



Steve Tshwete
Local Municipality



Mazakwane

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Residents can look forward to **CLEAN** drinking water

The Municipality is excited to share the latest developments on the construction of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant, a key component of the Vaalbank Water Treatment Works (WTW) project.

Thanks to our dedicated efforts and support, significant strides have been made. Initiated in 2019, this project is backed by a R20-million budget this Financial Year from the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG), a programme designed to finance major water and sanitation initiatives.

We're implementing the project in phases, and it's thrilling to report that we have made substantial progress so far. The primary goal of this project is to enhance the quality of water that we provide to our community.

Over the years, we have witnessed how mining, agricultural practices, and other environmental challenges have negatively impacted the quality of our raw water. As a result, our traditional WTW needs an upgrade to refine the water treatment process.

Phase 1 involved upgrading the WTW, including refurbishing the backwash filters, enhancing the chlorine dosing and storage system, and constructing a reservoir with a contact tank.

We're proud to announce that this phase

is now fully completed and operating effectively!

Phase 2 of the project is nearing its conclusion, with the construction of the reverse osmosis (RO) plant now 97% finished.

This facility is set to enhance the capabilities of the existing water treatment works (WTW), which has been facing significant pressure due to the limitations of the current water supply system.

As we move forward, Phase 3 of the sludge ponds project has officially kicked off in this financial year (2025/2026) and is currently 53% complete.

The WTW plant plays a crucial role in providing safe and drinkable water to Middeburg and its surrounding areas.

At present, contractors are diligently working on several key components, including a sludge pond designed to store thickened sludge - a blend of organic and inorganic materials from wastewater treatment processes.

They are also developing a new pump station, an access road, parking facilities, and the essential electrical services that will be connected to Nazareth and Aerorand.

In phase 2 of the project, 58 local residents and 24 subcontractors are reaping the benefits through employment opportunities, while phase 3 is set to support 11 local individuals and 11 subcontractors, with completion expected by June 2026.

Residents of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality have expressed their gratitude for a recent initiative.



VOICEPOX



KOTI SILUMA

“The Municipality is making significant efforts to deliver the highest quality water to the community. I'm truly thrilled with this fantastic news”



HELGAARD MATHEE

“Having purified water straight from the tap means we're finally getting real value for our money. It fills me with pride to be part of this Municipality”



DAVID ROSS

“I will save a substantial amount of money each month as I spend R240 monthly just to refill six, 10-litre bottles at R10 each”



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Cllr Petros Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor

Merry CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS new year

The most wonderful time of the year has arrived! As we embrace this festive season, anticipation grows as we prepare to welcome the new year with open arms.

This season brims with activity - from a festive holiday to joyous gatherings -and, above all, valuable moments spent with family and friends.

The year 2025 has brought a variety of challenges for us as a Municipality, as residents, and as a community.

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2025 and greet 2026, I encourage everyone in

Steve Tshwete, especially those travelling, to stay alert, be aware, and prioritise safety while on the roads.

I sincerely encourage everyone on the road to follow traffic rules, stay within speed limits, and never mix drinking with driving. Let's also ensure that our homes and gatherings focus on safety and well-being.

Moreover, let's remember to share our blessings with those in need.

Together, let's cultivate a holiday season overflowing with warmth and connection, creating cherished memories filled

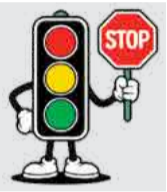
with peace and celebration as we look forward to the new year 2026 with hope and excitement.

We must return in 2026 united in our mindset and spirit, filled with fresh hope and enthusiasm, ready to collaborate and advocate for improved service delivery in our municipality.

On behalf of the councillors and staff at STLM, I warmly share my heartfelt wishes for a joyful Christmas and a wonderful new year!

Stay Blessed!

Arrive ALIVE - your SAFETY is important to us



Obey the rules of the road and carry your valid driver's licence with you. Plan your route carefully and give yourself enough time to reach your destination.

■ Use a GPS navigation tool or a road atlas. For peace of mind, try to stick to major routes or toll roads - If you are going to travel using back roads to identify the towns along the route and what the distance is between them.



Do not get stranded without fuel - always plan for your next refuel station.

■ Plan rest stops along the way and if you are travelling with kids it is a great way to let them know when and where you will be stopping.



Always ensure that a friend or family member, who is not travelling with you, is aware of the route you are taking. Ideally, regularly update them on the journey's progress and let them know when you have reached your destination.



Try to avoid driving at night, if possible. Don't expect of others to be as obedient to the law as you are and always be on the lookout for pedestrians crossing the road.



Make sure that your vehicle is in a road-worthy condition before departure. Take your vehicle for a full check before embarking on your holiday travels.

Lights and indicators, windscreen wipers, brakes, steering, exhaust system and tyres should be carefully examined for faults.



Have a good rest before you embark on your journey. Take safety breaks every two hours or 200km.



Do not drink and drive. If you intend to consume alcohol make alternative arrangements so you will not be behind the wheel.

■ Remain alert at all times and avoid driver distractions such as cellular conversations and texting.



Be responsible for seatbelt wearing. Always wear your seat belt and see that everyone in the car is wearing theirs.

■ The South African law requires each passenger being transported in a motor vehicle to make use of the seatbelts and strap themselves in.



It is the driver's responsibility to make sure all passengers are strapped in while travelling. It is a criminal offence for an adult to allow a child younger than 14 years to travel unrestrained in a vehicle equipped with seatbelts or a car safety seat.

■ Infants and children under the age of 12 should travel in the back seat of a vehicle and should be buckled up, either in a car seat, booster seat or use the car's seatbelts.

■ Infants between 0 months and one year of age, or up to 10kg in weight, should travel in a rear-facing car seat in the back of a car.

In the event of an accident, the impact will be on the seat and not on the infant.

Drive defensively! Risk takers are collision makers!



Avoid all distractions and keep both eyes on the road and hands on the steering wheel!

■ Be visible - drive with your lights on. Headlights should be dipped well before an approaching vehicle is within range of the main beam.

■ Stay within the speed limit at all times. Be especially alert when approaching traffic lights, intersections and level crossings.



Only overtake when it is absolutely safe to do so. Maintain at least a 3-second following distance - this distance should

be increased at night, in foggy or rainy conditions and when the road is wet.

■ Avoid driving on the blind spot of other vehicles.



Be courteous towards fellow road users - keep your temper and resist the temptation to retaliate.

■ Always place your valuables in the boot of your car and never leave items such as cell phones and wallets in open sight, unattended, or on the seat of a car.



Be cautious when driving alone. Remain alert to any areas that might present a threat of criminal activity such as hijackings and smash-and-grab.

SERVICE DELIVERY

during the festive season

Middelburg and Hendrina Rates Halls, Komati and Nasaret pay points will remain open on 29 and 30 December 2025 and on 2 January 2026 from 08:00 to 12:00.

PAY POINTS

Maranata Engen Garage
Kruger Park Total Garage
Midwater Engen Garage
Burgers Garage - Hendrina
OK Grocer - Komati
Choppies Hlalamnandi
Kanonkop Superspar
Total Garage next to Middelburg Mall
Engen Nictru
Blue Sand Mineralia
Saverite Eastdene - now Astron Garage
Sasol Nkululeko - Mhluzi
Sasol Doornkop
Kanonkop Engen Garage
Oribi Petroleum Engen Garage
Janmy Engen Garage
Tosca Kanonkop
Sasol Garage - Meyer Street

Vending outlets and online services will be operational for purchasing of electricity - Prepaid24 - www.prepaid24.co.za. and payment of accounts. All standby, emergency and disaster services will be operational.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

ACCIDENTS, FIRE AND SNAKES
013 249 7222 • 013 243 2222
087 164 5636

WHATSAPP - instant messaging
064 915 3362

We require your name, address and the nature of the complaint

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013 243 1806 • 013 283 6914
013 249 7344 / 7348 / 7349
087 808 7430

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THE MUNICIPALITY SHINES DURING 2025

Celebrating our **ACCOLADES** par excellence

Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela, Executive Mayor, enthusiastically highlights the remarkable success of our Municipality.

The Steve Tshwete Local Municipality has unequivocally demonstrated its excellence in a wide array of service delivery initiatives.

This isn't just a one-year phenomenon; our commitment to service quality resonates at local, provincial, and even national levels.

Once again, as part of our journey toward unwavering excellence, we proudly shine bright, having been recognised as the Overall Best Municipality, academically, for the 2024-2025 Financial Year.

This accolade continues our winning streak - dating back to 2019 when we were honoured as the Best Municipality in Education at provincial level!

In a remarkable turn of events, on 30 April 2025, we proudly completed the handover of the Mhluzi Industrial Park, made possible through the generous support of Thungela Mine, one of our invaluable private sector partners committed to fostering community development.

Our efforts were recognised with a prestigious SALGA award for Excellence Performance in 2025, as we proudly achieved a commendable Blue Drop Score.

Additionally, at the Local Government Indaba, we brought home a Trophy of Excellence, showcasing our dedication to outstanding service delivery.

On 20 October 2025, Mr Velephi Hlabisa - Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), honoured us with a Recognition for Outstanding Achievement for our impressive

100% grant expenditure - a true testament to our commitment to responsible governance.

Among the numerous accolades our Municipality has received, we were celebrated for our exemplary work in the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide 2024-25 Special Programmes - 100-day challenge.

We are thrilled to announce that we again achieved recognition in 2025-2026 as the Best Performing Municipality in the GBV initiatives!

Our Communications Department recently received a prestigious nomination for the SALGA National Communicators Awards, recognising our outstanding achievements in the Proactive and Responsive Communications Team (Local Municipalities) category.

This exciting event took place on 10 February 2025, at the beautiful Mentors Country Estate in Jeffreys Bay, Eastern Cape.

In addition, we proudly secured second place in the SAIMSA games, bringing home trophies for both Lawn Tennis and Pool!

As we look ahead, we remain committed to making a positive impact on the lives of our communities, always striving to give our best in every endeavour.

IN THE PICTURE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

- Mandla Mnguni - Municipal Manager.
- Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor.
- Cllr Caroline Mphego - MMC for Corporate Services.
- Cllr Joseph Ngubeni - MMC for Public Safety.
- Cllr Marumo Sekgwele - MMC for Infrastructure and Technical Services.



STATE OF THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS



Cllr Petros Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor

The State of the Municipal Address for 2024/25 Financial Year delivered by Executive Mayor, Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela on August 29, 2025.

Part of what the women of 1956 were fighting for was a participative democracy.

When compiling the Municipal budget, it was taken into consideration, Section 22 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) stipulates that immediately after tabling the annual budget, council must make it public and invite the local community to submit representations.

The Executive Mayor must be given an opportunity to respond to the submissions, and if necessary review the budget and table the amendments to council.

The Municipality has embarked on an inclusive public participation process.

The SOMA was highlighted as follows:

In compliance to section 22 of the MFMA, there are those community sectors who made submissions and requested that water tariffs be reduced and indeed after thorough consideration council resolved to reduce water tariffs from 8% down to 5%.

Proposed 2025/26	Approved 2025/26
Property rates 4.40%	4.40%
Water 8.5%	5.00%
Sewerage 5.00%	5.00%
Refuse Removal 5.00%	5.00%
Electricity 15.00%	12.00% - Nersa

The following are projects completed through LED initiatives:

Boreholes: Izimbiwa Mining has installed five boreholes at ward 29 and IPP Mining installed six boreholes at ward 7.

These boreholes supply reliable water access to communities that previously struggled with shortages. They will improve health, food security, and overall living conditions for residents.

Node D: Thungela Mining has constructed and donated a canteen to the value of R5-million.

The completion of the canteen has created a hub for local economic activity.

It provides both jobs and a platform to attract more investments.

Manyano Primary School Ablution and Sports Facilities by Seriti Mining has upgraded the ablution and sports facilities at the school.

The upgraded facilities are giving learners a safe and dignified learning environment. The new sports field also promotes healthy development and school pride.

ECD Centre in Ext 24: Seriti Mining has upgraded classrooms at Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre in Ext 24.

The upgrading of classrooms at the early childhood development centre ensures that more children have access to quality education from an early age. This investment will shape a stronger generation for the future.

LD Moetanalo Secondary School: Corobrick has constructed a hall to create space for academic, cultural, and community events. It also builds a sense of unity and belonging within the school and surrounding community.

Mobile Clinic: Exxaro and Arnot OPCO in Rietkuil donated a mobile clinic worth R1-million.

The mobile clinic brings health care services closer to residents in rural areas. It will reduce travel time and costs, while improving access to essential medical care.

The following is a list of Programmes planned for the 2025/26 Financial Year:

Donation of tools and equipment: The Municipality has set aside a budget of R2.7-million to help Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) by providing tools and equipment that will boost the productivity of small businesses so that entrepreneurs can grow and sustain their livelihoods.

Flea Market near eMhluzi Mall: Seriti Mining has committed to establish a flea market that will give emerging traders a formal space to sell their goods and products and this project will economically uplift informal businesses in the Municipality.

Second Warehouse at NODE D at Fed-erale: Seriti Mining has also committed to construct a second warehouse that is worth R12-million, which will expand storage and logistics capacity at the industrial park NODE D. The project has a potential to attract larger investors and create sustainable jobs.

ELECTRICAL On electrical infrastructure, the Municipality, during 2024/25 Financial Year, has spent an amount of R22,2-million.

PARKS AND RECREATION Total amount of money spent under Parks and Recreation is R1-million through the construction of a new park at Rondebosch.

SOLID WASTE The Municipality has spent R21,9-million to buy specialised solid waste vehicles

with the purpose of ensuring effective service delivery.

HUMAN SETTLEMENT Under the relocation of informal settlement programme, about 86 informal households have been relocated to serviced sites in Hendrina and Kwazamokuhle.

Under the Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP), 232 units have been constructed and allocated to beneficiaries. However, the connection of water metres is still in progress.

Infrastructure Projects through District Development Model for 2025/26 Financial Year:

Nkangala District Municipality: Through the District development model system, Nkangala District Municipality has committed an amount of R800 000 to assist human settlement projects planned for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

Mhluzi/Middelburg: Under the IRDP at Wards 6, 8 and 10 the total number of houses that have been completed is 146. Still outstanding is the installation of the bulk infrastructure.

At Somaphepha Village in Ward 9, through the Land Release Programme (LRP), 41 stands have been allocated to beneficiaries.

Under the Upgrading of Informal Settlement Programme (UISP), 17,309 stands have been allocated to relevant lease holders.

