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# EMLM launches Local Communication Forum

## GROBLERSDAL

**E**lias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) has taken a significant step towards enhancing community engagement and transparency with the launch of its Local Communication Forum.

The launching event, held on Tuesday 30 September 2025, at the EMLM Municipal Council Chambers in Groblersdal, brought together key stakeholders, including ward committee members, government official from sector departments such as the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), Office of the Premier, the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA).

The Local Communication Forum is a key platform aimed at enhancing communication, fostering transparency, and building stronger relationships between the municipality and its residents.

Speaking on behalf of EMLM Mayor Cllr David Tladi, Cllr Ndumiso Ndlovu, Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Budget and Treasury, emphasized the importance of communication in democracy.

"Communication is the lifeblood of democracy. Without it, there is no transparency, no accountability, and no trust. Our communities depend on accurate, timely, and relevant information to make informed decisions about their lives and futures," he said.

He also highlighted that although the

municipality's communication strategy is currently in draft form, it is being developed in alignment with key legislative frameworks, including the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, the Promotion of Access to Information Act, and the Municipal Systems Act.

The Local Communication Forum will serve as a mechanism for promoting two-way communication between the municipality and its communities.

It will facilitate open dialogue on service delivery issues, municipal programmes, and community needs, while also holding leadership accountable for progress and transparency.

"Our strategy is not just a document. It's a commitment to open governance, community participation, and accountability," added Cllr Ndlovu.

During the programme, Ndlovu was joined by Cllr Rhodes Msiza, MMC for Infrastructure Services, Cllr Poppy Phetla, MMC for Corporate Services, Machipu Make, Acting Municipal Manager.



MMC for Budget and Treasury in EMLM, Cllr Ndumiso Ndlovu, addressing the launching of the Local Communication Forum.



Lemson Moropjane, SDM's Communication Manager



The EMLM's Communication Manager, Simon Makua at the municipality's headquarters in Groblersdal.





Unlicensed firearms and ammunition were recovered by the police during the high-density Operation Shanela.



Various drugs were recovered by the police during Operation Shanela, conducted between Sunday 21 and Sunday 28 September 2025 across Limpopo Province.



## Over 800 suspects nabbed, nine firearms recovered during Operation Shanela

### LIMPOPO

The Police in Limpopo has intensified its fight against crime through high-density Operation Shanela, yielding significant results cracking-down on 872 suspects across Limpopo Province.

The operation was conducted between Sunday 21 and Sunday 28 September 2025, leading to the arrest of the suspects and the recovery of nine firearms with 81 rounds of ammunition across all five districts of the province.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation demonstrates the police's commitment to ridding communities of crime and ensuring safety.

Ledwaba said during the operation, the police arrested 4 suspects for murder, five for attempted murder, four for aggravated robberies, three for attempted rape, 17 for rape, six for sexual assault, 73 assault GBH, and 41 were also nabbed for assault common cases.

"In other crimes, the police arrested 3 suspects for drug-related crimes, 70 suspects arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, eight nabbed for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, 8 arrested for burglary residential, five nabbed for burglary business, 28 arrested for malicious damage to property and three suspects arrested for

robbery residence," explained Ledwaba.

He furthered said during the operation, a total of 153 undocumented immigrants were arrested for contravention of the Immigration Act and 51 other suspects were also arrested for illegal dealing in liquor.

"During the operation, the police recovered 9 firearms and 81 rounds of ammunition, 14 dangerous weapons including 27 knives, 6.62kg of dagga and 614.63 litres of liquor, and one stolen/robbed vehicle. 1 169 liquor premises inspections were conducted, with 144 second-hand goods also inspected. 478 compliance inspections for firearms at private security and firearm dealers were also made, with 3 364 stop and searches executed while 9 289 persons were also searched. A total of 4 841 vehicles were searched, with 26 shebeens closed during the operation," informed Ledwaba.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, commended the law enforcement teams for their continued efforts, stating: "We remain resolute in our commitment to rid communities of crime and ensure the safety of all people in Limpopo. These arrests and recoveries are a clear indication that Operation Shanela is yielding results," said Hadebe.

## EPMLM MPAC Public Hearing outlines transparency and accountability



Various stakeholders attended the EPMLM MPAC Public Hearing held at Municipal Town Hall in Marble Hall.

