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R25 Road: "Death Trap" Gets Long-**Overdue Attention**



The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure maintenance team busy improving the condi-

tions of the R25 Road between Dennilton and Groblersdal.

he R25 Road, which has been an eyesore to motorists for many years, is now getting the attention of authorities with

> has launched a comprehensive project

within the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality

Dennilton Village have been voicing discontent of the R25 Road, which has been a source of frustrations

In one tragic incident, a Toyota

Quantum minibus taxi lost control and overturned, resulting in one fatality and several injuries.

The department's road maintenance team has been working tirelessly to patch potholes and improve the overall condition of the busy road. The R25 Road is a vital transportation artery in the region, and the department's efforts aim to enhance road safety and reduce the risk of accidents.

The department urges motorists to exercise caution while traveling on the R25 Road and to report any road-related issues.

While the department has initiated maintenance work on the road, some motorists are not satisfied with the approach. They believe that the road requires a full rehabilitation rather than temporary fixes.

"Maintenance work will not last, and the road will deteriorate again. We need a more comprehensive solution to address the road's poor condition," said one of the motorists.

The motorists are calling for a more substantial investment in the road's infrastructure to ensure its longevity and

They argue that a full rehabilitation would not only improve the road's condition but also reduce the risk of accidents and enhance the overall travel experience.

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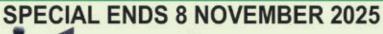
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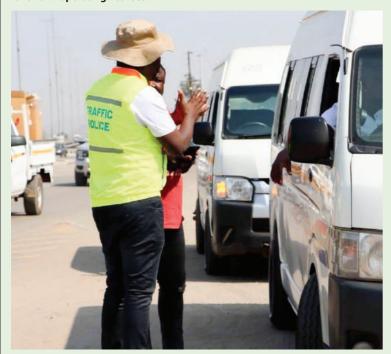


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FTLM conducts back-toback roadblocks to ensure commuter safety



FTLM Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila, checking whether some of the public transport have valid operating licenses.



Cllr Eddie Maila, FTLM Mayor, leading the public transport compliance initiative conducted in Burgersfort Town.

BURGERSFORT

Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) Mayor, Cllr Eddie Maila, has on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 September 2025, stepped up efforts to ensure public transport compliance with the Road Traffic Management Act by conducting roadblocks in Burgersfort, targeting public transport vehicles operating without valid licenses.

Over the two consecutive days, the municipality impounded multiple vehicles operating without valid licenses.

On Thursday, the municipality joined forces with law enforcement agencies to conduct a roadblock at the entrance to Burgersfort Town.

The operation resulted in the impoundment of over 20 passenger vehicles operating without valid permits.

The drivers were issued fines, and the vehicles will only be released once the fines have been paid.

The following day on Friday, the mayor continued to lead traffic roadblocks in Burgersfort, targeting public transport vehicles operating without valid licenses.

Vehicles without valid operating licenses were also impounded, and owners and drivers were urged to ensure compliance.

Mayor Maila praised the

joint operation as a success, stating: "This is about protecting lives and ensuring that every commuter, especially our children, travels safely and in legally compliant vehicles."

Maila emphasized the importance of road safety and compliance with the law. "The municipality will never allow acts of arrogance by blocking roads due to not having valid operating permits to continue, and those responsible will face the full might of the law," he stressed.

The mayor indicated that the municipality will continue to conduct roadblocks as and when required to ensure commuter safety.

He reiterated that the municipality urges vehicle owners and drivers to ensure that their vehicles have valid operating licenses at all times.

Maila cautioned vehicle operators who display arrogance by blocking roads due to not having valid operating permits.

"The municipality will never allow such acts to continue, and those responsible will face the full might of the law," he stressed. "The laws of the country must be respected at all times," he said.

Those who cooperated with law enforcement officials and swiftly paid fines to release impounded vehicles were thanked by Mayor Maila.

EMLM Indigent Awareness Campaign empowers Ward 23 residents

SEPHAKU

The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) has on Thursday 11 September 2025, launched an Indigent Awareness Campaign at Sephaku Village in the municipality's Ward 23.

