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SCAN ME

# SDM submits AFS ahead of deadline



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The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) has successfully submitted its Annual Financial Statements (AFS) to the Auditor-General on Friday 29 August 2025, two days ahead of the official deadline of Sunday 31 August 2025.

The municipality said this achievement demonstrates SDM's ongoing commitment to sound financial governance, accountability, and efficient administration.

The Executive Mayor of SDM, Cllr Minah Bahula, commended the administration led by the Municipal Manager, Meshack Kgwale, and the finance team led by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Hendrick Nkadimeng, for their dedication and hard work.

"This achievement is a testament to the professionalism, dedication, and hard work of our administration. Submitting the Annual Financial Statements ahead of the deadline not only reflects good governance but also emphasizes our commitment to accountability and transparency. It sets a tone to the continued excellence in service delivery and financial management with our municipality," said Bahula.

The Executive Mayor said she is also pleased to note that all local municipalities within the district, including Ephraim Mogale, Makhuduthamaga, Elias Motsoaledi, and Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipalities, have submitted their Annual Financial Statements on Sunday 31 August 2025, which was an encouraging sign of growing accountability and progress within the district.

The district municipality said it remains focused on delivering quality services to communities while maintaining high standards of financial management.

SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, commended the district municipality's administration for the early submissions of the AFS.

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Hendrick and Annah Maria Claassen were killed at the Echo Caves in Ohrigstad.



Investigating Officer Warrant Officer Justice Mogotla Mantswane.

## Echo Caves murder accused sentenced to life imprisonment

**ORIGSTARD** - The Polokwane High Court has sentenced Christopher Mgiba (29), to life imprisonment for the brutal murder of an elderly couple, Annika Claassen (76), and Hendrik Claassen (77), at their residence in Echo Caves, a popular tourist venue in the Sekhukhune District. The sentence was handed down on Wednesday 27 August 2025.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during the trial, the court heard that Mgiba broke into the Claasens' residence on 1 September 2022, and stole properties worth R13 000.

"A year later, on 3 June 2023, he returned to the residence, brutally attacked and killed the elderly couple with a sharp object, and set their business premises on fire," said Ledwaba.

He added that the police investigation, led by Warrant Officer Justice Mogotla Mantswane, linked Mgiba to the crime scene, and he was arrested in Tembisa, Ivory Park, Gauteng.

"The court convicted Mgiba on multiple charges, including housebreaking and theft, attempted murder, arson, assault GBH, and murder. The accused was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment for housebreaking and theft, 5 years imprisonment for attempted murder, two life imprisonment for murder and an additional 31 year imprisonment for other offences," Ledwaba said.

He said the court ordered that counts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 will run concurrently with count 3, murder, which carries a life imprisonment sentence.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, welcomed the sentence.

"We applaud the meticulous investigation by the Investigating officer, Warrant Officer Justice Mogotla Mantswane, for his diligent work and other role players who contributed to the court outcome," she said.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo welcomed the conviction and sentencing of Mgiba, saying it was a swift and successful conviction.

Marie Helm, DA Spokesperson on Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, has reiterated the party's longstanding position, saying that farm murders must be treated as an urgent national priority.

"Rural South Africa needs boots on the ground, intelligence in the field, and justice in the courts," she said.

She appreciated individuals and community-based organisations who rallied together at the time of the incident, leading to Mgiba ultimately being traced and arrested in Tembisa.



Christopher Mgiba was sentenced to life in prison for the brutal murder of an elderly couple, Annika Claassen (76), and Hendrik Claassen (77), at their residence in Echo Caves.



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Applicants must complete the BISP application form and submit it together with all required supporting documents as listed in the form, including but not limited to:

- Financial statements and or management accounts signed by an accountant (where applicable)
- Compliance documentation (Permits from relevant authorities where applicable eg EIA or Land Use – N.B built infrastructure applications)
- CSD compliance for Suppliers
- Technical designs and cost breakdowns
- Executive Authority approvals

#### HOW TO APPLY

- Apply online: <https://vcmasa.dsbd.gov.za/> or
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You will receive an automated response with a reference number confirming receipt of your application.

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#### CLOSING DATE

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For more information and clarity, please contact the BISP team at [BISP@dsbd.gov.za](mailto:BISP@dsbd.gov.za).