**MARBLE HALL** - The Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) has on Monday 29 September 2025 held a Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) Public Hearing on its fourth-quarter performance for the 2024/2025 financial year.

The event, chaired by EPMLM Portfolio Chairperson Cllr Thabiso Mabaso, took place at the Municipal Town Hall in Marble Hall and highlighting the municipality's dedication to transparency and accountability.

MPAC plays a crucial role in ensuring that the municipality is managed efficiently and effectively.

Addressing the gathering, Cllr Mabaso outlined the MPAC's primary objectives, saying that the hearing was set to ensure transparency, accountability, and value for money in the use of municipal resources while also undertaking investigations and make recommendations to the council on areas of responsibility.

The public hearing also reviewed and evaluated the content of the Auditor General's report and on a later stage, make recommendations to the council.

EPMLM Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana, led the EXCO in responding to questions raised by MPAC on the performance

report, supported by senior managers, including Municipal Manager Mogobadi Moropa.

The Mayor emphasized the municipality's commitment to efficient resource management, accountability, and transparency.

During the public hearing, the Ephraim Mogale Municipality's MPAC was praised for being a role model in report writing, drawing interest for benchmarking from other municipalities across the province.

The public hearing revealed that the municipality achieved an overall institutional performance of 87% for the 2024/2025 financial year, with 111 out of 128 key performance indicators (KPIs) assessed attaining set targets.

Some notable achievements include completion of Uitvlugt Internal Road in EPMLM Ward 2, the ongoing Matlelerekeng Sports Complex with progress at 16% and the Mamphogo Sports Complex with physical progress standing at 42.78%.



EPMLM Mayor, Cllr Given Moimana, addressing stakeholders during the MPAC Public Hearing.



# Premier Ramathuba supports Matric Solidarity Walk in Ga-Nkoana



Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba and MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, leading the Matric Solidarity Walk at Ga-Nkoana outside Burgersfort.

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### DRIEKOP

In a vibrant display of unity and motivation, about 1500 matric learners from the Sekhukhune East Education District, have on Monday 29 September 2025, gathered at the Ga-Nkoana Sports Grounds outside Burgersfort in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) to participate in the Matric Solidarity Walk.

The event, led by Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba and MEC for Education in Limpopo Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, aimed to boost the learners' morale as they prepare for the 2025 Matric Exams.

The province aims to secure a top 5 spot in the national rankings, and the solidarity walk demonstrated the learners' commitment to achieving this goal.

With just less than 20 days to go, the Limpopo Matric Class of 2025 said they are ready to take on the challenge. The solidarity walk sent a powerful message of unity and determination, as the learners prepared to tackle the 2025 Matric Exams.

The solidarity walk concluded at Sehlaku Secondary School, where the learners were joined by sector stakeholders in a show of support for the Class of 2025.

Premier Ramathuba and MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya planted trees at Sehlaku Technical High School, symbolizing growth and sustainability.

The event was filled with excitement and joy, as the learners eagerly anticipated the arrival of Premier Ramathuba and MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The leaders joined in, dancing and celebrating with the learners at the countdown event, which marked 22 days before the start of the Senior Certificate Examinations.

Speaking at the Solidarity Walk with 1000 Grade 12 learners preceding the launch of the 2025 Matric Examination Countdown, Premier Ramathuba emphasized that education is a pre-condition for development, as she encouraged the learners to strive for excellence.

Ramathuba has called on the province's matric learners to aim high and strive for excellence as they prepare for their final exams, while also emphasized the importance of education in shaping the future of individuals and the province.

"Education is the light that never dims, the bridge that carries us from the present into the promise of tomorrow."

She encouraged learners to believe in themselves and their abilities, saying: "You will make it. Last year, your brothers and sisters, the Class of 2024, made this province immensely proud by achieving an outstanding 85.1%."

The Premier urged learners to aim for the top five nationally and dream of Limpopo producing the best-performing learners in the country.

"Why not aim for the top five nationally? Why not dream of Limpopo producing the best-performing learners in the country?" she asked.

Furthermore, Ramathuba emphasized three key messages for learners to carry with them as they prepare for their exams, stating that they should trust their preparation and believe in their abilities.

