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## EFF wins big in Elias Motsoaledi

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) bagged three wards in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality from the ANC during the November 1 Local Government Election (LGE).

The opposition swept aside ANC in ward 8 at Marapong in Moutse, Ward 21 in Kgaphamadi and Ward 30 in Roosenekaal. In the whole of Limpopo, the EFF won 5 wards; 3 of them are in the Elias Motsoaledi municipality. The wards were previously stronghold of the ruling party. However, the ruling party had managed to get the outright majority and still in control of the municipality. Another opposition in the municipality, Democratic Alliance (DA), managed to retain Elias Motsoaledi Ward 13. According to residents in the affected wards, the majority voted EFF after the ANC refused to allow popular community leaders who were nominated by the community to contest in the election. "The party opted to return the same candidates the community rejected as election candidates to the affected wards. The community was angry because they were complaining about the previous councilors and instead, the ANC preferred to bring them as ward candidates. This is the main reason the ruling party lost the three wards," said one of the community members.

EFF Chairperson in Sekhukhune Region, Lencel Komane, told the Dispatch Newspaper that the victory comes after the party worked tirelessly with communities on the ground. "Our structures were working with communities and traditional leadership to ensure that we gain support and trust from community members. Our message was clear, we are going to fight corruption and fight for proper services that our communities are entitled to get," he said. According to Komane, during the electoral campaigns, the EFF was also empowering residents with political education, in which the majority understood the landscape of politics before the LGE.

"This is among the reasons our organization did well in Elias Motsoaledi during the election. People want change after they vote. Their vote should speak for them to get services they deserve from the political leadership they are voting for," he said. The ecstatic Komane

indicated that he was humbled that the party support is looming in the entire district. "We thank everyone who voted for the EFF in the election and will be continuing with the programme of action we have promised our voters. I can assure you that all the EFF controlled wards will never be the same. We will ensure that there is proper water supply which is a challenge to residents in the entire Sekhukhune District Municipality," he said.

Komane said they will urge for drilling of boreholes and refurbishment of old ones as a temporary measure to provide residents with potable water. "This system will replace the use of water tanker trucks that bill the municipality thousands of rands while there is inadequate supply of drinkable water to our communities," he said. In Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, the EFF will be represented by three ward councilors and

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## ANC retains Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality

The African National Congress (ANC) is still in full control of Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, after gaining outright majority in the November 1 election. Although the municipality faced sporadic poor service delivery protests hitting Siyabuswa and surrounding villages, the majority still voted for the same party they had been complaining about in the past five years. In the local municipality overall election results, the ruling party gained 39 seats, controlling 30 wards with 9 PR councillors, Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) came second by obtaining 10 PR seats, the Democratic Alliance (DA) is third with 3 PR seats, African Independent People's Organization (AIPO) followed in fourth with 2 PR seats, Forum 4 Service Delivery (F4SD) is fifth with 2 PR seats, sixth is African Voice Progressive Party (AVPP) with 1 PR seat, the African Peoples Convention (APC) is seventh with 1 PR seat and the African Independent Congress (AIC) retained its 1 PR seat in the council. An independent candidate, who was contesting the election for the first time, won ward 12 in Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality. DA Councillor in DR JS Moroka Local Municipality, Thepedi Mokoala, said the opposition was eyeing for more seats in the municipality. "Unfortunately we could not campaign enough because of the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic," he said. Mokoala said he is worried that the majority still voted for the ruling party and have to face the same challenges they had complaining about in the previous council. "Challenges such as water, poor roads standard, escalating unemployment rate and other socio-economic issues won't be resolved because the same people who previously failed are still in power," he said. Mokoala indicated that the other significant challenge to his party was a very low voter turn-out. "This was caused by the poor registration system by the IEC during voter registration, whereby, many people had to turn away without voting as they were not appearing on the voters' roll. The same people registered and the IEC failed to capture their details correctly," Mokoala said. DA councillor in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Joseph Sibanyoni, told the Dispatch that the party was aiming to get at least seven seats in the council, but having four seats instead. "However, we are happy because this time we have four seats, an increase from the three we had in the previous council. This is a great improvement for us," he said. Sibanyoni cited that he is worried about poor voter turn-out from the public in the local municipality. "Political education is still needed to our communities. It seems like people vote just for the sake of voting, forgetting the meaning and importance of their vote in the council. Many have just thrown their votes to parties that do not serve their interests in the council. Some have even opted to remain home without practicing this important democratic right," he said.



