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Editorial

We write to you on the backdrop of what has been another eventful quarter – the second quarter of 2025/26 financial year. This also marks the end of the 2025 calendar year.

In this edition, we pay attention to the efforts as led by the Executive Mayor through Operation Fix All. More boreholes have been fixed over the past three months as part of this campaign. The Premier visited Rhulani where over 1000 households are benefiting from the Tours Water Project.

We also had Deputy Minister Mohai on an oversight visit to the Giyani Water Project, and also the visit by the National Council of Provinces as part of the Provincial Week outreach. Through our collaboration with Limpopo Connexion, the Executive Mayor has launched public free Wi-Fi in Lenyenye township, Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

The Executive Mayor has announced a new member of the Mayoral Committee. In addition to this, Council has approved the appointment of the Senior Manager for Corporate and Shared Services. All these developments are contained in this edition.

We still invite members of the public to engage with us through our social media platforms, including our Facebook Page. We also have a WhatsApp channel which we invite members of the public to follow. We take this opportunity to wish all the readers a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi

Executive Mayor's desk

The festive season is upon us, and this brings to the end yet another eventful year – the fourth year of the fifth council. It is therefore an opportune moment to extend best wishes to all our people in the District. And in doing so, we wish to proceed and register our profound gratitude to our people for having walked this journey with us – the journey of building better and safer communities.

Our focus and key mandate has always been the expansion of water infrastructure in the district. Indeed, we have seen more and more of our people receiving water direct to their homes. Our people in Rhulani, Hwetji and other communities are now benefiting from the Tours Water Project, just like many other communities throughout the district.

We launched Operation Fix All in August, which has been a catalyst to sustained efforts around ensuring immediate water provision to our people. We have been on the streets, fixing boreholes and giving water to our people. This programme is aligned to Hi Nwa Mati Friday Programme pronounced by Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba during the first sitting of the 7th Provincial Administration.

We have consolidated strategic partnerships to help grow the district's economy and support SMMEs. Through our partnership with Limpopo Connexion, we have made so much progress in establishing Broadband Network Infrastructure that will help our people in the rural setting.

We have seen two of our exceptional educators getting recognition at the 25th Annual National Teaching Awards. Ms Lebeya Regina Mashoto from Baranuka High School was declared the winner in the Category – Excellence in Secondary Teaching, while Ms Sonia Kallai from Banana Primary School won in the Category – Excellence in Grade R Teaching. We celebrate their outstanding service and unwavering commitment to service our communities, particularly the young minds.

From the Executive Mayor's desk

We take this opportunity to also celebrate the achievements of Mandla Mashimbyi, the Head Coach of the Proteas Women's Cricket Team for having led the team to the final of the World Cup. Reaching the final was already a victory for us. Mandla's journey serves as an inspiration to young people in the township and our rural communities, illustrating the power of resilience and determination.

As we will be taking to our roads to visit our families, our loved ones or even traveling to various holiday destinations, let us obey the rules of the road so as to ensure the safety of all our people on the roads. We also wish to take this opportunity to encourage our people to take a shot left to explore the unique charm that our District offers. And in doing so, we will be contributing to the economic growth of our district, particularly the tourism sector.

Our people can be assured of a safer environment during this festive season. Working with our communities and our dedicated law enforcement authorities, we are confident of an incident-free festive season. And of course, our SAPS in the district as led by Major General Willy Mashava has also been recognized as the most improved district during the 2025 SAPS Limpopo Provincial Excellence Awards. The District also received several prestigious awards, including the recognition on the efforts around fighting the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide.

We look forward to 2026, and we again invite all our people to continue this journey as we build better communities together. We remain steadfast to the cause of building a future where everyone will have access to basic services. May this be a joyous, peaceful, festive season filled with love. Let us have a blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**CLLR. PULE SHAYI
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

PREMIER APPLAUDS MDM'S COMMITMENT TO WATER PROVISION FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE DISTRICT



Limpopo Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba has commended the Mopani District Municipality for its dedication to delivering water to local communities, expressing her delight at witnessing an elderly woman accessing water from a tap in her own backyard.

During her monitoring visit to the Greater Tzaneen Municipality on Thursday, October 2, the Premier was welcomed by Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi. The visit commenced at the Tours Water Treatment Plant, after which the Premier activated water taps in Hweetji, where 400 households are now connected to the bulk water supply from the facility.

The delegation then moved to Rhulani village, where an additional 1,008 households have been integrated into the water supply network as part of Phase 2B of the Tours Water Project, which aims to provide water to 25 villages within the Bulamahlo cluster, including Calais village in the Maruleng Municipality.

Furthermore, four out of six boreholes in Rhulani have been linked to the reticulation system to enhance the bulk water supply, as part of the Operation Fix All initiative launched by the Executive Mayor in August.





"We want to acknowledge the commendable work being done by the Mopani District Municipality. We take pride in our commitment to combatting water shortages, which we declared during our inaugural legislature session. We also introduced the Hi Nwa Mati Project," stated Premier Ramathuba.