The newly deployed 132 Police Constables are set to strengthen crime prevention efforts, particularly during the upcoming festive season across Limpopo Province.

## Limpopo SAPS deploys 132 new Police Constables



Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, says the newly appointed Constables should play a critical role in ensuring that residents, holidaymakers, and businesses in the province are feeling safe.

**POLOKWANE** - The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Limpopo has deployed 132 newly recruited and trained Police Constables to various districts across the province to strengthen crime prevention efforts, particularly during the upcoming festive season.

The newly appointed Constables are hitting the ground running, following the successful completion of their rigorous training and pass-out parades conducted at various SAPS training academies.

The deployment ceremony was held at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, officially deployed the newly recruited and trained Police Constables.

Addressing the event, Hadebe gave the newly appointed Constables their marching orders, emphasizing the critical role they will play in ensuring that residents, holidaymakers, and businesses in the province are feeling safe.

"As the newly appointed Constables, you will play a critical role in ensuring that residents, holidaymakers, and businesses in the province are feeling safe. I urge you to respect one another, especially your male counterparts and the communities you will be serving. Do your work diligently and respect the rights of the individual," said Hadebe.

She further reiterated the importance of professionalism and integrity in the line of duty.

"At your respective stations that you are attached to, you will find negative people, choose what you listen to and avoid wrong groups. Attitude determines altitude," advised Hadebe.

She also emphasized the responsible use of firearms, stating that newly appointed Constables should use their discretion when absolutely necessary and justified.

"Criminals are not playing outside. They are daring. Don't be generous to them, make sure you arrest them for the right reasons. When leaving your home, invite God to protect you and thank Him when you return safely," stated General Hadebe.

Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Crime Detection, Major General Samuel Manala advised the Constables of their responsibility, which is to serve and protect.

The newly appointed Constables were placed in different investigation units in the five districts and the Local Crime Record Centre (LCRC).



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**Bernice van Wyk**  
Veterinary Science Bursar

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

I'm Bernice, and I am a third-year veterinary science student from Lydenburg.

Growing up, I was surrounded by animals, nurturing a deep passion for their well-being. So, when it came time to choose a career path, becoming a vet was a natural choice.

When I didn't get into vet school on my first try, I didn't let it deter me, I found new hope with Glencore's support, which enabled me to secure my spot the next year.

University life and the workload in veterinary science have been intense, but I've embraced the challenge. I've shadowed veterinarians in Lydenburg, learning about various animal diseases firsthand that has been invaluable to my studies.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the prospect of entering my clinical year. I see myself running my own vet practice one day, catering to both pets and production animals in my hometown. With Glencore by my side, I'm confident in achieving this dream.

My advice to anyone pursuing their dreams is simple: stay passionate and determined.

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## FTLM Mayor commends Budget and Treasury Team

### BURGERSFORT

The Mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), Cllr Eddie Maila, has on Friday 29 August 2025 met with Senior Managers and officials from Budget and Treasury to commend them for their excellent work in preparing the Annual Financial Statements (AFS).

In terms of the municipal financial planning cycle, AFS must be submitted to the Auditor General (AG) on or before 31 August each year, ahead of the audit process.

During the meeting, Mayor Maila applauded the Budget and Treasury Team for preparing the Annual Financial Statements internally, marking it the first time the municipality has utilized its own capacity without reliance on external consultants.

The achievement illustrates a significant progress in building internal capacity, which will improve efficiency and strengthen governance.

"The internal preparation of the Annual Financial Statements reflects the commitment, skill, and passion of our officials. It proves that we have the capacity within the Municipality to deliver on our mandate," he said.

The Mayor encouraged other departments to emulate the example set by Budget and Treasury by reducing dependency on consultants and optimally using internal expertise.

The Mayor expressed appreciation for the dedication of the Budget and Treasury team and received assurance that the Annual Financial Statements will be submitted on time.

He said the Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality remains committed to building internal capacity for effective and efficient governance.



FTLM Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila during the municipality's Budget and Treasury meeting.



## Cousins get life imprisonment for murder



Modirela Maxwell Mokwana was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Refilwe Gift Malope.