Leaded by EMLM Ward 23 Councillor, Nkgetheng Mohlala, the campaign aimed to educate community members about the municipality's indigent support services, ensuring eligible households can access vital resources.

According to the municipality, the programme promotes social inclusion to support vulnerable families and enhance service delivery within the community.

It also seeks community participation by encouraging residents to register for indigent support and engage with municipal programs designed to improve quality of life.

The awareness conducted in collaborative effort to foster partnerships with key stakeholders, including government departments and private sector representatives from Agriculture, Education, South African Police Service (SAPS), ESKOM, Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), Sekhukhune Disaster Management.

During the initiative, Cllr Mohlala emphasized the importance of community participation, stating: "The municipality seeks to promote social inclusion, support vulnerable families, and enhance service delivery within the community."

The event highlighted the municipality's commitment to providing essential services and fostering a well-informed, empowered community.

The Indigent Awareness Campaign provides residents with crucial information about available support services, enabling them to access assistance and improve their quality of life.



EMLM Ward 23 Councillor, Nkgetheng Mohlala, Indigent Awareness Campaign which was recently launched at Sephaku



Residents of EMLM Ward 23 out in numbers attending the launching of the Indigent Awareness Campaign held at Sephaku Village.

Operation Shanela yields significant results in Limpopo, 841 suspects arrested

The high-density Operation Shanela, conducted by the police across Limpopo Province, has resulted in the arrest of 841 suspects for various offenses.

The operation, which took place from Tuesday 9 to Sunday 14 September 2025, involved multiple SAPS units, including the Department of Home Affairs, Development, Small Businesses, and Traffic Police.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation was a resounding success, with significant achievements recorded.

Ledwaba said the operation led to the arrest of suspects for serious crimes, including murder, rape, carjacking and house robbery.

"During the operations, 18 suspects arrested for rape, five suspects arrested for possession of illegal firearms, 16 for possession of dangerous weapons, 42 arrested for illegal dealing in liquor, 38 for possession of drugs, twelve arrested for attempted murder and 79 suspects arrested for assault GBH," explained

He added that the police also confiscated 8 unlicensed firearms, 130 liters of alcoholic beverages,

R1250-00 in cash, 339 packets of counterfeit goods, 0.59 kg of dagga and 5 vehicles.

"Furthermore, during the operation, the police conducted extensive searches in 1502 premises, 12408 persons were also searched, 51 unlicensed liquor premises searched, 77 scrapyards inspected, vehicles searched, 5096 Informal businesses were also inspected," informed Ledwaba.

He confirmed that the suspects have appeared before their respective courts.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, praised all members of the SAPS and other stakeholders involved in the operation, highlighting their efforts combat crime in the province.



Unlicensed firearms were confiscated by the police during the Limpopo Provincial Operation Shanela.



The police in Limpopo, during the province-wide Operation Shanela which was conducted across the province, recovered

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES GA-MACHACHA SOLAR PV CLUSTER AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR GA-NKOANA, IN THE TUBATSE FETAKGOMO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Applicant: Ga-Machacha Solar PV (Pty) Ltd

Activity: Development of a solar PV facility with a generation capacity of up to 900MW, with associated infrastructure including:

- Solar PV arrays, modules and mounting structures •
- Inverters and transformers
- Cabling between the project components
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- On-site facility Substation
- Access and internal roads of up to 6m wide
- Temporary and permanent O&M and laydown area

MEC Mashego slams staff and patients' intimidation at Lebowakgomo Hospital



The Health Department in Limpopo condemned with strongest possible terms intimidation of staff and patients at Lebowakgomo Hospital.

LEBOWAKGOMO

Limpopo MEC for Health, Dieketseng Mashego, has strongly condemned the actions of a group allegedly associated with a local political party for recently intimidating and harassing healthcare workers and patients at Lebowakgomo Hospital.

It is alleged that the group forced their way into the hospital wards, filming and interviewing patients without consent, sparking outrage from the department.

