

Mokganyetji elected new Sekhukhune Mayor

The council of Sekhukhune District Municipality has on Thursday 1 December, elected Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji as the new Executive Mayor of the district municipality. Mokganyetji follows in the footsteps of then Executive Mayor, Cllr Julia Mathebe, who stepped down on the position after she was arrested and charged with fraud and corruption. Mathebe handed over her resignation letter to the council speaker stepping down with immediate effect on Wednesday 30 November. Mokganyetji, who is a teacher in profession, has been serving as councillor in the district municipality for a very long time and has over 16 years in the local government sphere. In Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Mokganyetji served as Member of Executive Committee (MMC), Chairperson of Community Services, Chairperson of Local Aids Council and Provincial Executive Committee for South African Local Government Association (SALGA). By the time of her appointment as new Executive Mayor, Mokganyetji was MMC responsible for Budget and Treasury as well as Leader of Government Businesses in Sekhukhune District Municipality. "I am humbled and honoured to be elected to lead this institution. It has always been my view that when all stakeholders work together for a common purpose a lot can be achieved," said Mokganyetji. Mokganyetji has called upon all stakeholders to work hand in hand with the district municipality, in order to ensure the delivery of basic services to the people within the district.





Former Dr JS Moroka MM arrested for fraud

The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (HAWKS), have arrested the former Municipal Manager (MM) of Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, Mr Nelson Thammy Khubheka (50), in relation to tender irregularities and fraudulent activities taken place during his tenure in 2019.

Captain Dineo Sekgotodi, HAWKS Spokesperson in Mpumalanga, said Kubheka was arrested by the Hawks Middelburg based Serious Commercial Crime Investigation and was charged with fraud, theft, contravention of National Treasury and Municipal Financial Management Act (MFMA). "It is alleged that during 2019, the accused unlawfully and intentionally approved the appointment of service providers whilst the Bid Adjudication Committee declared the appointment irregular, as it did not comply with Supply Chain Management policy and the Constitution. It is alleged that when appointments were approved, the accused referred to a non-existent meeting and further utilized the security services of the municipality for his own benefit," she said. Sekgotodi said the municipality suffered an actual loss of R 4.3 Million. Sekgotodi said Khubheka appeared before the Mdutjana Magistrate's Court in Siyabuswa and was released on R10 000-00 bail. "The case was postponed to 6 February 2023 and the accused will appear at Middelburg Commercial Crime court, investigation is continuing," she said.



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Executive Mayor Mokganyetji reshuffles cabinet

The new Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Cllr Maleke Mokganyetji, has reshuffled her Mayoral Committee members, during her first Mayoral Committee Meeting on Tuesday 7 December. Executive Mayor Mokganyetji announced her new MMC cabinet as follows: Cllr Bella Kupa as MMC for Infrastructure and Water Services, Cllr Merriam Malatji as First Deputy MMC for Infrastructure and Water Services and Cllr Lizzy Lekoatsipa as Second Deputy for infrastructure and Water Services. Cllr Frank Ratau was appointed MMC for Corporate Services and leader of Government Business, Cllr Kukie Sefala was announced MMC for Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture, Jan Mohlala appointed new MMC for Budget and Treasury and MMC for Planning and Economic Development portfolio was given to Cllr Baatseba Leshaba. Cllr Samson Nkosi was appointed MMC for Women, Children and People with Disabilities and Orginia Mafefe was announced as MMC for Community Services.

