



# Laersdrift residents forced to share drinking water with animals



- Laersdrift residents lack access to clean drinking water. They're forced to share water with animals from rivers and streams.
- The situation is unhygienic and poses serious health risks. Residents feel neglected despite celebrating Nelson Mandela's legacy and fight for equality.

## LAERSDRIFT

Residents of Laersdrift, a community under the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 30, stated that they are facing a harsh reality of not getting clean drinkable water.

Residents say despite celebrating Nelson Mandela's legacy and his fight for equality and access to basic services, they are struggling to access one of the most fundamental human rights, clean drinking water.

According to residents, the Laersdrift community is experiencing a serious shortage of drinking water, forcing them to share water with animals from nearby rivers and streams. This situation is not only unhygienic but also poses serious health risks to the community.

"We are living in a country that prides itself on its rich history of fighting for human rights, yet we are struggling to access something as basic as clean drinking water," said

a frustrated resident who did not want to be named. "It is unacceptable that we are forced to share water with animals, it is a situation that no human being should endure," she said.

The resident indicated that the community's plight is a stark contrast to the values of equality, dignity, and access to basic services that Nelson Mandela fought for.

"As the nation celebrates Mandela's legacy, the residents of Laersdrift are reminded of the long road to achieving these fundamental rights," she said.

She added that the affected community will be urging authorities to take immediate action to address the water shortage crisis and provide the community with access to clean and safe drinking water.

"We are calling on the authorities to prioritize our plight and provide a lasting solution to the water shortage. We urge the municipality to take immediate action to address

the situation and ensure that we have access to clean and safe drinking water. Until then, the residents of Laersdrift will continue to face this daily struggle, a stark reminder of the work still to be done in ensuring that all South Africans have access to basic human rights," she said.

Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Spokesperson, Lemson Moropjane, said they are aware of the water shortage in Laersdrift, adding that the district municipality is developing underground water sources to mitigate the challenge.

"The root cause of the water shortage, however, is the location of the village. The settlement has no formal infrastructure for bulk services. Our long term plan is to draw bulk water from de-hoop," he said.

Moropjane indicated that in the interim, and as an emergency measure, the municipality has implemented a water borehole system, with two boreholes been installed and are functional.



Residents of Laersdrift are subjected to share drinking water with animals due to lack of water provision in the area

## Five suspects arrested in connection with kidnapping of Ugandan woman

**ATOK** - A dramatic rescue operation was carried out by the Limpopo Provincial Organised Crime Unit, leading to the arrest of five suspects linked to the kidnapping of a 42-year-old Ugandan national woman.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the incident occurred on Tuesday 15 July 2025, at approximately 10:00, when the victim was travelling through Atok Village.

"She was accosted by a group of male and female suspects driving a Toyota Hilux double cab with no registration plates. The suspects allegedly threatened her at gunpoint, forced their way into her vehicle, and drove her to a house in the Mecklenburg policing area, where she was severely assaulted and tortured," explained Ledwaba.

He said the suspects later contacted the victim's relative and demanded a substantial ransom for her release.

"The police were alerted on Thursday, and a multidisciplinary task team was immediately established. In the early hours of Friday 18 July 2025, the suspects instructed that the ransom be delivered at Apel Shopping Mall. The team tactically intercepted



The police have arrested suspects linked with the kidnapping of a Ugandan woman.

the suspects upon their arrival in the same Toyota Hilux," said Ledwaba.

He indicated that all five suspects were arrested, and the victim was rescued unharmed.

"During the arrest, the police recovered a firearm with ammunition, cellphones, and the victim's bank card. The five suspects, three women and two men aged between 25 and 36, are all South African citizens. They have been charged with kidnapping, attempted murder, and possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition,"

Ledwaba said.

He said the suspects are expected to appear before the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court on soon.

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, praised the swift and effective action by the team.

"We commend the team for their swift and strategic response. This case sends a clear message that such violent and criminal acts will not be tolerated and will be dealt with decisively," said Hadebe.

## Two arrested in connection with Sekhukhune house robberies



The Dodge Chrysler that was seized by the police during the arrests of the suspects.

## House donated to underprivileged family



EMLM Mayor, Cllr David Tladi Second from left, cutting the ribbon to officially hand-over the newly built house to the Mabelane family.



A newly built house belongs to Mabelane family.

of providing stable housing for those in need.

"I understand the feelings of families who lack a proper shelter. This is the main reason we decided to start the Dr Magana Foundation," he stated.

"The initiative is a testament to the power of community involvement and the importance of supporting one another. It serves as a reminder that we all have a role to play in building a future for those who are less fortunate," he said.

Addressing the hand-over event, Mayor Tladi emphasized the spirit of Ubuntu, stating: "Let us all be involved in changing other people's lives. What we did today is a sign of Ubuntu. We are not merely handing over houses; we are restoring dignity and creating a legacy for generations to come."

