Fetakgomo-Tubatse about
Sefateng to GaSelepe to Modimolle road.



Representative from
Haenersburg Residents and
Ratepayers Association



Representative from Bakenburg about Road D3505



MEC Ernest Rachoene and Deputy Minister of Transport Mkhuleko Hlengwa during the visit

DEPUTY MINISTER LEADS SERVICE DELIVERY VISIT IN LIMPOPO

Mabosholo Lelope

The Limpopo MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Mr Ernest Rachoene, together with the Deputy Minister of Transport, Mr Mkhuleko Hlengwa, held a bilateral engagement on the 20th October 2025 to deliberate on the state of roads in the province.

This engagement formed part of activities being held across the country in observation of the Transport Month in October, led by the National Department of Transport. October Transport Month is observed annually and aims to promote road safety awareness, showcase transport infrastructure projects, share best practices, and highlight the transport sector's contribution to economic development.

Discussions during the engagement focused on the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant (PRMG), an allocation from the National Department of Transport intended to support the road maintenance needs of provinces. The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure outlined various initiatives that have been implemented to accelerate service delivery and improve road infrastructure across the province. MEC Rachoene highlighted Limpopo's

predominantly rural character and its strategic geographic position as a gateway to Africa. He noted that these factors necessitate innovative approaches to road maintenance and infrastructure development, which led the department to introduce the #DikgerekereWednesday programme. The initiative goes beyond the scope of the PRMG allocation and is aimed at enhancing routine road maintenance and improving mobility in rural and economic corridors.

Deputy Minister Hlengwa welcomed the presentation from MEC Rachoene and HOD Mr Motlanke Phukuntsi and acknowledged the significance of the #DikgerekereWednesday programme in

strengthening road maintenance efforts. He further emphasised the need for continued discussions around the utilisation of the PRMG, including considerations for extending its use towards the

procurement of yellow fleet equipment to improve operational efficiency.

The Deputy Minister also emphasized the importance of effective tender management to ensure agility and efficiency in the implementation of infrastructure projects. The engagement concluded with an agreement that technical teams from both the national and provincial spheres should convene regularly to enhance coordination and efficiency in building and maintaining a reliable road network. Such collaboration is expected to improve connectivity to communities and strengthen the four key transport corridors linking Limpopo to SADC countries.

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Khomotjo Serumula

The Arrive Alive 2025 Campaign continues to play a critical role in promoting road safety across Limpopo Province. MEC Ernest Rachoene joined the campaign in R36 in Capricorn District in the efforts to ensuring that all road users reach their destinations safely. The campaign focuses on law enforcement, road user education, and vehicle roadworthiness, while encouraging responsible behaviour from drivers, pedestrians and passengers alike.

As part of Arrive Alive 2025, the province has increased traffic law enforcement operations on major routes such as the N1, R71 and R81, as well as provincial and rural roads. These operations include roadblocks, vehicle inspections, speed enforcement, and random alcohol and substance testing. Special attention is also given to public transport vehicles to ensure compliance with safety standards.

This is the provincial effort to reiterate a zero-tolerance approach to reckless driving and overloading as they are major offences which continue to contribute to serious crashes in the province.

Beyond enforcement, campaigns such as Arrive Alive during festive season places strong emphasis on public awareness and education.

The success of Arrive Alive 2025 in Limpopo is driven by collaboration between provincial and municipal traffic authorities, SAPS, emergency services, community structures and transport operators. This integrated approach ensures quicker response times to accidents, improved traffic flow during peak travel periods, and consistent road safety messaging across the province.

Limpopo has called on all road users to support the Arrive Alive 2025 campaign by making responsible choices on the road. Every decision — whether to speed, drive under the influence, or ignore traffic laws — has life-or-death consequences.

As Limpopo continues to welcome travellers and residents move across the province for work, family and leisure, Arrive Alive 2025 serves as a reminder that arriving alive is everyone's responsibility. Through



MEC Ernest Rachoene leading the R37 Arrive Alive Campaign during 2025 Festive Season

ARRIVE ALIVE 2025: LIMPOPO INTENSIFIES ROAD SAFETY EFFORTS

continued enforcement, education and cooperation, the province remains committed to safer roads for all.



"Empowering South Africans through communication excellence".

