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## ANC Limpopo recalls four mayors

The African National Congress (ANC) in Limpopo has announced that the party decided to remove three mayors, Maleke Mokganyetji from Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Dowelani Nenguda who was then Executive Mayor of Vhembe District Municipality, Shadrack Maluleke who was Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality (CCLM) and then Mayor of Makhado Local Municipality (MLM) Samuel Munyai. ANC Provincial Spokesperson in Limpopo, Jimmy Machaka, said the resolution to remove the mayors was taken during the party's Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) meeting held on Tuesday 7 November at the Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane. It is alleged that the mayors were removed as a result of political factions within the organization, however, Machaka said some were removed as a result of outstanding positions since last local government election. Mokganyetji, who was hopeful to occupy the position in Sekhukhune for the entire term, replaced Julia Mathebe who resigned after being implicated in the VBS scandal last year. "Following nominations and submissions of names by the affected regional executive committees as well as interviews conducted our national office, the following are ANC candidates for the positions of mayors in the following municipalities. Minah Bahula for Sekhukhune District Municipality, Freddah Nkondo for Vhembe District Municipality, Dorcus Mboy for Makhado Local Municipality and Shadrack Maluleke for Collins Chabane Local Municipality," he said. Machaka said the PEC further noted that the deployments of new mayors will affect other positions within the political management teams of some municipalities and they urge regions to attend such to such vacancies occasioned by the redeployments. "The ANC PEC calls on all these deployees to neither spare their energy, capacity and resolve to attend to the service delivery challenges facing our people with the great sense of urgency. The PEC also expresses gratitude to all deployees who accepted and acted in various roles while awaiting the finalization of ANC processes," he said. Machaka said the party is confident that the mayoral candidates are among the best in the ranks of the ANC, possessing substantial experience in local government and have ability to advance the mission of the organization to deliver essential services to the people. "The ANC PEC calls on all structures and communities to support them as they work towards building better municipalities that provide basic services to our people," he said.



*The ANC in Limpopo has removed Maleke Mokganyetji as Executive Mayor of SDM.*

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# BPSA to contest 2024 general election

The Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA) leader, Seun Mogotji, has announced that the party will contest the 2024 general elections, fully on both the national and provincial ballots. The party was formed at Ntwane Village in Dennilton a few years ago represented at local municipalities and also in Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM). According to Mogotji, the decision was motivated by the steady growth of the party. "We feel limiting ourselves to contesting only at provincial level we contested only Limpopo in the previous elections and this denies our supporters in other provinces opportunity of voting for this great party and being associated with the only party that is serious about fighting corruption, malfeasance, nepotism and maladministration," he said. Mogotji informed that the party is making inroads into Mpumalanga Province with several branches having been launched and plans are afoot to launch more branches in Gauteng. "These are indeed exciting times for a party that started in the dusty streets of Ntwane, its consistent growth is so surreal. We receive daily requests for party membership forms and this sends a clear message to the party leadership that the people are starting to realise that change is needed in order to change the status quo and the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa is the only party capable of bringing that change," he said. Furthermore, Mogotji said they pride themselves for being advocates of change and the voice of the voiceless. "We vow to fight to the bitter end until public office bearers learn that public funds are meant for service delivery and to improve the lives of our people not for the elite few to live in the lap of luxury while our people live in abject poverty, disease and squalor," he said. Mogotji indicated that it is inevitable that the political and economic landscape of the country must change. "Youth are ready to lead and take this country forward and we are in support of any initiative that seek to empower our youth as they are the future of South Africa."

By going national we want to spread the gospel of a transparent corruption free governance that gives equal and fair opportunities to all its citizens to participate in strengthening our economy and empowering the youth, women and people with disabilities," he said.