Tladi indicated that the

municipality worked closely with local businesses, which made generous donations to support the project.

Democratic Construction and Services donated 4 concrete lentils, JoJo Tank LTD donated two 2000-liter water storage tanks, Boxer Moteti supported with food parcels of food packs, Laduma Store donated 43 floor tiles, 40 bags of cement, grout, and cement lentils while Rapotoane Construction and Project sponsored with soft drinks and water.

During the donation event, Mayor Tladi was accompanied by various dignitaries, including the Council Speaker Cllr Junior Thethe, Council Chief Whip Cllr Elias Nduli, and other municipal officials. According to the municipality, the event aimed to improve the lives of residents and foster a spirit of community involvement.



The unlicensed firearm was recovered by the police when arresting a 32-year-old suspect.

**SEKHUKHUNE** - A high-impact, intelligence-driven operation dubbed "Ops Knock Knock", has led to the arrest of two suspects linked to a series of house robberies in the Sekhukhune District.

The operation was conducted by members of Burgersfort Detectives, Sekhukhune District Task Team, and Public Order Policing (POP) between Friday 18 July and Saturday 19 July 2025.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the suspects, aged 32 and 41, were arrested after a high-speed chase and a night-long manhunt.

"The 32-year-old suspect, originally from Daveyton, Gauteng, was arrested on Sunday morning, 20 July 2025, at 06:00, while the 41-year-old suspect was apprehended later in a nearby village. The police seized a red Dodge Chrysler, three cellphones,

and a 9mm pistol with an empty magazine. The suspects have been positively linked to at least three house robberies committed in Apel in February and July 2025," explained Ledwaba.

He added that the third suspect, considered the most dangerous and allegedly in possession of a firearm, is still at large, and efforts to trace him are ongoing.

"The arrested suspects will face charges of attempted murder, possession of an unlicensed firearm, and multiple counts of house robbery. The suspects are expected to appear before the respective Magistrate's courts soon," Ledwaba said.

Ledwaba said the police commends the efforts of the members involved in the operation and urges the public to continue providing valuable information to assist in the fight against crime.

## Faith Sebopela Foundation, SDM, join hands to give back to the community



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula with Faith Sebopela during the borehole donation hand-over at Mighty Crèche in Leeukraal Village.

### LEEUKRAAL

In commemoration of Nelson Mandela month, Member of the Limpopo Legislature, Faith Sebopela, joined forces with the Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) and the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM), to donate a borehole to the community of Leeukraal Village in MLM Ward 5.

Under the theme "It is still in our hands to combat poverty," the collaboration aimed to make a meaningful impact on the lives of local residents.

The Faith Sebopela Foundation identified the Mighty Crèche as a beneficiary, addressing one of their pressing challenges, access to water.

To alleviate this problem, the foundation handed over a water borehole, which will not only serve the crèche but also neighboring households. Additionally, food

parcels were distributed to those in need.

During the donation event, SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, expressed appreciation for the foundation's initiative, highlighting Faith Sebopela's leadership and commitment to the youth of Limpopo.

"Faith has shown great leadership for the Youth of Limpopo, and as the district municipality, we continue to extend our support where necessary to the Mighty crèche with their pending needs," said Bahula. She indicated that the water borehole project is part of the municipality's temporary measures to address water shortages while seeking sustainable solutions.

The project demonstrated the power of collaboration between government and community-driven initiatives.

## Ramathuba lauds PICC for successful 2025 Initiation Season



The 2025 Initiation Season has finally come to an end in Limpopo, with over 25 000 young men and women graduating across the province.

### LIMPOPO

Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba hails the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee (PICC), senior traditional leaders, and stakeholders for their diligent efforts in managing the 2025 initiation season, which has officially come to a close last weekend.

Under the guidance of the Customary Initiation Act, 2021, the Limpopo Provincial Government, in collaboration with traditional leadership structures, successfully facilitated the safe initiation of over 25 000 initiates across the province.

A total of 500 registered initiation schools operated during the season, comprising of 350 male and 150 female schools.

While a few illegal schools were identified, swift interventions by

law enforcement and traditional leaders helped mitigate their impact.

Premier Ramathuba noted that although the majority of schools conducted their activities with discipline, cultural integrity, and adherence to safety protocols, the province regrets the tragic loss of two young initiates.

"We mourn the loss of two young lives and extend our deepest condolences to their families. One death is one too many. As government, together with our traditional leaders, we remain resolute in our mission to ensure that no life is lost during initiation. We will continue to strengthen health screening protocols and intensify monitoring mechanisms to prevent such tragedies in the future," said Ramathuba.