BE VIGILANT ON THE ROADS THIS FESTIVE SEASON

- Government calls on all citizens to take personal responsibility for reducing road crashes and fatalities as the 2025/26 festive season gets underway.
- This year's safer festive season campaign is held under the theme; "It Starts With Me", reflecting the critical role of individual behaviour in preventing loss of life.
- The festive period requires heightened vigilance, with millions of people travelling for holidays, family events and year-end celebrations.
- Safer roads depend on every driver, passenger and pedestrian making responsible and informed choices.
- Provinces will roll out extensive road safety education and awareness activities at taxi ranks, bus stations, malls, churches, toll gates, rest stops, sporting events and border posts.
- Motorists are urged to prioritise vehicle roadworthiness checks, take regular rest breaks, valid licences, buckle up and do not drink and drive.
- Passengers must prioritise their own safety by wearing seatbelts and reporting reckless or unsafe driving to the National Traffic Call Centre on 0861 400 800. Pedestrians are encouraged to wear visible clothing, especially at night.
- Let us work together to reduce road fatalities during this festive season and beyond. #GovZAUpdates

LDPWRI SHINES AT THE 2025 PROVINCIAL DRIVER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION



Mr Sappie Kgaugelo with Transport and Community Liaison MEC Violet Mathye during the ceremony

Sophy Shai

The Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure is thrilled to announce the outstanding performance of its officials at the 2025 Provincial Driver of the Year Competition, hosted by the Department of Transport and Community Safety, held at Bolivia Lodge from 24 - 25 October. The event is part of the province's annual road safety awareness and transport excellence initiatives, it brought together skilled drivers from across Limpopo to compete in various categories, including Light Delivery Vehicle (LDV) Category, Rigid Truck, Bus and Taxi.

Drivers from Vhembe, Sekhukhune and Capricorn Districts represented the department with exceptional professionalism and dedication. Their participation showcased remarkable driving skills, road safety awareness and operational efficiency, earning top positions in multiple categories.

In the LDV category, Ms Tshepo Makoti, a shining star from the Capricorn District achieved an impressive second place, while in the

high standards promoted by the Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure. Their performance is a source of pride for the Department and we salute them for flying our flag high at this year's competition! Other participants from Vhembe and Sekhukhune Districts also performed admirably, further highlighting the department's commitment to developing skilled and responsible drivers.

The competition is not just about awards but also fostering a culture of safety, responsibility and professional growth within the transport sector. Participants were evaluated on practical driving skills, vehicle knowledge, road etiquette and compliance with provincial traffic regulations.

MEC of the Department of Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, praised the participants stating that the

Rigid Truck Category, Mr Sappie Kgaugelo also secured second place. Both winners received R10 000.00 cash prize, a trophy and a package of goodies sponsored by Metropolitan and the Department of Transport and Community Safety. Their success reflects precision driving, strict adherence to safety protocols and the

performance of drivers at this year's Provincial Driver of the Year Competition demonstrated professionalism, skill and dedication to road safety. She further praised the winners, stating that we are proud to celebrate their achievements and she encouraged all drivers to continue upholding the highest standards of driving excellence.

The 2025 Provincial Driver of the Year Competition serves as a reminder of the vital role professional drivers play in maintaining safe and efficient transportation networks. The Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure's outstanding performance at this event underscores its ongoing commitment to excellence in public service delivery, capacity building and road safety initiatives throughout the province.

The Department looks forward to continued excellence from its officials and encourages all drivers to strive for professionalism and the highest standards of road safety.



Ms Tshepo Makoti with Transport and Community Liaison MEC Violet Mathye during the ceremony

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US: CELEBRATING DISABILITY DAY



Departmental employees during the event



Chief Director Ms Susan Mahlase during the event

Mabosholo Lelope

On the 21st November 2025 the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure

commemorated Disability Month by hosting a special programme aimed at recognising, supporting, and empowering persons with disabilities. The event highlighted the department's ongoing commitment to building an inclusive, accessible, and equitable environment for all.

As part of its long-term recruitment and transformation strategy, the department reaffirmed that the inclusion of persons with disabilities remains a key priority. Through the leadership of the Special Programmes Unit, employees from all five districts

gathered for a collective celebration that encouraged meaningful dialogue, reflection, and engagement on disability inclusion.

This year's celebrations were aligned with the 2025 International Day of Persons with Disabilities theme: "Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress." The theme reinforces the need for institutions, communities, and workplaces to create environments that uphold the rights, dignity, and full participation of persons with disabilities. It also serves as a call to action for removing structural and societal barriers that hinder their advancement.

During the programme, speakers emphasised that the month-long

observance serves as a reminder of the ongoing responsibility to promote equal opportunities, challenge stigmas, and advocate for more accessible public services and infrastructure. By embracing the principles of inclusion, the department aims to contribute meaningfully to a society where persons with disabilities can thrive and participate fully.

Disability Month officially concluded on December 3, aligning with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This global observance further amplifies the importance of disability rights and celebrates the resilience, contributions, and achievements of persons with disabilities worldwide.

DEPARTMENT HOSTS QUARTERLY MONITORING SESSION FOR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

Mantji Mamabolo

Aquarterly monitoring session for students and graduates placed within the Department was hosted at Polokwane Provincial Hospital. The session took place to check on the progress of the students and graduates and to support them as they gained work experience. The programme was spearheaded by the Department's Human Resource Development Unit, which aimed to provide guidance on appropriate conduct, communication, punctuality, teamwork, and other essential workplace skills.