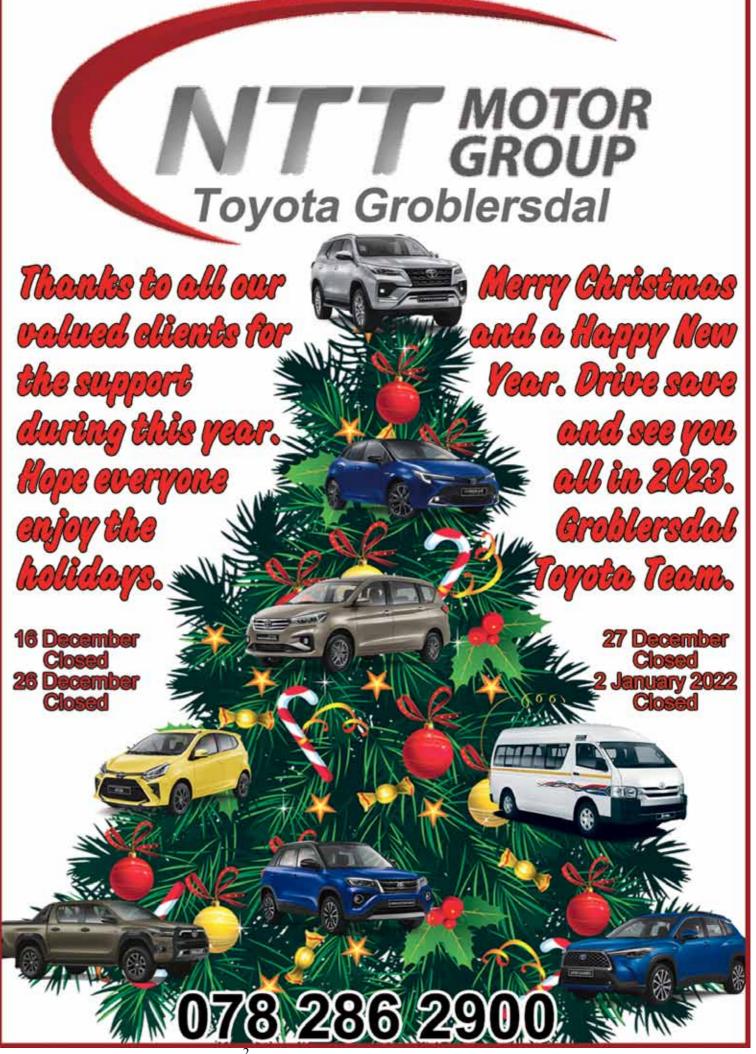
Then Executive Mayor of the district municipality, Stanley Ramaila, who was handling the Community Services portfolio, was not included in the new MMC cabinet. Just before making the changes, Mokganyetji said the objective of the Mayoral Committee meeting was to align the vision of the executive mayor, together with her executive committee

to contribute efficiently and effectively in providing services to the people of the district.

She requested that a special focus be placed on the various departments including in the Infrastructure and Water Services, to fast track all water projects and communities be engaged on status of all water schemes in the district municipality. "Non-spending, especially on capital grants will not be tolerated, since it is an injustice to the people of Sekhukhune," she said. Mokganyetji said other earmarked department is the Budget and Treasury Office that made commitment to pay service providers in time and within the 30 days allocated.

The third department is the Planning and Economic Development that according to Mokganyetji will be linked between the youth, women and people with disabilities and local economic opportunities in the district. The Executive Mayor reiterated the need for teamwork amongst the members of the Mayoral Committee.

"I am part of you, you are part of me. The challenges we face are not new to us, we have resolved many and sort council on others, but I believe together with our collective wisdom, passion and hard work we can achieve our common objective of providing services to our people," she said.





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Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment and application for Water Use License (WULA)

Basic Assessment Report-BAR and application for a Water Use License-WULA (in terms of Section 21 c and i of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)- for the construction of bulk water supply pipeline and internal water reticulations. The project location will be at Moutse East and West within the jurisdiction of Sekhukhune District Municipality. The project will transverse different locations of these said villages; Thabakhubedu, Uitspanning, Bloemhof, Elandsdoom, A to F (Elokhishini), Marapong and ,Ntwane.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation published in Government Notice GNR 327, 324, and 325 Amended and published in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the EIA Regulations of the intent to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (Basic Assessment Process-BAR) and associated studies for the project outlined in this advert. A Water Use Authorisation in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Act (Act 36 of 1998) Section 21 c and i applies for project development within a DWS-regulated areas.

NATURE OF ACTIVITY

The project scope entail construction of 400mm bulk internal and bulk water supply with existing pipes up to 400mm diameter. The expansion of the development constitutes of activities listed under National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 as amended and triggers EIA Regulations which are: Activity 9,12, 19 and 27 of Listing Notice 1 and Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 of GNR 327. The activity listed require an Environmental Impact Assessment (Basic Assessment Report-BAR) for linear activity to be undertaken by an Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner-EAP to apply for the Environmental Authorisation-EA

LOCATION

Located at Villages that are Thabakhubedu, Uitspanning, Bloemhof, Elandsdoom, A to F (Elokhishini), Marapong and ,Ntwane

NAME OF APPLICANT

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Severe ambulance shortages marred Limpopo hospitals