The Premier further commended the cooperation of traditional leaders and initiation school principals who complied with the regulatory framework, submitted applications on time, and upheld cultural standards while prioritizing the health and safety of initiates.

She urged those intending to open initiation schools in the future to ensure early registration and compliance with relevant legal provisions.

Ramathuba said the Limpopo Provincial Government remains committed to working closely with traditional leaders and communities to build on the progress made this season and ensure an even safer, well-coordinated initiation process in the years ahead.

## Off-duty police officer foils armed robbery, suspect fatally shot

**GA-MASHA** - An off-duty police officer foiled an armed robbery and fatally wounded the suspect, dramatic incident unfolded in the early hours of Saturday 19 July 2025, at Ga-Masha Village.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, police preliminary investigations revealed that a female cashier was accosted by an armed suspect as she walked to her rented backroom after closing a local pub.

"The suspect robbed her of an undisclosed amount of money at gunpoint. However, the victim's screams alerted the nearby off-duty police officer, who confronted the armed suspect. A shootout ensued, and the suspect was fatally wounded. He was found in possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition," said Ledwaba.

He added that in a shocking turn of events, community

members mobilized and despite police intervention, torched and looted the business premises where the robbery occurred.

"The police managed to disperse the crowd, but the building was completely destroyed. A case of arson has been opened, and a manhunt has been launched for the suspects involved in the destruction of property. The police are urging anyone with information that can assist in the investigation to come forward. Anyone with information can contact Station Commander Colonel Lekgaloa Leshilo on 082 565 9124 or Branch Commander Lieutenant Colonel Lesiba Phalane on 082 414 2663 or Crime Stop on 08600 10111," he said.

Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, has commended the bravery of the off-duty police officer who acted selflessly to protect a life.

However, Hadebe strongly



Police reinforcements were deployed at Ga-Masha Village to disperse the crowd following the looting and torching of businesses.

condemned the destruction of property, stating that such actions undermine the rule of law and will not be tolerated.

"We commend the bravery of our member who acted selflessly to protect a life, but we strongly condemn the criminal conduct of torching and looting. Such actions undermine the rule of law and will not be tolerated," said Hadebe.



Food parcels were distributed to underprivileged families in Leeukraal as part of Mandela Month commemoration.

# Praktiseer Mountain Square, the latest community to be electrified



## PRAKTISEER

The mayor of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality his worship Cllr Eddie Maila has handed over a contractor for the electrification of Mountain Square, this village is in Praktiseer Ward 30. The contractor was introduced to the excited community members on July 18.

Maila was accompanied by Head of Infrastructure Development and Technical Services Cllr Halinda Mojalefa, Head of Budget and Treasury Cllr Queen Moeng, Head of Local Economic Development and Tourism Cllr Morashiya Mabelane, Deputy Head of LED & Cllr Thabo Makofane, Deputy Head of Budget and Treasury Cllr Juliet Mabelane and Ward 30 Councilor Cllr Sarah Magabe.

More than 300 community members from Ward 30 and surroundings attend the event. The project will be implemented over a period of 8 months where 1900 households are to be electrified.

Maila has cautioned the community to be wary of individuals whose interests are to disturb the implementation of the project for personal gains. The project will create employment and business

opportunities for the community and all must all follow due process to benefit.

The mayor indicated that the responsibility of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) is to monitor the project and ensure its smooth operation. They must

stick to their responsibilities and desist from disturbing the work flow. "We are sick and tired of individuals collapsing service delivery projects. Gone are the days where we will allow people to disrupt our work in our communities. I put my neck on the block, I will be involved in this projects every step of the way to ensure no one disrupts it," Maila said. Maila pleaded for the cooperation and support of the community to the contractor to implement the project until its completion. Maila reminded the contractors about their objective in the village. He warned them that the municipality is expecting quality projects that must be implemented within the stipulated time. "Contractors must ensure that the locals benefit in terms of employment and business opportunities through the correct procedures." He committed to completing the project on time, as it will benefit economic activities in Praktiseer. Community members applauded the municipality for fulfilling its commitment to electrify the settlement and further committed to safeguard the project until its completion.

The Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality vowed to light up communities.



Project site manager Kabelo Sebapu



The contractors appointed to electrify Mountain Square



FTLM's mayor Eddie Maila



Community members seen at the gathering.



# FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

## INTERNAL / EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

FETAKGOMO TUBATSE MUNICIPALITY (LIM476) , SITUATED IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE WITHIN THE SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT, INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES

### SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT : PERMANENT

An incumbent shall be expected to sign an employment contract, performance agreement and disclosure of financial interest form and will also undergo security vetting and competency assessment test

#### REMUNERATION FOR ALL POSITIONS:

Determined in line with Govt Gazette no. 50737 on upper limits of Total Remuneration packages payable to Municipal Managers and Managers directly accountable to Municipal Managers

#### CORE AND LEADING COMPETENCIES FOR ALL POSITIONS:

As prescribed in Annexure A on Local Government : Competency Framework for Senior Managers of the Local Government : Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers, Government Gazette 37245, Government Notice no 21 of 17 January 2014

### CORPORATE AND SHARED SERVICES

#### DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND SHARED SERVICES

1.1.Position : Director of Corporate and Shared Services  
Reference no. : SEN/CSS/25/26/08/01  
Department : Corporate and Shared Services  
Remuneration : R1,050,411.00 – R1,196,881.00 - R1,358,462.00

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND KNOWLEDGE :

- A Bachelor of Public Administration/Management Sciences/Law or equivalent
- Certificate in Municipal Finance Management (SAQA ID : 48965) will be an added advantage
- A minimum of 5 years experience at Middle Management Level;
- Have proven successful management experience in administration;
- Good knowledge and understanding of relevant policy and legislation
- Good knowledge of corporate services, including Human Capital Management, Legal services, Facilities and Fleet management, Information communication Technology and Council Support,
- Good knowledge of supply chain management regulations and the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000(Act no.5 Of 2000);
- Good governance skills
- Knowledge of Labour related prescripts;
- Knowledge of coordination and oversight of all specialised support functions
- A valid SA motor vehicle licence

#### CORE FUNCTIONS:

The incumbent shall be reporting to the Municipal Manager and responsible for:

- Strategic planning of the Department
- Management of Human Resources and Development;
- Coordinate and Manage Institutional Records
- Management of Information Technology
- Management of council support services
- Management of council fleet
- Management of Records and Corporate admin facilities
- Management of Labour relations
- Management, revision and implementation of Council policies, decisions and procedures relating to Corporate Services Department
- Financial Management of the Department
- Within the area of responsibility be able to develop and maintain strategic alliances with various stakeholders
- Execution of any other function delegated by the Municipal Manager in terms of the municipality's delegation system

#### ADMIN CLERK- EXPENDITURE

1.2.Position : Director of Development Planning and Human Settlements  
Reference no. : SEN/DVP/25/26/08/02  
Department : Development Planning and Human Settlements  
Remuneration : R1,050,411.00 – R1,196,881.00 – R1,358,462.00

#### MINIMUM COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS:

- A Bachelor of Science Degree in Building Sciences/Architect/Town and Regional Planning/ Development Studies or equivalent;
- Project Management Certificate or Diploma will be an added advantage
- Certificate in Municipal Finance Management (SAQA ID : 48965) will be an added advantage
- Registration as a Professional Planner will be an added advantage
- A minimum of 5 years relevant experience at Middle Management Level
- Proven successful Professional Development /Town and Regional Planning experience
- Good knowledge and understanding of relevant policy and legislation
- Good understanding of institutional governance systems and performance management
- Good knowledge of supply chain management regulations and the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act;
- Knowledge of geographical information systems
- Knowledge of Spatial, Town and Development Planning
- A Valid driver's licence

#### CORE FUNCTIONS:

The incumbent shall be reporting to the Municipal Manager and responsible for:

- Coordination, planning and provision of development guidelines for land use and zoning
- Manage Spatial planning and Land use management;
- Manage development and management of Geographical Information Systems
- Manage implementation of Properties, Housing and Building Regulations
- Provide strategic direction to Economic development and Tourism programmes
- Facilitation and management of the provision of housing and accommodation for rate payers
- Management, revision and implementation of policies, procedures and by- laws relevant to the Development Planning department
- Financial Management of the Department
- Execution of any other function delegated by the Municipal Manager in terms of the municipality's delegation syste

### OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

#### ADMIN CLERK – COUNCIL SUPPORT(COMMENSURATE TO CURRENT SPEAKER'S TERM

2.1. Position : Admin Clerk – Council Support(Commensurate to Current Speaker's term of office )  
Reference No : CSS/25/26/08  
Basic Salary : R 242,994.53

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 12
- Computer Literacy

#### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Provide clerical support to office of the Speaker
- Handling correspondence within office of the Speaker

#### COMMITTEE OFFICER

2.1. Position : Committee Officer  
Reference : CSS/25/26/08/09  
Basic Salary : R318,842.93

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 12
- N6 Certificate in Office Administration
- 1 year relevant experience

#### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Coordinate logistical and procedural requirements for council and committee meetings
- Provide secretarial support
- Recordkeeping of documents

Applications must be made on the prescribed Official Application forms obtainable from any Municipal offices, municipal regional offices or Thusong Service centres or downloaded from the municipal website (www.ftlm.gov.za). The completed application must be accompanied by a detailed cv, certified copies of certificates and any other relevant supporting documents, addressed to the Acting Municipal Manager, Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality, P.O Box 206, Burgersfort, 1150 / P.O Box 818, Apel, 0739 or hand delivered at 1 Kastania Street Burgersfort, 1150 or our Regional Offices at Apel, Ga-Nkwana, Mapodile, Ohrigstad or Praktiseer/Tubatse Township or Atok Thusong Centre. **Closing date for submissions is 22 August 2025 at 16H00.** For further enquiries, contact Mrs Phetla D.R at 013 231 1144 / 079 498 1932 during office hours between 07H30 and 16H00.