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# Community march to demand ANC to oust ward councillor

Scores of community members from Makgana Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Ward 12, have, on Tuesday 9 November, marched to ANC Sekhukhune headquarters in Jane Furse to hand-over a memorandum of demands. Residents were demanding the removal of ward 12 Councillor, Tabane Peter Rankwe, who, they claim, was not endorsed by the majority to stand for the ruling party in the November 1 Local Government Election. According to the community, Rankwe has been a councillor for the previous eighteen years and has done nothing to develop the Makgana community. Community Leader, Samson Phakwago, said Rankwe, who is also the ANC branch chairperson, was endorsed as councillor candidate despite the fact that he was nominated by only a few people, which is against the wishes of the masses in Ward 12. “His long stay in the office has created the impression that Ward 12 or the ANC has ran out of leaders

who can relieve him from both positions while in actual fact, Ward 12 is blessed with many people who are competent and more qualified to occupy those positions,” he said. Phakwago said the fact that Rankwe managed to serve in those positions for such a very long is because of his manipulative divide and rule tactics and skills.”The councillor has successfully used his position and municipal opportunities to coerce many people to follow and unduly support him. The community of Ward 12 has, at the same time, become victims of ANC nominations processes, which favoured some and disadvantaged others. This includes ‘gate-keeping’ by those who are occupying positions of authority who discouraged potential new members of integrity to join the ANC in Ward 12,” explained Phakwago. Phakwago alleged that Rankwe used his position as ward councillor to hire many people towards elections in exchange for votes, which

became a reality. “There is also the element of ‘food parcels for votes’ and money that was involved, forgetting that one can buy votes but cannot buy wisdom to develop the community. Rankwe had benefitted a lot as a ward councillor because he was able to avail his properties as the site offices for the contractors at different times and he was paid rental fees at the expense of the community,” he said. According to Phakwago, Rankwe emerged as ANC election candidate through a fraudulent nominations process, which was done in the middle of the night in a secret place where more than 300 ANC members of the branch were excluded due to administrative related matters. “Some of community members, who are ANC members and excluded from the nominations process made objections to the ANC Limpopo Provincial Executive Committee and subsequently, the PLC resolved that the branch elections officer should organize a community

meeting so that the community can have its vote to ensure that whoever becomes ANC candidate, should have the support of the community. Regrettably, the community vote was not organized mainly because the Branch Elections Officer, Kolodi Rankwe is the son of Peter Rankwe and he was not prepared to run a process that wouldn’t favour his father,” he said. Phakwago said they are demanding the removal of Rankwe as councillor with immediate effect. “Should Rankwe be allowed to remain in the council for the next 2 months, the community of ward 12 will mobilize other disgruntled communities to turn their backs against the ANC and vote for an alternative party of our choice that will show much respect to our communities in the next General Elections in 2024,” he said. ANC Sekhukhune Regional Secretary, Tshepo Matenche, said the party received the memorandum and are currently investigating the allegations.

## Skills development centre under construction at Aquaville

The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, has on Thursday 21 October officiated a sod-turning ceremony, to mark the commencement of the first ever Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority’s (W&RSETA), Skills Development Centre in Aquaville outside Groblersdal. The initiative by government targets to produce 30 000 artisans annually by 2023, as part of the National Development Plan. The centre supports objectives of the National Skills Development Plan, to provide infrastructure development at TVET colleges to produce artisans. R146 million was set aside towards the construction of the project with 115-hectare land has been allocated for the construction of this skills development centre. Out of the allocated budget, R131 Million will be used for the building of the skills development centre, R9 Million for capacitation of informal traders and construction of trading stalls for 45 informal traders operating in the surrounding areas. The amount of R6.9 Million will be utilised towards the construction of an access road into the centre. The development will see informal traders operating around the centre and also be trained to improve their businesses and new trading stalls will be constructed as part of the project. Joined by the Premier of Limpopo Province, Stanley Mathabatha, Nzimande said his department finds fruitful partnership through this development that attracted both government and private sectors. “I am pleased to kick-start what will be one of the biggest skills development centres in our country, in the Limpopo province and in the Sekhuk-