According to Mashego, such behaviour is unacceptable and demonstrates a blatant disregard for the safety and well-being of both patients and healthcare workers.

"Our hospitals are places of healing and care, not platforms

for political agendas," Mashego

She added that department has taken swift action, opening a case of harassment, intimidation, and malicious damage to property.

Mashego urged community members and political parties to refrain from exploiting hospitals for political gain, particularly as the country approaches the upcoming elections.

"Such a vulnerable setting for political gain is unacceptable. We cannot allow our hospitals to be used for political point-scoring. It is crucial that everyone respects the protocols in place to ensure the safety and well-being of patients and healthcare workers," warned Mashego.

Project Location: Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS, located ~11km south west of Ga-Nkoana, and 20km north west of Jane Furse, Tubatse Fetakgomo Local Municipality and Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo.

Project Name	Affected Properties
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 1	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 301ha
	Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 2	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 325ha.
	Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 3	Capacity of 240MW with a development area up to 320ha.
	Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS
Ga-Machacha Solar PV 4	Capacity of 180MW with a development area up to 223ha.
	 Portion 0 of the Farm Scheepersrust 771 KS

Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment Process: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, will be submitted for each projects. Each application is supported by a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment report.

Scoping Report Available for Review and Comment: Scoping Reports have been compiled for Ga-Machacha Solar PV1, PV2, PV3 and PV4, and the four reports are available for download from the Savannah Environmental website: https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/ga-machachasolar-pv-cluster/ for review and comment for a 30 day period from 22 September 2025 to 23 October 2025. The final date to submit written comments is 23 October 2025. To register as an interested and/or affected party, submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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SDM scores high in good governance and service delivery



SDM Acting Executive Mayor, Cllr Kuki Sefala-Makgolane, said the district municipality has registered a significant progress in delivering quality services and utilizing funds of allocated grants in intended projects.



Some of the SDM entourage paying attention during the municipality's Annual Lekgotla held at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogorwane

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS SOLARA 1 SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR GA-NKOANA, IN THE TUBATSE FETAKGOMO AND MAKHUDUTHAMAGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Applicant: Solara 1 Solar PV (Pty) Ltd

Activity: Development of a solar PV facility with a generation capacity of up to 300MW, with associated infrastructure includina:

- Solar PV arrays, modules and mounting structures
- Inverters and transformers
- Cabling between the project components
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- On-site facility Substation
 - Access and internal roads of up to 6m wide
- Temporary and permanent O&M and laydown area

Project Location: Portion 0 of the Farm Vlakplaats 770 and Portion 0 of the Farm Heerlykheid 768 KS, located ~11km south west of Ga-Nkoana, and 24km north west of Jane Furse, Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Tubatse Fetakgomo Local Municipality and Sekhukhune District Municipality, Limpopo.

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MOGORWANE

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) has reaffirmed its commitment to good governance and improved service delivery, during its 2024/2025 Annual Lekgotla held on Thursday 11 September 2025 at Boeketlong Lodge in Mogorwane Village outside Jane Furse.

The municipality's early and fully internal submission of Annual Financial Statements has earned praise from the Provincial Treasury, demonstrating financial discipline and effective planning.

Lemson Moropjane, SDM Spokesperson, said the meeting highlighted major service delivery milestones, including the completion of over 600 VIP toilets across local municipalities.

Moropjane indicated that specifically, the municipality completed 250 VIP toilets in Mogalatšane and Phetwane in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), while 350 VIP toilets are allocated in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), benefiting residents of Setebong, Ga-Malaka, Thoto, and Dikatone Villages. A further two VIP toilets were also constructed in 8 cemeteries across various villages.

Acting SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Kuki Sefala-Makgolane, congratulated the administration and leadership collective for completing these sanitation projects, which restores dignity to communities.

For the first time, the municipality has utilized all allocated grants, with no funds returned to the Treasury Department.

Sefala-Makgolane emphasized that this reflects a shift towards full utilization of public funds, thanks to forward planning.