**KGAPHAMADI** - The Limpopo Polokwane High Court has on Wednesday 27 August 2025 convicted and sentenced two cousins, Thabo Moses Mokwana (42) and Modirela Maxwell Mokwana (45), to life imprisonment for the murder of Refilwe Gift Malope, a 28-year-old woman.

The court also sentenced the duo to seven years imprisonment for kidnapping and three years' imprisonment for defeating the ends of justice, with the sentences to run concurrently with the life imprisonment term.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the accused kidnapped Malope on 9 May 2022, at Kgaphamadi Village under the Hlogotlou policing area, and later dumped her body in a discontinued ventilation mine shaft in Benoni, Gauteng Province.

"The body was found decomposed, and the investigation led to the arrest of the two accused. The investigation was led by Sergeant Florence Concilia Tlhatlha of the Limpopo Provincial Organised Crime Unit," he said.

Limpopo National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) Spokesperson, Mashudu Malabi-Dzhanghi, said during the trial, the court heard that on the day of the incident, the accused forced Malope into a motor vehicle and drove off with her, where her body was later found in a mine shaft at Benoni, Gauteng Province, in a decomposed state.

"The accused pleaded not guilty, but the state presented evidence that proved their guilt. The Victim Impact



Thabo Moses Mokwana received a life imprisonment sentence for the brutal murder of Refilwe Gift Malope.

Statement, compiled by court preparation officer Morongwe Moifo, highlighted the psychological impact of Malope's death on her family. The statement also noted that Malope worked tirelessly to ensure that members of the LGBTQ+ community were treated with dignity, integrity, and fairness," explained Malabi-Dzhanghi.

She added that State Advocate Patrick Magoda argued that the accused's actions were aggravated by the fact that one of them was a police officer, sworn to combat crime, yet he violated the deceased's right to live.

"The court agreed, sentencing the accused to life imprisonment, with additional sentences for kidnapping and defeating the ends of justice to run concurrently," she said.

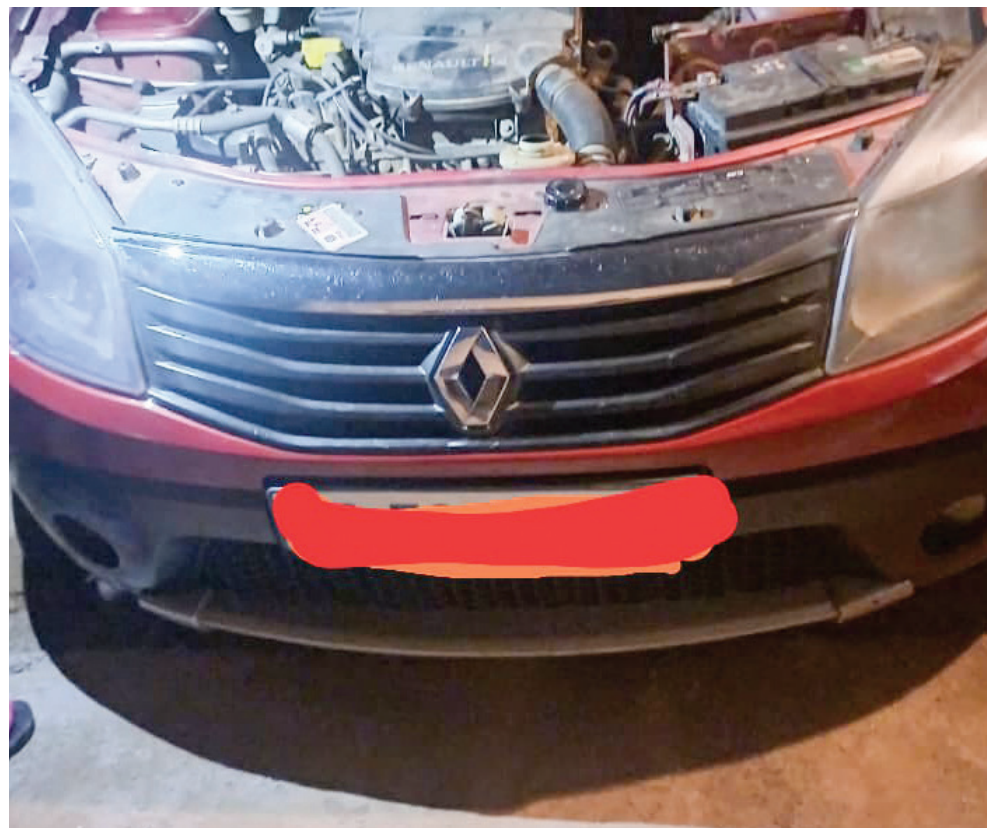
The Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Ivy Thenga, commended the diligent work done by advocate Magoda and investigating officer Florence Hlahla from the Provincial Organised Crime Unit.