hune District at large,” he said. Nzimande said the objective the government aims to achieve by locating the centre at Aquaville is to offer the type of training that is relevant to the economic development needs and niches of this region.”What is also impressive is that the skills centre to be constructed is within relatively short distance between two neighbouring municipalities, within the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, and about only 30 kilometres from the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality. Both these municipalities will accrue immense benefit by the establishment of this centre,” he said. “To be constructed in a predominantly rural area, the centre will assist in advancing rural development while also creating sustainable livelihoods for the benefit of the youth of Sekhukhune in particular and Limpopo Province at large,” he said. He added that the development is in the priority of the government to drive the implementation of Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan, as pronounced and led by President Cyril Ramaphosa. “This plan, which is underpinned by the agreements and commitments between social partners, outlines key interventions to kick-start our economy. Among other things, we are prioritising economic reforms to unlock investment and growth, driving industrialisation with a focus on growing small businesses, improving the capability of the state, and creating jobs through mass public employment programmes.” explained Nzimande. The minister urged the communities in which this centre is located to become vigilant and do all they can to defend and protect it from vandalism.

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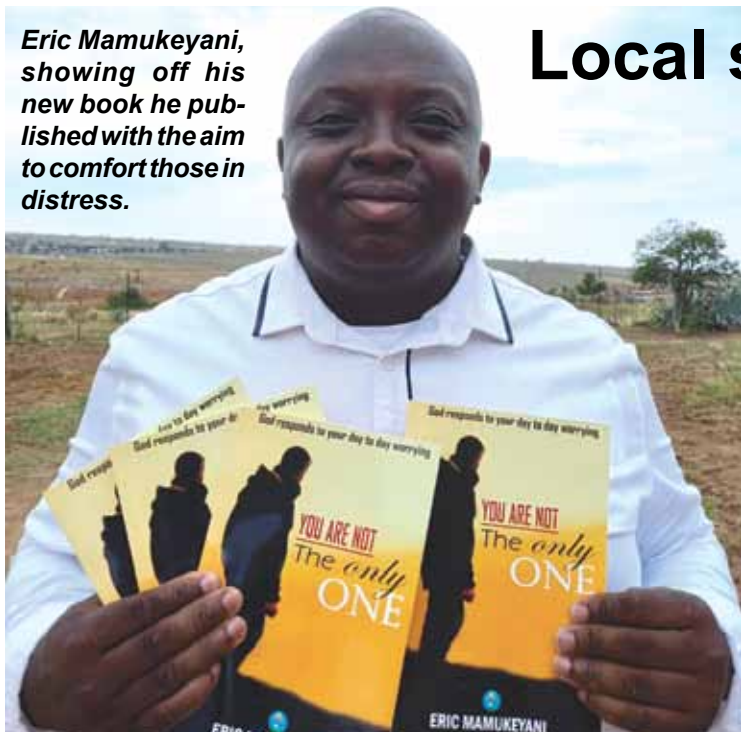
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Eric Mamukeyani, showing off his new book he published with the aim to comfort those in distress.