Mining commitments: Under the Social Labour Plan (SLP) at Ward 17, 71 units have been constructed through SLP by South32 and have been completed and handed over to beneficiaries.

Hendrina/Kwazamokuhle: The Rapid Land Release Programme identified 50 stands for vulnerable groups and 130 stands have been identified for self-built.

The registration of title deeds is at an advance stage for Kwazamokuhle Ext 1, 8 and 9.

With the Integrated Residential Development Programme at Rondebosch proper, there is a multi-year project that started during the 2024/25 Financial Year where 146 units have been completed and will soon be handed over to beneficiaries. There are also 354 units under construction.

The title deeds of Mhluzi Extension 4, 5, 6, 24 and Tokologo are about to be registered with the deeds office.

Rental Stock: There are 120 units at Reabota in Ward 18 which are at 70% complete. The commencement of the establishment of the board to manage the mentioned stock is about to be established.

The criteria for the allocation of the units is that people eligible for rental are those earning between R3 000 to R15 000 per month.

Provincial Department of Sports, Arts and Culture: The department has con-

structed a library at Newtown, Ward 17.

Refurbishment of roads by the South African National Roads Agency

(SANRAL): SANRAL has over the roads mentioned below for repairs and maintenance purpose:

- N4 intersection to R555 intersection - N11 = 11.30km.
- R555 intersection to Middelburg = 5.70km.
- Middelburg to Stoffberg - R555 = 5.70km.
- R35 intersection to Cowen Ntuli Str = 375km.
- R555 intersection to N11 intersection = 3.47km.
- N11 intersection towards Carolina R38 = 0.72km.

Service delivery plans for the current financial year estimated at R64 100 000 include:

- Refurbishment and upgrade of water treatment works - Vaalbank - R1-million.
- Refurbishment and upgrade of waste water treatment works - Blinkpan R20-million.
- Refurbishment of waste water treatment works - Komati - R3,5-million.
- Construction of roads and storm water - Ward 2 - R500 000.
- Construction of roads and storm water - Ward 17 - R6-million.
- Extension of the Middelburg landfill site - R3-million.
- Upgrading of pump station - Ward 1 - R1-million.
- Installation of biological toilets - R3,8-million.
- Drilling of boreholes - R3,5-million.
- Storm Water - R4,5-million.
- Upgrading of pump stations - Wards 27 and 28 - R2-million.
- Replacement of old water network - R2,5-million.
- Installation of new water line - Ward 1 - R3-million.
- Installation of high mast lights - R9,8-million.

INVESTMENT FROM MINING COMPANIES

Seriti has set aside R300-million for the construction of Arnot water treatment plant.

Municipal Revenue: The anticipated Municipal revenue for the 2025/26 Financial Year is R2,8-billion broken down in accordance to the following revenue sources:

- **Service charges:** Electricity R1,081-billion.
- Property Rates R677,7-million.
- Water R142,5-million.
- Sanitation R115,3-million.
- Refuse R131,1-million.
- **Government crants - Opex:** R383,9-million.
- **Government crants - Capex:** R189,6-million.



STATE OF THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS



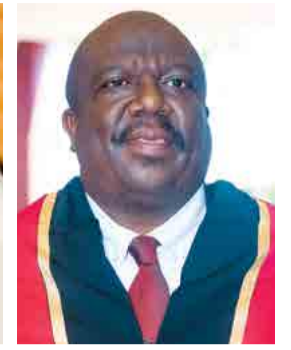
GLITZ AND GLAMOUR AT THE SOMA EVENT

The inaugural State of the Municipal Address (SOMA) by Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela, Executive Mayor, drew a distinguished crowd of local leaders and personalities from our community.

The guests showed a keen interest in the Municipality's achievements and future plans for the new Financial Year, aimed at driving progress and meeting the expectations outlined by the Municipality.

The State of the Municipal Address provided a valuable platform for the Municipality to engage with stakeholders, share its vision, and outline key priorities for this Financial Year.

With the focus on transparency and accountability, the event underscored the Municipality's commitment to deliver quality services and improve the lives of its residents.





HUMAN SETTLEMENT AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

Human Settlements with **NOTABLE** achievements

The Municipality took on the significant task of moving over 300 residents from the aging Newtown informal settlement to the newly created Newtown Ext 1 in ward 17, as living conditions had deteriorated alarmingly.

In this informal area, numerous households relied on shared communal water and basic facilities, resulting in unhygienic living situations and an overall decline in comfort.

The sight of sewage spilling into the streets, tight living spaces between homes and filthy pit latrines painted a stark and distressing picture of the harsh realities faced by the community.

After the Municipality completed Phase 1 of development, which included 400 fully serviced sites with essential water and sanitation, they initiated the process of relocating these households to the new stands, paving the way for Phase 2 of development.

Subsequent to environmental impact assessments and geo-technical studies conducted, the area was proclaimed as a township. Thereafter, the relocation process kicked off in 2017, resulting in occupants benefitting from RDP housing.

Construction of the houses commenced during the 2016/2017 Financial Year through the Public Private Partnership project with Seriti Mine, formerly South32 Coal Mine, Westcoal Mine and Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA).

Councillor Sekgwele Marumo shared that there are approximately 4,800 residential stands available, not counting those designated for businesses and churches.

“We’ve already made progress in that area. Our goal is to provide essential services that will facilitate the upgrading of informal settlements, which is in line with the CoGHSTA Department’s vision for the province,” he stated in an interview.

However, Cllr Marumo also expressed some important points of caution. “During the relocation process, we are also looking into whether individuals previously owned property, as some people who benefited from RDP housing have sold their homes.

“Now, they are seeking another RDP from the Municipality,” he clarified.

“According to the Housing Code, we cannot grant assistance to anyone more than once, which is why some informal structures remain in place.”

He stated that so far, there haven’t been any evictions, but he emphasised that at some point, the Municipality will have to take action.

He explained that this is necessary for people who have previously benefited from Government so that they can make room for the installation of bulk

infrastructure, which will allow for other individuals who haven’t had the same opportunities.

He went on to mention that the process of relocation isn’t limited to just Newton Ext 1. In fact, many residents have successfully moved to new homes in areas like Tokologo, Rockdale North, Somaphepha Village, and Rondebosch.

Through the District Development Model, the Nkangala District Municipality has allocated R800,000 to support Human Settlement initiatives during the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

In the Mhluzi/Middelburg areas, 146 homes have already been completed in Wards 6, 8 and 10. The next step involves installing the necessary bulk infrastructure to enhance the community.

In ward 17, the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) has seen significant progress with 309 stands allocated to the designated leaseholders, paving the way for improved living conditions.

Additionally, as part of the mining commitments under the Social and Labour Plan (SLP) in ward 17, South32 has completed and handed over 71 units to grateful beneficiaries, marking another milestone in our efforts to uplift the community.



Newtown - Ext 1.

Reabota housing project **70% COMPLETE**

Reabota Hostel, under the Community Residential Units (CRU), is about 70% completed. The objective is to convert the old and ageing hostels into family units to address the housing challenges of a growing population.

The project started in January 2020 and anticipated to be completed at the end of June 2023, but due to Covid-19, the process was delayed.

The project is also in line with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa to promote human rights to have a home as many people still live in informal dwellings and struggle to gain access to affordable housing.

The project is earmarked for low-income households with an income from R3 501 to R7 501 per month.

CoGHSTA has allocated funding to build 120 family units.

BLOCK A: 48 bachelor units are at completion stage and occupation will commence.

BLOCK B: 36 units which are 1-bedroom apartments and still in progress.

BLOCK C: 36 units which are 2-bedroom apartments and still in progress.

Occupational preference will be given to residents living in Block 6, Reabota Hostel as the application process was already done in 2019.

FUTURE PLANS:

The Municipality plans to advertise the remaining units once Blocks A, B and C have been occupied. There will be qualifying criteria for interested residents.



The new Reabota units.



HUMAN SETTLEMENT AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

Our most **SUCCESSFUL DELIVERY** during the 2024-2025 Financial Year

Last year July, there's been a sale of stands, in Rockdale North, Dennesig North, Hendrina, Mineralia Ext 18 and Aerorand.

In addressing the backlog of housing within our Municipality, Council took a resolution to sell stands in the above-mentioned areas.

Dennesig, which is a new developmental area will be an exclusive neighbourhood designed to accommodate various income categories, particularly for high, middle and affordable income housing groups.

This area will include schools, churches, and municipal facilities such as parks and townhouses.

During the 2024/2025 Financial Year, approximately 600 residential stands were sold.

At Dennesig North there was a total of 598 stands for sale. From the 598 stands, 196 (under 500m²) were sold at a 50% discount to applicants whose gross income and/or joint gross income did not exceed R600 000 per annum. The remainder of 402 stands (above 500m²) were sold at market price. This is an ongoing developmental project with bulk infrastructure already in progress.

The Roads Department, as seen in the picture, have started to grade the area and the Electrical Department has started connecting electricity to a sub-station.

- In Rockdale North, there is another township development that was initiated five years ago. There were 38 stands sold at market value for those residents who qualified.
- In Hendrina, which lies 50km away from Middelburg, approximately 74 stands were for sale and only a few remained.
- In Aerorand, one of the upmarket areas in Middelburg, only one stand was available for sale, but proved to be a mammoth task to sell but was eventually purchased.
- Only one stand in Mineralia, Ext 18 was available and sold.

The Town Planning Department tabled an item to Council, proposing not to approve any housing development in Dennesig North, but should consider certain standards compatible to certain community groups.

Certain house designs are proposed and encouraged as guidelines for property owners to choose from. The stand sizes will determine the development option.

The guidelines are not too prescriptive as people have different choices and the suburb area is not an estate.

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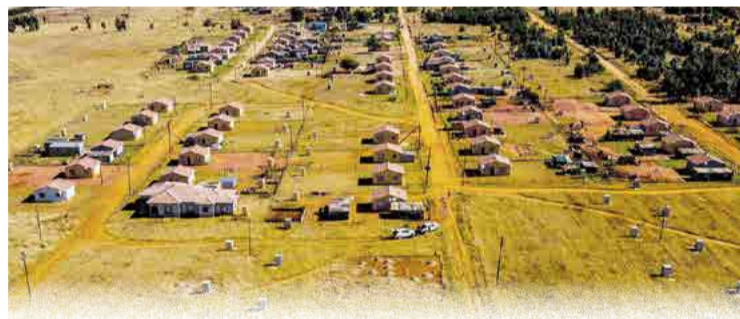
Dennesig North.

■ SOMAPHEPHA VILLAGE SIYAKHA!

The Municipality has allocated 70 stands to beneficiaries living at Somaphepha Village and surrounding farms.

Progress to date:

- 49 residents have submitted application documents.
- 36 have collected deeds of sale.
- 13 beneficiaries have not collected their deeds of sale.
- 21 stands still not occupied by beneficiaries.



Somaphepha Village.

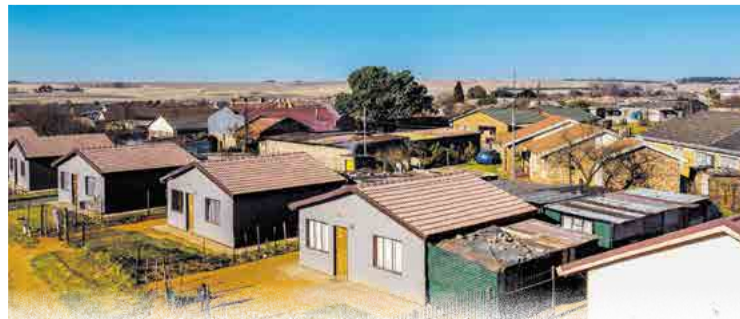
■ KWAZAMOKUHLE EXTS 1 AND 9

The Municipality is responding to a backlog of 51 445 registered applicants on the housing waiting list. During the 2024-2025 financial year, CoGHSTA developed sustainable integrated human settlements in Kwazamokuhle - Exts 1 and 9.

Kwazamokuhle Ext 1: There were 88 RDP houses that were built by CoGHSTA and 88 units were completed and occupied by the beneficiaries.

Kwazamokuhle Ext 9: CoGHSTA had to build 232 RDP houses for the community and currently, 232 units have been completed and occupied by beneficiaries.

Job creation: 73 local people benefited from the project through employment and eight sub-contractors were appointed by the main contractor. The project is to be completed during the 2025-2026 financial year.



Kwazamokuhle Ext 1.



Kwazamokuhle Ext 9.

■ RONDEBOSCH

The Municipality made land available to ensure that, together with CoGHSTA, that is responsible for housing development, build RDP houses for the community. In Rondebosch, 500 RDP houses have to be built and currently only 201 units have been completed, with progress gradually picking up on installation of services and construction of units. The criteria used is people who are on the waiting list of RDP houses, but also prioritising people living with disabilities and child-headed families.



Rondebosch.

■ FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The Municipality is in the process of selling portions of land next to the new Raddison Hotel being built at Middelburg Mall. This will be described as an upmarket residential area with more than 500 stands up for sale.

We will continue to pay attention to the developmental needs of our community. When land becomes available, we will service it and in some cases, allow people to buy and service stands according to Municipal specification.

The future looks bright for housing development and ultimately, our quality housing development will attract more investors to Middelburg.



ROADS AND STORM WATER



Upgrading access roads in Hendrina to **CONNECT COMMUNITIES** completed

On all the roads serviced by the Municipality, leading up to Hendrina, maintenance is one of the responsibilities focused on when necessary.

What is outstanding, especially when you enter Hendrina, is seeing Municipal employees busy executing road markings at Kort and Snyman Streets where they are patching the roads to enable visibility for motorists to drive safely.

Roads markings and repainting street names within townships are directly done by the Roads Department within the Municipality. Their task, among others,

is to erect speed humps in order to calm motorist speeding in residential areas - most importantly, it's meant to save the lives of communities.

Another ongoing road project is the opening of feeder roads from informal settlements to main roads and streets - this is evident in new housing construction sites, where street lights are being erected to fully service stands before houses are built.

In Kwazamokuhle Township employees were busy repainting street names to be visible for deliveries and those seeking addresses in the township.

Kwazamokuhle Ext 7 was the upgrade of gravel roads to paved surfaces which is inclusive of kerbs and stormwater drainage systems.

The total budget was R4-million and the length of the road was 570 meters, thus making the stormwater drainage system 200 meters.

This project started in July 2024 and was completed in November 2024. Twenty nine workers from Ward 2 and 11 sub-contractors were employed.

The upgrading of this road proved challenging during the rainy season with

flooding and cars getting stuck in the mud.