"The National Prosecuting Authority continues to prosecute cases that affect the safety and well-being of communities, ensuring justice for victims of crime," she said.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, also welcomed the life sentence.

"We appreciate the dedication displayed by the investigating officer, the arresting team, including everyone who participated in the case, until the final decision by the court," she said.

## Stolen vehicles recovered in Dennilton, 40-year-old man arrested



The Renault Sandero which was recovered in session of the suspect at Waalkraal in Dennilton after it was reported stolen in Pretoria in 2021.

### DENNILTON

A 40-year-old male suspect was arrested on Friday 29 August 2025, by members of the Sekhukhune Tracking and Investigation Team for possession of stolen motor vehicles.

According to the police, the arrest was made at Waalkraal RDP Section in Dennilton after police received intelligence information about suspected stolen motor vehicles at the residence.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the police operationalized the information which led them to an identified residence and upon searching the premises, the

police found a red Renault Sandero motor vehicle and a blue Toyota Tazz parked inside the yard, both of which were discovered to be stolen.

"The Renault Sandero was reported stolen in February 2021 at Pretoria Central policing precinct, Gauteng Province, while the Toyota Tazz was stolen in March 2024 at Kwa-Mhlanga, Mpumalanga Province," said Ledwaba.

He added that the suspect is due to appear before the Mdtjana Magistrate's Court in Siyabuswa. Police investigations are continuing, and the suspect is expected to face charges related to possession of stolen property.

## On-duty staff nurses attacked and robbed at Mogoto Clinic

### MOGOTO

The Limpopo MEC for Health, Dieketseng Mashego, has strongly condemned the criminal incident that occurred at the Mogoto Clinic in Zebediela, on Tuesday night 26 August 2025.

According to the department, the incident occurred at approximately 01h00, when five armed intruders broke into the clinic, threatening the security officer with a firearm and demanding cellphones from the nurses on duty.

The attackers, who gained access to the clinic by breaking a palisade fence, stole four cellphones from the nurses and one firearm from the security personnel.

Fortunately, no one was injured during the incident. The security personnel promptly contacted their security armed response patrol and the police for assistance. MEC Mashego expressed her deep concern over the incident, stating that attacks on healthcare workers not only put lives at risk but also severely impact the ability to deliver uninterrupted care to the community.

"Attacks on healthcare workers are unacceptable and underscore the critical need for safety and security within our healthcare facilities, which are dedicated to providing essential services around the clock," said Mashego.

The MEC reiterated her call to the community to remain vigilant and support healthcare workers during these

challenging times.

"We need the community's support to ensure the safety and security of our healthcare workers, who are dedicated to providing essential services to the community," said MEC Mashego.