"Our district's municipality has a history of returning unspent money back to the Treasury Department. Well, not anymore. We have registered significant progress in changing that because of our forward planning. All allocated grants have been spent. We have not returned any money to Treasury," she said.

The session assessed progress and pressing issues facing the district, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between the district and local municipalities in achieving sustainable development.

Special acknowledgment was given to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) for addressing the challenge of informal settlements located above critical water pipelines, removing barriers to improving bulk water supply systems.

Sekhukhune's governance model exemplifies how unity between administrative and political leadership can deliver real progress for citizens

With 75% of its annual targets achieved in the 2024/2025 financial year, the district continues to prioritize access to water and sanitation as its core business, working hand in hand with traditional leadership and local municipalities.

GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE IN TERMS OF CLAUSE 39 OF THE ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNISIPALITY LAND USE MANAGEMENT SCHEME, 2021

RENEWAL / EXTENSION OF TIME FOR A CONSENT USE FOR THE PURPOSE OF A HOLIDAY RESORT PORTIONS 149 AND 150 OF THE FARM LOSKOP SUID No. 53 – JS

We, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), the authorized agents of the registered owners of Portions 149 and 150 of the farm Loskop Suid No. 53 – JS, hereby give notice that we have applied to the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality for Consent Use on the above-mentioned property, situated ±26km South of Groblersdal on the N11 road (Marcela Pub & Grill) for an Extension of Time in terms of Section in terms of Section 74(6) of the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality SPLUM by-law, 2016, more specifically to make provision for a Holiday Resort.

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 19 September 2025.

Contact details of the Authorised Municipal Employee: Mrs. K. Mapulane: 013 262 3056/7/

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made to the above-mentioned address before 19 October 2025.

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.

Address of authorised agent: KMC Geomatics, 10 Kruger Street, Groblersdal, 0470 Cell No 082 929 8554. admin@kmcgeo.co.za Ref. No.: 149/150LS

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING

KENNISGEWING INSAKE KLOUSULE 39 VAN DIE ELIAS MOTSOALEDI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT GRONDGEBRUIK SKEMA, 2021

VIR DIE HERNUWING/VERLENGING VAN TYD VIR 'N TOESTEMMINGSGEBRUIK VIR DIE DOEL VAN 'N VAKANSIEOORD GEDEELTES 149 EN 150 VAN DIE PLAAS LOSKOP SUID No. 53 – JS

Ons, KMC Geomatics (Reg No. 2008/017997/21), die gemagtigde agente van die geregistreerde eienaars Gedeeltes 149 en 150 van die Plaas Loskop Suid No. 53 – JS, gee hiermee kennis dat ons by die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die verlenging van tyd vir 'n toestemmingsgebruik op die bogenoemde eiendom, geleë ±26km Suid van Groblersdal langs die N11 pad (Maroela Pub & Grill), ingevolge Artikel 74(6) van die Elias Motsoaledi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit SPLUM bywet, 2016, meer spesifiek om voorsiening te maak vir 'n Vakansieoord.

Besonderhede van die aansoek le ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die Stadsbeplanner van die Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Van Riebeeck St 22, Groblersdal, 0470, vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 19 September 2025.

Kontakbesonderhede van die Gemagtigde Munisipale Werknemer: Mev. K. Mapulane: 013 262 3056/7/8

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Constitutional Court upholds EMLMs actions

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against illegally erected structures



GROBLERSDAL

Constitutional Court of South Africa has dismissed application for leave to appeal directly to it, brought by individuals claiming ownership of illegal structures demolished the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) in Groblersdal.

structures, The erected on municipal land along the R25 Road in Aquaville near Groblersdal, were lawfully demolished between 10 and 11 August 2025.

According to Simon Makua, Spokesperson, **EMLM** municipality welcomes the ruling and reiterates its commitment to enforcing lawful processes in land use management, protecting infrastructure,

promoting safe and sustainable human settlements.

"The municipality lawfully demolished approximately 23 unauthorized structures erected on municipal land. Following this, the affected individuals approached the High Court in Polokwane on an urgent basis, seeking to have the municipality's action declared unconstitutional. The High Court dismissed their application," he said.