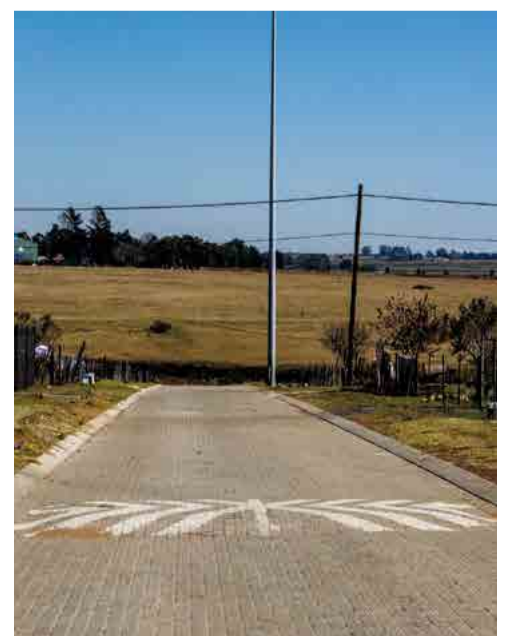
To eradicate these challenges and as part of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), the Municipality prioritised the upgrading of the gravel road.



Municipal employee repainting street names.



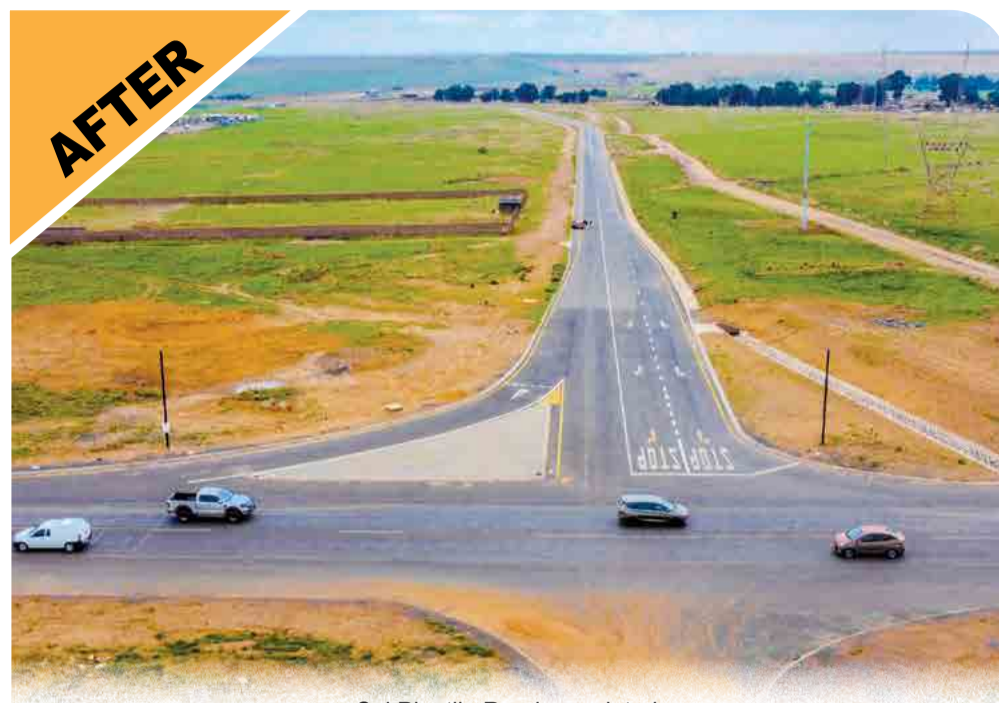
Roads Department employees in Hendrina busy erecting speed humps in Kort and Snyman Streets.



Kwazamokuhle Ext 7 paved road.



ROADS AND STORM WATER



Sol Plaatjie Road under construction.

Sol Plaatjie Road completed.

Making road infrastructure **APPEASABLE** to all

During the 2024-2025 Financial Year, the Municipality received Integrated Urban Development Grant (IUDG) from Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) worth R14-million to upgrade Sol Plaatjie Road.

The current results of this upgrade have contributed to ease traffic congestion at the corner of Mandela Drive and Samora Machel Street for motorists driving along

the N4, N11, Bethal Road and Middelburg. The project is in line with the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

The road will be convenient for motorists to reach their destinations in less time than before, thus saving fuel and vehicle wear and tear on the smooth road surface.

It has also increased road safety and will provide less congestion and will minimise accidents.

The road also accommodates heavy and light motor vehicles on a daily basis.

A storm water drainage system was also installed to prevent flooding during rainy seasons. The culvert crossing (T-Junction) is also completed.

The whole project's progress, to date, is at 75% complete. The Sol Plaatjie Road with the intersection to the R35 Bethal Road is also complete.

The project does benefit residents and sub-contractors with job creation.

During the 2025/2026 Financial Year, the Municipality received R5-million from IUDG to upgrade the intersection at Dr Mandela Drive and Jeppe Street.

The project is anticipated to be completed during the 2026/2027 Financial Year.

NEWTOWN Extension 1

The project in Newtown Ext 1 was to convert a rocky road to a surfaced road using the IUDG fund of R6-million from CoGHSTA.

On 1 August 2025, construction of a 620m surfaced road with layer works and a 380m storm water pipes commenced.

The project is part of efforts to develop communities and address flooding issues.

The road in Newtown Extension 1 will assist motorists and taxis who face challenges during the rainy season as the gravel road turn muddy in. Vehicles cannot move swiftly and commuters are left stranded. Ten local people and six sub-contractors have been employed.

The project is still in progress and will be completed by the end of December 2025.



KWAZAMOKUHLE Road

On 1 August 2025, the Municipality commenced with constructing a 800m paved road with layer works, 380m storm water pipes, and a 150m sub-surface drainage system. The budget for this project is R5.9-million which was received from the IUDG Grant.

This project is part of efforts to develop communities and to address flooding issues faced by the community and motorists.

Ten local people and six sub-contractors are benefiting from the project in terms of employment.

This project will be completed by the end of December 2025.

Grading of **ROADS**

The Municipality is eager to create tarred roads in both newly established and old townships in rural and urban areas.

This entails establishing new underground drainage systems that will enable an efficient road network, accompanied by visible road markings and re-painting of street names.

We continue to grade roads in the following areas:

- Boskrans, Waenhuiskraal, Greenfields, Doornkop entrance, Maphimpane entrance road and streets, Bankplaas, Somaphepa streets,

- Rondebosch Road, Towers, Riverside, Rockdale, Sekululiwe entrance road and streets, Vaalbank, Middelburg Dam, Rondebosch Ext 2, Soccer ground and Middelburg-Aerodrome.





WATER AND SANITATION

Making strides in the **PROVISIONING OF WATER**

In what can best be described as a rarity, the Municipality cares for its rural communities in terms of alleviating them of water shortages.

This initiative is a joint venture the Municipality has embarked upon in conjunction with the local mines doing business in their area of jurisdiction.

■ KWA-VILAKAZI FARM



Visiting Ward 4 at Kwa-Vilakazi Farm, it is inspiring to discover that this community enjoys the liberty of using 10 flushing toilets for the 10 homesteads that are scattered across the farm.

The community uses grey water after doing their washing to necessitate flushing.

For drinking water, the Municipality utilises a water tanker to supply water, which is refilled every week.

Future plans are a foot between the local mine and the Municipality to install a borehole during the forthcoming 2025-26 financial year.



■ MTHIMUNYE FARM

At Mthimunye Farm the local mine known as Thungela Mine installed a solar borehole for the community to be able to access water.

The homesteads are situated far from access of clinics, shops etc. Whereas having water is a basic need in South Africa.

Rightfully, the provision of free basic services to millions of households stems from the Free Basic Services (FBS) policy adopted in 2001. The policy outlined Government's intention to provide free services to the under privileged (indigent) households. Likewise, the mining companies have continued playing a significant role in trying to close the gap in the rural areas.



■ MAHLATHINI FARM

At Mahlathini Farm in Ward 4, Thungela Mine donated a Solar Borehole which pumps water into two jojo tanks where the community is able to collect the water for domestic usage - the community also has flushing toilets which are placed strategically where each family requires it - it transpires that their cultural norms are respected in this regard.

Plans are in the pipeline to build a further borehole by Thungela Mine in the 2025- 2026 financial year - the mine has already conducted a feasibility study to that effect.

Beneficiaries, therefore, included farm workers, mine workers, and local inhabitants.

Schools may be built in future because currently, the children attend school in Kwazamokuhle situated at Hendrina.



■ SUDO FARM

Sudo Farm in Ward 3, the Municipality built 13 toilets for each household.

■ DOORKOP

In Doornkop the Municipality built a diesel engine pump borehole for the community to be able to access water during loadshedding times.



■ MHLUZI

The sewer pump station in Mhluzi which was built in 2023 is being upgraded with mechanical equipment and the electrical works which will be full functional to pump sewer from the Chromeville network to the Boskrans Treatment Plant.

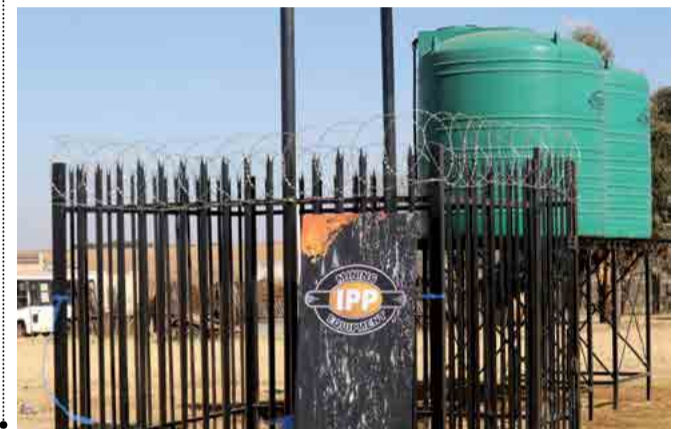


■ SOMAPHEPHA VILLAGE

The local Rietvlei Mine installed a borehole in the area which supplies water to water tanks that are refilled every week - plans are afoot to further build another borehole by Rietvlei Mine.

The main challenge at this village is the vandalism of the current borehole by local community members.

The Municipality has appealed for full cooperation in order to accelerate water provision to the community on an ongoing basis.



Out with the old **ASBESTOS** pipes and in with the new **POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC)** pipes

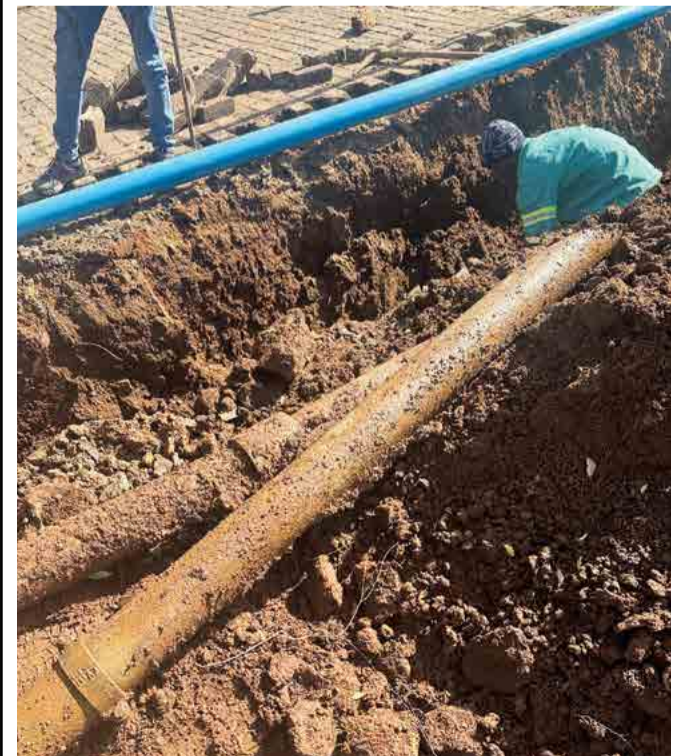
From time to time we experience pipe burst caused by ageing infrastructure. In 2020, we started modernising our infrastructure to be on par with the modern world by replacing old asbestos pipes from the 70's with new PVC pipes.

We started replacing old asbestos pipes covering a distance of approximately 700 kilometres underground, covering households, businesses, townships, farms and rural settlements scattered across the Municipal area of jurisdiction.

Currently, the Municipality is busy in Kanonkop, CBD and Rockville, replacing old pipes with new PVC pipes.

Streets that have already been upgraded include Oos, Jeppe, Beyers Naude, Helen Joseph, Bokmakierie, part of Sipres and part of Protea.

We are determined to creating a better town and Municipality which offer economic growth, development and prosperity to its residents.





WATER AND SANITATION

The importance of **WATER**

The most valuable and significant natural resource on Earth is water. It keeps all life going. Without water, life cannot exist. Water is essential not only for humans but also for the ecosystem as a whole.

Water covers about 71% of the earth's surface. Sadly, freshwater accounts for only 3% of the available water. Glaciers and ice caps account for approximately two-thirds of the freshwater.

Groundwater and surface water account for the remaining small amount.

Travel anywhere in the world and people will agree that water is life. It impacts our health, our hygiene and our ability to thrive as human beings.

It is a basic human right yet a resource that too

often is taken for granted. For many, the lack of access to safe drinking water continues to be the source of untold suffering.

It helps create saliva: Water is a main component of saliva. Saliva also includes small amounts of electrolytes, mucus, and enzymes. It's essential for breaking down solid food and keeping your mouth healthy.

It regulates your body temperature: Staying hydrated is crucial to maintaining your body temperature. Your body loses water through sweat during physical activity and in hot environments.

It protects your tissues, spinal cord, and joints: Water consumption helps lubricate and cushion your joints, spinal cord, and tissues. This will help you enjoy physical activity and lessen discomfort caused by conditions like arthritis.