"Walk into those exam rooms with confidence and let your hard work shine. Protect your integrity, write these exams with honesty and dignity. Do not take shortcuts. Success earned through dishonesty is not true success. Study hard, but do not neglect your health. Rest well, eat well, and manage your time wisely," advised Ramathuba.

The Premier assured learners support, stating: "We love you, we believe in you, and we will support you all the way."

She encouraged them to walk into the examination rooms with courage, carrying the hopes of their families, communities, and the province.

Ramathuba concluded by wishing learners strength, focus, and confidence as they take on their final stretch. "Your moment is here, seize it," she said.



About 1500 matric learners from the Sekhukhune East Education District participated in the Matric Solidarity Walk during the launching of the 2025 Matric Examination Countdown by Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba.



# DA Limpopo calls for withdrawal of GNT bus leases amid AGs damning findings

## SEKHUKHUNE

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has demanded that the Board of Great North Transport (GNT) and the MEC for Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism (LEDET), Tshitereke Matibe, to void the tenders awarded for hiring buses due to irregular procurement findings by the Auditor-General (AG).

According to DA Provincial Spokesperson for LEDET, Jacques Smalle, the Auditor-General's findings confirm the party's dire warnings about malfeasance, corruption, and looting at GNT, which has been described as a "fiscal black hole" in a recent Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) report.

"Governance without accountability and consequence management is not governance - it is tantamount to organised corruption," Smalle said. "The bus must be stopped. The malfeasance must be dealt with once and for all," he said.

Smalle said the Auditor-General's report highlights several irregularities in the tender process, as the contracts were not concluded through a procurement process that was fair, equitable, transparent, and competitive, as required by Section 51(1)(a)(iii) of the PFMA.

These include non-transparent evaluation process where bids were not evaluated according

to the tender document specifications, inconsistent awarding of buses where some bidders allegedly received more buses than verified by the Bid Evaluation Committee and similar documents from winning bidders with three successful bidders submitted similar documents prepared by one of the winning bidders.

The report also revealed tax non-compliance irregularities where one bidder was not tax compliant at the time of award and incorrect allocation of preferential points which were incorrectly allocated, further compromising the tender process.

"On this basis, the Auditor-General has classified the awards as irregular expenditure in contravention of the PFMA. The DA has consistently warned against the malfeasance, corruption, capture, and looting at GNT that led to its collapse," Smalle said.