"Since its launch at Homu 14B here in Mopani, Giyani, in October 2024, when fewer than ten villages had access to water, we have completed Phase 1 and are now advancing to Phase 2, which will serve 31 villages. The Executive Mayor is addressing the repair of non-functioning boreholes while continuing with the reticulation projects."

The Municipality is recording progress with Phase 3 of the Tours Water Project, which is set to cater for the remaining 12 villages, including Maselapata, Sunnyside, Makhwibidung, Burgersdorp, Bodweni, Nsolani, Hoveni, Madhawa, Gazaza, Kampalanga, Mangweni, and Calais in Maruleng. Thus far, the project has positively impacted a number of small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs) from a local economic development perspective and has provided employment opportunities for 184 individuals.



Executive Mayor flags funding challenges, praises gains in the Giyani Water Project



Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shai says the Municipality will count on the lessons learnt during phase one of the Giyani Water Reticulation Project to improve as it sets to start with phase two, which will benefit an additional 31 villages.

The Municipality has been implementing phase one of water reticulation with metered households connections in 24 villages in the Greater Giyani Municipality, with 23 villages already completed.

Speaking at an imbizo in Jim Nghalalume on Friday, 05 December, the Executive Mayor said the Municipality is ready to start with phase 2, but also stated due to funding difficulties it may not be possible to start with all the 31 villages at a go.

The community of Jim Nghalalume is amongst the communities benefiting from the 5 megalitre Mapuve Water Treatment Plant, which is largely dependent on raw water from the Middle-Letaba Dam.

He said that it was difficult to rely on Middle-Letaba for consistent supply, adding that the Municipality has fixed 298 boreholes since the launch of as Operation Fix All in August.

"We know that Nsami is at 61% this week. Middle-Letaba is at 4,9% which is still very little, but encouraging if you compare it to last year this time, when it was at 0,9%. Middle-Letaba remains very key source of water for our communities, especially in this cluster."

The Executive Mayor said the Municipality was following through on the commitments made during the State of the district address to construct 5320 VIP toilets in the Greater Giyani Municipality during this financial year.

He reported that the Municipality has appointed contractors who are busy with the construction of 4777 VIP toilets in the Greater Giyani Municipality, with 3780 units already completed, including the 44 at Jim Nghalalume.



EXECUTIVE MAYOR SAYS ACCESS TO RELIABLE INTERNET CAN HELP END THE CYCLE OF POVERTY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES



Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi says that access to reliable high-speed internet can help end the cycle of poverty as it is key to small business development and in enabling youth to access education, skills and employment opportunities.

The Mopani District Municipality has partnered with Limpopo Connexion for the rollout of broadband network infrastructure in the district which will allow communities to free public Wi-Fi, particularly in township and rural areas. WiFi towers have already been erected in areas such as Lenyenye, Dan Village and Nkowankowa as part of the rollout.

Speaking at the launch of the Lenyenye Wi-Fi Tower on Friday 21 November, the Executive Mayor said the rollout of WiFi infrastructure in communities throughout the district has been the commitment of the Fifth Council, reaffirmed during the State of the District Address.

"Wi-Fi plays an important role in today's life. It has become an essential backbone for small businesses, significantly influencing their growth. It also plays a bigger role in enhancing economic opportunities for our young people. Therefore, it has been our commitment to help our communities, in particular young people, to adapt in this digital age.

"Our entrepreneurs should be able to leverage on this Wi-Fi infrastructure to engage with their customers through social media or even utilize e-commerce platforms to broaden their reach," he said.





The Executive Mayor said the infrastructure will also greatly benefit young people, adding that it presents an opportunity for young people to develop their digital skills and engage in remote learning.

“Through this important infrastructure, we can help bridge the gap between education and employment. By putting at the disposal of our communities this wi-fi infrastructure, we are contributing to the creation of a more equitable landscape, where innovation can flourish, and young people can pursue their dreams,” he said.

Matsebe Phasha, the chairperson of Limpopo Connexion said the partnership with Mopani District Municipality is setting a benchmark on how Limpopo Connexion can collaborate with municipalities across the province. He urged entrepreneurs to leverage on availability of this infrastructure to promote their businesses.

“Free Wi-Fi is not just a social issue, it is an economic asset which we should embrace. Working together with our municipalities, we can unlock the future of inclusion, growth and the opportunities for our communities. What we launch today is more than infrastructure, its an opportunity for young people, SMMEs and the entire Mopani community,” he said.



Giyani Water Project nears completion - Deputy Minister hails progress



The Deputy Minister for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency, Hon. Seiso Mohai has lauded the “remarkable” progress made on the Giyani Water Project. He was in Giyani on Tuesday, 11 November for oversight where he visited the Giyani Water Treatment Plant, and also Ka-Mninginisi and Vuhehli, two of the 24 villages where Mopani District Municipality had been implementing water reticulation to households.