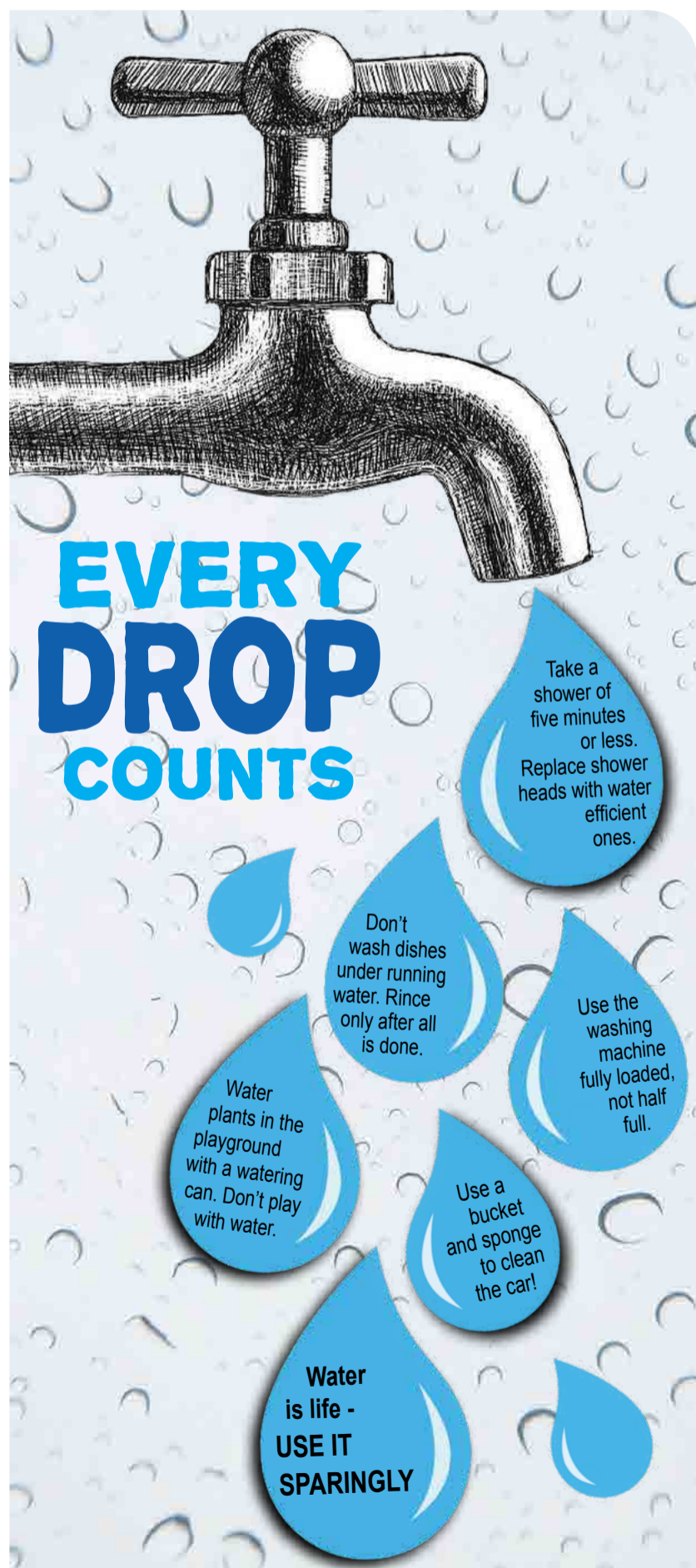
It helps excrete waste through perspiration, urina-

tion, and defecation: Your body uses water to sweat, urinate, and have bowel movements. Sweat regulates body temperature when you're exercising or in warm temperatures. You need water to replenish the lost fluid from sweat.

It improves blood oxygen circulation: Water carries helpful nutrients and oxygen to your entire body. Reaching your daily water intake will improve your circulation and have a positive impact on your overall health.

It helps improve mood: Not getting enough water can also affect your mood. Dehydration may result in fatigue and confusion as well as anxiety.

It helps boost energy: Drinking water may activate your metabolism. A boost in metabolism has been associated with a positive impact on energy level.



TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR MUNICIPAL METER READINGS!

with the My Municipal Meters App



My Municipal Meters

You can now submit your municipal water meter readings personally via the MyMeter app!

Download the app "My Municipal Meters" from Google Playstore, Appstore or Huawei App Gallery.

HOW IT WORKS DOWNLOAD THE APP

1. Name of app - My Municipal Meters.
2. Register with you cell number OR email address.
3. Select your service provider Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.
4. Enter your Municipal account number where your water meter(s) are linked to - you may register more than one account.
5. Select the meter number, take a photo of the meter, enter the reading and submit! (DO NOT enter DECIMAL digits)
6. You may submit a maximum of one reading per meter between the 15th and 20th of every month.





ELECTRICITY

Ramping up initiatives to **COMBAT** electricity theft

Electricity theft is unjustly depriving law-abiding citizens of the essential services they deserve.

This issue has raised significant alarm within the Municipality, which reports losing millions of Rands due to illegal connections associated with this crime.

In response, the Municipality has launched a vigorous campaign against individuals and businesses that are unlawfully tapping into the power supply.

The Electrical Department carried out operations that led to the disconnection of nine residential properties and one business in Komati, found to have tampered with their electricity meters.

As the investigation progressed, it

became apparent that many homes had altered their meter boxes and had not purchased electricity in a considerable amount of time.

Consequently, a further 21 households faced disconnection.

In January 2025, Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor, with Dr Elizabeth Tshabalala - Acting Municipal Manager and the electrical team, took action at the Highveld Entrepreneurial Development Centre (HEDC) located in the industrial area of Mhluzi to conduct inspections on illegal electricity connections.

The team discovered that among the 58 businesses in the area, only eight were properly registered with the Municipality.

During audit, the team disconnected more than forty businesses who have tampered with the electricity supply.

Municipal officials, led by Dr Tshabalala held discussions with the affected business owners, saying.

“We will set up Municipal accounts for each of your businesses without intermediaries. You can visit our offices to sign lease agreements for these accounts. We do not generate electricity or water, we simply purchase and distribute it. The Municipality relies on revenue to maintain essential services.” She emphasised.

Mayor Masilela expressed, “As a Municipality, we are facing challenges with

revenue collection due to these actions. We request that those who have bridged electricity and got caught to come forward and settle their bills for the services we provide.”

He added that operations to combat this issue will persist without prior notice regarding time or location. If a bridged meter is identified, it will be replaced with a new one to prevent future tampering.

The Municipality is committed to reclaiming financial losses linked to illegal practices.

Residents are advised that the Electrical Department will be disconnecting power of homes that have tampered with their meters.

Tired of standing in queues to buy electricity? Register on **Prepaid24** and start buying electricity online

1 Go to **PREPAID24's** Electricity page <https://www.prepaid24.co.za/>

2 Either select Steve Tshwete Municipality from the dropdown menu OR click on SIGN UP.

3 Tick your language preference.

4 Enter your name ...

Cell number ...

Email address ...

Select Steve Tshwete Municipality from the dropdown menu ...

Enter your account number linked to your meter ...

Create a password no less than six characters ...

5 Tick the boxes in front of **I have read & accepted the Terms & Conditions** and **I have read & accepted the Terms & Conditions of my municipality.**

6 Click **confirm your details.**

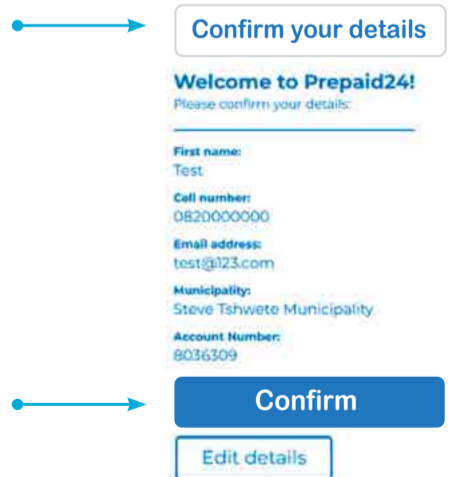
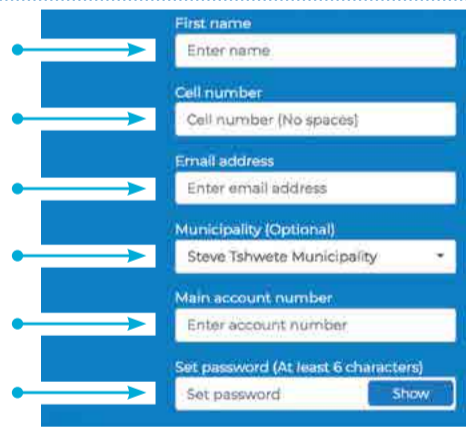
A new block will pop up showing your details.

Check your details and when you are certain that all is correct ...

Click **Confirm.**

7 Your registration has been successful ...

Click **SIGN UP.**



Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor leading the operation of illegal connections with the Electrical Department.

Future **ELECTRICITY** plans

The electrification initiatives, spearheaded by the Municipality, encompass both ongoing projects and exciting future ambitions.

Electrification efforts are underway for residences in KwaZamokuhle Extension 9 and Newtown Extension 1. We would like to obtain the finances for this project from the Department of Minerals and Energy.

New panels and cables are being installed at the Dennesig Switching Station. The medium voltage (MV) cables will then be connected from the Dennesig Switching Station to the sub station in Sipres Street.

Let there be light
Streets lighting in Middelburg is going ahead with plans to install highmast lights in the following Wards.

- Ward 10 - Highmasts in Hlalamnandi.
- Ward 42 - Two LED highmasts in Komati.
- Ward 6 - Five LED highmasts in Rockdale.
- Ward 9 - One LED highmast in Somaphepha.

During the 2024/2025 Financial Year, the following highmasts were installed:

- Ward 1 - One LED highmast light in Extension 23.
- Ward 6 - Two LED highmasts.
- Ward 8 - Two LED highmasts in Nasaret.

The Municipality is aware of the maintenance backlog of streetlights in all 29 wards and priority is given to area experiencing power outages. Streetlight maintenance is executed on a regular basis.





PARKS AND RECREATION

Fully equipped **RECREATIONAL AREA** for Rockdale

Great news for the residents of Rockdale Ext 2 in Ward 6, as they will soon have a dedicated park for recreational and physical activities.

This park is currently being developed with a budget of R1.4-million allocated for new playground equipment and an outdoor gym.

The park will include a clear view fence, well-designed landscapes, newly planted trees and a soccer field, creating an excellent space for the community.

This project is creating job opportunities right in the center of the community, benefiting twenty five local residents, including young people who are enjoying employment and business possibilities.



Wooden foot bridge to access the park in Rockdale Ext 2.



Gym equipment.



Clear view fence.



Slides and swings at the park.

Keeping our Municipality **CLEAN**

Our Parks Department continues to cut grass in public spaces such as parks, sports facilities, swimming pools, roadside verges, open areas and spraying selective herbicides on sidewalks and roads which are designed to target specific weeds from growing.

This service is provided through maintenance schedules and priorities can vary, leading to potential delays caused by rainfall and when the Municipality is still in the process of employing temporary seasonal workers to capacitate the Parks Department.

Residents are expected to maintain the grass on the sidewalk in front of their own properties, and there are bylaws and policies in place to enforce these standards.



Removing weeds blocking stormwater drains.



Spraying herbicides on weeds growing on pavements.

Cemeteries **AVAILABLE**

Cemeteries are an important historical place that provide insight into the lives of our loved ones that we bury.

The Municipality has 12 cemeteries with in areas close to the community. The following cemeteries still have burial sites available.

- New Hendrina Cemetery.
- Sikhululiwe Cemetery.
- Rondebosch Cemetery - Rockdale.
- Voortrekker Cemetery - **historic and for fallen heroes only.**

The following cemeteries are filled to capacity and there is only space available for second placements (re-opening) and reserved grave sites.

- Phumolong Cemetery - Mhluzi
- Tokologo - Mhluzi.

- Avalon Cemetery - Newtown.
- Crossroads Cemetery - Mathileni Mhluzi.
- Old Nasaret Cemetery.
- New Nasaret Cemetery.
- Old Hendrina Cemetery - Kwazamokuhle.
- Old Hendrina Cemetery.

Fontein Cemetery is situated in Middelburg and available for child burials from age 0-9 years.

Adult burial sites are filled to capacity but the Municipality has identified a portion of land in the vicinity for **RESERVATIONS ONLY**.

For Bookings, contact Ms Beauty Bucibo on 013 249 7346.



New burial sites at Rondebosch Cemetery.



PARKS AND RECREATION

More than a **1 000 TREES** planted at Rondebosch Cemetery



The Municipality planted more than a thousand water-absorbing trees at Rondebosch Cemetery on Heritage Day.

Trees are essential to our environment, providing oxygen, decreasing air pollution and acting as natural windbreaks. They also play a crucial role in water absorption.

Understanding the importance of water absorption, the Municipality eagerly embarked on a project to plant more than a thousand trees at Rondebosch Cemetery, a location celebrated for its ability to retain water.

On Heritage Day, celebrated on 24 September 2025, 1,480 trees were planted to help manage the water that frequently surfaces during rainstorms in the area.

The event, led by Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor, welcomed several notable guests, including Cllr Marumo Sekgwele - MMC for Infrastructure Development and Technical Services.

Joining them were Cllr Macaleni Paulos Mnisi - Ward 10 and Cllr Paul Williams - Ward 8, and enthusiastic Ward Committee Members.

They were further supported by a distinguished group of officials, including Mandla Mnguni - Municipal Manager, Dr Elizabeth Tshabalala - Executive Director: Community Services, and Dalene Lambrechts - Director: Physical and Environmental Development.

Also present were representatives from the Parks Department and Water and Sanitation Department, as well as

individuals from the Nkangala District Municipality and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Land, and Environmental Affairs sectors.

The initiative was launched nationwide to tackle the various challenges confronting the forestry sector, particularly those related to the sustainable management of diverse forest types.

Key issues include climate change, land access, financial assistance, skill gaps, and the need for research and development.

To effectively tackle these sector-wide challenges, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is being encouraged to forge partnerships with various organisations in support of the National Greening Programme.

Currently, efforts in this arena are underway through the Ten Million Trees Programme, a flagship project endorsed by the President.

This ambitious initiative strives to plant Ten Million Trees over a five-year period, with the goal of at least Two Million Trees planted annually.

The varieties of trees that have been planted include the following: River Bush Willow, known scientifically as *Combretum Erythrophyllum*; White Stinkwood, referred to as *Celtis Africana*; Wild Karee, or *Rhus Lancea*; and White Karee, also called *Searsia Pendulina*.



Mandla Mnguni - Municipal Manager.



Dr Elizabeth Tshabalala - Executive Director: Community Services and Dalene Lambrechts - Director: Physical and Environmental Development.



Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor, Dr Elizabeth Tshabalala - Executive Director: Community Services, Cllr Macaleni Mnisi - Ward 10, Cllr Paul Williams - Ward 8 and Cllr Marumo Sekgwele - MMC for Infrastructure and Technical Services, planting the first tree at Rondebosch Cemetery.



MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Booking of COMMUNITY HALLS

The Municipality firmly opposes any acts of vandalism and the degradation of public community facilities.