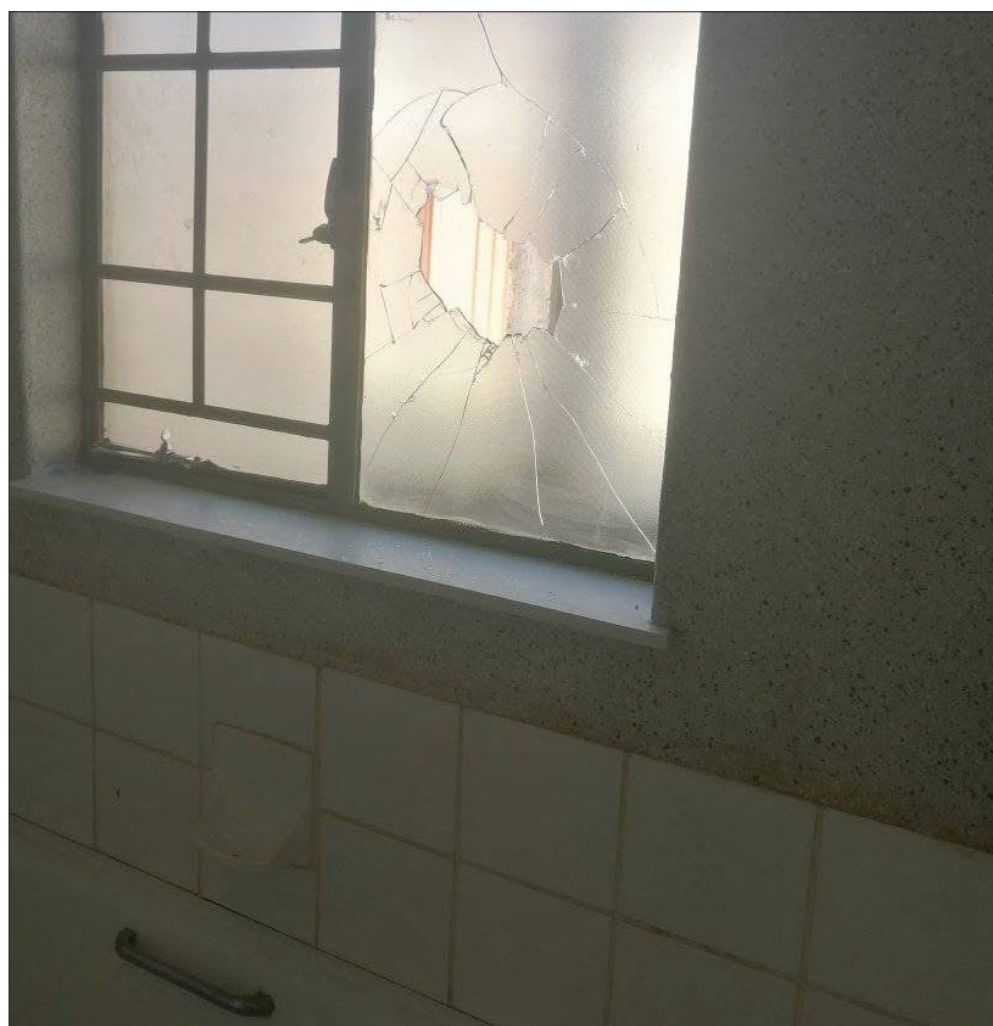
She said the Limpopo Department of Health is working closely with the police to investigate the incident and prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

Armed robberies have become a recurring threat to healthcare facilities in Limpopo, with several incidents reported in recent years.

In January 2024, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) workers were ambushed and robbed by armed suspects, while responding to an emergency call at Kgobokwane Village in Dennilton. The suspects stole valuables, including cellphones, jewellery, and cash, and forced one crew member to transfer money using her banking app.

In another incident, occurred in June 2022, armed assailants broke into the Sambandou Clinic in the Vhembe District, overpowering security guards and stealing cellphones, money, and a Toyota Fortuner. The police have established a high-level team of investigators to probe the incident.

The attacks have left healthcare workers shaken and raised concerns about their safety.



The police in Limpopo are on a hunt for suspects who broke into Mogoto Clinic in Zebediela and fled with staff nurses' cellphones and security guard's firearm.



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EMLM Mayor, David Tladi, has during the Mayoral Lekgotla outlined key priorities which will improve accountability and accelerate service delivery in the municipality.

## EMLM Mayor highlights key priorities during Lekgotla

### GROBLERSDAL

The Mayor of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), Cllr David Tladi, officially opened the Mayoral Annual Lekgotla at the Municipal Chambers in Groblersdal on Thursday 28 August 2025.

During the Lekgotla, Tladi emphasized three key priorities, discipline and work ethic, the unacceptable misuse of municipal vehicles, and the continued presence of the Auditor-General with the municipality until November.

The Mayor stressed that addressing these matters is not about punishment, but about restoring integrity, discipline, and pride in the institution.

"Our people look to us not only for leadership but also for accountability," he said.

The Mayor's emphasis on discipline and work ethic is expected to improve the municipality's overall performance and service delivery.

Presenting the Municipal Overview, Municipal Manager Regina Makgatha reported that the municipality's overall performance currently stands at 84%.

She highlighted significant progress across service delivery areas, including roads, electricity, waste management, and indigent support. The municipality has made notable achievements in these areas, demonstrating its commitment to improving services for its communities.