The overall progress on the water reticulation project stands at 98% with Risinga View the only remaining village to reach practical completion. “There is remarkable that is been made here in Giyani. Quite a number of villages have been connected to water reticulation, but there are some villages that are outstanding. We do recognize that there is progress that we are making, and there is improvement in terms of the quality of work that is done.”

“Here at Vuhehli, we are pleased with the members of the community confirming that there is flow of water in these taps. We are looking forward to phase 2 of the project where number of snag lists should be completed. We believe that we will give a report to the Presidency that demonstrate what work is been done,

The deputy minister condemned acts of vandalism on the infrastructure, and illegal connections. “There is a disturbing picture where people are stealing water. Stealing constitute crime. The disregard for existing legislation is a problem, and people will find themselves in a bigger problem by associating with those kind of shady characters that want to undermine the broader community initiative by selling water to the people which is their rightful human right that they have to access at all times provided by government.”

MDM launch the Christmas Lighting Initiative



The Mopani District Municipality in collaboration with Haenerstsburg Happenings Tourism Association will tomorrow be launching the Christmas Lighting Initiative, a flagship program designed to promote tourism during the festive season and contribute uniquely to the provincial campaign “Limpopo Ka December.”

This initiative aims to enhance the district's festive spirit while supporting local tourism SMMEs. The launch event was held at Haenerstsburg on Saturday, 13 December 2025. Haenerstsburg which is strategically positioned as a key entry point for tourists arriving in the district via the R71 road.

The acting Executive Mayor Cllr. Lucky Mohlala said the initiative stands as a testament to Mopani District Municipality's commitment to not only enhance the holiday spirit but also to promote tourism – a key sector of the district's economy.

Cllr Mohlala said that Haenerstsburg town has to offer in terms of tourism, and stakeholders must join hands to maximize that potential. He said that this flagship initiative is not only designed to illuminate the district and enhance the festive spirit, but it is also about promoting tourism, support our SMMEs and foster social cohesion.

“We gather in this majestic town this evening, the heart of our district, because we recognize its strategic role as a key nodal point for tourists entering our district through the R71. This strategic location allows us to showcase the unique beauty and culture of our region, attracting visitors from near and far.

“We have the Ebenezer dam, but also the Wolkberg mountains as our unique offering. Through both the Magoebaskloof and Georges valley routes, we are able to offer adventure tourism packages including horse riding, quad biking, the waterfalls, river rafting and canopy tours,” he said.

He also said the town is central to the Gastronomy Route 71, which serves as a gateway to the iconic Kruger National Park. “This route not only connects us to the breathtaking landscapes of the park via the Phalaborwa and Shangoni gates but also enriches our cultural heritage, attracting both national and international tourists,” he added.

Haenertsburg





Christmas Lighting Launch

#LimpopoKaDecember





MOPANI CENTRALISED COMMUNICATION CENTRE: VITAL LINK IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Operating quietly behind the scenes, the Mopani Centralised Communication Centre (CCC) serves as a crucial connection between the public and first responders in the Mopani District. Located at the Mopani Disaster Management Centre in Tzaneen, the CCC operates 24/7, addressing both emergency and non-emergency situations. As the designated centre for the Road Incident Management System (RIMS), it coordinates services for all road-related incidents in the area.

The Mopani CCC collaborates closely with various first responder communication centres, including Limpopo EMS, Traffic CCC (Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety), and SAPS District Operational Command Centre (DOCC). Upon notification of an incident, these services engage within their respective roles while maintaining communication through the CCC, ensuring a swift and effective response.

Prompt coordination is essential during road incidents, benefiting not only those directly involved but also other road users. For instance, during a July 2025 crash at Magoebaskloof involving a truck transporting LPG bottles, the Mopani CCC enabled a rapid response. The Tzaneen Fire Station managed the fire, while EMS and private ambulances provided medical assistance. Traffic control and road closures were coordinated with private security and the Haenertsburg Neighbourhood Watch. Additional support came from the Letaba Fire Protection Association and local volunteers, who worked alongside the fire station to contain the blaze. Continuous communication between the scene and the Mopani CCC ensured the safety of all involved.

Over a 12-hour period, the scene was meticulously managed until the road was cleared by towing and Sanral's Routine Road Maintenance team. This incident showcased the effectiveness of RIMS in crisis management.

Although many residents may never witness the Mopani CCC in action, its impact on ensuring a swift and coordinated response is significant. By operating around the clock and implementing RIMS effectively, the Mopani CCC fosters a collaborative approach to community safety. In times of crisis, it remains a steadfast presence, connecting people and services when needed most.



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FROM BACKYARD START TO JOB CREATOR: THE INSPIRING JOURNEY OF CONNY KOMANE

Having graduated with a National Diploma in Legal Assistance from the Tshwane University of Technology in 2005, a young Conny Komane knew that even that was not a guarantee for employment.

She then went back home to her village of Magaung in the Maruleng Local Municipality where started experimenting with poultry farming, just in her backyard. And as they say, in a world filled with uncertainty, unexpected opportunities often arise from what appears to be simple decisions.