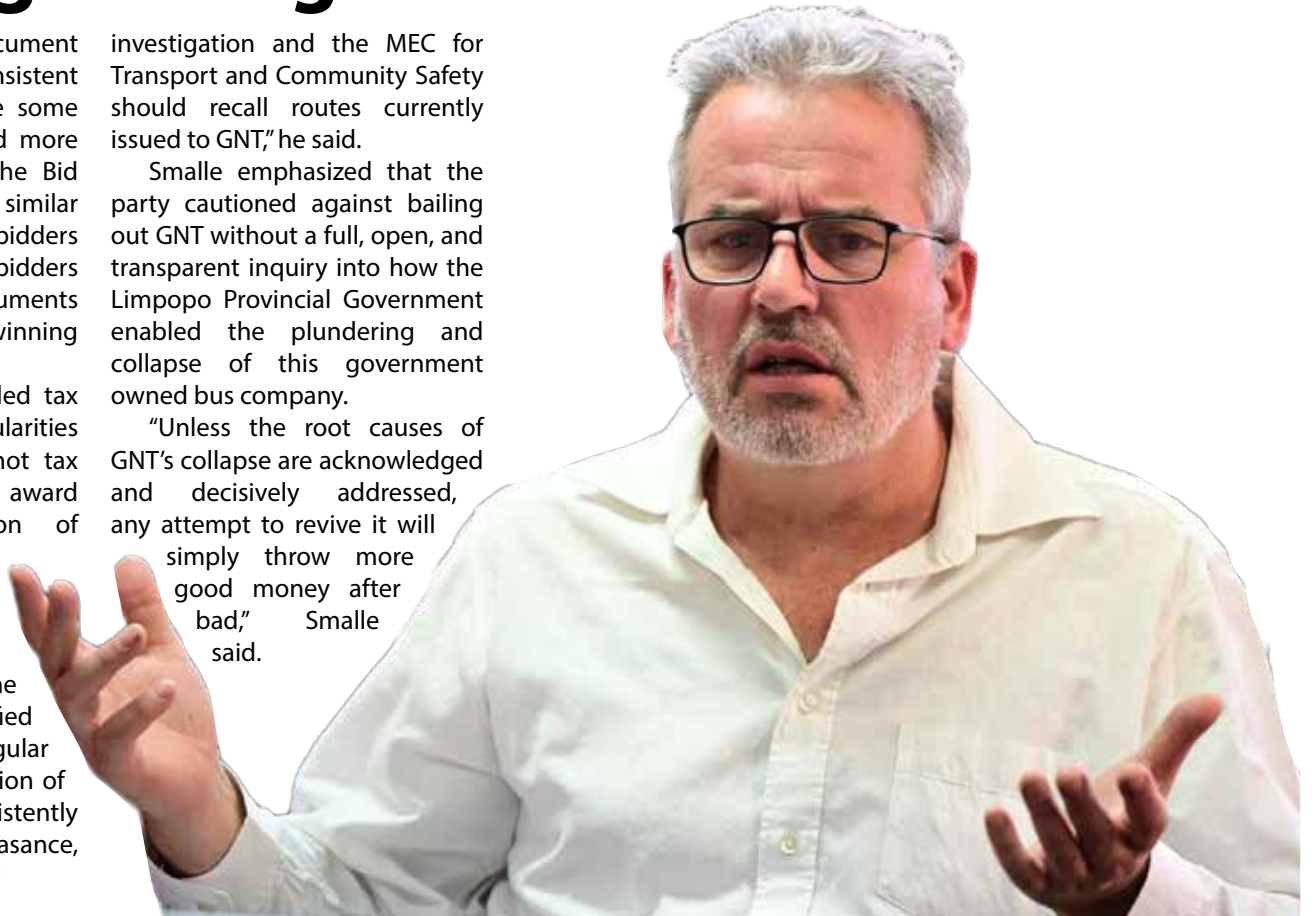
He said the party demands the withdrawal of leases for 205 buses and that responsible officials and accounting authorities should be held accountable for their failure to safeguard government interests.

"Provincial and national treasuries should launch investigations into the matter. The Limpopo Legislature's SCOPA should conduct an urgent

investigation and the MEC for Transport and Community Safety should recall routes currently issued to GNT," he said.

Smalle emphasized that the party cautioned against bailing out GNT without a full, open, and transparent inquiry into how the Limpopo Provincial Government enabled the plundering and collapse of this government owned bus company.

"Unless the root causes of GNT's collapse are acknowledged and decisively addressed, any attempt to revive it will simply throw more good money after bad," Smalle said.



DA Provincial Spokesperson for LEDET, Jacques Smalle, says the party will demand thorough investigations on alleged irregular leasing of GNT Buses which were revealed by the AG's report.



The DA in Limpopo has demanded the GNT Board and the LEDET to void alleged irregular tenders awarded for hiring buses following procurement findings by the AG.



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ActionSA Chairperson in Sekhukhune, Tonic Manchidi (Left), with President, Herman Mashaba, during the official merger of ActionSA and the then Sekhukhune formed political organization, DUP.

## ActionSA Chairperson and former DUP leader reflects on progress since merger

### SEKHUKHUNE

Tonic Manchidi, former President of the Democratic United Party (DUP) and current ActionSA Party Chairperson in Sekhukhune Region, has reflected on the significant progress and positive impact achieved since the DUP merger with ActionSA in February 2025.

According to Manchidi, the strategic alliance has invigorated collective efforts, resulting in tangible improvements in communities and a surge in political momentum throughout Limpopo.

Manchidi said since the merger, the DUP, now an integral part of ActionSA, has experienced unprecedented growth and effectiveness.

"The combined strength has allowed the party to amplify its voices and deliver promises to the people," he said.

Manchidi highlighted the remarkable increase in community engagement and renewed sense of hope among residents who were previously disenfranchised.

"This synergy has been instrumental in driving the agenda for good governance and service delivery," he said.

One notable example of the party's impact is the recent construction of a new bridge at Mogorwane Village in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) Ward 10.