We take pride in our beautiful and budget-friendly community halls located throughout the Municipal Jurisdiction.

We warmly invite residents to reserve these venues for celebrations such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, social gatherings, public meetings, workshops, and even solemn events like funerals.

The community is welcome to use the facilities listed below for a nominal fee, which includes a deposit and rental charge set by the Council each year.

Please remember that these fees must be paid in advance. Additional amenities, such as kitchens, will incur separate charges based on the established tariffs.

We urge all community members to care for these spaces and ensure they remain in the excellent condition they were found in.

■ **Eric Jiyane Community Hall**
Situating at 2112 Ngwako Street, Mhluzi and accommodates 500 people. It has cinema/church styled seating. There is ablution facilities and a small kitchen which is not fully equipped - available on request.

■ **Adelaide Tambo Community Hall**
Situating at 11848 Makatane Street, Extension 7, Mhluzi. Accommodates 700

people and has cinema/church styled seating. It has ablution facilities and a kitchen - available on request. The building is surrounded by a community park and other government facilities with ample parking space.

■ **Two Eastdene Community Halls**
Situating at 94 Verdoorn Street, Eastdene. The bigger hall accommodates 450 people and the smaller one 250 people. Both have cinema/church styled seating. There is ablution facilities and ample parking space.

■ **Nasaret Community Hall**
Situating at no 10, Corner of Fort Napier and Velddrif Streets, Nasaret. It accommodates 500 people, cinema/church styled seating and has ablution facilities.

■ **Sydney Choma Banquet Hall**
Situating next to the Nkangala District Office in Walter Sisulu Street - entrance in Hobson Street.

The hall is used for weddings, events, and meetings, and has ample parking space.

The most popular hall in Middelburg boasts two conference rooms that accommodate 30 people each.

The first floor boardroom accommodates 20 people and the upper hall accommodates 200 people.

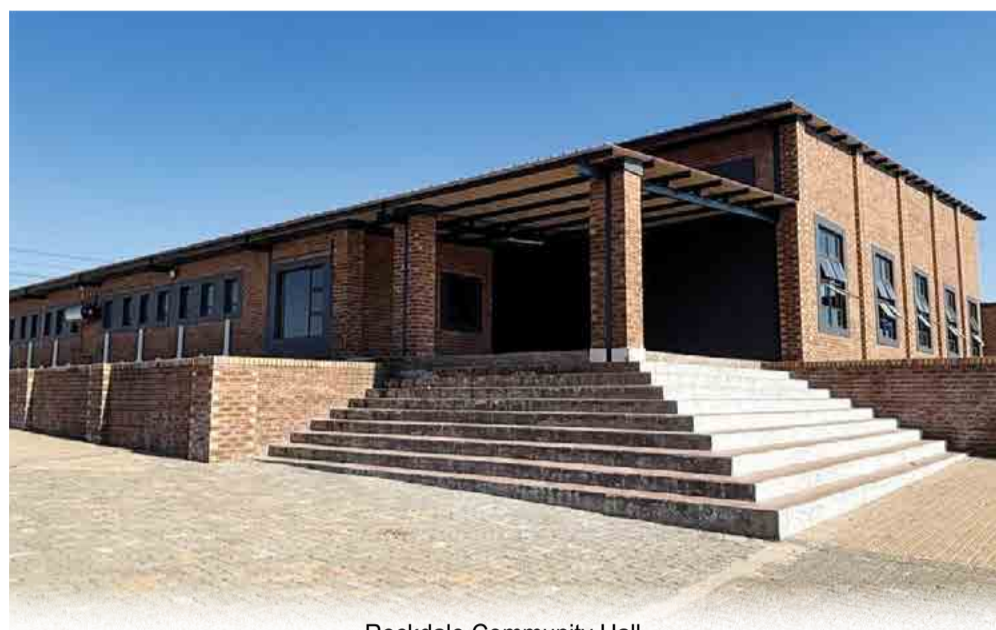
The main hall accommodates 3 000 people and has a sports-floor finishing.

There are ablution facilities on the ground and first floors.

■ **Somaphepha Community Hall**
Situating on the R555 Stoffberg Road, 522 Steven Biko Street, Somaphepha Village. It accommodates 700 people and has cinema/church styled seating. The building has ablution facilities and the kitchen is not fully equipped - available on request.

■ **Sikhululiwe Community Hall**
Situating on the R104 old Belfast Road, 293 - 297 Chief Nandi Mabena Street, Sikhululiwe Village - Mafube. It accommodates 500 people and has cinema/church styled seating. It has ablution facilities and the kitchen is not fully equipped - available on request.

■ **Gerald Sekoto Auditorium**
Situating at Civic Centre close to the Municipal main offices, Corner of Wanderers Avenue and Walter Sisulu Street. It accommodate 60 people and has cinema/church styled seating. There



Rockdale Community Hall.

is ablution facilities and ample parking.

■ **Hlamamandi Community Hall**
Situating on the N11 behind Total Garage filling station at 14034, Hlamamandi. It accommodates 500 people and has cinema/church styled seating. There is ablution facilities and the kitchen is not fully equipped - available on request.

■ **Cosmos Community Hall**
Situating at 1991 Fontein Street, Garsfontein, Hendrina. It accommodates 500 people and has cinema/church styled seating. There is ablution facilities and a small kitchen - available on request.

■ **Kwazamokuhle Community Hall**
Situating at 207 - 208 Moeagabo Betty Motau Street, Kwazamokuhle.

It accommodates 400 people and has cinema/church styled seating. There is ablution facilities and the kitchen is not fully equipped - available on request.

■ **Piet Tlou Community Hall**
Situating on the N11 towards Loskop Dam, 50 Zomzani Street, Doornkop - Mapimpana. It accommodates 500 people and has cinema/church styled seating. The building has ablution facilities.

■ **Rockdale Community Hall**
Situating at 1121 Tommy Nkoane Street, Extension 1, Rockdale. It accommodates 650 people and has cinema/church styled seating. There is ablution facilities and the kitchen is not fully equipped - available on request.



Hlamamandi Community Hall.



Sikhululiwe Community Hall.

Further INFORMATION

Community Hall bookings can be made at the following address in person during office hours:

14 SADC Street, Municipal Building Services (MBS) Infrastructure Building - old Nashua Building Office 28. first floor.

Open Monday to Thursday from 07:30 to 16:00 and Fridays from 07:30 to 13:00.

013 249 7312 / 013 249 7020

Municipal ablution facilities:

Municipal Building Services provide and manage a number of ablution facilities, which are regularly cleaned and well maintained.

The community is allowed to use these ablution facilities FREE:

Open Monday to Sunday from 07:30 to 19:00

- Van Calder taxi rank - Iraq).
- Van Blerk Plein.

• Containers at OR Tambo Park - Kees Taljaard Park - operates from 1 September to end April.

Open Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 16:30.

Saturday: 07:30 to 15:00.

Sunday: 07:30 to 11:00.

- Mhluzi Extension 7.
- Shoprite - Cowen Ntuli Street.
- Meyer Street.
- Bovon Park.
- Kwazamokuhle taxi rank.
- Hendrina taxi rank.



POLITICAL LEADERSHIP



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR

Mhlonishwa Masilela

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079 082 4314



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MMC for Infrastructure Development Services

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MMC for Financial Services

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WARD 1

Bathobile Cludeth Shabangu

Part of Kwazamokuhle, Ext 4, 5, 6, 7 and Waaltuis

079 082 4314



WARD 2

Rev. Thomas Ramaitane Mpye

Part of Kwazamokuhle, Ext 4, 5, 6, 7 and Waaltuis

078 819 5392



WARD 3

Jabulile Florence Sithole

Part of Kwazamokuhle and Hendrina and surrounding farms

060 925 1898



WARD 4

Mgevu Edward Nyambi

Komati Village, Lesedi Village and surrounding farms

072 110 7597



WARD 5

Manakedi Caroline Mphego

Pullenshope and surrounding farms and mines

082 549 7738



WARD 6

Sizwe Wobiso Zulu

Ext 24, Roo 1 & 2 and 3

076 313 1111



WARD 16

Johann Dyason

Part of Kanonkop and Dennesig

083 241 3153



WARD 17

Marumo Jim Sekgwele

Newtown proper and Ext 1

076 323 6823



WARD 18

Grace Nankie Banengi Mathibela

Thembisa, Phumula, Modderfontein, Reabota, Jabulani, Burundi and part of CBD

073 241 1651



WARD 19

Mthokozisi Lucius Shabangu

Part of Mountainview, Mathailen and Plein

081 388 2909



WARD 20

Letsatsi Ernest Nkwana

Vuka and part of Ext 1 and 3

079 034 1707

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Nosipiwo Bottoman

071 273 9942



Elias Morgan Bruiners

071 587 3888



Annah Chego

076 647 8758



Selape Thato Mathunyane

064 836 2429



Johnathan Crooks Haarhoff

071 473 0908



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FACES OF COUNCILLORS

WARD COUNCILLORS

									
WARD 6	WARD 7	WARD 8	WARD 9	WARD 10	WARD 11	WARD 12	WARD 13	WARD 14	WARD 15
Iddy Mahlangu Rietkuil Village, Sikhululwi Village and surrounding farms 078 592 8333	Paul Elias Williams Part of Ext 24, Nasaret, Rondebosch and Sam Rose 074 897 7385	Johannes Skosana Somaphepha Village and surrounding farms 072 106 9677	Paulos Macaleni Mnisi Part of Eastdene, Hlalamnandi, Rondebosch, surround- ing farms and plots 083 684 1391	Deon Joubert van der Merwe Part of Eastdene, Mid Mall, Mineralia, Ext 18, Vaalbank, Industrial Area and Naledi Village 074 281 4379	Hendrik Frederick Niemann Aerorand 082 083 9763	Susan-Mari Wait Part of the CBD, Mineralia, Groenkol and Middelburg South 083 250 5968	Elsie Wilhelmina Vermooten Gholfsig and Clubville 082 338 7736	Helena Gertruida de Klerk Part of the CBD and Kanonkop 083 264 7780	

								
WARD 21	WARD 22	WARD 23	WARD 24	WARD 25	WARD 26	WARD 27	WARD 28	WARD 29
Mhlonishwa Masilela Part of Ext 1, 3 and 23 083 550 8668	Cacious Sihle Mashiloane Chromeville, Rockville and part of Mountainview 076 803 6988 064 538 3326	Linah Joyce Ntombikayise Zondo Ext 2 and part of Ext 4 083 860 9720	William Monty Motagameng Phetla Ext 7 and part of Ext 4 073 392 8784	John Mxolisi Shongwe Part of Ext 8 073 897 3182	Madoda Gregory Amigo Ext 5 and part of Tokologo 079 399 7345	Patrick Vusumuzi Malinga Part of Newtown and Ext 5 and 8 071 267 8954	Linky Nomsa Sibanda Uitkyk, Drierand, Presidentsrus, Malope Village, Tokologo Ext 5, Samekoms, Ultra City and Hillside 071 565 5496	Anna Sophia Grobler Doomkop, Kranspoort and surrounding farms 076 830 3123

ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

								
Christiaan Stephanus Smith 082 332 4578	Busisiwe Cindy Mashabela 073 345 0199	Gysbertus Hendrik Ernest Romijn 082 808 0387	Maredi Johannes Mapheto 076 126 4053	Motshakane Phillip Mogola 079 769 7335	Sophia Mamy Mogola 072 148 2327	Palesa Mobango 073 975 8544	Priscillah Malinga 076 096 7333	Juanette Mentz 082 823 2821
								
Lucky Sipho Qoka 072 752 6664	Ouma Asnath Cossa 073 315 3290	Jomo Segage 076 941 1197	Cedric Moses Soko 067 813 8508	Daniel Andries Stuurman 066 305 3249	Cornelius Johannes Wolmarans 083 343 9643	Ntshweng Thabiso Tshoane 060 924 9524	Anele Odwa Thabatha 076 356 4422	Ammelia Struwig 082 898 5486



GEAR UP TO VOTE IN THE 2026/2027 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



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To vote in South Africa's elections, you must register as a voter. You only have to register once, unless you move within South Africa or your voting district boundaries change.

WHY SHOULD I REGISTER?



YOU SHOULD REGISTER TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NATIONAL COMMON VOTERS ROLL. IF YOU DON'T REGISTER, YOU CANNOT VOTE, AND IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU ARE GIVING UP A VERY IMPORTANT WAY OF MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD. IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER.

TO REGISTER, YOU MUST

- Be a South African citizen.
- Be at least 16 years old - you can only vote from age 18.
- Have a green, barcoded South African identity document, smartcard ID, or a valid Temporary Identity Certificate (TIC).



HOW DO I REGISTER

- ✓ Go to your local IEC office.
- ✓ Complete the registration form.
- ✓ Your identity document or smartcard ID are scanned.
- ✓ A barcoded sticker is pasted in your green ID book or on your valid Temporary Identity Certificate.

PLEASE NOTE ... that completing the form and receiving a barcoded sticker or receipt doesn't mean that you're registered, it only means that you've applied for registration. Your application must still be processed which may take up to seven working days.

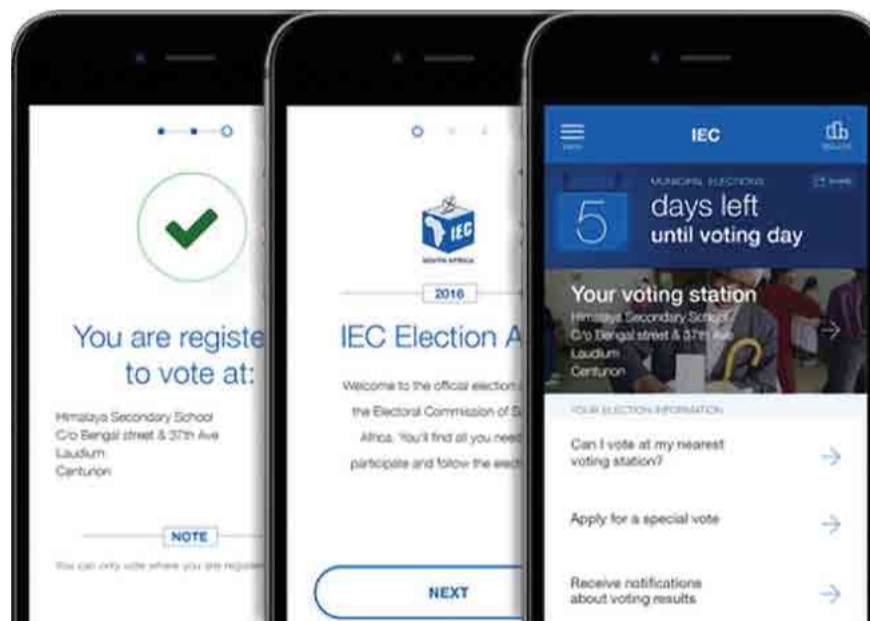
MAKING VOTING DAY BETTER FOR YOU ...