Some of the notable achievements include the construction of 10.8km of roads, refurbished Tafelkop Stadium, and

completed several road designs.

In terms of electricity services, the municipality has seen a total of 743 households electrified across various wards, and electricity distribution losses were reduced from 19% in 2023/24 to 11% in 2024/25.

The municipality also retrofitted high mast lights and streetlights, while a new traffic light was installed at the intersection of Van Riebeck and Noordland Streets. Furthermore, the electrification designs of five additional wards were developed.

The indigent register was thoroughly cleansed, resulting in the removal of deceased beneficiaries and reducing the number of registered indigents from 27,000 to 17,000.

The Elandsdoorn landfill site was fenced, with the Groblersdal landfill site repaired.

As part of the Lekgotla, all EMLM senior managers are expected to present their reports to the municipality's political leadership, providing updates on departmental performance, progress on service delivery initiatives, and plans for addressing key priorities.

This ensures transparency, accountability, and a coordinated approach to service delivery.

The Lekgotla reinforces the municipality's commitment to effective service delivery, accountability, and restoring pride and integrity within the institution, ensuring communities continue to benefit from improved municipal services.

## New 81 LPWRI officials to enhance service delivery in Limpopo



MEC for LPWRI, Ernest Rachoene (Right) has welcomed new officials to strengthen the department's capacity and improve service delivery in the province.

### LIMPOPO

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LPWRI), has on Monday 1 September 2025, welcomed 81 new officials to strengthen its capacity and improve service delivery in the province.

The welcoming ceremony for the third cohort of recruits was held at Jack Botes Hall in Polokwane.

The new appointments bring the total number of recruited officials to 435, marking a significant investment in building internal capacity and equipping the department with the necessary skills to deliver on its mandate.

During the welcoming event, MEC LPWRI, Ernest Rachoene, congratulated the new officials and urged them to serve with dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence.

"Your appointment is not just a personal achievement, it is a responsibility to serve the people of Limpopo. The work before you will not be easy, there will be challenges, but we believe you can rise above the challenges," said Rachoene.

The MEC said the department remains committed to building capacity from within, promoting accountability, and

driving sustainable development across Limpopo.

"We believe that with your skills and dedication, we can accelerate projects, enhance efficiency, and reduce reliance on outsourcing. This will not only ensure value for money but also contribute to building a stronger, more responsive department dedicated to improving the lives of the people of Limpopo," said MEC Rachoene.

The Public Service Commission, led by the commissioner, encouraged the new recruits to familiarize themselves with the fundamental constitutional values enshrined in the Constitution of South Africa.

The commissioner emphasized the importance of upholding the values of integrity and hard work in public service.

In the coming months, another cohort of new recruits is expected to be welcomed.

The event marked an important milestone for the department as it continues to strengthen internal capacity.

According to the LPWRI, the newly appointed officials are expected to play a crucial role in driving the department's service delivery mandate and contributing to the development of Limpopo's infrastructure.



EMLM employees sharing ideas during the Mayoral Annual Lekgotla held at the Municipal Chambers in Groblersdal.





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## PUBLIC NOTICE

## IDP, BUDGET AND PMS PROCESS PLAN FOR 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Mogalakwena Municipality hereby gives an official notice of the adoption of the IDP, Budget and PMS Process Plan on 26 August 2025 by the Mogalakwena Municipal Council, in terms of Section 28(1)(3) of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, (Act 32 of 2000).

Copies of the Process Plan are available for public inspection during office hours from 07h30 to 16h30 at the Civic Centre, No. 54 Retief Street (office 203), SDA offices (Bakenberg, Mapela and Rebene) or alternatively be viewed from the municipal website, [www.mogalakwena.gov.za](http://www.mogalakwena.gov.za)

Enquiries regarding this notice should be referred to the IDP Office Mr. L.D. Seko at (015) 491-9635 or 083 275 4498.

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EMLM female staff members commemorate Women's Month with Vintage Outfit Celebrations.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## WATER AND SANITATION DRAFT BY-LAW

Notice is hereby given that in terms of Section 12(3) (a-b) and 21(1) of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000, read in conjunction with Section 156(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) hereby publishes the Water and Sanitation Services Draft By-Law for public consultation for a period of 21 days.