The project, led by dedicated ActionSA members, forced the Makhuduthamaga Municipality to address a critical infrastructure need that affected schoolchildren.

"This initiative does not only symbolise our commitment to practical solutions but also highlights the power of community mobilisation when supported by a strong political will," Manchidi said.

The community has expressed a strong desire to name the bridge after Manchidi, symbolizing the party's commitment to practical solutions and community mobilization.

"A key focus of our recent work has been to attract new members and expand our

grassroots presence," Manchidi said.

ActionSA has successfully launched new branches in Fetakgomo and Makhuduthamaga, strengthening its organizational structure and local representation.

"Through targeted outreach programmes, community dialogues, and successful public activations, we have seen a significant influx of new members who are eager in forming branches to contribute to our vision for a better South Africa," he said.

Manchidi said these branches are actively engaging with residents, identifying local challenges, and working towards sustainable solutions.

"These efforts have been particularly successful in areas where residents feel that their voices have been ignored by the traditional political structures. Our commitment to addressing local issues resonated deeply with potential members, demonstrating that ActionSA, with the DUP's strong local roots, was a party of action," explained Manchidi.

Regarding speculation about his potential mayoral candidacy for Makhuduthamaga Municipality, Manchidi clarified that he remains committed to adhering to ActionSA's internal processes for mayoral candidate selection.

However, he is ready to serve his community and work tirelessly towards improving the lives of Makhuduthamaga residents.

His recent work, particularly his instrumental role in the MLM Ward 10 Bridge project and successful branch launches and issues driving in Sekhukhune forward, have significantly bolstered his standing and demonstrated his unwavering dedication to public services.

"Our commitment to addressing local issues resonated deeply with potential members, demonstrating that ActionSA, with the DUP's strong local roots, is a party of action," he said.



## ERRATUM

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO RECEIVE NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN A FORM OF TOOLS OF TRADE FOR SMMEs, COOPERATIVES, NPOs, NGOs WITHIN THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

Cordially note that the closing date for the above-mentioned call for applications has been extended to **07 October 2025**, owing to requests from prospective applicants to allow sufficient time for the preparation and submission of applications for proper consideration.

The closing time remains **12:00 Noon**, and the venue for submission remains the bid box at the Municipality's Offices, Stand Number 24, Mthombomuhle (Kwaggafontein C), while all other conditions in the call for applications remain unchanged.

The application forms can be collected at Thembisile Hani Local Municipal Offices (LED Office) or be downloaded from our municipal website [www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za](http://www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za) and enquiries may be directed to **Mr. P. Mashamba @ 013 986 9191 or mashambap@thembisilehanilm.gov.za**.




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FTLM was awarded R50 000-00 prize after it was named the Greenest Municipality in Sekhukhune District.

## FTLM recognized as Sekhukhune's Greenest Municipality



EMLM walked away with R25 000-00 after obtaining the third position as one of The Greenest Municipality in Sekhukhune District.

## SMMES FUNDING

The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality hereby invites Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) located within its jurisdiction to submit applications for consideration under the SMME Funding Support Programme for the 2025/2026 financial year.

### WHO CAN APPLY?



- Registered SMMEs operating within the jurisdiction of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality
- Businesses with valid compliance documents (CIPC registration, Tax Clearance, BBBEE Certificate/Affidavit, etc.)
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- Completed application form (available at Municipality offices/Website)
- Certified copies of company registration documents
- Valid Tax Clearance / SARS PIN
- Certified ID copies of directors/owners
- Business plan or proposal
- Proof of residence

### HOW TO APPLY:



- Visit our official website at [www.eliasmotsoaledi.gov.za](http://www.eliasmotsoaledi.gov.za) for more information and to download the application form
- Alternatively, you can visit our municipal office for assistance and guidance (2<sup>nd</sup> Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal)

The Available funding ranges from : R 5 000.00 min to R30 000.00 maximum

**Application Period End Date: 24 October 2025**

**For any enquiries:** Mr Sebei (073 763 808) or Mr Jeffrey Tlaka (072 858 1699)

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### GROBLERSDAL

The Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) has been named The Greenest Municipality in Sekhukhune District, in recognition of its outstanding performance in environmental and waste management services.