Makua added that the affected individuals initially approached the High Court in Polokwane, seeking to have the municipality's action declared unconstitutional.

However, the High Court dismissed their application, prompting them to appeal directly to the Constitutional



After due consideration, the Constitutional Court concluded that no sufficient case had been made for a direct appeal and

refused leave to appeal. Makua indicated that the Constitutional Court's decision affirms the EMLLM's right to enforce land use laws and remove unauthorized structures, adding that the municipality reiterates its commitment to protecting public infrastructure and promoting safe human settlements.

EMLLM cautions against erecting structures in contravention of land use laws, warning that such actions will be dealt with in accordance with the Constitutional Court of South Africa has dismissed an application for leave to appeal brought by individuals claiming ownership of structures erected at Aquaville demolished by the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality.

Sterkfontein village reels from grisly discovery, community calls for increased police presence



The community of Sterkfontein Village say they are living in fear following the discovery of a man's body which was allegedly dumped at the bushes in the area

STERKFONTEIN

A shocking discovery has sent shockwaves through Sterkfontein Village community in the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM), after a naked body was found dumped in the mountains near the village, sparking widespread concern about safety and security in the area.

According to Cllr Herbert Radingoana, a community leader in the village, the gruesome find was made by community members who immediately informed him about the discovery, and he promptly alerted the Motetema Police Station.

The victim was later identified as William Magolego from Tafelkop Village, a few kilometres from Sterkfontein.

"We are not safe anymore. At midnight, there are cars coming in and out, and it is clear that the body was dumped in our area because there is no police visibility at any point in time," said Radingoana.

Radingoana expressed frustration that the lack of emboldened criminals.

"Our area is not taken seriously. That is why I encourage the community to open cases so that

when we write to the Provincial Commissioner's office requesting police patrols, it reflects the number of criminal activities taking place in our village," he said.

Radingoana added to fight criminal activities, the community has created a chat group, "Badudi Ba-GaMakutuza," to share challenges and concerns.

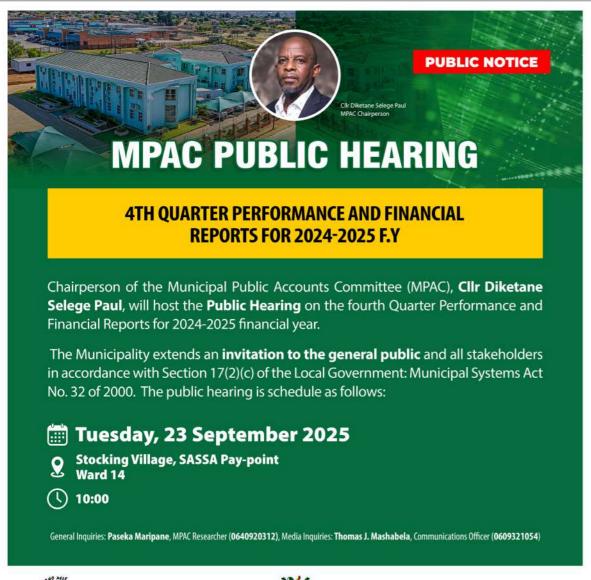
Radingoana believes that increased police patrols would help curb the rising crime wave, which includes house robberies and livestock thefts.

According to Radingoana, in recent incidents, robbers have used burning substances to knock out residents during house robberies, making off with laptops and cellphones.

"Over 10 families have reported stolen livestock, but no action has been taken," he said.

Radingoana urged community to report all incidents to the police, emphasizing that a visible police presence is crucial to restoring safety in Sterkfontein Village.

Motetema "The police presence in the area has Station is aware of the situation, however, we hope that increased community reporting will prompt a more robust response from authorities," he said.



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Two fatally shot inside Burgersfort **Police Station**



Two people were fatally wounded and one sustained gunshot wounds in a tragic shooting incident that occurred within the yard of Burgersfort Police

BURGERSFORT

Two people were fatally shot and one injured in a tragic shooting incident occurred within the yard of Burgersfort Police Station in the early hours of Sunday 14 September 2025, at approximately 02:35.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, police members on duty heard several gunshots from the premises and responded promptly.