## GENERAL NOTICE PROPOSED CONSENT USE IN TERMS OF SECTION 74- OF THE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SPLUM BY-LAW, 2016

We, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), the authorized agents of the registered owners of Erf 384 of the Groblersdal Extension 5 Township (36 Martiens Bekker Street, Groblersdal, 0470), hereby give notice (in terms of Section 92 of the SPLUM by-law, 2016) that we have applied to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality in terms of Section 74 of the SPLUM by-law, 2016 for the following:

- Proposed Consent Use for the purpose of a Dwelling House Office on Erf 384.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the Town Planner of the Local Municipality, 22 Van Riebeeck St, Groblersdal, 0470, for a period of 30 days from 10 November 2023.

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made to the above-mentioned address before 11 December 2023.

Any person who is unable to read or write can consult with any staff member during office hours and assistance will be provided to write down the person's objections or comments.

Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mr. B. Sethoja: 013 262 3056/7/8

Address of authorised agent: KMC Geomatics,  
10 Kruger Street, Groblersdal, 0470  
Cell No 082 929 8554.  
admin@kmcgeo.co.za  
Ref. No.: 384GDAL

## ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING TOESTEMMINGSGEBRUIK AANSOEK IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 74- VAN DIE ELIAS MOTSOLEDI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT SPLUM BYWET, 2016

Ons, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), die gemagtigde agente van die geregistreerde eienaars van Erf 384 Groblersdal Uitbreiding 5 (Martiens Bekkerstraat 36, Groblersdal, 0470), gee hiermee kennis (in gevolge Artikel 92 van die SPLUM by-wet, 2016) dat ons by die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in-gevolge Artikel 74 van die SPLUM by-wet, 2016 aansoek gedoen het vir die volgende:

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## MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya convinced that 2023 matric class will do better

MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, said she is confident that the matric class of 2023 will do better than the previous cohort. The matric candidates commenced with their final yearly examination on Monday 30 October. Lerule-Ramakhanya said she is confident that this year's matriculants will produce good results as learners and educators in all grades got enough support since the beginning of the year to prepare them for year-end examinations. The intervention strategies included Saturday classes, Enrichment Camps and accountability sessions for poor performing schools and circuits. Limpopo has over 94 000 candidates registered to sit for final matric exams this year, with Vhembe East having the highest number of candidates followed by Capricorn South with Waterberg registering the lowest number of candidates. The MEC led the learner support programs in all the district municipalities in the province. The count-down to matric was held in Mopani East, 30 days before the start of the final exams to encourage candidates to do well. The Matric Final Push Programme was held in Lephalale at Mabalane Selek Technical High School, 13 days ahead of the first paper. The final support activation was held in Vhembe West, Makhado EMPC where over 1000 learners from three circuits were part of the pledge signing. The signing of the pledge 9 days before the start of the examination was a reminder to candidates to abide by the examination laws and rules. The MEC has pleaded with parents to give maximum support to the candidates and must not burden them with domestic chores. Lerule-Ramakhanya pleaded with all stakeholders and the entire community to ensure that loud music, festivals and social gatherings are suppressed for the duration of the exams to give candidates ample time to study and focus. "The call is extended to Liquor outlets owners and taxi drivers to mute the sound in support of over 94 000 candidates and learners from the other grades who will also start with their exams in November," she said. The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo sent well wishes to matric candidates in the province. "We hope the Limpopo Department of Education has prepared our learners well and that we see a marked improvement from our National Senior Certificate (NSC) results from 2022, which were the lowest in the country. We acknowledge and commend the perseverance shown by our learners to reach this stage and write these exams despite the challenges facing Limpopo's education system such as limited support, overcrowded classrooms, dilapidated infrastructure, inappropriate and unsafe sanitation and challenges with the scholar transport and nutrition programmes," said Katlego Phala, DA Spokesperson on Education. Phala urged all learners to do their best while calling on parents to provide them with support and encouragement. "Obtaining a matric certificate is the stepping stone to a future filled with opportunity. The DA will keep a close eye on these exams by visiting schools in the province to assess the department's readiness," she said.