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo, says it has written to the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), requesting an investigation into the access to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the province. According to the party, this is due to a severe shortage of ambulances experienced in hospitals. Risham Maharaj, DA Spokesperson for Health in Limpopo, said it is very concerning that the Department of Health in the province has only 262 Ambulances for a population of about 6 million people, despite a required ratio of 1 ambulance per 10 000 people. "This means Limpopo is short of 348 ambulances. The bleak situation is further compounded by the fact that 117 ambulances are not in use, due to accidents, repairs and maintenance. There were 56 accidents in 2022 but no disciplinary procedures or consequence management was

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implemented," explained Maharaj. According to insiders in Philadelphia Hospital in Dennilton, only one ambulance is in use to respond to emergencies and also for patients' referrals to provincial hospitals. Maharaj said according to the General Household Survey, Limpopo has the largest portion of its population that uses public health facilities in the country at 85.4 %, with the lowest percentage of individuals who are members of medical aid schemes at 8.2%. "This means Limpopo residents are highly dependent on the public healthcare system for their ambulance and other EMS services," he said. Maharaj emphasized that in her budget speech, Limpopo Health MEC, Phophi Ramathuba, committed to procure 35

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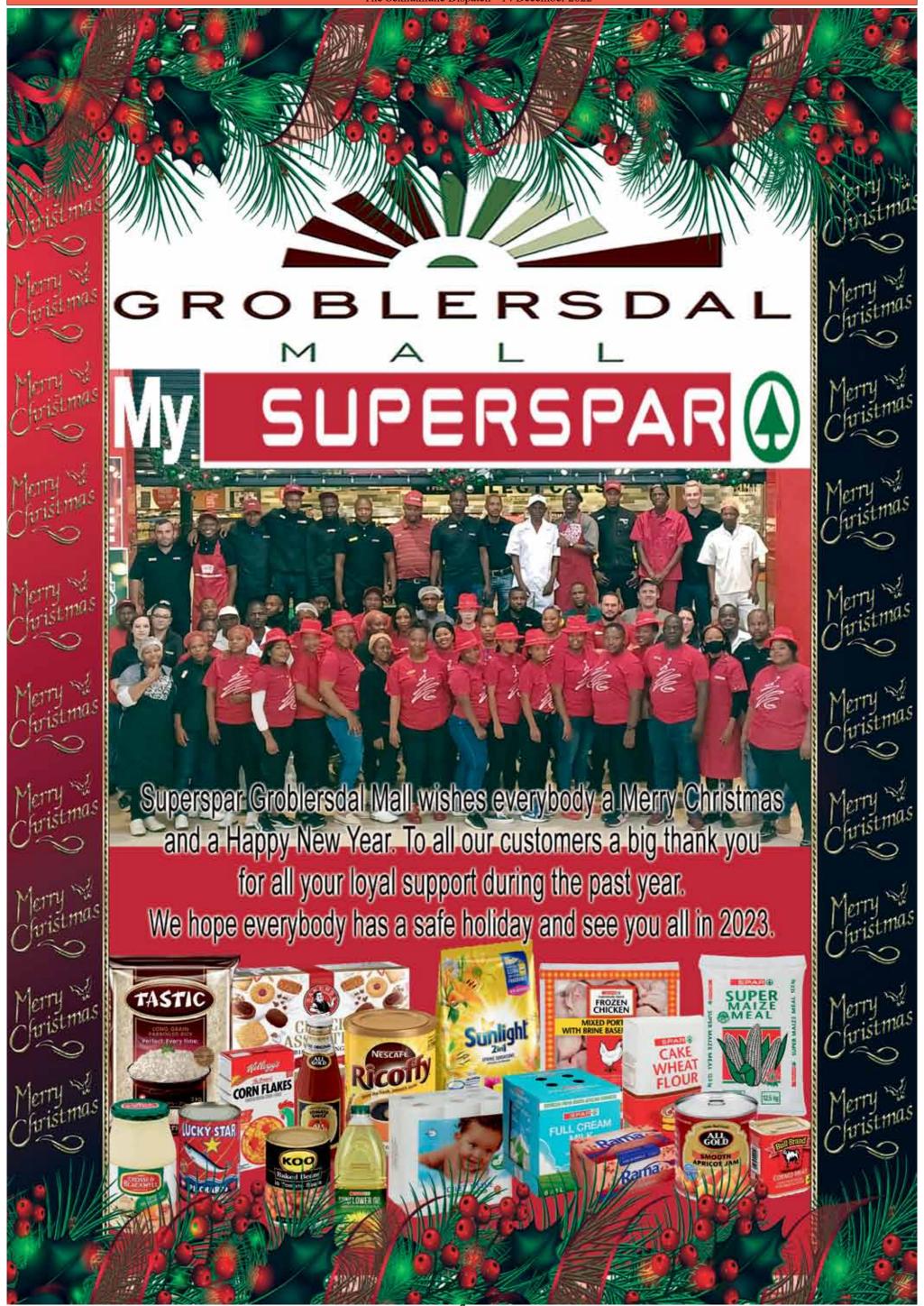
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emergency vehicles in the 22/23 financial year. "But this is a drop in the ocean and merely papers over the cracks while failing to address the much needed investment in the province's EMS vehicle fleet," he said. Maharaj indicated that the severe shortage in ambulances affects EMS response times and negatively impacts on the healthcare residents receive, especially in far flung and rural areas. "There are areas in Limpopo that are hours away from ambulances and one can only imagine how many lives have been lost due to the late arrival or unavailability of an ambulance," informed Maharaj. He said the party has previously raised the shortage of ambulances in areas of Limpopo, with both the SAHRC and the provincial department, but there seems to be a lack of political will from MEC Ramathuba to address the problem. "The Limpopo Denartment of Health needs to ensure that the EMS have better fleet management. well-run maintenance plans for ambulances and that areas with severe shortages are prioritised for the new vehicles," he said. Limpopo Department of Health Spokesperson, Derrick Kganyago, could not respond to the publication's query at the time of going