"Upon their arrival, they found a 28-year-old woman lying near two vehicles with gunshot wounds," Colonel Ledwaba stated.

He added that nearby, her husband, a 31-year-old man, was discovered with a fatal gunshot wound, alongside a 39-year-old woman who had also been shot.

"Paramedics were called to the scene and declared the 31-year-old man and the 39-yearold woman dead. The 28-yearold woman was rushed to the hospital, where she is receiving medical treatment," explained Ledwaba.

Ledwaba said police preliminary investigations suggest that the deceased man and the injured woman were married, and it is suspected that he may have turned the gun on himself after the shooting.

"Police are also probing the circumstances surrounding the presence of the 39-year-old woman at the scene," informed Ledwaba.

He added that during the incident, the police recovered a firearm with ammunition and spent cartridges during the investigation.

"Cases of murder, attempted murder, and an inquest have been opened and the police are investigating," he said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has expressed deep shock at the incident and has directed that urgent investigations be prioritized to uncover the full details of what transpired.

Sports





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SAPS marathon stands against GBVF



Some of the participants during the race.

POLOKWANE

he SAPS's National Marathon
Association together
with Seshego Marathon
Organizers, Sisonke
Foundation successfully hosted the
SAPS National Marathon Championships
2025, proudly sponsored by POLMED,
on Sunday, 14 September in Seshego,
outside Polokwane.

This year's event carried a special message as participants, community members, and key stakeholders collectively used the platform to strengthen the fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). Seshego, one of Limpopo's hotspots and among the country's top 30 in reported GBVF cases, gave the advocacy greater significance.

A total of 548 SAPS members from across South Africa — including KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape, and other provinces — participated, demonstrating that fitness, discipline, and resilience can be powerful tools of advocacy. In addition, approximately 1000 community members took part.

Addressing participants before the results, the Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe commended their determination and resilience, noting that every step taken symbolised progress in the fight against GBVF — whether through arresting perpetrators, raising awareness, or securing convictions. She further extended gratitude to stakeholders, with particular recognition to POLMED for their support.

LDARD employees unite for Wellness Wednesday in Marble Hall

MARBLE HALL

On Wednesday 10 September 2025, Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development (LDARD) employees in the Sekhukhune and Capricorn Districts, came together to celebrate Wellness Wednesday in style participating in various wellness activities.

The event, held at Laerskool Marble Hall in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), was organized by LDARD in collaboration with Tompi Seleka College of Agriculture.

The programme featured a range of activities designed to promote physical and mental well-being, including a 4km Fun Walk, which was encouraging participants to get moving and enjoy the outdoors, Aerobics, a high-energy workout to get hearts pumping and boost fitness and Tug of War, a classic team-building activity that promotes camaraderie and teamwork.

Other activities included Soccer and Netball games which were set to encourage physical activity and friendly competition and Indigenous and Mind Games with activities like Ludo and Casino that challenge the mind and promote social interaction.

During the programme, various stakeholders joined forces with LDARD to offer services that promote health and wellness.

According to the department, the collaborative effort underscores the importance of prioritizing employee well-



Tug of War was among a range of activities featured during the LDARD Wellness Wednesday programme organized at Laerskool Marble Hall.

being in the public service.

The department said the gathering plays a vital role in enhancing service delivery by boosting the morale, health, and confidence of public servants.

"Regular exercise is known to improve heart health, build stronger muscles and bones, strengthen the immune system, and reduce stress. It sharpens focus, enhances mental well-being, and helps manage



LDARD employees in the Sekhukhune and Capricorn Districts participating during the 4km Fun Walk in Marble Hall.

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ensuring employees return to their offices revitalised and motivated," the department said in a statement.

Addressing the event, LDARD Representative, Michael Ramushu reminded participants to embrace healthy lifestyles beyond the event and make use of such platforms to unlock their full potential in their workplaces and designations.