## Local social worker gets first book published

Eric Mamukeyani, a local social worker from Luckau Village outside Groblersdal, has published his first book titled: "You Are Not The Only One", aiming to comfort those in distress. Originally from Mbhokota Village outside Eilm in the Vhembe District, Mamukeyani is a professional social worker stationed in Luckau Village and dealing with societal issues facing residents of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. He has been working for the Department of Social Development since 2014. In his career as a social worker, Mamukeyani has developed a remarkable passion for research and discovered his gift for writing, as a result, this year, he started by publishing his research article in an international journal, which received a positive feedback from the academic world. This motivated him to fall deep with working on pen and paper until he recently published his first book, which he described to his readers as "God's response to people's day to day worrying." "The book is about comforting those who are in distress about their life circumstances," he said. In addition, Mamukeyani said he realized that life's troubles do not spare anyone and when they come, they make one to worry, which can destroy them if not addressed. "This book helps readers to know and understand that they are not the only one facing hardships and suffering in their lives. In fact, everyone probably worries about their problems," he said. In his book, Mamukeyani combines Psychology and the Bible to mend broken-hearts and revive weak souls filled with despair. "In life we worry about money, paying bills, jobs or workplace challenges, fear, loneliness, family problems, relationships problems and so forth," he said. According to Mamukeyani, this book is therapeutic and has 9 chapters to address the day to day worrying, using the Bible verses and also practical scenarios in the Bible of characters who faced similar hardships as ours and how they dealt with them. He said those who are interested can order his book directly from him at a price of R150 by contacting 069 151 4222 or WhatsApp him on the same number.



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## School Assistant posts benefit Limpopo youth

The Limpopo Department of Education has welcomed the 25 619 Education Assistants (EA) and 12 810 General School Assistants (GSA), from all parts of the province who are joining the department as part of Phase 2 of the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative (PYEI). The PYEI forms part of the Presidential Employment Stimulus and seeks to confront the devastating economic challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. This initiative positions the Basic Education Sector to provide capacity to schools to manage the impact of Covid-19 on schooling, and building back together to bring efficiency and effectiveness to the system through the capacity provided by the assistants. Limpopo Department of Education Spokesperson, Tidimalo Chuene, said young people participating in the Phase 2 of the initiative are starting their five months contracts, ending in March 2022. "They are placed in public, ordinary and special schools across the province. EAs will support curriculum delivery, information and communication technology, and champion reading. GSAs will focus on Child & Youth Care Work, provide handyman services and support school sports," she said. Chuene added that Phase 1 of the PYEI, which was successfully rolled out in December 2020 to April 2021, was widely welcomed by stakeholders in the education sector and the broader community. "The inclusion of Assistants alleviated pressure of teachers, and ensured maximization of efforts on teaching and learning. Participants of the programme also gained technical skills and earning an income

while contributing to their communities," explained Chuene. She said Head Of Department (HOD), Ms Onica Dederen and members of the provincial project team will be visiting several schools to welcome and monitor the orientation of the newly appointed assistants.



**Limpopo MEC for Education, Polly Boshie (Standing wearing red trousers), monitoring one of the schools after the appointment of school assistants.**



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## Multi-million rand SANRAL projects to create jobs for Makhuduthamaga residents

The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has recently unleashed a multi-million rand project to benefit the community of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality.

The agency convened its flagship, 'Taking SANRAL to the People' stakeholder engagement session at Boeketlong, in Jane Furse, to outline a number of developments in Jane Furse and surrounding area. Speaking to small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) and local communities, SANRAL Northern Region's Manager, Progress Hlahla, outlined the purpose of the event and gave an overview of SANRAL as an organisation. Hlahla said: "We are here today in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality to share information about our current and future projects. Knowledge is power, when you know the projects SANRAL is working on, you can embark with us on this journey of delivering a national transport system that will ensure better roads for all South Africans." SANRAL project manager for the Northern Region, Ernest Nqenqa, unpacked three projects which will benefit community members of the local municipality. Presenting the first project, Nqenqa affirmed that the main contractor, Roadmac Surfacing (Pty) Ltd, has been appointed for the resurfacing of the R579 road Section 2 from Morwaneng to Maleetse. "The resurfacing of the R579 project will