This decision not only transformed her life, but also positively impacted many other people in her own community. She now employs 15 workers and also has nine aspirant farmers currently doing internship in her farm. It was not always easy, as she recalls. Her first intake was 100 chicks. And she ran a catering company on the sidelines, which helped sustain the business.

The NYDA was one of the first entities of government to reach out, committing R100 000 which helped her to buy feeds and chicks. The Department of Agriculture also approved funding to upgrade her project in 2019, but Covid-19 hit before implementation. She never lost hope. The project was eventually implemented in 2023. Three broiler houses have been constructed, each with a capacity of 3000. She has also been assisted with solar panels, which has helped in reducing the overwhelming electricity bill.

Conny is grateful for the continuous technical support she receives from officials in the Department of Agriculture. She is now able to sell on average 300 chickens daily, with the fast-growing market stretching as far as Ba-Phalaborwa and Greater Letaba Municipality.

"We have our small domestic abattoir where we are able to slaughter our chickens. We are busy constructing a shop where we will send the chickens, and braai packs," she says.

Many young people draw courage from her incredible journey. Lawrence Matlaba, BSC Animal Science graduate from Unisa is currently on an internship programme at the farm. He is inspired to walk in the footstep of Conny Komane.

"I had more much exposure here than what I learned at the University. I got much more knowledge working at this farm. I'm really inspired and I would like to start my own business through the knowledge and experience gained from working closely with her."

Conny still has bigger dreams of expanding her business and is grateful for the support from her community and the traditional authority. "We are fortunate to have the land. We plan to build sleeping quarters for the workers. We also have young people who are placed here for internship programme, and most are not from here, hence its important to build accommodation for them which will also ensure. When we have all the workers here, it will help us to easily protect the farm and our livestock from infectious diseases."



BRIAN MUSHWANA, A YOUNG FARMER DRIVING A VISION FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Transitioning from a stable job to farming is a bold move for any young person. The young Katekani Brian Mushwana recognized the high unemployment rate in his village of Lefara, and decided to take action. By starting his farming cooperative, Mushwana aimed to provide jobs for his community, particularly young people.

It was in 2018, at age 30 that Mushwana left his job at the OR International Airport where he had worked for five years. With little to no experience, he went back to his home village in 2018 and started farming. Not even in High School did he do agricultural studies. His stream of choice has always been commerce, so he had no experience to back up this vision, only a strong desire and determination.

In 2023, the National Youth Development Agency helped him with water pumps, and SEDA came onboard as well to help him with irrigation system, but also in marketing. He recently completed training through the SALGA-AgriSETA programme, which he says has helped him a lot.

"Something that is giving us the strength to go on is the government. We have received training from SALGA and SEDA on quality management, production management and business admin. We also received funding from NYDA and SADA which is assisting us with production. The Executive Mayor also assisted us with a borehole," he says.

He now employs seven permanent workers at the farm, as many as 35 seasonal workers, and hosts 36 young people from TVET college, currently doing internship.

"Ninety percent of the people I'm working with are the youth. We are also creating opportunities as we are next to Maake Plaza and Maake TVET College, so when the students that are doing Agriculture graduate, they come this side for practical training."

Mushwana is supplying major retail shops around Greater Tzaneen Municipality, and also local communities. "We are able to supply the supermarkets like PicknPay, Boxer and Food Lovers, but our biggest client is government because of the feeding scheme. We supply butternuts and cabbage to people who have contracts with government."

He also has letters of intent with Standard Bank which buys his produce and donate to NGOs and other organizations such as creches, drop-in centres and old age homes.

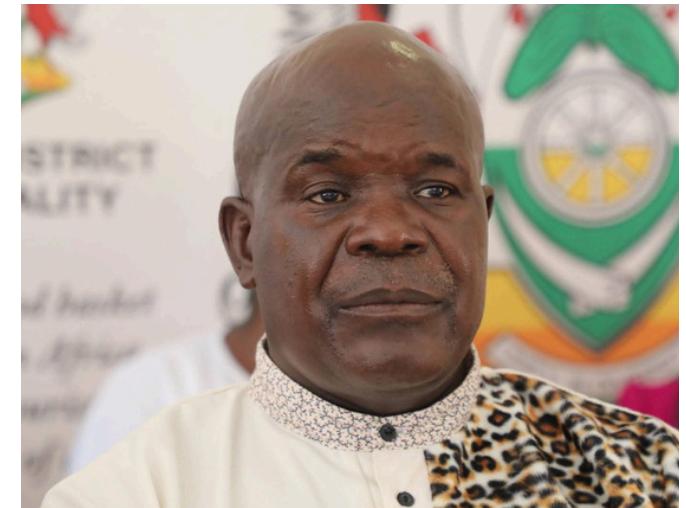
While he acknowledges the challenges, he stands by his decision. He says that it would be much easier to access funding from institutions such as Landbank and IDC if he had a title deed for the farm.

"If we can reach a stage where we have our own farm which has a title deed, it is something that can help our business. We are also in need of structures, such as shelter, the cold-room, packhouse, office and fence," Mushwana says.