The selection process will be influenced by the Municipality's Employment Equity Plan. People living with disability are encouraged to apply. Please note that correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only. Fraudulent qualifications or documentation , canvassing for the position will immediately disqualify the applicant.

If someone submits an application on your behalf, kindly advice the person to write your particulars on the submission register not his/her particulars as this will lead to disqualification of your application. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be considered.

The Municipality reserves the right not to make any appointment

Magooa R.M  
Acting Municipal Manager

### NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

#### NOTICE OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS (MPAC) TO BE HELD IN THE2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 160 (7) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, that the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) meetings of Nkangala District Municipality for the 2025/2026 financial year will be held as follows:

DATE	TIME
05 AUGUST 2025	10h00
06 NOVEMBER 2025	10h00
05 MARCH 2026	10h00
14 MAY 2026	10h00

Kindly note that the above MPAC meetings are open to the public in terms of Section 160 (7) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, and will be held at Nkangala District Municipality Building, Committee Room B25, Ground Floor, 2A Walter Sisulu Street, Middelburg, Mpumalanga.

Enquiries on the above notice can be referred to the MPAC Researcher, Mr. HL Phala at: 013 249 2120 or email at: phalahl@nkangaladm.gov.za.



M.L MAHLANGU - ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER, NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

# Taxi owner speaks out after R25 Road accident claims Combie



The minibus taxi was written off following a multi-car accident that occurred on the R25 Road between Dennilton and Groblersdal.



## GROBLERSDAL

A harrowing accident occurred on Saturday 12 July 2025, along the R25 Road between Dennilton and Groblersdal, leaving a minibus taxi severely damaged and sparking concerns about the road's deplorable state.

Herbert Radingoana, the owner of the affected minibus taxi, shared his account of the incident, highlighting the potential consequences of neglecting the road's maintenance.

According to Radingoana, the accident involved his Toyota Quantum, a Corsa bakkie, and a Mercedes Benz.

The Quantum, which was carrying 15 passengers from Johannesburg to Groblersdal, who were on their way from buying goods and other essentials for shops and street vendors, was struck by the Corsa bakkie after it lost control while navigating the road's poor conditions.

"The accident clearly occurred due to the narrowing of the road and bad road conditions. A Corsa bakkie lost control because of the bad road and drove into the opposite direction that's when it collided with my taxi and the other vehicle," he said.

Fortunately, all 15 passengers escaped

without injuries, however, the minibus taxi was written off due to heavy damage.

Radingoana attributed the fortunate outcome to his driver's skill, stating that "if my driver wasn't perfect, 15 lives of innocent community members would have perished. Thanks be to God that no one had injuries in the horrible accident."

The accident has brought attention to the dire state of the R25 Road, which has been a subject for concern for motorists and residents.

Radingoana expressed his frustration with the authorities' apparent neglect of the road, stating that "the Limpopo Province is failing us as business persons because our bread is on the commuters that we are transporting. So if our vehicles are now like living coffins, it's hard for us."

Tendani Munyai, Spokesperson for Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Limpopo, said regarding the current state of the R25 Road, the department's MEC has pronounced in his budget speech for the 2025/2026 financial year that the road is among 69 others planned for rehabilitation in the current financial year.

## SARTHO pleads for leniency with initiation schools

### SEKHUKHUNE

The South African Religious and Traditional Healers Organization (SARTHO) has pleaded with the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee (PICC) to be lenient with initiation schools that failed to meet the set date in line with their permit.

Some schools were forced to close on Sunday 20 July to avoid penalties and losing their permit due to challenges faced by parents who were unable to pay the balance of the initiation fee.

According to Mamokwa Hlabirwa Walker, SARTHO's Secretary General, most initiation schools failed to honour the set date due to challenges beyond their control.

"We would like to plead with PICC and COGHSTA to deal with such cases in consideration with the fact that parents are stakeholders," he said.

Walker added that they learned that some of the parents were forced to turn to loan sharks to pay for initiation fees, and they are expecting to pay the balance after

receiving their salaries on 25 July 2025.

Dr Shimanki Lion Bapela, Principal of Ditau Tsa Mariri Koma Association, shared his experience, saying: "I was forced to release some of the children whose parents were not ready to receive them, some parents pleaded with me to bear with them until the 25 July 2025 to get their salaries."