The initiative formed part of the national government's youth empowerment drive, which sought to promote job creation, workplace exposure, and skills development among young people. A total of 168 graduates and student interns were placed across all five districts in Limpopo, participating in the session to receive mentorship and professional guidance.



LDWPRI new internship intake attending the monitoring session

EPWP EQUIPS BENEFICIARIES WITH FUTURE-FOCUSED SKILLS

Happy Lekgothoane and Nthabiseng Mabuela

On 16 October 2025, the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), hosted a Boot Camp training session for 110 EPWP beneficiaries at Capricorn Lapa in the Polokwane Local Municipality. The Boot Camp was presented through the EPWP Enterprise Development Programme in partnership with Centenary Networks, as part of the EPWP exit strategy. This initiative aims to empower young people across Limpopo Province with essential future-ready skills, including:

- Entrepreneurship skills
- Work readiness and skills development

Upon completion of the programme, all participants will receive certificates, and the top-performing group will earn a prize package for developing the best business plan.

The Centenary Networks, led by CEO Ms. Kgomo Moloantwa, concluded the training with a prestigious Awards Ceremony. After a week of intensive learning covering entrepreneurial development, solar installation techniques, and energy-saving methods.



Ms Dimbi Olaminju flanked by the participants and facilitators during the bootcamp



Mr Abraham Chego addressing the delegates during the bootcamp

The winning group among the eleven teams walked away with a solar system package valued at R51,232.00. In delivering his remarks, Chief Director Mr. Abram Chego emphasized that this initiative aligns with the National Minister's call for stronger partnerships between the public and private sectors in skills development. He added that through the Enterprise Development Programme under EPWP, beneficiaries are equipped with the knowledge and capabilities needed to become established business owners in the future.

This initiative aimed to equip young individuals in the department with valuable skills and knowledge in renewable energy, fostering entrepreneurship and readiness for the business world.



The EPWP beneficiaries during the bootcamp at Capricorn Lapa



Departmental Waterberg District during the 16 Days of Activism event held at the district

STRENGTHENING THE PURPLE CAMPAIGN DURING 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Khomotjo Serumula and Lethabo Tladi

During the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children, observed from 25 November to 10 December 2025, government reaffirmed its commitment to ending gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) through the Purple Campaign, a symbol of dignity, justice and solidarity with survivors. At the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure offices at both Head Office and Waterberg District, the day was honoured with themed attire by adopting purple as a unifying colour throughout their activities. Waterberg District officials were encouraged to wear black with purple ribbons while head office used purple balloons and purple ribbons as a public show of solidarity with survivors and victims of violence and abuse.

South Africa human rights groups stood united in purple peaceful marches ahead of the G20-Summit which was to be held in Johannesburg, with the aim to have government to recognize the severity of gender based violence (GBV). His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa formally classified GBV as a national crisis under the Disaster Management Act. This national recognition in a form of classification of GBC as a national disaster, acknowledges that GBV threatens safety, human dignity and social stability. In simple terms it mandate government to coordinate stronger, multi-sectoral response of existing legal and institutional procedures to prioritise and strengthen action against perpetrators. However, during the 16 Days of Activism, government reiterated its message that violence against women and children will never be tolerated, and every person has a role to play in building a safe and caring society.



Ms Daisy Smith addressing the officials during the Head Office event



Head Office participants during the event



Aerobics session during the Head Office event



Ms Nthabiseng Boya

SEKHUKHUNE PARTICIPATES IN MEN & BOYS PARLIAMENT

Sophy Shai

The Department of Public Works, Roads & Infrastructure, Sekhukhune District, took part in the annual Men and Boys Parliament held in Groblersdal on 15 November. The session, hosted by the Sekhukhune District Municipality, provided a vital platform to assess and reflect on challenges faced by men both in the workplace and in broader society.

Often referred to as the Men's Conference, the Men and Boys Parliament was chaired by the Speaker of Council, Cllr Kgwediyebotse Chego and convened annually under



Sekhukhune District male employees attending the event.



the guidance of the National AIDS Council Men's Sector. It forms part of a national initiative supported by the Parliament of South Africa to promote open dialogue among men on issues that influence their social, emotional and personal wellbeing.

The gathering brought together various stakeholders, including the District AIDS Council, chaired by the Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, sector departments and local municipalities. Their collective participation strengthened the multidisciplinary approach needed to tackle the social issues affecting men and boys across communities.