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# Books before boys because boys bring babies

The Department of Social Development in Limpopo has on Friday 4 November celebrated the National Children's Day at Seokodibeng Village outside Jane Furse. During the celebration, young participants, joined by MEC for Social Development in the province, Nandi Ndalane, took charge of the programme, showcasing their skills in programme directing and motivational

speaking. From start to finish, the children demonstrated their ability to take control and inspire others at the provincial event to celebrate the day. The event also showcased the incredible talent and potential of Limpopo's children, who proved to be the true future leaders they are destined to become. Mini Miss Planet 2023, Ndaloenhle Sibanyoni, delivered an empowering message to her fellow black children, saying: "Black child, your dreams are valid. Even if it feels impossible, stay true to yourself, push hard enough. Someone will notice your effort. My motto has always been the same, 'books before boys because boys bring babies'." Thea Mohuba, who is a social worker, addressed important issues such as mental health, teenage pregnancy and substance abuse. He expressed concern about the continuing problems that are perpetuated

by adults on children. Mohuba highlighted the high number of pregnancies among children between the ages of 10 and 12, emphasizing the need for self-control in men and proper supervision from parents or guardians. He also stressed the importance of children making good decisions about their lives. Delivering a keynote address on behalf of Limpopo Premier Stanley Mathabatha, MEC Ndalane, said: "I would like all of us to acknowledge that every child has the right to a safe and nurturing environment, one that allows them to grow and develop to their fullest potential." She said the Limpopo Provincial Government is committed to create a safe environment for children and nurturing their talents. "The National Children's Day commemoration is a testament to the remarkable abilities and potential of Limpopo's children. The Limpopo Provincial



**Mini Miss Planet 2023, Ndaloenhle Sibanyoni, addressing her peers during National Children's Day event.**

Government will continue to support and empower the youth, ensuring they have the opportunities they need to thrive and succeed," she said. The day was also marked by performances of poetry and musical items, further highlighting the immense potential of the youth to make a positive impact in society. Some of the performing groups have even toured Europe and America over the past four years, showcasing their exceptional talent on an international stage.



**MEC for Social Development in Limpopo, Nandi Ndalane, has called for the safety of children to be intensified to ensure that they are not harmed in any way.**

## Public alert to be warned of 'bogus police officers'

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has issued a stern warning to all shop owners and businesses in the province following reports of individuals falsely representing themselves as police officials. The warning comes after a recent incident that took place on Thursday 26 October in Tafelkop Mall under Motetema Policing Precinct when a group of suspects disguising as police officers, arrived at the mall premises driving in a white VW Polo Classic and flashing blue lights. "The armed suspects were allegedly dressed in full police uniform and instructed the security officers on duty to allow them access to the premises to conduct crime prevention duties and also monitor cameras at the control room. They then robbed the victims' cellphones, two-way radios and an official jacket. Police were alerted about the robbery but the suspects had already fled the scene. One SAPS reflector jacket was recovered from the scene," said Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mashaba said these imposters are not affiliated with law enforcement authorities and may attempt to gain access to business premises or request sensitive information. "The intensified high-density operations which also focus on counterfeit products, contraband and expired food sold at spaza shops and supermarkets, throughout the province, are executed by SAPS members derived from various police units such as Visible Policing, Detectives, Counterfeit and Contraband task teams," explained Mashaba. He indicated that bearing in mind that police officials attached to the detectives in the South African Police Service are working in normal private clothes and do not wear name tags, if shop owners have any suspicions, they have the right to ask official to identify himself or herself by showing off their appointment cards, which must be carried by each and every police official which executing their duties. Mashaba said anyone suspecting illegal activities at spaza shops or business premises can contact the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp. General Hadebe has urged all shop owners to verify the credentials of anyone claiming to be a police officer and report any suspicious activity to the local police station immediately. "Your safety and security are our top priorities and we are actively investigating these incidents of criminals that are hell-bent on tarnishing the image of the police," Hadebe.