SARTHO believes that the authority concerned, especially PICC, should consider all factors that led to some schools breaching the terms of their permits.

Dr Ratholo Phahlane, Chairperson of SARTHO, emphasized the importance of involving all stakeholders, especially parents or guardians who are financially responsible for the tuition and other things needed during the initiation period.

"The organization hopes that the PICC will handle each case separately and consider the challenges faced by schools in the province. SARTHO believes that monitors will be of assistance in assessing the situation and finding a solution that works for all parties involved," he said.



SARTHO members pleaded with the PICC to be lenient with initiation schools that could not meet the set deadline of permits.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

### RECRUITMENT SCAM ALERT

The Municipality has taken note of the unfortunate recent scam in relation to recently advertised General Worker positions, where it is purported that an employee of the Municipality is calling applicants and advising them that they will be appointed in exchange for R 5 000.00, and that interviews are not necessarily applicable.

The applicable number in use that has to our attention is 079 954 9917.

We therefore distance ourselves from this, for we do not communicate to our job seekers in that manner. As a public institution, we will never request money from any jobseeker in exchange of employment.

We are urging our communities not to fall victim to such scams through noting the following:

1. The Municipality urges job seekers to respond to job advertisements that are on our official logo that have been placed on the National Newspaper(s), Official Notice Boards, Official Social Media Pages, and the Municipal Website.
2. The Municipality will only communicate to prospective candidates through our official telephone number (013 986 9100) or email with our domain name and a clear signature at the bottom detailing the name of the person, position title and contact details of the sender.

The Municipality prides itself in ensuring full compliance with applicable legislation when it comes to matters related to recruitment, or any other matter thereof.

**PS: To date, this is the sixth recruitment scam that we have noted, and it might not be the last. Let us continue to exercise extreme vigilance and report such incidents to the South African Police Service.**

**Our Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Hotline is 0800 014 816.**

Mr. D.J.D. Mahlangu  
Municipal Manager  
Thembeisile Hani Local Municipality  
02 July 2025

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Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) with its seat in Groblersdal Limpopo Province is an equal opportunity employer. In the filling of vacant posts hereunder, the objectives of s195(1)(i) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, the Employment Equity imperatives as defined by the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998 as well as the relevant Human Resources prescripts of EMLM will be taken into consideration.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERT	
POST NO : 1	
JOB TITLE	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OFFICER
NO OF POSTS	ONE (1)
DEPARTMENT	EXECUTIVE SUPPORT
TERM OF APPOINTMENT	PERMANENT
PLACE OF WORK	GROBLERSDAL
PAY RANGE	R364,536.00 - R410,424.00 pa. (Excluding Benefits)
REF NO	PPO-01
MINIMUM QUALIFICATION(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Relevant 3 year tertiary qualification, preferably a Diploma / National N Diploma / National Diploma or Degree or Equivalent.</li><li>Computer literacy: MS Office.</li></ul>
EXPERIENCE	2-5 years relevant experience.
KNOWLEDGE AND SCOPE OF WORK (KPA)	Facilitate establishment of steering committee and run induction programmes, Coordinate capacity building and support to ward Committees. Monitor submission of Ward Committees monthly reports. Develop mechanisms to address community service delivery issues. Co-ordinate and facilitate communication to the relevant departments regarding the service delivery issues. Coordinate and facilitate all legislated public participation programmes in the municipality. Organize sector meetings and arrange logistics. Facilitate community empowerment / capacity building on matters relating to municipal governance. Monitor that draft policies and by-laws are distributed to all stakeholders. Report on performance relating to the annual work plans/SDBIP. Keep records of all department work for audit and administrative purposes
POST NO : 2	
JOB TITLE	COMMITTEE OFFICER
NO OF POSTS	ONE (01)
DEPARTMENT	EXECUTIVE SUPPORT
TERM OF APPOINTMENT	PERMANENT
PLACE OF WORK	GROBLERSDAL
PAY RANGE	R364,536.00 - R410,424.00 pa. (Excluding Benefits)
REF NO	CO-02
MINIMUM QUALIFICATION(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Relevant post matric qualification, preferably an Administration or Secretarial Diploma or equivalent</li><li>Computer literacy: MS Office.</li></ul>
EXPERIENCE	3 - 5 years relevant administrative experience.
KNOWLEDGE AND SCOPE OF WORK (KPA)	Performs tasks / activities associated with coordinating the logistical requirements for Council and Committee meetings; Provision of committee secretarial support through the application of laid down meeting procedures; Knowledge of municipality committee and meeting procedures and protocol; Related administrative tasks; and Monitoring and Supervision.
POST NO: 03	
JOB TITLE	FINANCE INTERN
NO OF POSTS	ONE (01)
DEPARTMENT	BUDGET AND TREASURY OFFICE
TERM OF APPOINTMENT	24 MONTHS CONTRACT
PLACE OF WORK	GROBLERSDAL
STIPENT AMOUNT	R100,000.00 pa (Excluding Benefits)
REF NO	FI-03
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 12 / National N Diploma / Diploma / National Diploma / B Degree in Accounting / Financial Management / Financial Accounting / Cost and Management Accounting / Public Finance / Internal Auditing or equivalent relevant qualification.</li><li>Computer Literacy (MS Office)</li></ul>
EXPERIENCE	No experience required.
KNOWLEDGE AND SCOPE OF WORK (KPA)	Revenue collection and billing; budget planning and implementation; Financial reporting; assets verification and maintenance of assets register; implementing the supply chain process and regulations and implementation of expenditure management and internal control.