to print.





Most wanted suspect apprehended in Matlerekeng

The police have arrested a most wanted suspect in Matlerekeng Village outside Marble Hall. The suspect, Tsietsi Promise Mashilwane (37), who is believed to be part of a gang of criminals, was arrested subsequent to a successful tactical intelligence driven operation, which was conducted in the Matlerekeng policing area on Thursday 24 November 2022. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said Mashilwane was nabbed after detective members from Matlerekeng, followed information provided by Groblersdal and Marble Hall Crime Intelligence Unit about a group of criminals terrorising communities with robberies around Dennilton, Matlerekeng including Siyabuswa in the Mpumalanga province. Ledwaba said during a search at the suspect's house the police confiscated a 9mm pistol, a magazine with six live rounds,

Annual Arrive Alive Sports Picnic underway

The Annual Arrive Alive Sports Picnic Festive Season games are currently underway at the Old Trafford Football Grounds in Mogaung Village, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Ward 22. The sporting event, which was organized under the 'Rural Talk Youth Development' banner, commenced since 19 November, with 64 football clubs battling for the first prize that will be awarded to the winners towards the end of December month. Rural Talk Youth Development President, Justice Makunyane, said the initiative has been a success since its inception in 2020. "We started the initiative with an aim of developing young people through sports in the villages. Currently, we are hosting three annual main events which are Holy Easter Rural Tournament organized during Easter holidays, Nelson Mandela Village Cup which is hosted in July and the Arrive Alive Sports Picnic played during the festive season," he said. Makunyane indicated that this year's Arrive Alive Sports Picnic is dedicated to the currently running FIFA World Cup in Qatar, and has been named 'Rural World Cup' in commemoration of the prestigious occasion. "Thus far, we have 32 teams that qualified for the next round," he said. Makunyane said the participating teams come from different provinces in the country, however, 70 percent of them are coming from Sekhukhune District. "Teams to reach quarter finals will be awarded R10 000 each, third prize winners will walk away with R25 000, while tournament runner-up will be rewarded R80 000. Tournament winners will take home a whooping R200 000. All teams that will participate in the quarter finals will get a new soccer kit," he said. Makunyane said in addition, the sporting event features top 16 of the Under 17 Football tournament and also top 16 TUPS Sport tournament. "TUPS is a new sporting code which was established in Sekhukhune by Puleng Mmotla. Since well TUPS as a sporting code is not exposed like football, we have partnered with them so that we expose the sporting code to our people," he said.

64 live rounds, a grinder, whiskey brands and undisclosed amount of cash. "Preliminary police investigations positively linked the suspect with four cases of business robbery" he said. Ledwaba said the suspect appeared before the Mdutjana

Magistrate's Court in Siyabuswa on Friday 2 December, facing charges of armed robbery, possession of suspected stolen properties and unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition. The police request anyone with information that

can lead to the arrest of the remaining suspects to contact investigating officer Detective Sergeant Frans Fenion 072 414 1748, the crime stop number 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp.