Copies of the Draft By-Law will be available from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025, and can be obtained from these Municipal Platforms and/ or Facilities:

- Municipal Website,
- Municipal Head Offices (LED Office),
- KwaMhlanga Satellite Office,
- Verena Public Library, and
- Phumula Public Library.

Written submissions (comments and/ or inputs) in a sealed envelope marked with **WATER AND SANITATION DRAFT BY-LAW** may be submitted/ deposited in the Municipal Tender Box, which will be emptied on Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025 at 16h00.

Should there be any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our Water and Sanitation Manager, Mrs. Sibongile Mtsweni, through [mtswenis@thembisilehanilm.gov.za](mailto:mtswenis@thembisilehanilm.gov.za) and/ or 013 986 9107.

Mr. D.J.D. Mahlangu  
Municipal Manager  
Thembisile Hani Local Municipality  
02 September 2025

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EMLM female employees mesmerised in the Council Chamber rocking vintage outfits to wrap-up the Women's Month.

## Elias Motsoaledi Municipality wraps Women's Month with Vintage Outfit Celebration

### GROBLERSDAL

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) recently hosted a Vintage Outfit Celebration at the Municipal Chamber in Groblersdal to honour its women employees during Women's Month.

The event was a vibrant celebration of style, empowerment, and remembrance, paying tribute to the timeless elegance of women by embracing fashion, culture, and heritage from past generations.

During the celebration, female staff members at the municipality showcased classic vintage attire, symbolizing the strength, resilience, and beauty of women yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Simon Makua, EMLM Spokesperson, said the celebration reaffirms the municipality's commitment to uplifting

women, recognizing their invaluable contributions, and fostering unity and empowerment within the workplace and across the broader community.

The Vintage Outfit Celebration was a fitting tribute to the women of EMLM, highlighting their strength, resilience, and beauty.

The event displayed the municipality's commitment to empowering women and promoting unity and inclusivity in the workplace.

The celebration was a memorable occasion, showcasing the elegance and style of the women employees, and reinforcing the municipality's dedication to recognizing and valuing the contributions of women in the community.



# Sports

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INSIDE

**EMLM Mayor highlights key priorities during Lekgotla**



Football clubs battling-it-out during a soccer match at the Annual Moutse August Charity Games, held at Dikwena Sports Ground in Dennilton, Moshate wa Ntwane.



Trophies and medals seen at Dikwena Sports Ground

## Moutse August Charity Games bring communities together



Ladies participating in netball



School shoes were among items donated to destitute children during the 11th Annual Moutse August Charity Games organised on Saturday 31 August 2025 at Dikwena Sports Ground in Dennilton, Moshate wa Ntwane.

**NTWANE** - The 11th Edition of the Annual Moutse August Charity Games were held on Saturday 31 August 2025 at Dikwena Sports Ground in Dennilton, Moshate wa Ntwane, bringing together communities in the Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM).

The games, founded by community leader Collins Matsheke and his team, aim to foster social cohesion and community development through various activities, including a fun walk, marathon, football, and netball.

The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, fully supports the games, which have grown in popularity and reach over the years.

The sporting event was attended by government leaders, including the MEC for Sports, Arts, and Culture in Limpopo, Jerry Maseko and Acting SDM Executive Mayor Cllr Carpos Ngobeni, the Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) responsible for Infrastructure and Water Services.

According to organizers, the games promote youth development, educational opportunities, and help tackle social ills.

"We are thankful for the continued support from government, especially Sekhukhune District Municipality," said Collins Matsheke, the founder of the games.

"These games promote youth development, educational opportunities, and help tackle social ills. What began as a small event is now reaching more communities, thanks to local business support," he added.

The event saw donations of school shoes to learners in need, sanitary pads from Girls Talk, and additional contributions from various companies.

The SDM extended its appreciation to the organizers, partners, and the community for their continued commitment to initiatives that empower and support vulnerable groups.

With the generous donations from local businesses, the event supports learners in areas such as Moteti, Mpheleng, Tambo, Magakadimeng, Ntwane, and Thabakhubedu, benefiting hundreds of participants and community members.

The Moutse August Charity Games have become a significant event in the Sekhukhune District Municipality's calendar, promoting social cohesion, community development, and youth empowerment.