We continuously strive to provide a better voting experience for voters by ensuring accessibility to voting stations and trying to reduce long queues on election day.

TO HELP US ACHIEVE THIS YOU NEED TO RE-REGISTER WHEN ...

your home address changes or you've moved. Please see **MOVED SINCE YOU REGISTERED?** to find out how to check if your voting district has changed.

We inform you that your voting district boundaries have changed. Check your voter registration details to find out if you may have to re-register.



HOW DO I KNOW IF AND WHERE I AM REGISTERED?

- Send an SMS with your ID number to 32810 R1-00 per SMS.
- Download the IEC mobile app and enter your ID number.
- Check your voter registration details or check at your local IEC office during office hours.

During municipal elections and by-elections, you must vote at the voting station where you are registered. It is important to re-register whenever you move or your voting district boundaries change.



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



Multi-stakeholder approach to **RECYCLING**

A multi-stakeholder recycling forum has been established in Mpumalanga, bringing together role players from various sectors to coordinate and consolidate recycling activities within the Municipality.

The forum, which meets every second month, is community-driven, with the Municipality serving in an ex-officio capacity.

The purpose of the recycling forum is to get all role players on this forum, including recyclers, recycling companies and business people.

The forum has a Chairperson, Deputy

Chairperson, and a Treasurer. The aim is also to have a coordinating committee for each area which will report to the umbrella company.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) organisations, funded by Government, are also involved in the forum to assist recycling individuals and companies.

The Municipality has signed a memorandum of understanding with three EPR organisations - Iwasa, Petco, and Fiber-Cycle to support this initiative of waste minimisation and recycling.

The aim is to support and ease the workload of waste pickers collecting recyclables from the streets.

We want to implement a Source Separation Programme, starting with households who separate recyclable waste.

FUTURE PLANS FOR WASTE

The Municipality plans to take over the operation of the landfill site, creating job opportunities, and develop a new landfill site and eco-park.

The aim is to lease waste transfer stations for reclamation activities such as material recovery and manufacturing of products.

How to apply for a 240 litre **WHEELIE BIN**



Application forms are available from the Environmental and Solid Waste Management Department at Magasyn.

YOU NEED TO BRING COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- Owner's identity document or smart-card ID.
- If rented, the lessee's ID.
- Application form and proof of payment - if it's a replacement.
- Municipal account statement, clearly indicating the type of services you are paying for.
- A replacement bin costs R857,46 which can be paid cash or over a period of three month which will be added to your municipal account.
- Wheelie bin parts can be replaced:
 - Wheels - R197,12 each.
 - Lid - R221,01.
 - Shaft and wheels - R436,07.
- The number of bins is limited. Please expect to be placed on a waiting list.
- Collections are done at Magasyn, Environmental and Solid Waste Management Department.
- Payment must be done at the Civic Centre or Hendrina Rates Hall and then only can bins be collected.

PLEASE NOTE:

Municipal employees are **NOT** allowed to sell bins to members of the public. Stealing a community member's bin is a criminal offence.

Tackling **ILLEGAL DUMPING** together

The Municipality invites community members to join forces in eliminating the issue of illegal waste disposal at various locations within our area.

On 18 March 2025, a collaborative initiative aimed at reducing illegal dumping brought together the Municipality's Environmental and Solid Waste Management team, the Fire Department, the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, as well as Fibre Circle and Trash to Treasure. Together, they set out to clean up illegal dumping sites in Tokologo, Ward 26.

"Your discarded items could become valuable resources! Spot an illegal dumping site and imagine transforming it into a vibrant car wash, a lush vegetable garden, or a lively shisanyama - let's work together to turn these neglected spaces into something wonderful!" encouraged Erald Nkambinde - Director: Environmental and Solid Waste Management.

In a compelling display of commitment to environmental stewardship, Council Speaker, Cllr Thato Mathunyane, passionately endorsed the importance of community engagement in combating the persistent issue of illegal dumping.

He emphasised the vital need for residents to unite in their efforts to adhere closely to the established waste collection schedules.

"We should all work together to ensure we live within a clean environment," Cllr Mathunyane declared, urging every member of the community to take personal responsibility for maintaining the cleanliness and health of their surroundings.

As we mark the special occasion of Global Recycling Day, themed 'Recycling Heroes' it is essential to highlight the inspiring contributions made by individuals like Nokuthula Shabalala from Trash to Treasure.

She took the opportunity to motivate and rally volunteers to embrace the practice of separating their trash. By doing so, they not only contribute to a cleaner community but also have the chance to uncover valuable treasures that can result from recycling.

Nkambinde's message was clear: through diligence and teamwork, discarded materials can be transformed into profitable resources.

Moreover, the spirit of community collaboration was further exemplified by Fibre Circle, an organisation that generously donated an array of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to bolster the efforts of volunteers and waste pickers.

This thoughtful contribution included essential items such as hats, T-shirts, reflective vests, gloves, and refuse bags, equipping individuals with the necessary tools to engage safely and effectively in their recycling endeavors.

Adding to this remarkable initiative, Ward 26 Councilor, Cllr Madoda Amigo, together with dedicated members of the ward committee and enthusiastic local residents, joined forces to participate actively in this significant movement.

Their involvement not only underscores the importance of collective action in fostering an environmentally conscious community but also highlights the shared responsibility we all have to preserve our planet for future generations.

Through these combined efforts, we can achieve a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable environment that benefits everyone.



From left to right: Desmond Mohale - Environmental Officer, Moses Lekondeni - Environmental Co-ordinator, temporary youth employees. **Far right:** Noklunga Mahlangu - Regional Environmental Officer.



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Economic empowerment for informal **WASTE PICKERS**

The recognition and respect given to waste pickers have been sincerely appreciated by the Municipality.

In a significant step towards reducing poverty in local communities, the Municipality, in collaboration with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Waste Association of South Africa (eWASA), provided essential recycling equipment and facilities to supporters at the Ext 6 Waste Transfer Station in Mhluzi on Friday, 22 November 2024.



Erald Nkabinde - Director: Solid Waste and Environmental Health.

This initiative aims at fulfilling the criteria set by EPR regulations, the National Waste Management Strategy 2020, the guidelines for integrating waste pickers, and the objectives outlined in the Municipal Integrated Waste Management Plan.

The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations in South Africa mandate that producers and producer responsibility organisations (PROs) support waste pickers, recyclers, and Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in the recycling industry through several key initiatives:

• To provide resources that enhance the recovery and recycling of designated recyclable materials in our environment.

• To conduct educational and awareness campaigns aimed at waste pickers, with a particular emphasis on the recycling of electronic waste (E-waste).

• To develop necessary equipment and infrastructure to facilitate the recovery and recycling of waste materials found in landfill sites.

• To ensure the achievement of the integrated waste management's planned objectives regarding waste reduction and recycling.

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ClIr Gregory Amigo, Ward 26 Councillor, expressed his enthusiasm for this initiative, urging beneficiaries to take advantage of the recycling equipment provided.

He stated, "Seize this chance to engage with the recycling equipment; it could pave the way for you to own a



Madoda Amigo - Ward 26 Councillor.

successful business one day. I wholeheartedly applaud our partners at Ewasa for enabling this valuable initiative."

Residents were provided with recycling trolleys, bags, and storage containers.

The Municipality is dedicated to enhancing partnerships

that support and empower individuals in every ward.

One of the waste pickers said that the initiative will enable them to conduct their business with ease. "Our business is not taken seriously. People think that we are just picking up waste because we have nothing to do," said one of the waste pickers.

Thanks to Steve Tshwete Municipality this has given us the recognition we deserve.



Informal waste pickers receiving equipment.

Municipal **WASTE TRANSFER** facilities

A total of eleven waste transfer stations have been established throughout various wards in the Municipality.

These stations serve an important function as temporary collection points where waste is accumulated and sorted by waste pickers prior to being taken to our landfill site in Mhluzi.

Garbage trucks unload their contents at the landfill site, allowing waste pickers to search through the refuse and collect recyclable items.

Erald Nkabinde, Director of Solid Waste and Environmental Management, stated that materials handled at these stations can subsequently be sent to landfill sites, hazardous waste facilities, and recycling centers for appropriate disposal.

At present, the Municipality is managing a single landfill

site that has been pivotal in its waste management efforts. However, this current facility will, in a few years, reach its maximum capacity, presenting a significant challenge for the community's waste disposal needs.

As a result, the Solid Waste Department is now on plans to secure a new landfill site.

Through the recognition and evaluation of possible locations, the Municipality seeks to adopt a responsible and efficient strategy for waste management.

This approach also factors in environmental consequences, community feedback, and sustainability over time.

The process entails comprehensive research and careful deliberation, all designed to improve the Municipality's capacity to handle waste effectively and ensure a clean, healthy atmosphere for its residents.



Waste Transfer Stations in the STLM area of jurisdiction: Mhluzi Buy-Back Center, Dennesig, Hendrina, Middelburg Exts 24 and 49, Rockdale, Doornkop, Komati, Rietkuil, Somaphepha Village and Sikhululiwe Village.

Keep OUR MUNICIPALITY

**Keep our environment clean and green
Do not dump waste illegally
Put waste in your green Municipal bin
Wait for your area's waste collection day**

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LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - LED

New hospital set to **WELCOME** its first patient

The brand new King Nyabela Hospital in Middelburg is officially completed and eagerly awaiting its first patients!

This state-of-the-art facility is set to take over from the outdated hospital, which can no longer adequately meet the needs of the expanding local community.

In a recent announcement, the Mpumalanga Department of Health has informed residents about the phased transition of services from the old Middelburg General Hospital to the shiny new King Nyabela Hospital.

According to an official statement released on 30 October 2025, the move will occur gradually, beginning with non-clinical functions like administration and

support services.

“Starting on Monday, 3 November 2025, we’ll kick off the relocation of clinical areas (wards), a process that will continue until everything is fully transitioned as outlined in our relocation plan.” the statement indicated.

“The Department is committed to keeping the community informed that we have a comprehensive relocation and risk management strategy in place to facilitate a seamless and safe transition.

Although we cannot specify the exact timeline for this process at the moment, we want to emphasise that ensuring patient safety is our top concern.”

The department also encourages community members to visit their local clinic

first for medical concerns, so they can acquire a referral before heading to the hospital.

Throughout the relocation phase, Witbank Hospital and Impungwe Hospital will be on hand to assist by taking in certain emergency cases that may need redirection.

In 2017, Enza Construction kicked off the building of the 220-bed hospital, embarking on this ambitious project.

The hospital features a comprehensive Outpatient Department, along with extensive labor and trauma units. It includes four state-of-the-art operating theaters, fully supported by modern facilities.

This hospital will double as an academic institution, providing invaluable training

opportunities for medical students in the area. To support this mission, there will be onsite accommodation available for doctors, nurses, and students alike.

Moreover, the training center will be equipped with lecture rooms and a spacious auditorium that can seat up to 400 people.

Beyond that, the site will also offer a creche and a public cafe, fostering a community atmosphere.

This project is designed to meet fully compliant Infrastructure Unit Support Systems (IUSS) standards as a Level 1 District Hospital. Plans are in place for future expansion, allowing the hospital to grow to 350 beds and add two more operating theaters.



Life **MADE EASY** for informal traders at Nasaret taxi rank

Informal traders now have safe, accessible, and strategically placed trading spaces that are sure to draw in foot traffic!

On 20 May 2025, the Nasaret Taxi Rank welcomed twenty brand new hawkker stalls, which were officially handed over to Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

This recent development marks a remarkable advancement in bolstering local economic growth, and it harmoniously aligns with the Municipality’s well-considered and far-reaching strategy aimed at nurturing a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

This initiative is not merely a step forward; it is a proactive measure designed to confront the challenges of unemployment head-on while simultaneously promoting inclusive economic development that benefits all sectors of our community.

The introduction of these new stalls represents more than just a physical space for commerce; it serves as a powerful testament to the Municipality’s unwaver-

ing commitment to uplifting township economies.

By creating a supportive environment for small, micro, and medium enterprises (SMMEs), this initiative breathes life into the aspirations of local entrepreneurs. It empowers them in ways that transcend mere financial opportunities by reinstating dignity, enhancing visibility within the marketplace, and ensuring that they have equitable access to the resources necessary for success.

Moreover, the establishment of these stalls is a substantial endorsement of the resilience and creativity inherent in our local business owners.

By providing them with the tools and support needed to thrive, the Municipality not only stimulates growth but also fosters a sense of community pride and economic interdependence.

This endeavor represents an exciting chapter in our ongoing journey toward creating a flourishing marketplace where every entrepreneur has the chance to shine, thrive, and contribute to the overall prosperity of our township. Together,

we are building an ecosystem where dreams of entrepreneurial success can truly take flight!

Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor, Thato Mathunyane - Council Speaker, and Joseph Ngubeni - MMC for Public Safety, officially cut the ribbon to unveil the new hawkker stalls.

Previously, these informal traders, mostly mobile kitchens, were confined to using the parking area behind Shoprite next to the taxi rank.

Their faces lit up with appreciation as they recognised the significant change this opportunity brings. The newly established stalls promise a safer, cleaner, and more business-friendly environment.

Lettie Mahlangu shared her enthusiasm, “We’re so grateful to the Mu-

nicipality for recognising our need for organised workspaces. Now, instead of hauling our equipment every day after work, we can leave it here - it’s safe and much more convenient.”



Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor and Thato Mathunyane - Council Speaker, officially cutting the ribbon and handing over the hawkkers stalls.



LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - LED



Radisson Hotel in Middelburg **ALMOST READY** to welcome guests

The Middelburg Radisson Hotel is on the brink of opening its doors, with construction nearly completed and the finishing touches being done.

Developed by the Radisson Hotel Group is at an initial investment of R350-million. This modern facility aims to enhance Middelburg's economy and support the town's efforts to attract more tourists. This will be the 16th Radisson hotel to grace the African continent.

“We're thrilled to accelerate our growth across South Africa. With the introduction of the Radisson Hotel Middelburg,

we proudly welcome our third Radisson branded hotel in the country, highlighting our commitment to strengthening our footprint and showcasing the brand's immense potential in South Africa,” stated Ramsay Rankoussi, Vice President of Development for Africa and Turkey at Radisson Hotel Group.