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## NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF A FILLING STATION TO A COMBINED STORAGE CAPACITY OF 147 000 LITRES ON PORTION 509 OF FARM IRONSTONE 847KS, GREATER TUBATSE MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, published in Government Listings Notice 1 of 08 December 2014 under sections 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as per amendments, that Nwaabe Integrated Energy Centre NPO NPC proposes to expand a filling station and its associated infrastructure to a combined underground storage capacity of 147 000 litres on Portion 509 of Farm Ironstone 847KS within Greater Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo Province, Envirosana was appointed to conduct a Basic Assessment process for the abovementioned project.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- Installation of underground tanks with a combined capacity of:  
1 X 46 000 liters of 95 unleaded petrol and 1 X 23 000 liters of 50 ppm diesel.

In terms of Government listing Notices 1. R327, the proposed development activity falls within the category of Activity 14 of which requires a Basic Assessment. The proposed construction of a filling station is listed as follows:

### Activity 14:

The development of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of dangerous goods, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.

### PROJECT LOCATION:

GPS Coordinates 24051'41.8"S, 29057'54.2"E

### PARTICULARS OF PROJECT APPLICANT:

Mr Tshela, Stand 7275, Ga Rantho Village, Ngwaabe, 1058

### PARTICULARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

In order to participate in the process, or to provide comments and or to register as an Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) pertaining to the above development, you are invited to contact: Envirosana (Pty) Ltd: Miss Masana Maluleke, Cell: 082 085 7741, Email: [info@envirosana.co.za](mailto:info@envirosana.co.za) on or before 07/12/2023.



# Sekhukhune District EMS Stations get 35 state-of-the art ambulances



Limpopo Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, has on Tuesday 7 November, handed-over over 35 brand-new ambulances to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at Sekhukhune District Municipality offices in Groblersdal. According to the provincial government, the state-of-the-art new fleet of EMS vehicles represented a major step in the department's ongoing commitment to enhancing healthcare services for all residents of the province. The hand-over is a pivotal moment aligning with the goal set by the MEC for Health in the province, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, during the 2023/2024 budget speech, to provide a total of 500 new ambulances. In recent months, 105 new ambulances have already been commissioned and allocated to EMS stations across the province. In addition, some districts and EMS stations are in the queue set to receive new ambulances in upcoming batches. During the hand-over, Premier Mathabatha was accompanied by MEC Ramathuba, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr David Tladi, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana and Acting Sekhukhune District Executive Mayor, Cllr Mohlala. Mathabatha emphasized the crucial role of ambulance services in delivering timely medical care to patients, ensuring immediate attention, providing vital first aid, stabilizing patients, and preventing the deterioration of their condition. "Improving our ability to respond swiftly to emergency situations is our top priority. This is part of government's effort to fast track emergency services and commitment of providing 500 new fleet in the 2023/2024 financial year. This year, we are presenting 565 ambulances," said Mathabatha. He said the new ambulances will play an important role in riding the backlog of shortage of medical vehicle and replace old ones that are currently in bad condition, delaying emergency services to Sekhukhune residents. "The plan is to acquire 50 ambulances every year and allocate them to various stations across the province. This is part of the commitment I was given by then President Jacob Zuma when I took reigns as premier in 2013," he said. Mathabatha said he is impressed with the way Ramathuba is performing in ensuring that the Health Department in the province serves the interests of Limpopo communities. "This ensures that lives of our residents are taken seriously. We appeal to the communities to take care of the ambulances and not damage the ambulances if protesting against other services," he said.