Applicants for these posts must submit the fully completed and signed official "Application Form for Employment Staff Members Post(s)" which can be downloaded from the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality's website at [www.eliasmotsoaledi.gov.za](http://www.eliasmotsoaledi.gov.za) or obtainable from the HR Office and must be accompanied by their detailed curriculum vitae with proven experience, contactable references, and competency requirements of the posts registration with a relevant professional body if applicable, disclosing full details of any dismissal for misconduct or substandard performance and any disciplinary actions, whether pending or finalized instituted against the applicant from current and previous employment, recently (not older than 3 months old) certified copies of academic qualification(s) (NB: Matric Certificate; Diploma / National N Diploma / National Diploma / B-Tech Degree / Bachelor's Degree and Academic Record (where applicable) and certified Identity Document (ID). It is the responsibility of applicants to meet the minimum requirements before applying. Any misrepresentation or failure to disclose material information is a breach of the Code of Conduct for Municipal Staff. The successful applicant(s) shall be required to sign an employment contract, disclosure of benefits and interest, and where applicable or necessary performance agreement, undergo screening and vetting. Late, faxed, e-mailed, or applications not made on the prescribed official application form shall not be considered. Canvassing Councilors or officials for the appointment is strictly prohibited and will automatically disqualify the applicant. Failure to submit all the required documents shall render the application invalid. Should you not hear from the Municipality within 30 working days after the closing date, regard your application as unsuccessful. The Municipality reserves the right not to appoint these posts. Inquiries shall be directed to the Manager of Human Resources Management and Development Mr. Mafiri L.M @ 013 262 3056 and applications forwarded to: The Municipal Manager, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, P.O Box 48, Groblersdal, 0470, or hand-delivered to the Office of the Manager Human Resources Management and Development, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grobler Avenue, Groblersdal, 0470.

The closing date Friday 22 August 2025 at 13H30.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER



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.


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STA Coal Mining Learner Programme Opportunities for 2025:  
Learner Miners

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- General Requirements:
- Minimum grade 12 – N2 with Math's & Science minimum 50% pass rate **MUST HAVE!!**
  - A Self-motivated person.
  - Able to study and complete the program in 2 years.
  - Must be able to work shifts.
  - 2 years' mining experience underground will be an advantage.
  - Relocate to Witbank Hostel facility CTC during the theoretical phase.
  - Sober habits.
  - No person is to apply for more than one position on list.
  - Pass evaluation questionnaire done by a panel of senior employees.
  - Proven track record in production, safety, environment and attendance record.
  - Application submission date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 Note that NO CV's will be accepted after this date.
- Trade Specific Requirements:
- Grade 12 (only) - With Math's and Science minimum of 50% for each subject.
  - N2 (with Grade 12 certificate) With Math's and Science minimum of 50% for each subject. And relevant Trade theory, minimum of 50% as per specific trade.
  - Diesel or Motor trade theory N2
  - Engineering science N2
  - Mathematics N2
  - Engineering Drawing N2
- Candidates that meet ALL the requirements and are interested in these vacancies must please submit (CV) certified copies not older than 3 months of the following documents: Grade 12 Certificate; N2 Certificate and ID: to the following email address No other STA email address will process any of these CV's
- If you have not received any correspondence within two weeks after the final submission date, consider the application unsuccessful.
-  john@stacoalmining.co.za

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## Sekhukhune United FC bolsters squad with new signings



Wonderboy Makhubu is among Sekhukhune United FC new signees in the 2025/2026 PSL Season. Makhubu returns to Babina Noko following a successful loan spell with Magezi FC.

**SEKHUKHUNE** – As the 2025/2026 PSL Season is fast approaching, Sekhukhune United FC has been busy strengthening its squad ahead of the new season.

The team has confirmed the signing of three new players, each bringing unique skills and experience to the table.

After a successful loan spell with Magezi FC during the 2024/2025 season, Wonderboy Makhubu has returned to Sekhukhune United FC. The young player looks fit, focused, and ready to make an impact on the team.