Discussions during the session centred on critical topics such as gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF), the importance of mentorship and positive modelling for boy children and the evolving definition and responsibilities of men in modern society. Delivering the keynote address, Executive Mayor Minah Bahula, expressed deep concern over the rising GBVF statistics in the Sekhukhune District. “GBVF Is a serious concern in our country. We attend court cases daily, many involving male perpetrators in the district. The situation is deeply troubling.” She said.

The Executive Mayor called on men to remain active participants in conversations about their roles and responsibilities, emphasising that continued engagement is necessary to rebuild the moral fibre of society. She urged men to lead by example, challenge harmful behaviours and champion positive social change.

The Men and Boys Parliament continues to serve as an impactful platform for collective reflection, accountability and forward looking solutions aimed at empowering men and protecting communities.

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR: ENSURING SMOOTH TRANSITION



Waterberg District Official during the Pre-Retirement Seminar

Lethabo Tladi

Waterberg District together with GEPF hosted pre-retirement seminar for 53-62 years old employees. The seminar was held at Modimolle correctional service. It was a way to provide financial, and lifestyle planning and helps to manage the psychological emotion and transition. The stakeholders presented

were GEPF, GEMS, METROPOLITAN, OLD MUTUAL, ASSUPOL, FOLANG Health centre and OPILENT wellness. The main topic was to equip employees with the knowledge to make informed decisions for a secure and fulfilling retirement also covers investment strategies, health benefits and social activities. The Seminar ended with live band from GURUGUITAR Group bidding farewell to three employees who are retiring end December 2025.



Waterberg District Officials during the Pre-Retirement Seminar

THE GEPF HAS NOT AMENDED THE RETIREMENT AGE

1. The GEPF is aware of inaccurate articles circulating on social media and the internet alleging that the retirement age for GEPF members has been amended.
2. The retirement age of government employees who are part of the GEPF HAS NOT CHANGED.

The retirement ages for the GEPF are as follows:

- Early retirement: 55 - 59 years
- Normal retirement: 60 years
- Late retirement: 61 - 65 years

3. The GEPF again urges members and pensioners to be cautious about information shared on social media as misinformation can cause unnecessary fear and confusion.
4. Members and pensioners are urged to consult official GEPF channels such as the website, call centre, GEPF social media platforms and walk-in centres to receive official and accurate information about the GEPF.



Waterberg District Officials receiving consultations with stakeholders during the event.



Mishumo-Sport NEWS

SPORT TOURNAMENTS ADVANCING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH COMPETITIVE SPORTS

Mantji Mamabolo

Provincial Sport, Arts and Culture, in partnership with GEMS, hosted the Annual Provincial Sports Tournament at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium as part of GEMS' 20-year celebration!

The event promoted employee fitness, wellness, and mental health while encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle across the public service.

In his message of support, MEC Jerry

Maseko urged employees to make exercise part of their daily lives and to prioritize their mental well-being.

Officials from the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure are proudly participating alongside other provincial departments.

The day kicked off with an uplifting marathon and aerobics session, followed by soccer, netball, and volleyball.



Ms Shanaz Harmse during the tournament



Ms Ntsoaki Lekoloane during the marathon



Mr Noko Mabala congratulating golf players during the tournament



HOD Phukunsi during the award ceremony in North West



Mr Phadu during the awarding ceremony

The awards were as follows:
Soccer Veterans : (Gold)
Open Soccer : (Bronze)
Ladies Soccer: (Bronze)
Netball Veterans: (Bronze)
Tennis mixed double: Collins & Shannaz Harmse Position 2 (silver)
Golf: Individual Male 1st Position: Kgaogelo Mahwelere (Gold)
LDPWRI 1st Position Golf (Gold)
Noko Mabala: 5km fun walk Bronze
Josie Phadu : 10 km men category Gold
Ntsoaki Lekoloane: 8km ladies Bronze
Tovhowani Sadiki: 10km : Bronze
Kgaogelo Mahwiliri : Bronze

Mantji Mamabolo

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure once again participated proudly in the National Employee Wellness Sports and Recreation Committee (NEWSREC) Tournament which took place 8—12 October 2025 at North-West Province.

The tournament was officially opened by the MEC for the North West Department of Public Works and Roads, Ms Elizabeth Mokua, who highlighted the importance of sport in promoting employee wellness, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle among public servants.

Teams from various national and provincial Public Works departments took part in the tournament, competing in sporting codes such as soccer, netball, volleyball, tennis, golf, and athletics. All activities were conducted in a spirit of sportsmanship and mutual respect.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony attended by the Head of Department, Mr Mothlanke Phukunsi, and the Director for ICT, Mr Noko Mabala, who assisted in handing over trophies and medals. The department achieved several

medals across different categories, including gold, silver, and bronze, and performed well in marathon and fun walk events. The department expressed pride in all the achievements and congratulated the teams and individuals for their dedication and outstanding performance.



Departmental Veteran soccer players