**The Limpopo Provincial Government has handed-over 35 brand new ambulances at Sekhukhune district Municipality offices in Groblersdal. Limpopo Province Premier, Stanley Mathabatha, inside one of the state-of-art ambulances handed-over to various EMS stations in Sekhukhune.**

# Public urged to be vigilant of car jamming during festive period

As the Festive Season is fast approaching, the Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, warns residents in the province to be cautious and vigilant to avoid falling victims of the crimes that include car jamming. Hadebe has warned motorists to be very cautious as thieves are utilising numerous jamming devices to break into vehicles. Car jammers are individuals using illegal devices to interfere with remote keyless entry systems, preventing vehicles from locking and securing properly. This poses a significant threat to the safety and security of motorists. "We strongly urge all members of the community to be vigilant and take precautions to protect their vehicles and their valuables from potential theft," she said. Hadebe shared safeguarding tips by urging motorists to manually check their vehicles after using their remote keyless entry, saying they always have to make sure their vehicles are locked by visually and manually inspecting the doors. She added that they will have to also use secondary security by considering using steering wheel locks or additional vehicle security systems to deter thieves. Hadebe advised motorists to be mindful of their surroundings when parking in public areas by choosing well-lit and busy locations when possible. "Report suspicious activity if you notice any suspicious behaviour or individuals tampering with vehicles, please contact the police immediately," stressed Hadebe. She appealed to the public to educate others by sharing the information with friends and family to raise awareness about car jammers. "We are actively engaged in various initiatives aimed at raising awareness to prevent any elements of criminality, especially during the festive season and if we receive cases emanating from car jamming, we assure the public that our dedicated members will ensure they are properly investigated and work diligently to apprehend those responsible," she said. The provincial commissioner said

the police are committed to ensuring the safety of communities and will continue to engage in efforts to prevent and combat car jamming. Hadebe has encouraged communities to stay informed and cooperate with the police to protect their neighbourhoods from this threat. She said members of the community are urged to report any crime related issues to the police on the Crime Stop Number, 08600 10111, the nearest police station or use MySAPSApp.



**Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, urges motorists to be more vigilant and cautious of car jamming during Festive Season.**

## NOTICE OF WATER USE APPLICATION PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF HYDROPOWER GENERATION FACILITY (PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 41(4) of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) to submit Water Use Licence Applications (WULA) to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)

The applicant **Mavuta Holdings (Pty) Ltd**, submitted water use licence applications for Hydro-power Generation at the following dams: **Loskop Dam (WU30040)**, **De Hoop Dam (WU30041)**, and **Blyderivierspoort Dam (WU30001)**. The relevant licensing authority for the WULA process is the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

The applicant wishes to utilise the existing reserve, irrigation and domestic and industrial releases to generate hydroelectric energy. The development comprises the construction of a hydro-power generator facility at the outlet structure from the dam. The proposed project potentially triggers the following listed activities in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998):

- Section 21(c): Impacting or diverting the flow of water in watercourse.
- Section 21(i): Altering the banks, courses or characteristic of a watercourse.
- Section 21(e): Disposing of waste in a manner which may detrimentally impact on a water resource.

In terms of section 11 of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), "all personal information collected will be processed lawfully and explicitly for the Water Use Licence Process".

Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are invited to a 60-day Public Participation starting on the 10th November 2023 to 10th January 2024. The WULA and relevant specialist studies can be obtained on [www.greenhippo.co.za](http://www.greenhippo.co.za) (under WULA). I&AP can review and comment on the application. I&APs are invited to submit comments and/or register on the stakeholder database by contacting the consultant below. Alternatively, the following link can be used:

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I&APs will be notified of further details of the WULAs once an application has been submitted to DWS.

**Applicant:**  
Mavuta Holdings (Pty) Ltd

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## Two suspects accosted for robbery and possession of unlicensed firearm

Two suspects, aged 20 and 23 respectively, were arrested by Jane Furse Police for robbery and two counts of possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition at Ga-Mohlala in Mamone outside Jane Furse. The duo was nabbed on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at around 11h00 after the police received information about suspects that robbed a firearm from a security guard at the streets of Matsoke Section in Mamone. "The police swiftly reacted and the two suspects were caught by community members at Ga-Mohlala Mamone after the victim screamed for help. The suspects were handed to the police who effected an arrest immediately. During the search, the police recovered two firearms with ammunition. They opened cases of robbery and two counts of possession of unlicensed firearm with ammunition," explained Mashaba. He said the suspects will appear before the Nebo Magistrate's Court soon, facing charges of robbery and possession of unlicensed firearm with ammunition. The Provincial Commissioner

of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended the police for prompt reaction which led to the arrest of the suspects. She also praised the community members for taking charge of safety in their respective spaces.