Sekhukhune United FC has also signed Sphiwe Mahlangu from TS Galaxy. Mahlangu's addition to the team is expected to boost the team's attack and provide new scoring opportunities.

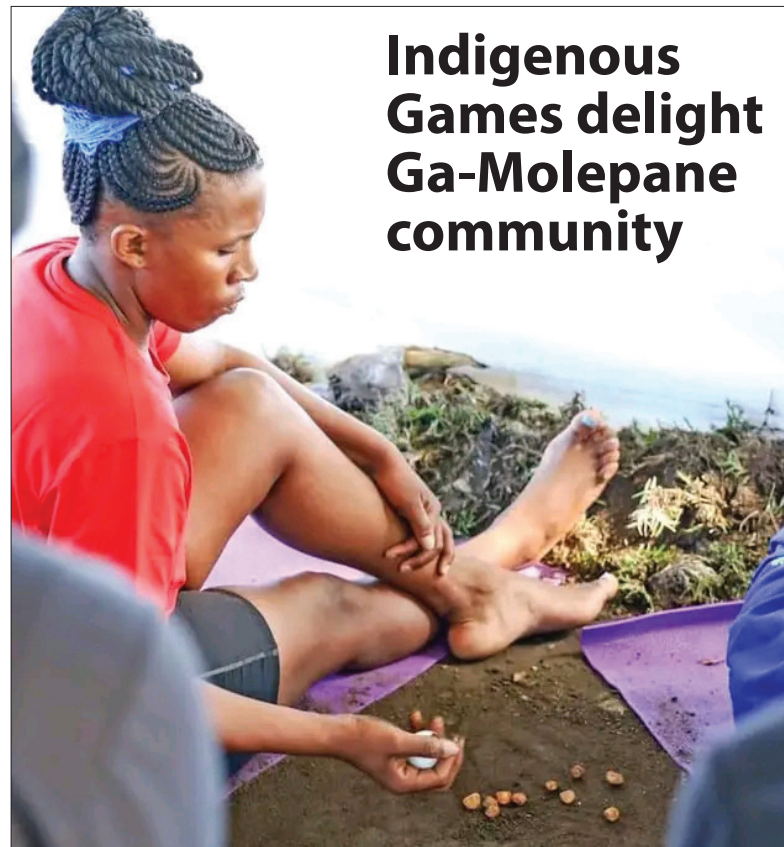
The team has also welcomed Bradley Grobler, an experienced forward from SuperSport United FC. Grobler's years of top-flight experience and proven goal-scoring ability make him a valuable asset to the team.

With these new signings, Sekhukhune United FC is gearing up for a successful season. The club said supporters can expect exciting performances and a strong challenge for the top spots in the league.

"We welcome back Wonderboy Makhubu. He is looking fit, focused, and ready to go. Mahlangu boosts our attack ahead of the new season. The experienced forward arrives with years of top-flight experience and a proven eye for goals," said the club in a statement.



Former SuperSport United FC lethal striker, Bradley Grobler, has joined Sekhukhune United FC ahead of the 2025/2026 PSL Season.



## Indigenous Games delight Ga-Molepane community

Young women from Ga-Molepane competed in the Diketo game during the indigenous games event organised at Ga-Molepane Village.

**GA-MOLEPANE** – The Molepane community outside Jane Furse has on Friday 11 July 2025, enjoyed thrilling indigenous games event held at the Molepane Sport Complex, showcasing cultural heritage and promoting community development through sport.

The event, which took place from 09:00 to 15:00, saw enthusiastic participants competing in various indigenous games, including Diketo, Morabaraba, Kgati, Kho-kho, Jukskei, Dibeke, and Driestokkies.

According to Lloyd Mankge, who is event coordinator, the event was a huge success and benefited the community in several ways.

"The sporting event promoted cultural heritage, fostered community engagement, identified talented players, and contributed to youth development," he said.

Mankge indicated that the indigenous games showcased the community's rich cultural diversity, highlighting traditional games that have been passed down through generations.

"The event brought community members together, fostering a sense of unity and social cohesion," he said.

A key highlight of the event was the selection of top players by game commissioners, who will proceed to represent the community at the district, provincial, and potentially national levels.



Ga-Molepane community demonstrating their skills in Morabaraba indigenous game during the event.

"We look forward to seeing the selected players progress to the next levels of competition and bring pride to the Ga-Molepane community," Mankge added.

Additionally, Mankge indicated that the event demonstrated the community's commitment to preserving cultural heritage and promoting community development through sport.

"Aluta-continua!" Mankge exclaimed, emphasizing the community's determination to continue promoting their cultural heritage through sport.

"The event's success has sparked excitement and anticipation for future competitions, and the Ga-Molepane community is eager to see their talented players shine on the bigger stage," he said.