His selfless decision to leave his job and start farming demonstrate the potential of agriculture to create meaningful change through job creation. His story is a reminder that pursuing a vision of positive impact can lead to a more prosperous and united community. It is a decision that will benefit even the next generations.



MMC Mohlala warns of lifestyle diseases as District commemorates World Aids Day



Councillor Lucky Mohlala, the Member of the Mayoral Committee for Governance in Mopani District Municipality, has urged communities members to remain vigilant as lifestyle diseases increasingly pose a threat to individuals globally.

He addressed the World Aids Day commemoration event for the district at Ga-Mamaila in the Greater Letaba Municipality on Thursday, 27 November 2025. This year the day was commemorated under the theme, “Renewed Efforts and Sustainable Commitments to End AIDS.”

“As we continue with our sustained fight against HIV and tuberculosis, it is important to also recognize the risks associated with lifestyle-related conditions such as obesity, diabetes, and high cholesterol. The encouraging news is that adopting a healthy and active lifestyle can effectively prevent these ailments,” he said.

The MMC hailed the progress made by government in the fight against HIV, saying that government is particularly dedicated to ending AIDS in children by 2030. We are strengthening efforts to prevent new infections, ensuring that all children living with HIV receive life-saving treatment, and addressing the social and structural barriers that hinder access to care.

“We have made significant strides in reducing HIV transmission from mothers to their babies, declining from 70,000 per annum in 2004 to just 643 for the financial year ending March 2025. We must ensure that no one is left behind in South Africa’s HIV response.

“In February of this year, Government launched the Close the Gap campaign in partnership with the World Health Organization. This initiative aims to identify and support the 1.1 million people living with HIV who know their status but are not yet on treatment. By December 2025, we aim to link, retain, and help these individuals thrive on antiretroviral treatment,” he said.

He also encouraged young men to consider medical circumcision, saying it reduces their risk of acquiring HIV. “We remind everyone that casual sexual encounters can increase the risk of contracting HIV and other STIs. Live smart, live healthy. Always use a condom. Avoid risky sexual behaviour. Avoid unhealthy habits such as smoking, alcohol and abuse”



Council has approved the appointment of Ms Refiloe Sylvia Malungane as the Senior Manager for Corporate and Shared Services. She has 17 years of experience in local government, having previously worked as Manager responsible for performance management system in the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality, before joining Greater Letaba Municipality in a similar role. She joined Mopani District Municipality in 2020, and has been overseeing the performance management unit since then. Malungane who graduated with a cum laude pass from the Tshwane University of Technology, holds a post-graduate diploma in public affairs, specialising in local government.