**The unlicensed firearm that was recovered by the police in possession of the two suspects.**

## Two security guards dies in Dennilton shooting spree

The Police in Dennilton are investigating two cases of murder, following shooting incident that took place at Malaeneng Village on Saturday 4 November 2023 at around 22h00. Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said according to the information, on the day of the incident, a 29-year-old security guard, booked a firearm at work and went to a 40-year-old man who is his colleague from the same security company. "Upon arrival, he found only his wife, threatened her with firearm. The wife then told him that her husband attended a wedding at the same area, he then left. The woman then shouted for help and went to his neighbour and informed him. The neighbour took his firearm and followed the security guard. Allegedly, a security guard aged-29, shot at a 40-year-old man who is also a security guard. The neighbour, aged 66, who was informed by the wife of the 40-year-old victim, shot the security guard, aged 29," he said. Mashaba added that the police were alerted about the shooting incident and they arrived with emergency personnel and found two males lying in a pool of blood at the street with gun-shot wounds. "They were certified dead and identified as Chris Mahlangu (29) and Mpho Mothoveni (40). A 66-year-old male was arrested for murder and police opened two cases of murder for further investigation. The arrested suspect will appear before Moutse Magistrate's Court. Police investigations are still continuing," he said.

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# Matobole Charity Organization reaches out to disadvantaged learners

Annually, a group of local businesses based in Tafelkop Village under Matobole Charity Organization organize different sporting code games to raise funds to donate to underprivileged learners who come from poor families. The sporting event seeks to honour the life of the late Grace Matobole Magampa who was a well-known poet and traditional initiation leader. This year, the charity organization donated school uniform, stationery and food parcels to pupils of Bakopa and Jack Morare Primary Schools. The gesture was handed-over on Friday 3 November at Bakopa Primary following sporting charity games that were held earlier this year to raise funds for benefiting local schools. During the fundraising event, other local schools' learners from high schools are assisted with higher education applications and career exhibition. Event Organizer, Mahlodi Nthabiseng Matsepe, said this year's event benefited over hundred learners. "The benefiting learners were among those who were discouraged to attend school due to lack of school uniform as they do not look like other children who come from normal families. The name of the organisation says it all. In those games we are able to help where we can and where possible," she said. Matsepe is one of local the donors who is Director of MJLoo Holdings, a construction company that deals with general trading. She said the initiative is set to visit all local schools every year aspire to build strong, lasting relationships between the schools and sponsors. "We are aiming to continue working together with the schools over several years to grow and spread from strength to strength around Tafelkop and nearby areas. All our sponsors are to be assigned a dedicated sponsorships account manager, who is responsible for ensuring that their collaboration with our organization also helps them reach their marketing objectives," explained Matsepe. She added that the motive behind the initiative is to ensure that they take education serious and honour the late Matobole who used to love to see children focusing on their studies

**Learners from Bakopa and Jack Morare Primary Schools receiving donated items from Matobole Charity Organization representatives.**



to better their future. "We hope to manage to reach out to as many children as possible and calling to other local businesses and individual who can contribute to the organization to come forward and do more to benefit these poor children. We are happy to see the difference

we make to children who need our help and get it perfectly from the bottom of our hearts. We declare and hoping for good results through our movement," she said. Other local businesses and individuals who contributed towards the movement included Letaba Botique and Spa Hotel Ditlou Group, Dr Maithobo Magampa and Advocate Mmeteng Tshoana Maehwane Semenya and others.