The Limpopo Green Municipality Awards Giving Ceremony was held at the Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Council Chambers in Bareki Mall, Groblersdal, where the top-performing municipalities in Sekhukhune District were recognized.

The award, given by the Department of Local Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) in the Limpopo Province, acknowledged the municipality's efforts in mitigating climate change and preserving a clean environment.

The awards giving ceremony was honouring the municipalities that demonstrated exceptional performance in four key areas, specifically waste management, landscaping, tree planting and beautification, public participation and community empowerment and leadership and institutional.

During the event, Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality emerged as the top winner, receiving a cash prize of R50 000-00.

Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) followed in the second and third positions, receiving R40 000-00 and R25 000-00 respectively.

FTLM Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila, congratulated the municipality on this achievement and expressed gratitude to the Waste and Environmental Unit for their tireless efforts in keeping Fetakgomo Tubatse clean.

"This award also goes to those who joined the municipality in reducing littering and disposing waste in dedicated areas," he said.

After the achievement, FTLM will now compete with other municipalities in Limpopo for the Greenest Municipality Honours.



# 118 drunk drivers arrested in Limpopo's Phuza Weekend Operation



Limpopo law enforcement officers checking on the conditions of vehicles and drunken drivers during the ongoing Phuza Weekend Operation, which is conducted across the province.

**LIMPOPO**  
The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety has issued a stern warning to motorists after arresting 118 drivers for drunk driving during September 2025.  
These arrests were part of the ongoing Phuza Weekend Operation, which continues to be rolled-out across all districts of Limpopo, aims to reduce reckless behaviour on the province's roads.  
The latest campaign weekend, taken place from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 September 2025, resulted in 35 drivers being taken off the road for driving under the influence of alcohol.  
Department Spokesperson, Tidimalo Chuene, said during the operation, law enforcement officers recorded alarming levels of intoxication, with the highest blood alcohol reading measured at 1.17mg/1000ml in Mopani District.  
Chuene added that the operations resulted in the arrest of four drivers in Capricorn District, one driver arrested in Mopani District, 13 drivers arrested in Vhembe District and seventeen nabbed in Waterberg District. Again, no drunken drivers were

arrested in Sekhukhune District.  
MEC for Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo, Violet Mathye, commended law enforcement officers for their unwavering dedication and delivered a strong message to the public.  
"Every arrest is a step towards safer roads. Drunk driving is not only illegal, it is selfish and deadly. Too many families are left broken because of one person's reckless choice to drink and drive," she said.  
Mathye urged motorists to act responsibly and drive with caution on the roads in the province.  
"If you drink, do not get behind

the wheel. Designate a sober driver, make use of public transport, or arrange for a ride-hailing service. Road crashes are preventable tragedies. We must all choose life over liquor and work together to keep Limpopo's roads safe," she said.  
The MEC assured that the Phuza Weekend Operation will be sustained and intensified as the festive season approaches to reduce the number of reckless behaviour on the province's roads.  
"Motorists are reminded that anyone caught driving under the influence will face the full might of the law," she said.

## Molepane Villagers celebrate Heritage Month with vibrant cultural festivities



Residents of Molepane Village dressed in colourful traditional attire during Heritage Day commemoration organized at Molepane Royal Kraal.

**MOLEPANE**  
To conclude the month-long Heritage Month celebrations commemorated during the month of September, the community of Molepane Village outside Jane Furse have recently came together to commemorate Heritage Day, showcasing their rich cultural traditions at the Molepane Royal Kraal. Heritage Month is an opportunity for South Africans to come together and celebrate their diverse cultural heritage. It is a time to recognize the country's complex history and the contributions of all its people to the building of a united nation.  
The event, which ran from 9am to 5pm, was celebrated under the theme "Reimagine our heritage institutions for a new era," emphasizing the importance of leveraging heritage as a foundation for building a dynamic, socially responsive, technologically innovative, and economically inclusive future.  
The celebration featured traditional attire, cuisine, and customs, with Molepane Villagers proudly displaying their cultural identity. Traditional dishes such as dikgobe, dinawa, setopia, kgodu, bogobe bja marotse, maraka, morogo wa leroto, and diphaphata were enjoyed by all.  
According to Lloyd Mankge, a community development practitioner in Molepane, they decided to commemorate the day at their village noting that Heritage Day celebrations serves as an excellent opportunity for cultural preservation, community



