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EXECUTIVE MAYOR URGES LOCAL PEOPLE TO TAKE SHO'T LEFT AS HE LAUNCHES TOURISM MONTH

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi has urged local communities to take advantage of the free day pass offered as part of Limpopo Wildlife Resorts Mahala Week and the SANParks Mahala Week.

Speaking at the Tourism Month Activation Campaign in Phalaborwa on Monday, the Executive Mayor said that local communities should be the first to experience the wonders of the wildlife and natural heritage in the district.

He said the Limpopo Wildlife Resorts Mahala Week from 08 – 14 September 2025 as well as the SANParks Mahala Week which will run from 22 – 28 September 2025 presents an opportunity for communities to explore their own country. The SANParks Mahala Week allows for free day visit to most of the national parks, including the Kruger National Park.

He also called for collaborative efforts to create a safe environment for tourists visiting the district, saying the sector remains very key in the creation of jobs and viable communities.



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“It is through tourism that we bring in visitors who contribute to our local economic development, creating jobs for our people. It therefore calls for collaborative approach that seek to promote our tourist attraction sites, but also prioritizing efforts around ensuring safety of the tourists, including around issues of road safety.

“Let us work together to create a culture of safety that enhances the tourism experience while protecting the lives of those who come to enjoy our offerings as a district. Working with the law enforcement authorities, we must heighten patrols on the routes leading to the Kruger National Park and all the other tourist hotspots in the district,” the Executive Mayor said.

The Executive Mayor also lauded the presence of the delegation from the Bushbuckridge Municipality, which was led by the MMC for economic development Cllr. Patricia Gubayi. “We cherish this opportunity to be hosting you in our district, and we believe it is an opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences and perspectives on how best we can promote tourism and integration.

“The Gateway airport in Hoedspruit is so key to the promotion of tourism between the two municipalities. From next month, FlySafair is introducing weekly flights to Cape Town which means even more affordable air travel for tourists wishing to visit Mopani as well as the Mpumalanga Province,” he said.