The construction site, located near Middelburg Mall, was officially handed over to Akani Properties, construction partner, on 7 September 2021.

Radisson Hotel Group is poised to reach its ambitious goal of 150 hotels operating

or under development throughout Africa in the next five years.

The hotel features 150 rooms with conference space and a variety of dining options including a bar.

Enhancing the conference center is the hotel's dedicated, a 2 300 square meter area for events and meetings, which includes a welcoming pre-function space, a grand banquet hall, eight versatile meeting rooms, and executive board-rooms.

Guests can also enjoy a fitness center, a refreshing swimming pool with pool deck,

creating perfect balance between work and play.

Daniel Trappler, Senior Director of Development for Sub-Saharan Africa at Radisson Hotel Group, remarked that their establishment in Middelburg reflects the Group's strategic expansion plans. “We've pinpointed crucial secondary and tertiary towns and cities that show robust market trends, fostering our growth through both conversions and new developments.”

MEC Thomo hands over **SIKHULULIWE ACCESS ROAD**

A milestone was reached on Friday 17 October 2021, as Mafube Coal proudly handed over the newly built Sikhululiwe Access Road in Sikhululiwe Village - Ward 7.

The ceremony saw Thulasizwe Thomo - MEC of the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, take the lead, accompanied by notable figures including Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Execu-

tive Mayor and Members of the Mayoral Committee.

Also included were Cllr Marumo Sekgwele - MMC for Infrastructure Development and Technical Services, Cllr Zandile Joseph Ngubeni - MMC for Public Safety, and Iddy Mahlangu - Ward 7 Councillor.

This impressive R54-million project was essential for enhancing service delivery

in the region. Prior to its construction, inadequate road conditions severely hindered access to crucial health and education services, forcing educators to leave their posts and disrupting the provision of emergency services.

The 3km stretch gravel road faced difficult conditions during the rainy season, rendering it nearly unusable. This road serves as the sole access point to the village.

At a formal gathering in the Hall, Ms Tamara Qwatekana - Mafube Coal's General Manager, expressed her enthusiasm:

“This road will provide access to and from the village. It will be a safer crossing for school transport over the railway. Our aim with this project is to uplift the lives of Sikhululiwe residents.

“We're thrilled to be working alongside the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, as well as the Municipality,” she concluded.

Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - STLM Executive Mayor

shared his positive outlook: “We're delighted to see 15 local residents obtain job opportunities through this project.

“Let's all continue collaborating to foster development in our community. I urge all residents to respect and protect our infrastructure,” he concluded.

Thulasizwe Thomo - MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport, took the stage to deliver an inspiring keynote address. He expressed his enthusiasm, stating,

“Today marks an exciting milestone as we celebrate the handover of this significant project.

We sincerely appreciate our collaboration with the mining industry, which has led to positive developments for this community.

“It's fantastic to see this project creating jobs and boosting economic opportunities. I urge everyone to protect this valuable infrastructure.

If you have concerns about our service delivery, reach out and arrange a meeting so we can address it together, rather than resorting to vandalism,” MEC Thomo emphasised.



Thungela Mine and MEC Thulasizwe Thomo - Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport, officially handing over the road to the residents of Ward 7.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Municipal **BURSARY FUND**



Cllr Petros Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor.

The Municipality has allocated over R1-million to support academically deserving students who are eager to continue their education.

With a focus on youth aged 18 to 35 living within its jurisdiction, the Municipality plans to provide bursaries for those who qualify.

Applicants looking to pursue full-time or distance learning undergraduate programmes at public universities or TVET colleges are encouraged to apply, especially in fields such as engineering, finance management, accounting, ICT, legal studies, media, and environmental studies.

In the previous financial year (2024/2025), the Municipality supported nine students with bursaries. These bursaries cover essential expenses, including accommodation, tuition fees, and textbooks.

Cllr Petros Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor, emphasised that the Municipality's efforts won't end here. "We are committed to helping even more deserving learners who meet the requirements," she concluded.



Youth getting application forms to apply for the bursary.

Premier **BURSARY FUND**



Mandla Ndlovu - Premier of Mpumalanga.

The Municipality is excited to play a vital role in the ongoing initiative to empower unemployed youth across the Province. The Office of the Premier has launched the 2025 Premier's Youth Development Fund Road Show (PYDF) once again!

This engaging roadshow kicked off at the Nasaret Community Hall and made its way to the Kwazamokuhle Community Hall, Rietkuil, and the Somaphepha Multipurpose Community Centre (MPCC) on 6 March 2025.

Established in 2019 by the Mpumalanga Provincial Government, this fund serves as an essential measure to combat youth unemployment and enhance youth economic participation in the local economy. It focuses on supporting deserving young individuals

between the ages of 18 and 35, helping them to launch and expand their education and business ventures.

A diverse group of unemployed youth and aspiring entrepreneurs gathered at a recently held workshop, which proved to be an invaluable experience for all. This event served as a platform for participants to learn essential strategies when applying for funding to support their business ventures and career aspirations.

Among the key speakers were officials from the Office of the Premier: Zenand Nzama, Joseph Khoza, and Valencia Zwane. Each of them emphasised the importance of understanding the intricacies involved in filling out the application forms.

They shared critical insights and tips to ensure that applicants present their ideas effectively, not only catching the attention of potential funders but also maximising their chances of securing the financial support they need to turn their entrepreneurial dreams into realities.



Youth entrepreneur **EXPO** lights up middelburg

The vibrant Sydney Choma Banquet Hall in Middelburg played host to an inspiring Youth Entrepreneurship Expo on 19 June 2025.

The event was brought to life by a dynamic partnership between the Municipal Youth Department, the Local Economic Development (LED) Department, and a range of enthusiastic stakeholders.

This exciting event was designed to equip young minds with the essential knowledge needed to thrive as successful entrepreneurs.

Invitations were sent out to enthusiastic young entrepreneurs from the local community, who eagerly participated in the session.

This event was not only a fantastic opportunity for learning but also created essential networking experiences, enabling attendees to interact with a wide range of businesses and fellow aspiring entrepreneurs.

During this inspiring session for the youth, Youth Manager Khanyisile Mlangeni shared her excitement, saying,

"I'm excited to connect with the future business leaders in this room.

"We have brought together a varied group of experts to equip you with the vital information needed to excel in the business world.

"As you embark on your journey of starting your own company, remember

to ensure full compliance; many youth-led businesses stumble because they overlook this crucial factor.

"Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about how to secure funding for your ventures," Mlangeni encouraged.

Innovative young entrepreneurs like Sphamandla Nhlapho, founder of GemStone, and Smangalisso Mokoena, creator of Isimangalisso Pure Soap, had the exciting opportunity to present their groundbreaking products.



Sphamandla Nhlapho - GemStone.

These young individuals tapped into a wealth of information from diverse organisations, including the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism, the Middelburg Chamber

of Commerce and Industry, Mpumalanga Stainless (MSI), AgriSETA, Nkangala Business Chamber, South African Revenue Services (SARS), Sanlam, First National Bank (FNB), and Cell C.

They were invited to explore a variety of stalls, where they could glean insights and forge connections that would link them to valuable economic opportunities.



Smangalisso Mokoena - Pure Soap.



Cell C.



Provincial Department of Education employees.



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

We honour our **LOYAL EMPLOYEES** and **GRADUATES**

The annual Long Service Award Ceremony was held on 12 September at the Sydney Choma Banquet Hall.

Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela, Executive Mayor, honoured our long serving officials and graduates who studied through the Municipal Bursary.

Special gratitude goes to four employees, Sebola John Makgafela, Patrick Mashala, Puleng Frans Morudi and Mokadikwe Council Maila for their 40 years loyal service to Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

Eleven employees served for 30 years.

Twenty six employees served for 20 years.
Seventy eight employees served for 10 years.

We also congratulate 20 Municipal employees who graduated in various fields of study through the Municipal Bursary and obtained Higher Certificates, Junior Degrees, National Diplomas Post Diplomas, Honours and Master Degrees.

The bursary is intended to enable serving employees to obtain qualifications at recognised Higher Learning Institutions, accredited by the Council of Higher Education and registered with the Department of Higher

Education (DHET).

The ceremony was held in line with Public Service Month which is celebrated annually from 1 to 30 September.

This year's theme was 'Professionalising the Public Service to build trust and restore confidence in government'.

The theme instills Batho Pele Principles and rebuilds good ethics and professionalism in employee's performance. They re-commit and re-dedicate to improve morale and pride.





2025 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

Mpumalanga's TOP LEARNER



Cathy Dlamini - Mpumalanga Department of Education congratulates Mpumalanga's Top Learner, Gugu Libambo from Mphanama Secondary School.

Congratulations to Mpumalanga's Top Learner, 17-year-old Gugu Libambo, from Mphanama Secondary School in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

MEC Cathy Dlamini remarked: "The 2024 provincial overall Grade 12 best learner was honoured with a full bursary from the Provincial Government, a generous array of rewards, and a fully sponsored brand new car."

Gugu's success is a testament to hard work, perseverance, and dreaming big - an inspiration to us all.



Cllr Ernest Nkwana - MMC for Human Settlement and Spatial Development, Thapelo Boo - Top Performer, and Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor.



Cllr Ernest Nkwana - MMC for Human Settlement and Spatial Development, Musa Dube - Top Performer, and Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor.

Kwazini Secondary School in Mhluzi buzzed with lively energy as learners celebrated the start of the 2025 academic year in style on Friday, 17 January, creating an atmosphere of excitement.

The school celebrated their achievement as they obtained 93.5% pass rate for matric class of 2024. They also celebrated the two top learners, Musa Dube and Thapelo Boo. Dube got 100% in business studies and Thapelo is the school's top performer as he obtained five distinctions at level 7 and two at level 6.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Municipality, in partnership with Maziya Combined School, has embarked on a Cleaning Campaign at the Hendrina premises.

As part of the back-to-school campaign, stakeholders saw the necessity to raise awareness about the importance of a clean environment.

The campaign included teachers, members of the School Governing Body (SGB), Municipal officials and community members.



Cllr Bathobile Shabangu - MMC for Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation, and Environmental Health, helping with school preparations.



Maziya Combined School employee, Khanyisile Mlangeni - Youth Manager, and Cllr Bathobile Shabangu - MMC for Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation, and Environmental Health.

FEBRUARY

World Wetland Day is observed each year on the 2nd of February. This year it was celebrated under the theme "Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future".

As part of the awareness campaign the Municipality's Environment and Solid Waste Management Department headed to Kwazamokuhle Jabulani Nkosi Street next to the sport grounds in Ext 2, Moeagabo Betty Motau Street next to the stadium in Ext 3 and Malfred Ntombifuthi Mnisi-Lukhele Street in Ext 5.

They cleaned wetland areas which are critical for climate mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity, and human health.



Moses Lekondeni - Co-ordinator, Cllr Bathobile Shabangu - Ward Committee Member and MMC for Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation, and Environmental Health.



Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor rolling up his sleeves.



Community members assisting with picking up litter.





2025 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH

Celebrating National Library Week

On Wednesday, 19 March, the Municipal Cultural Services Department launched the Library Week celebration at Eric Jiyane Community Hall in Mhluzi under the theme 'Libraries for Sustainable Communities'.



Cllr Mthokozisi Shabangu - Ward 19, welcomed dignitaries, stakeholders, learners and community members and encouraged people with dyslexia to read as much as possible to ease their condition. He urged learners to read in groups and utilise Municipal libraries.

Schools that have participated

in the Library Week celebration are Reatlegile, Ipani, Khulunolwazi and Arnot Primary.

Shirley Xulu - Assistant Director: Cultural Services, reminded learners to make use of libraries, get information regarding schoolwork. "Services for blind people are also provided. Our friendly librarians are always available to assist anyone who needs help. We currently have 13 libraries and more will be opened." she concluded.

Our library offerings:

- Borrowing books and computers.
- Photocopying at R1,60 per copy.
- Free Wi-Fi.
- Membership fee R15 - bring ID and proof of residence.



Seriti Mine official hands over sports facility

On 20 March, Ms Khethiwe Moekets - MEC for Mpumalanga Social Development, was excited to announce to completion of three projects which consisted of a sports field and courts at Manyano Primary School, and renovation of Thushanang Stimulation Centre.

Executive Mayor, Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela welcomed the projects and handed over the projects together with Seriti Community Trust in Middelburg.



Seriti Mine and Executive Mayor cutting the ribbon celebration of the three projects.

APRIL

Road Safety Awareness during Easter Weekend

Over the Easter Weekend, the Traffic Department conducted a Road Safety Campaign in Middelburg.

This initiative continued throughout the Easter Weekend which started on Friday, 17 April.

Cllr Zandile Joseph Ngubeni - MMC for Public Safety, led the campaign.

- 174 general fines and 83 speeding fines were issued.
- 54 warrants of arrest were executed.
- Goods from 21 illegal hawkers were confiscated.

The initiative demonstrates the commitment by the Municipality to intensify road safety.



ARRIVE ALIVE

Parade by traffic officials before starting the Easter Weekend Operation.

Thungela hands over cafeteria to the Municipality

On Wednesday, 30 April, Thungela's Goedehoop Colliery handed over a new cafeteria facility for the Mhluzi Industrial Park to the Municipality.

Goedehoop Colliery invested R4.8-million in the facility as part of its Social Labour Plan.

This investment is a direct response to the priorities outlined in the Municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP), which identifies infrastructure development in local economic zones as key to stimulating entrepreneurship and job creation.

In his address, Tman Mphokane, General Manager: Goedehoop Colliery, said:

"Our focus is on building platforms that enable local economic development, and this investment supports small businesses to host communities by creating a space where they can thrive and grow - contributing to the long-term resilience of the community.

"I am happy that through this facility, we afforded 6 people with employment opportunities and 7 SMMEs benefited."

Delivering his keynote address was Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor. He said, "This is exactly the kind of

partnership that is needed. Infrastructure like this creates a tangible platform for small businesses to succeed, and it signals confidence in our local economy.

"We appreciate Thungela's commitment to aligning with our development priorities and investing in projects that serve our community long after construction is completed."





2025 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

MAY

Awareness programme on child welfare and drug prevention for boy children

In a proactive effort to safeguard the well-being of young boys and build a safer future, the Child Welfare, in collaboration with Love Life, Local Drug Action and the Municipal Youth Department conducted a comprehensive awareness programme at Ekwazini Secondary School on 22 May.

The session targeted boy students, with a focus on promoting child protection, emotional resilience, and awareness about the dangers of substance abuse.