**A Molepane resident, Frida Maepa, mesmerizing in her Sepedi traditional attire celebrating her heritage during the event held at the Molepane Royal Kraal outside Jane Furse.**  
building, education, promoting diversity, and economic benefits.  
"Like many other parts of the country, Heritage Day celebrations in our village contribute to the rich tapestry of South Africa's diverse cultural landscape," he said.  
Mankge added that the event provided a platform for younger generations to learn about their cultural roots, traditions, and values.  
"We are happy that the successful event promoted cultural awareness, community engagement, and a sense of pride in our community's rich heritage," Mankge noted. The event host, Kgoshi Molepane 3, Phogole, and the entire royal house, extended a warm welcome to attendees. Mankge expressed gratitude to the royal family.



Lindokuhle Ngwane  
Metallurgy Graduate

## This isn't a story, it's a journey.

I'm Lindokuhle Ngwane, a 23-year-old trainee engineer specialising in metallurgy at Glencore Thorncliffe Mine in Steelpoort.  
In high school, I dreamed of a career in medicine, never imagining that would change. But when my school introduced me to Glencore's engineering scholarships, my interest in chemical engineering was piqued. I was fortunate to receive a Glencore sponsorship, opening doors to a new future.  
Five years of study, delayed by the pandemic, brought challenges and triumphs. Glencore's support, covering everything from tuition to a laptop allowance, encouraged me to persevere. As part of Glencore's graduate programme, I underwent in-service training and, with mentorship, became a metallurgical engineer in training. Each day, I navigate projects, reports, and fieldwork, driven by a desire to excel.  
As I journey towards becoming a metallurgist, I'm grateful for the support from my family, community, and colleagues. I am determined to unlock my full potential.



# Sports

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## BSDA Super League kicks-on despite weather challenges

**MAMPHOKGO** – Despite challenging weather conditions with persistent showers experienced in the weekend, the Bakone Sports Development Academy (BSDA) Super League continued to thrill fans at the Rest in Peace Sports Grounds in Mamphokgo Village near Marble Hall on Sunday 28 September 2025.

The matches saw Bakone Small Boys FC dominated Avengers FC, winning 4-0, while Ratanang FC edged out Legend FC 2-0. Later during the day, Mpumalanga FC and Ditlou FC battled to a 1-1 draw and C4 United FC thrashed Happy Boys FC with a humiliating 4-1 score.

Two matches, Seroka FC v/s Rocks FC and Black Vultures FC v/s Happy Fighters FC, were postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

As the BSDA football season nears its end, the league Chairman, Moruti Monama, is calling on local businesses to support the league with essential items.

"We are approaching the end of the season, and we ask business owners to help us with the needs we are asking for mid-year," he said.

Monama indicated that the required items include trophies, medals, soccer balls, football kits, soccer boots, pole nets, corner flags, referee kits, bibs, and training cones.

Monama expressed gratitude to potential donors, saying: "Your help will be much appreciated by the management of BSDA Super League."

The chairman also highlighted the importance of discipline and time management, noting that some teams struggle with punctuality.

"What we are still struggling with is time because these small boys don't be in time during the games," he said, adding



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## Sekhukhune United sign Pirates defender on loan

Sekhukhune United has confirmed the signing of Orlando Pirates defender Tshepo Mashiloane on a season-long loan.

The move is a significant opportunity for the 23-year-old, who arrived at Pirates with high hopes from Baroka FC in the off-season, but struggled to break into the first team.

Mashiloane has played in only two of the Buccaneers' first two Betway Premiership matches of the new season. The defender's arrival provides crucial depth and competition in a defence that has been key to their success so far.

Babina Noko are second on the Betway Premiership log, having accumulated 20 points in nine games. Sekhukhune suffered their first defeat in the league over the weekend, when they lost 1-0 against Polokwane City in the Limpopo derby played at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium.

The team's next encounter will be in the Carling Knockout Cup's round of 16 against Lamontville Golden Arrows at King Zwelithini Stadium on October 4 at 18:00.



**Tshepo Mashiloane in Sekhukhune United colours.**



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