present subcontracting opportunities for grades 1 to 6 SMMEs who will work alongside the main contractor for the duration of the project, which is 14 months. Qualifying SMMEs with at least 51% black ownership are eligible to submit tenders," he said. Nqenqa said this project is valued at just above R100 million and is anticipated to start in January 2022. A minimum of six percent of the contract value will be allocated to targeted labour within the municipality to work on the project. The R579 national road Section 2 from Morwaneng to Maleetse will also be upgraded. Nqenqa said during his presentation that the R359 Million upgrade project will start at the R33 intersection, west of Morwaneng, and will end at the R579 Section 3 intersection, south of Maleetse. It is anticipated that this project will create 110 jobs for the local communities who will be benefiting from the project. According to Nqenqa, land acquisition is required to widen the road reserve in certain areas to cater for the R579 national road upgrade and property reports are currently being compiled. He said the land acquisition process is estimated to be completed in December 2022 and a contractor will be appointed at a later stage. Presenting the third project, Nqenqa mentioned that SANRAL is bringing three routine road maintenance (RRM) projects to Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality valued at R47 million. The RRM projects are projected to create jobs over the period of the project for unemployed residents within the municipality. "The project includes the RRM of the N11 national road from Mookgopong municipal border through Marble Hall to Elias Motsoaledi municipal border. The R573 national road from Dr JS Moroka municipal border to Marble Hall, and the R579 national road from the Elias Motsoaledi municipal border through Nebo to the Lepelle-Nkumpi municipal border," he said. Nqenqa said the RRM projects will bring 12 subcontracting packages to SMMEs in the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. During the question and answer session, SANRAL board member, Thamsanqa

Matosa, noted the concerns of the SMMEs, particularly regarding political interference in and influence over SANRAL projects.

"There are people who believe they are entitled to everything. As a result, SANRAL is losing millions of rands as this negative influence is leading to project stoppages and major project delays. As the board of SANRAL, we encourage the stakeholders to engage in a legal and acceptable manner that is not risky to the progress of infrastructure development in the municipality," said Matosa. Themba Mhambi, SANRAL's chairman of the board, echoed Matosa's sentiments regarding political interference and encouraged stakeholders to report, with evidence, any wrongdoing associated with SANRAL projects.



**SANRAL's board member, Thamsanqa Matosa, encouraged stakeholders to engage in a legal and acceptable manner**

## Search operation launched for missing Nigerian national

The police in Groblersdal have launched a search operation for a missing 36-year-old Nigerian national man, Feyisara Olawale Olaleye. According to the police report, the victim was last seen by his wife in the early hours of Thursday 28 October 2021, at about 02:00, while he was reportedly complaining about his financial constraints due to his state of unemployment. "Contact was made with friends and family, extended to his frequently visited places but his whereabouts cannot be established," said Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Lieutenant Colonel Mamphaswa Seabi. The police could not provide information about the clothes the victim was wearing at the time of his disappearance. However, Seabi said anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the missing man, is requested to contact the Investigating Officer Detective Constable MJ Phokane on 0761229648 or Communication Officer Captain Stanley Magaela on 0827291235. The

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## Police Joint Operations apprehend over 900 suspects

The police in Limpopo Province have arrested over 900 suspects during the joint operations conducted across the province until Wednesday 3 November.

According to Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operations were conducted in all districts of Limpopo and the suspects, aged between 19 and 46, were apprehended for various offences that include murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, rape, sexual offences, possession of suspected stolen properties, possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition, dealing in drugs and illicit cigarettes. "In the Sekhukhune District, Highway Patrol members, were patrolling when they stopped a suspicious motor vehicle at Mamone Village in the Jane Furse policing area. The vehicle was circulated and was reported stolen in Kimberly during 2017.

The 36-year-old suspect was arrested on the spot," he said. Mojapelo said the police made a major breakthrough in arresting two of the suspects involved in carjacking, kidnapping and rape of a woman in the Westernburg Policing Precinct committed on 23 October 2021. "The suspects, Thapelo Mohlala, aged 31, and Klaas Thelele, aged 36, were arrested at Ga-Chuene Village in Lebowakgomo Policing Precinct by members of Mankweng Crime Intelligence and Highway Patrol Team. The suspects were cornered sitting inside their red Nissan Sentra. When police searched the vehicle, they discovered one 9mm pistol with ammunition, speakers and an amplifier.