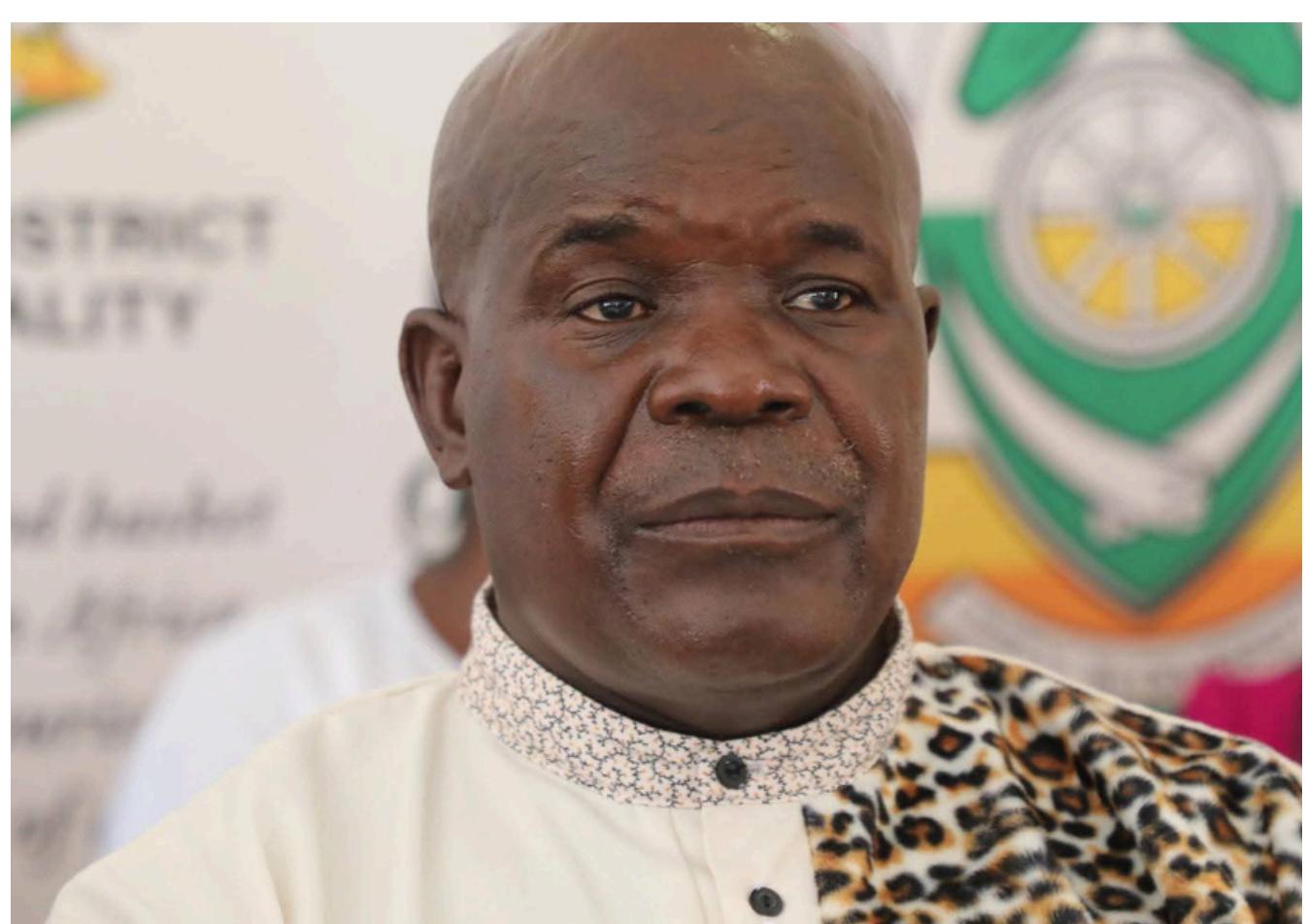


Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi has officially appointed Cllr. Ntlhanu Jameson Mbhalati to the mayoral committee, where he will oversee Agriculture and Environment within the district. The Executive Mayor highlighted Cllr. Mbhalati's extensive experience, having begun his service as a councillor in 2001. Council also noted the appointment of Cllr. Desmond Lebeya as the chairperson of the Section 79 committee, which is tasked with Roads and Transport matters. The two councillors are expected to resume their newly assigned responsibilities with immediate effect.

2025 Clean Earth School Competition



Maahlamele High School from Maruleng Local Maruleng has won the 2025 Clean Earth School Competition. The competition is aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and enhance environmental literacy among learners and educators. For its effort, the school walked away with laptops, two printers, a projector, projector screen, two whiteboards, and three set of recycling bins. Acting Executive Mayor Cllr. Lucky Mohlala delivering the keynote address at the prize-giving ceremony in Karibu today, said the Clean Earth School Competition contributes towards the shared commitment of environmental sustainability and stewardship. "The constitutional imperative places and obligation on us as government to protect the environment, but this is not our responsibility alone. It is the responsibility of everyone, but an extra premium is placed on you as the younger generation. That is why we consider this as a key initiative in helping us get everyone involved. It is through initiatives such as these that collectively we can advance for sustainable practices that will benefit communities today as well as future generations." This year's competition is hosted under the theme: "Harmony with nature and sustainable development."





MMC Lucky Mohlala, acting on behalf of the Executive Mayor planted trees at the Gravelotte library and at the community recreational park on Friday, 28 November 2025 - this as part of President Cyril Ramaphosa's Ten Million Trees Programme, which aims to plant 10 million trees by 2030. The campaign contributes to climate resilience but also raises awareness about the importance of greening the environment. He was also joined by MMC for Community Services, Cllr. Basani Shibambu.



CONGRATULATIONS!!



MS LEBEYA REGINA MASHATO

Executive Mayor
Cllr Pule Shayi

MS SONIA KALLAI

EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR. PULE SHAYI EXTENDS HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATORS FROM MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY FOR RECEIVING TOP HONORS AT THE 25TH ANNUAL NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS.

**MS LEBEYA REGINA MASHATO FROM BARANUKA HIGH SCHOOL:
WINNER IN THE CATEGORY- EXCELLENCE IN SECONDARY TEACHING**

**MS SONIA KALLAI FROM BANANA PRIMARY SCHOOL:
WINNER IN THE CATEGORY- EXCELLENCE IN GRADE R TEACHING**

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

EXECUTIVE MAYOR COUNCILLOR PULE SHAYI EXTENDS HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO MAJOR GENERAL WILLY MASHAVA, THE MOPANI DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF THE SAPS, ALONG WITH HIS DEDICATED TEAM OF OFFICERS, FOR THEIR REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE SAPS LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS HELD AT THE RANCH ON FRIDAY EVENING. AMONG THE ACCOLADES RECEIVED BY THE TEAM ARE SEVERAL PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

MOST IMPROVED DISTRICT: MOPANI

CATCH OF THE YEAR (TEAM WITH THE MOST ARRESTS): MOPANI TRACKING TEAM

DETECTIVE & FORENSIC TEAM OF THE YEAR: MOPANI TRACKING TEAM

FCS INVESTIGATING TEAM OF THE YEAR: TZANEEN FCS TEAM

THE TZANEEN AND RITAVI POLICE STATIONS ALSO RECEIVED AWARDS FOR BEST PERFORMING STATIONS

"WE CONGRATULATE GENERAL MASHAVA AND HIS OUTSTANDING TEAM. WE APPRECIATE GREATLY YOUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO PUT YOURSELVES ON THE LINE TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE AND FEEL SAFE."