The session began with the Department of Child Welfare addressing the students:

- Personal safety and protection from abuse.
- Importance of mental health and speaking up.
- Knowing their rights and where to seek help.
- Common ways boys are lured into drug use, including peer pressure.
- The physical, mental, and legal consequences of drug involvement.
- Strategies to say **NO** and make healthy choices.
- The importance of support systems such as parents, teachers, and trusted adults.

Students were also informed about local support services, helpline numbers, and the importance of reaching out without fear or shame.



Vusi Khoza (above) and Lerato Kgomo (below) from Child Welfare.



Air quality awareness

The Municipal Environmental and Solid Waste Management in collaboration with Nkangala District Municipality (NDM) Environmental Services shared information about air quality to the community in Mhluzi Mall on 22 May.



Desmond Mohale - Environmental Officer educating learners on air quality.



The Environmental and Solid Waste Department (left) and Nkangala District Municipality (right) talking to school children about air quality awareness.

JUNE

Emergency and Fire Awareness session

On Tuesday, 24 June, the Municipality, in partnership with Thungela Mine, conducted a Community Emergency and Fire Awareness Session at Goede-hoop Colliery North, Recreation Club.

The session was attended by the Municipal Department of Fire, Traffic and Customer Care. They were joined by community members from Uitkyk and Komati as they conveyed knowledge on how to deal with fire outbreaks and road accidents.

During the session, residents in attendance were afforded an opportunity to ask questions. Following the engagement, officials demonstrated how to deal with fire incidents and accidents.

The Municipality will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders to conduct informative discussions with the community.



A demonstration on how to deal with fire outbreaks.



A demonstration on how to use jaws-of-life in an accident.



The Fire Department raising awareness to community members in Komati and Uitkyk.

Youth Month: #YOUTHVOTERSMATTERS

On Friday, 27 June, the Municipal Youth Office, in partnership with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), held a voters education programme in Nasaret and Rockdale.

The session targeted the youth and they were educated in the importance of elections. They were encouraged to participate in the local elections next year.

Together, let's shape South Africa to reflect your hopes and dreams.



Young people being educated on the importance of voting.





2025 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

Municipality involved in CSI initiatives for the betterment of communities

Steve Tshwete Municipality not only values the collaboration between the private sector and government but also actively engages in efforts to guarantee a promising future for learners from the communities.

As part of its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives, Corobrik Mine proudly donated a new hall to LD Moetanalo Secondary School in Tokologo on Wednesday, 23 July.

This significant R3-million investment in the facility aims to enrich and uplift the community, highlighting Corobrik's com-

mitment to social responsibility.

This contribution directly aligns with the needs identified by both the school and the Municipal Local Economic Development Department (LED).

Cllr Zandile Joseph Ngubeni, MMC for Public Safety, delivered an inspiring keynote address on behalf of the Executive Mayor.

He expressed that this was precisely what the community needed as students will significantly benefit from the new hall in the future.



Cllr Joseph Ngubeni - MMC for Public Safety with Mr Mokone - LD Moetanalo Secondary School Principal at the opening of the new school hall.



Annual Golden Games success

The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development's - Nkangala Region, in partnership with the Municipality and Nkangala District Municipality, hosted the annual Golden Games at Kees Taljaard Stadium in Middelburg on Thursday, 31 July.

The games are designed to extend and improve the lives of participating senior citizens and helping to prevent chronic diseases.

The Golden Games, a flagship programme for the elderly, brought together

hundreds of participants from various service centres, luncheon clubs, and sport hubs across Nkangala Region. The games provided a platform for older individuals to engage in physical activities and celebrate active ageing.

The Games offered a variety of activities, including athletics, brisk and duck walks, ball pass and kick, ball relay, jukskei, dress up race, and Soccer. These activities not only promote physical health but also foster a sense of well-being among the elderly.



Gogos seriously exercising and playing soccer at the Golden Games.

AUGUST

Colourful Women's Day celebrated in Steve Tshwete

The Steve Tshwete Municipality joined in honouring the brave women of 1956 who marched against the oppressive pass laws of the apartheid government. This memorable event, organised by the Mpumalanga Provincial Government, took place at the Sydney Choma Banquet Hall on Saturday 9 August.

MEC Leah Mabusu, representing Premier Mandla Ndlovu, paid homage to the legacy of over 20 000 women who courageously marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to confront legislation that restricted the movement of black women in urban spaces.

Additionally, MEC Mabusu emphasised the Provincial Government's ongoing dedication to empowering women throughout the province.

With pride, she announced that Mpumalanga Province has leapfrogged to second place nationally in terms of job creation, a remarkable improvement from its previous seventh position.

She emphasised the success of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), which has generated more than 170 job opportunities in the province from 2019 to 2024, with a remarkable 65% of participants being women.

MEC Mabusu announced that the province plans to generate an additional 191 733 job opportunities over the next five years, with 60% of those positions earmarked for women.



Second from the left: Community member, Sasekani Manzini - MEC of Mpumalanga Health and Leah Mabusu - MEC for Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation.



Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor.



Maggie Skosana - Director-General: Mpumalanga Province.



Thomas Ngwenya - Executive Mayor, Nkangala District Municipality.



The Bomama Choir.





2025 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



REIMAGINE OUR HERITAGE INSTITUTIONS FOR A NEW ERA



SEPTEMBER

Heritage Day was celebrated on Friday, 26 September at the newly-built Rockdale Thusong Center in Rockdale in Ward 6.

The theme was "Reimagine our heritage institutions for a new era".

Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor, Cllr Thato Mathunyane - Council Speaker, Cllr Sihle Mashiloane - Council Whip, Hennie Niemann - MPAC Chairperson, Mandla Mnguni - Municipal Manager, Councillors, traditional leaders, traditional healers, religious leaders, cultural groups, Municipal officials and community members attended the event.

The purpose of Heritage Day is to commemorate our cultural wealth and to remember the heritage of all people who make up the population of South Africa.

The Municipality employs people who represent all cultures. Twenty local groups entertained the crowd with traditional dances representing various cultures.

It was alive and demonstrated a splendour of South Africa's rainbow nation.





PUBLIC NOTICES



LIASA
"Libraries for sustainable communities"

Steve Tshwete **LIBRARIES**

 Gerard Sekoto Library 013 249 7314	 Rietkull Library 067 826 4254	 Hendrina Library 013 249 7247	 Somaphepha Library 072 252 6323 064 736 6069
 Chromeville Library 013 249 7025	 Doornkop Library 013 249 7396	 Komati Library 013 249 7803	 Mhluzi, Ext 7 Library 013 249 7133/6808
 Eastdene Library 013 249 7275	 Mhluzi Library 013 249 7146	 Kwazamokuhle Library 060 950 3638	 Nasaret Library 013 249 7390

HOW TO APPLY FOR A 6 X 3 SKIP BIN

Skip bins are solely used for the removal of building rubble, general and garden waste

Forms are available at the Environmental and Solid Waste Management department at Magasyn

A skip bin cost R944-30 for three days

Collection and delivery will not be done on weekends

Burning of waste inside the bin is strictly prohibited

WE HELP YOU BY SAFELY COLLECTING AND DISPOSING OF building rubble, general and garden waste



Membership
R15
per year

OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Thursday - 9am to 17:30pm
Friday - 9am to 13:30pm
Saturday - 8am to 12:00pm

FREE WI-FI AVAILABLE AT ALL OUR LIBRARIES

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NUISANCE BY-LAWS

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW



ROAMING DOMESTIC ANIMALS

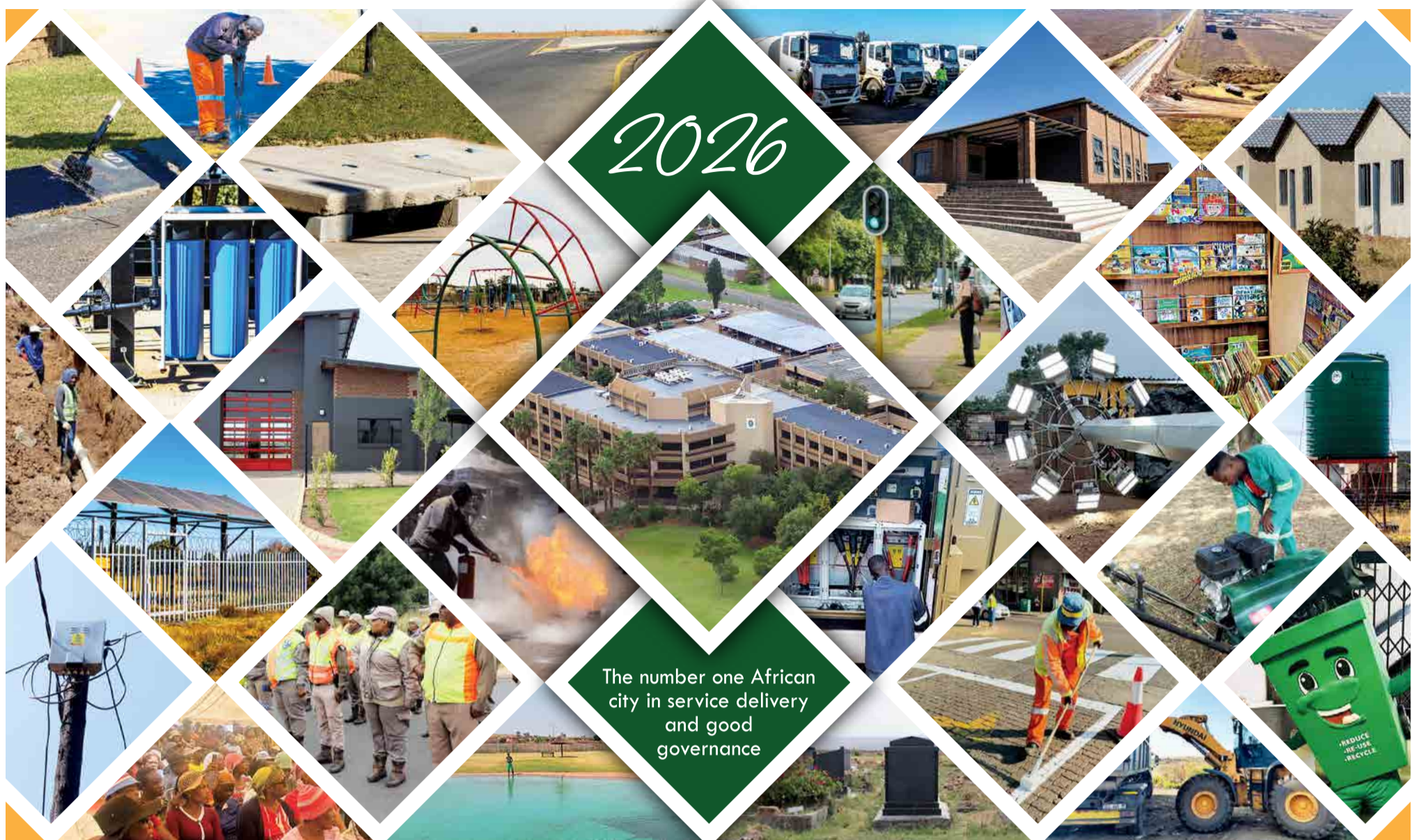
No person must allow domestic animals to cause a noise, nuisance or disturbance in the neighbourhood or allow dogs to chase vehicles, motorbike riders or cyclists.

OBSTRUCT, BLOCK OR DISTURB PEDESTRIANS OR ROAD TRAFFIC

No person must intentionally block or interfere with the free flow of pedestrians or road traffic or approach any pedestrian or a person inside a motor vehicle on a public road or intersection to beg from such person.



Any person disobeying any of the By-laws will be fined R500 in accordance with STLM Nuisance By-laws.



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Council Meetings

- AT 09:00 - COUNCIL CHAMBER
- 27 January
 - 24 February
 - 31 March
 - 30 April
 - 26 May
 - 30 June



Get in touch through our BIOLINK

Public Holidays

- 1 January New Year's Day
- 21 March Human Rights Day
- 3 April Good Friday
- 6 April Family Day
- 27 April Freedom Day
- 1 May Workers' Day
- 16 June Youth Day
- 9 August National Women's Day
- 24 September Heritage Day
- 16 December Day of Reconciliation
- 25 December Christmas Day
- 26 December Day of Goodwill



Reduce Reuse Recycle

School Terms

- TERM 1 : (12) 14 January to 27 March
- TERM 2 : 8 April to 26 June
- TERM 3 : 21 July to 23 September
- TERM 4 : 6 October to 9 (11) December



SPORT

LOSKOP MARATHON



The Loskop Marathon is a celebrated event in the heart of South Africa, offering an unique blend of challenging races and breath-taking scenery.

The race kicked off on 26 April 2025 in the early morning hours with Leah Mabuza - MEC for Culture, Sport and Recreation, and Cllr Mhlonishwa Masilela - Executive Mayor, opening the race for participants that running the 50km Ultra Marathon, a 21.1km Trail Run, a 10km Tough Run, and a 5km Fun Run.

This race caters for runners of all levels, providing an unforgettable experience that combines endurance, camaraderie, and fun.

The Greatest **TRAIN RACE**

On Saturday, 9 August 2025, the Municipality supported a successful Train Race in Middelburg organised by Greatest Train Race for Charity organisation.

Over 1 000 athletes participated in different races, namely; the 21km starting at Pan Station, the 10km and the 5km fun run. The race saw Municipal officials and community members partaking in different races and all of them successfully completed.

Various companies joined in supporting the initiative. The Train Race has grown since its initial inception and will continue to grow as it attracts more participants and sponsors every year.



From left to right: Siyabonga Thela, Gary Mokoena, Johannes Silas, Koketso Mohlala, Moses Lekondeni and Derick Simelane.

Congratulations to our **BEAUTIFUL TEENS**

Congratulations to Ms Ofentse Boiketlo Monareng and Ms Angelina Mndebele who are heading to Mumbai in India to represent South Africa and Africa in the Magnificent Women International (MWI) Pageant. Indeed they made us proud!



Ms Ofentse Boiketlo Monareng participating in the South Africa Magnificent Women International (MWI) Junior Teen Pageant.



Ms Angelina Mndebele participating in the Africa Magnificent Women International (MWI) Junior Teen Pageant.

NEWSHOUND :

Send your comments and stories to Lerato Kgomo - leratok@stlm.gov.za 013 283 6994, Sibusiso Chauke - sibusisoc@stlm.gov.za - 013 283 6809 or Lebogang Thwala - lebogangt@stlm.gov.za - 013 249 7150.