## Masinakane Special School will finally get hostel

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Mpumalanga said they are relieved that learners of Masinakane Special Needs School in Alemansdrift outside Siyabuswa, will finally receive the dignity they deserve after their intervention that saw the school getting attention of the Mpumalanga Department of Education to build proper hostel facilities. Teachers and learners of Masinakane, a school that caters for learners with disabilities, ranging from mild to severe and physical disabilities, have been struggling without decent hostel facilities since 2008. Learners at the school are currently sleeping in classrooms with no ablution facilities to be used at night. Jane Sithole, DA Spokesperson on Education in the province, said the party has been trying for years to bring to the attention of the provincial government, including Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane and Education MEC Bonakele Majuba, the plight faced by the learners and teachers at this school. "But we were ignored until 2021 when we approached the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) to intervene," she said. In a letter addressed by the DA to the SAHRC, the department of education committed that they would finalize planning and design for the hostel facilities in the 2024/2025 financial year. The department also mentioned that they are considering converting storerooms into toilets for the learners to use in the interim until the construction of the proper hostel facilities. "The DA welcomes the progress and positive development from the provincial government. We will continue the pressure to ensure that these learners are not forgotten or left behind," added Sithole. She said the party will never abandon the learners and teachers of Masinakane Special School. "We will walk with them hand in hand until all their challenges are taken seriously and addressed. We will continue engaging the provincial department of education constructively to address problems and challenges faced by schools that accommodate learners with special needs in Mpumalanga, not just Masinakane Special School alone," concluded Sithole.

**DA Spokesperson on Education in Mpumalanga Province, Jane Sithole, says the party is happy that their intervention will help to build a proper hostel for learners at Masinakane Special School.**



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# Schoeman Citrus Estate Farm host Annual Soccer Day

The Annual Schoeman Soccer Day was held recently at Schoeman Sports Grounds outside Marble Hall. The sporting event is usually organized when the picking season ends, where all employees of Schoeman Citrus Estate Moosrivier are invited to participate in the Schoeman Soccer Day. Teams represent employees from every rank of seniority on the farm, from senior management to general labour. Hendrik Schoeman, CEO of Schoeman Citrus Estate Moosrivier, said they inceptioned the Soccer Day in 2012. "For some reason, we skipped 2013, but from 2014 to 2019, we celebrated it as a cherished event, reflecting the spirit of the farm. When Covid-19 made hosting such a day challenging in 2020, we temporarily halted the event. Fortunately, due to popular demand, we reinstated our tradition this year with great success," he said. Schoeman indicated that with this new tradition, their aim is to bring all employees of Schoeman closer together whilst having fun. "Being on a team with someone you barely know, but then needing to play together really strengthens the farm community and instils the spirit of being a team. It is stories like this that we value as they reflect our vision and align with the difference we aim to make for our people and our communities," he said. Holland Makhanye, head of the Schoeman Sports Committee, said the activity play an important part in improving the well-being and overall health of workers. Holland joined the farm in 2018 as an irrigation foreman after obtaining a diploma in plant production from the University of Mpumalanga. He made himself available to serve on the sports committee in 2022 and was appointed as its head. "The sports committee's main responsibility is to ensure that sporting events take place. This involves organizing training sessions, selecting teams, facilitating matches, participating in events such as the Mark Fish soccer tournament and liaising with management for assistance," Makhanye explained. Sharing his experience of the Soccer Day, Makhanye said: "I love it, and I know everyone else enjoys it so much. On the pitch, there is no rank or seniority, everyone is equal. This creates an opportunity for staff to get to know management in a fun way. It also reminds us that we are a team and that we need each other to achieve big things," he said. Holland feels that being involved as a leader in sports and in Agriculture gives him the privilege of influencing people in a positive manner. "I am always surprised when people come to me for advice, not just for sport, but for life. When they leave and I was able to provide guidance and support, I feel as though I am making a difference in our community and society," he said.



*Schoeman Citrus Estate Moosrivier farm workers before participating in the Annual Soccer Day sporting event, held at Schoeman Sports Grounds in Marble Hall.*



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