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The first direct FlySafair flight has landed in Hoedspruit from Cape Town



The first direct FlySafair flight from Cape Town landed in Eastgate Airport in Hoedspruit on the 2nd of October 2025. The company launched a triple-weekly service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Cape Town to Hoedspruit. This marks an increase in flights landing in Eastgate from 7 to 8 per day.

Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba who was accompanied by MEC for Transport and Community Services Violet Mathye, and Mayor of Maruleng Municipality Cllr. Tsheko Musolwa officiated the launch.

Mayor Musolwa hailed this development as a significant boost for the tourism sector in Maruleng, emphasizing the growing appeal of Hoedspruit as a key destination for both domestic and international travellers. Eastgate Airport remains the busiest airport in Limpopo, and the expansion of flight services by FlySafair will undoubtedly enhance accessibility to the region's renowned wildlife reserves, lodges, and other tourist attractions.

"I welcome this announcement from FlySafair, which aligns with our long-standing call for Eastgate Airport to be granted an international licence. The increase in air travel is not just a win for Hoedspruit but a victory for the entire travel and tourism sector in Maruleng. It strengthens our position as gateway to Limpopo's prime tourist destinations," said Musolwa.

Eastgate Airport remains the busiest airport in Limpopo, and the expansion of flight services by FlySafair will undoubtedly enhance accessibility to the region's renowned wildlife reserves, lodges, and other tourist attractions. The Maruleng Local Municipality remains committed to supporting initiatives that drive economic growth and tourism development, ensuring the area continues to flourish as a sought-after destination.

Courtesy: MLM Communications



The Mopani District Municipality officially initiated the Festive Season Road Safety State of Readiness Campaign along the R71 road in Gravelotte on Friday, 28 November. Cllr Lucky Mohlala, the Member of the Mayoral Committee for Governance, represented the Executive Mayor and emphasized the importance of collaboration among all stakeholders, including community patrol groups, to ensure road safety throughout the festive season. #ArriveAlive





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EXECUTIVE MAYORS SAYS TRADITIONAL LEADERS HAVE POWER TO CONTRIBUTE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi says traditional leaders have the power to make a meaningful contribution in the fight against youth unemployment.

The Executive Mayor was addressing the strategic planning session of the Mopani Local House of Traditional and Khoi-san Leaders on Wednesday, 12 November at Blyde Forever Resort.

"We have a wealth of cultural heritage that can be explored for economic development, from agriculture, tourism as well as crafts. By promoting these sectors, we can generate sustainable livelihoods while preserving our culture and heritage."

He said that there is no socio-economic transformation agenda that will succeed without the institution of traditional leadership, adding that the institution is key to economic and social inclusion.

"The sustained existence of the institution of traditional leadership is key to our programme of radical socio-economic transformation.

"Through your guidance and support, we can unlock the untapped potential in our rural communities, fight hunger, eliminate poverty and reduce inequality. The struggle for socio-economic breakthroughs is not something outside the scope of your existence as the Local House," he said.

The Executive Mayor said the Municipality is pursuing more partnerships to help benefit young people.

"We have partnered with Limpopo Connexion to help us bridge the digital divide as well as leverage on the emerging sunrise economies.

"Through this partnership, we aim to roll out broadband infrastructure to our townships and rural communities to benefit youth, and youth entrepreneurs with access to reliable internet connectivity, which is key to socio-economic participation," he said.

The Municipality has also signed an MoU with the National Youth Development Agency, and has set aside R2million as part of this partnership.

NCOP TOURS MOPANI TO PROBE INCOMPLETE, DELAYED AND ABANDONED PROJECTS

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) visited Mopani District from 17 - 21 November as part of the Provincial Week 2025, focusing on assessing the infrastructure and service delivery, particularly incomplete, delayed, and abandoned projects.

The delegates visited sites in Greater Tzaneen, Giyani, and Maruleng Municipality. Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi presented an overview of service provision in the district, emphasizing both achievements and the challenges that require intervention.

