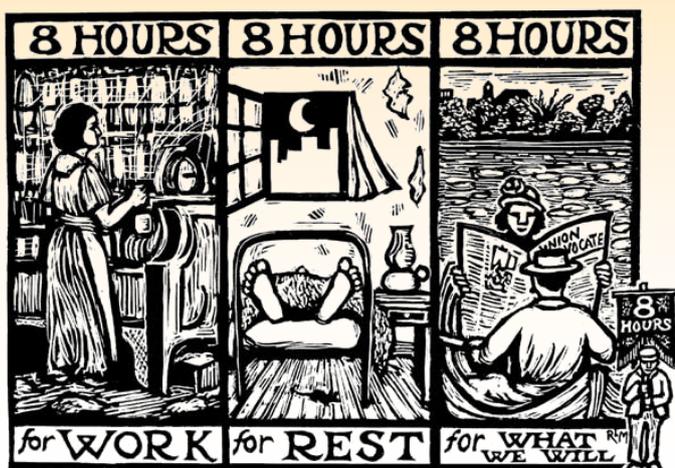


# News Flash

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## May Day >>>> For Workers



Workers Day also known as May Day is a national public holiday in South Africa held on the 1st of May annually. This year the day was commemorated under the theme **“A united working class for radical economic transformation”** It was inaugurated as an official national public holiday following the first democratic elections of 1994, It has been officially observed since then. Traditionally this day has been known to be a day to protest for better wages and working standards.

The history of Workers Day goes back to the 1886 Haymarket affair in Chicago, where police tried to disperse a large crowd of striking workers who were protesting for a shorter workday of 8hrs. Then in 1891, it was after a successful annual demonstration that Workers Day was formally inducted into the official calendars of as many as 80 countries honouring the date and what it stands for, South Africa included, it is unsurprising that South Africa commemorates this day.

Six rallies to celebrate May Day were held in six provinces hosted and organized by the congress of South African trade unions.

Limpopo Province held two events one at Kgapane Stadium in Letaba, the rally was focusing on vulnerable workers and specifically challenges farm workers face, another rally was at Marapong Stadium in Lephalale which focused on challenges faced by vulnerable workers and in particular defending the National Union of Mine Workers and National Union of Metal Workers against emerging fake unions.

May Day is celebrated world wide, to emphasize the need to establish fair labour practices and employment standards and to celebrate the fallen lives of workers who fought for fair labour practices and better wages back in the days.



**HARMONY**

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## MEC VISITS MOTHAPO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Limpopo Department of Public Works' MEC Mme Thabitha Mohlala together with official from LDPW on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2013 visited Mothapo Primary School at Ga Molepo (Sebjeng village) Polokwane Local Municipality.

This was part of the Executive Council Outreach (EXCO) Public Participation Programme. Members of the Executive Council (MEC's) visit projects and interact with community members to obtain first-hand information on service delivery outputs and challenges.

The principal of the School, Mr Raoano Malesela shared some of the challenges encountered by the school that related to norms and standards, textbooks, sports facilities, cooperation between School Governing Body (SGB) and accommodation which derail smooth operation of the school.

These are issues that the Public Participation team coordinate and draft deliberate intervention plans, together with respective line Departments, which eventually forms part of the EXCO agenda including municipal and community structures.



Mme Thabitha Mohlala shake hands with principal Mr Raoano MJ during recent visit to the school while Mr Manamela AS and Molepo who are educators looks on.

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## PUBLIC WORKS WENT... IT SAW.... IT CONQUERED!

Hlanganani Cost Centre is a village centre situated in Bungeni. Workers in the centre of who most are elderly personnel discharge their duties from two modest structures, that service as office space. Their clean surroundings and organised offices speak volume of the calibre of men and women representing the Provincial Department of Public Works in the vicinity.

It is from these humble surroundings that one of the best teams in the Province emerged as a winner of the Premiers Excellence Awards of 2011/12. This was after the Department embarked on an ambitious task to build Traditional Council Offices using in-house teams in order to save costs and test capacity of the Department to deliver. Hlanganani Cost Centre did not disap-



HOD Chaamano hands over the Gold Award to Mr Tshikororo NE, the supervisor for Mulima construction as Mr Mudau PW the cost centre manager looks on.

point when constructing the Mulima Traditional Council office in Vhembe District.

The team was awarded a Gold prize for their sterling work in the departmental level. It participated in the provincial level and their work was confirmed as good when they were again awarded a gold prize, making them ideal ambassadors of Public Works family.

The prize was finally handed over to the cost centre and was received with excitement.

“Today we have come here to say thank you for the excellent work and finally hand over your prize, you made us proud”, Madidimalo Chaamano, Head of Department, said as he congratulated the staff gathered to witness the hand over.

In the 2011/12 Premiers Excellence Awards the Department of Public Works emerged as the best Department in the Province having scooped the only platinum award in the competition through the Giyani cost centre cleaning team in the Service Delivery category.

The overall Premiers Excellence awards had nine trophies and out of the nine, Public Works received two trophies and two went to Department of Roads and Transport. This left all other Departments sharing the 5 remaining trophies. Of the 5 trophies, none was platinum status, meaning the Department of Public Works was the overall top achiever in the 2011/12 Financial Year.

A Silver award was also officially handed over to the Vhembe District landscaping team for excellence achieved in the 2010/11 Premiers Excellence Awards in the innovation category.



**Photo 1: HOD Chaamano, together with members of the Vhembe landscaping team that won in 2010/11.**



**Photo 2: Cleaning team at Hlanganani cost centre Khosa MM, Ngomeni ME and Mulaudzi TS show they are ready to contend for Platinum award**

## 2013/14 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS SUMMARY

Programme	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2011/12		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
	Audited			Main appro-	Adjusted appropri-	Revised esti-	Medium-term estimates		
Administra- tion	289,019	276,447	241,000	248,870	225,284	230,192	242,539	254,346	268,916
Public Works	389,547	476,491	522,666	571,566	571,639	579,958	602,573	625,531	667,552
Expanded Public Works Pro- gramme (EPWP)	21,000	21,326	25,761	38,8525	29,072	33,852	31,949	32,916	31,973
<b>Total</b>	<b>669,566</b>	<b>774,264</b>	<b>789,427</b>	<b>859,288</b>	<b>825,995</b>	<b>844,002</b>	<b>877,061</b>	<b>912,793</b>	<b>968,441</b>

**NB: Newsflash will unpack the highlights and 2013/14 budget plans soon.... Keep reading!**



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