The two suspects have appeared in Polokwane magistrates court on 29 October, facing charges of carjacking, kidnapping and rape and their will appear again soon for formal bail application," Mojapelo said. In addition, Mojapelo said the duo will also appear at the Lebowakgomo



**Police Highway Patrol members stopping a suspicious vehicle at Mamone Village where the driver was immediately apprehended after the vehicle was found to be reported stolen in Kimberly.**

Magistrate's Court on charges of possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition and possession of suspected stolen properties. "The search for the remaining suspect continues," Mojapelo added. He said during the operations, the police confiscated 921 sticks of counterfeit

cigarettes, 20 dangerous weapons, 961 grams of dagga, 18 dagga plants, seven firearms, 435ml liquor, 18 knives, six stolen vehicles and 3474 fines were issued for failing to adhere to the Road Traffic Act. "Some of the arrested suspects are still expected to appear before various magistrate's courts across the province," said Mojapelo.

The Provincial Commissioner of police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended the hard-work and dedication of the police members in fighting criminal activities across the province and the endless support of the community and private sectors.

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Motlagomang Lekala (23), from Tafelkop Village, is determined to win Miss International South Africa 2021.

## Motlagomang's dream to be Miss International well on track

Motlagomang Lekala's dream to becoming Miss International South Africa 2021 is well on track.

The confident 23-year-old model from Tafelkop Village, has been chosen as a semi-finalist of the Miss International South Africa pageant. Competition finalists will be announced on Monday 15 November. Motlagomang said she has future plans to uplift her community if she wins the competition. Miss International South Africa is a preliminary competition to the Miss International pageant, which is a Japanese-based international beauty pageant organised by The International Culture Association, launched in 1960.

The pageant was first held in 1960 and the competition is known as one of the big four international beauty pageants in the world, along with Miss World, Miss Universe, and Miss Earth. Motlagomang, who is an entrepreneur, radio personality and model coach, said the Miss International South Africa competition is

giving her a platform to extend her reach and speak out about social issues affecting young people and the community at large. Over the past 5 year, Momtlagomang hosted an annual fashion show called, Theto Lekala's Annual Fashion Show, which has given the youth in her community a platform to showcase their talent. "The fashion show has given aspiring models and artists the opportunity to do what they are passionate about. I have spent various years advocating for mental health by sharing my experience, debunking the myths people have around mental illnesses and also encouraging people to get help," she said.

Motlagomang is pleading with people to play their role in helping her to be the winner by voting by SMS "MIS MOTLA" to 47439. Voting is unlimited and closes on Monday 15 November.

Her Social Media Pages are as follows: Facebook: ThetoLekala, Instagram: motlagomang\_lekala, Twitter: @LekalaMathilda.

## Young writer wins big in the APAPA Awards

Just after publishing his fifth book titled: "Scars and Tribulation of My Journey Volume 5", Vusi Mabena, Dennilton born author, actor, entrepreneur and motivational speaker, emerged as the big winner in the APAPA Awards. Mabena walked away with two big awards, the Best International Author Award and the Best Motivational Book Award during the APAPA Awards ceremony, held on Sunday 31 October at Tom's Hall in Soweto, Gauteng Province. "Firstly, I want to thank the Almighty God by doing impossible things to happen for me. Secondly, I want to thank everyone who supported me and keep on showing their unconditional love," he said. So far, the 29-year-old published five books in just a period of two years and received numerous nominations from various entertainment companies because of his writing passion. "I'm so overwhelmed and I don't know what to say, I never thought I would make it in this big writing competition. Not because I am underestimating myself, but because the competition was very tough with many experienced writers in my category. Really, I am still feeling like this is a dream. These are the biggest awards and I could not believe my eyes when I was been announced as the winner," he said. His recent publication is called, "Scars and Tribulation of My Journey Volume 5", a motivational book that aims to uplift the spirit of the reader. Mabena said the latest version of his work is inspirational and teaches the people not to allow laziness and life tribulation to be a stumbling block of what they want to achieve in life. "The book encourages the reader to have self-belief to familiarize themselves with the hardships of life no matter what happens," he said. "Ever since I started writing two years ago, I have received three awards so far. This marks a great achievement for a newcomer in the writing industry and I'm thankful for that. I will continue to work harder through pen and paper to change lives of people in the country," he said. Mabena is once again, pleading with the public for support as he was nominated in the Annual MAKOYA Entertainment Awards. To vote for Vusi Mabena, the public is requested to SMS MEA 002 TO 33903. Votes are closing on 25 November 2021.