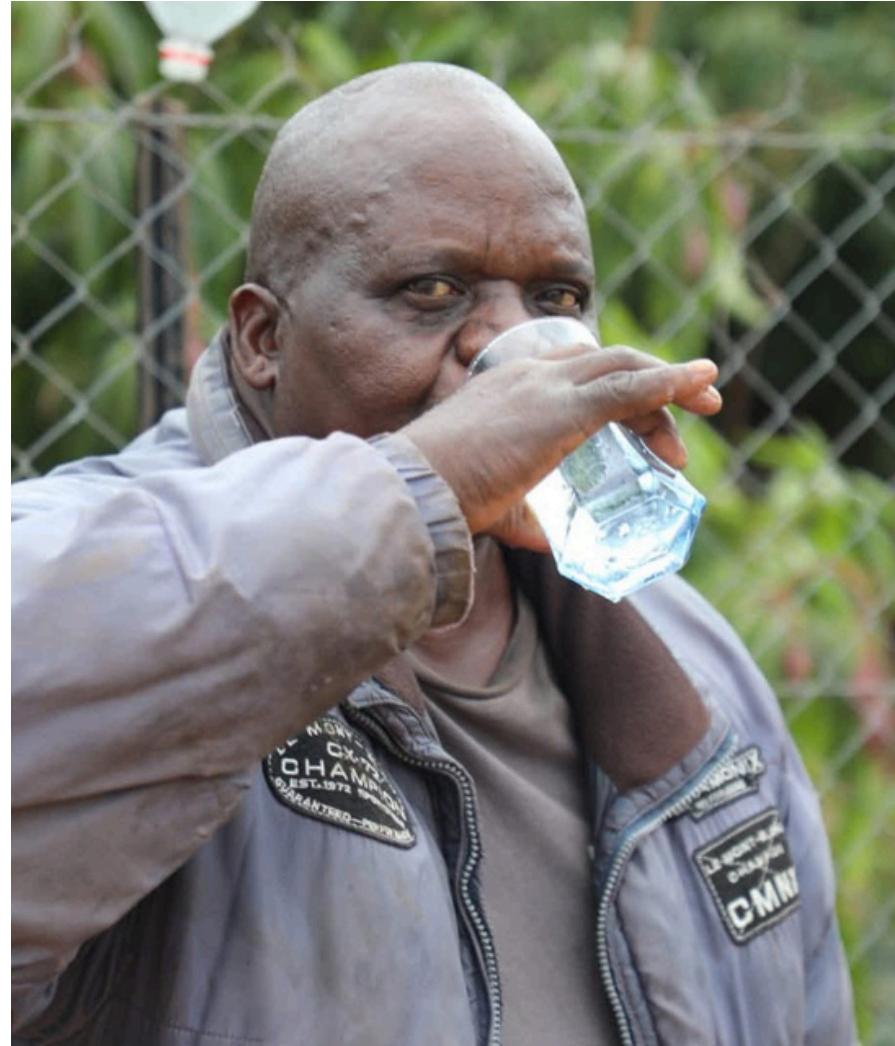
The theme for this year's NCOP Provincial Week was: "Building Viable Municipalities for Enhanced Delivery of Basic Services to Communities."



Operation Fix All

[In pictures] A total of **329** borehole have been fixed as part of Operation Fix All since its launch in August 2025. The campaign aims to provide water to communities across the district.

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VISION

To be the food basket of Southern Africa and the tourism destination of choice

MISSION

Provide Services to the people and co-ordinate activities of other service providers resulting in the enhancement of sustainable social, physical and economic well being for all

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Vision

"To be the leading municipality in the delivery of quality services for the promotion of socio-economic development"

Mission

- To ensure an effective, efficient and economically viable municipality through:
 - Promotion of accountable, transparent and consultative and co-operative governance;
 - Promotion of local economic development and poverty alleviation;
 - Strengthening cooperative governance;
 - Provision of sustainable and affordable services and
 - Ensuring a compliant, safe and healthy environment.
 - To improve the delivery of quality services through the use of smart technology

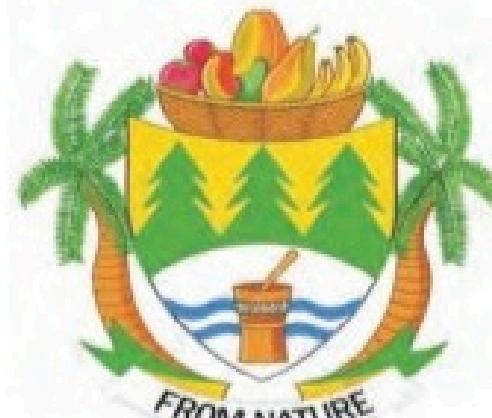
Slogan
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Vision

To be the fastest growing economy in Limpopo, this will ensure access to basic services to every household.

Mission

To exceed our constitutional mandate in delivering developmental services to our people through partnerships with stakeholders.

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Vision

"Best Tourism Destination in Limpopo by 2020"

Mission

- To ensure financial viability, sound administration, and accountable governance for investor attractiveness;
- To render all stakeholders with quality and affordable infrastructure and services for enhancing a safe and better life for all;
- To manage the environment for future sustainable economic growth;
- To build the mining industry for economic growth;
- To position Ba-Phalaborwa as a tourism destination of choice.

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Vision

The Vision of the Maruleng Municipality is to become the powerhouse of socio-economic development through sustainable and integrated agriculture and tourism.

Mission

The Mission statement reads as follows: "Maruleng is committed to the provision of integrated basic services and sustainable infrastructure development in an accountable manner"

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Vision

A municipality where environmental sustainability, tourism and agriculture thrive for economic growth.

Mission

A democratic and accountable municipality that ensure the provision of services through sound environmental management practices, local development and community participation.

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