Dennilton born young author, Vusi Mabena, showing off his Best International Author Award he won in the APAPA Awards held at Soweto. Mabena also walked away with Best Motivational Book Award during the event.



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# Executive mayor tee's off for charity



**The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Stanley Ramaila, launching the tee off during the golf charity match at Groblersdal Golf Course.**

The office of the executive mayor in Sekhukhune District Municipality has on Friday 29 October, organized the Sekhukhune District Mayoral Charity Golf Day. The sporting event, that saw the Executive Mayor Cllr Stanley Ramaila, municipality employees and individual golfers participating, was held at the Groblersdal Golf Course. Brandhill Africa

Foundation and other social partners such as Coca Cola, Old Mutual, Aloe Waterfront Resort and Lepelle Northern Water partnered with Ramaila to make the event a success. According to the district municipality, purpose of the initiative was to raise funding, together with its social partners, to build a house for an indigent family. The beneficiary is a family of three, a mother and her two sons, aged 10 and 17 and they currently live in a one room shack in Zaaiplaas Village, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. The fundraising event is in line with the executive mayor's social responsibility programme that seeks to uplift those who are less privileged. Since taking up office in 2016, Executive Mayor Ramaila has helped, with the assistance of good Samaritans, to build houses for six indigent families in Tsimanyane, Phokwane, Maseven, Ga-Maroga, Glen Cowie and Ga-Moretshe Villages. The district municipality indicated that the programme is in response to former president Nelson Mandela's call to serve others, as demonstrated by his lifelong service to humanity and the "Thuma

Mina" call to action by current state President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Approximately 80 golfers from various parts of the country participated in this initiative. The main event was followed by a gala dinner that was held on the same day, at the Black

Aloe Waterfront Resort in Letebejane Village, where a prize giving ceremony for the golfers, a networking session with corporate sponsors and a pledge by corporate sponsors towards the building of a house for the Zaaiplaas family unfolded.



**Participants attended in numbers the Sekhukhune District Mayoral Charity Golf Day, aiming to raise funds to build a house for underprivileged family.**

## Hlabi Secondary wins National Netball Championships



Hlabi Secondary School was crowned National Netball Champions in the national championships that were held at Hoerskool E G Jansen in Boksburg recently. The secondary school from Mogaung Village outside Monsterlus, was representing Limpopo in the national championship after they were crowned provincial champions earlier this year in both the Under-14 and Under-19 teams. A primary school from the same village, Sindile Primary, was also representing Limpopo Province in the national championship Under-13 and obtained

position 5 out of the nine provinces. Mamothedi Sebesho, Manthole Circuit Netball Convenor, said the two schools got an invitation from the Limpopo Schools Netball, to participate in the organized Provincial Netball Championships, after affiliating at the beginning of the year. "As a result of challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, the games were played under strict health protocols in Polokwane with spectators allowed," she said. She said Sindile's journey to participate on national level started when their Under-13 team managing to obtain position two in the Ubuntu category and qualified for National participation as Limpopo runner-ups. "On the very same day, Hlabi Secondary School Under-14 and Under-19 teams won all their matches and became Limpopo Province Champions. Following a good performance in the provincial level, the two schools' management teams held a well-organized sending off for all the three teams under the leadership of the teams' managers, coaches and administrators to participate in the National Netball Championships which were held at Hoerskool E G Jansen in Boksburg," Sebesho explained. Sebesho indicated that during their participation on national level, the schools received support from Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Groblersdal Taxi Association, teachers, SGB members, non-teaching staff members, parents and community members. "We are proud to say the girls played very well in the competition. Sindile Primary School Under-13 got position 5 out of the 9 provinces. Hlabi Secondary School Under-14 got bronze medals for obtaining position 3 and Hlabi Under-19 got position 1 and awarded gold medals and a big beautiful trophy," Sebesho said.

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