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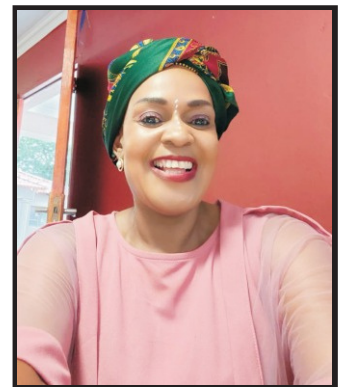
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S DESK



Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi

We are of course at the tail end of the 2022 calendar year. The negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is still felt today, and the ongoing load shedding has made things worse for our people. Businesses are struggling. Today, many of our people are without work. Many have lost hope and their sense of self-worth. Many are now indulging in too much alcohol and abusing drugs.

And we do know that this often leads to continuous sexual and physical abuse of women and children in our communities. Our biggest concern is the number of gender-based violence cases that continue to be reported, here in the district and nationwide.

We take this opportunity, on behalf of the leadership collective of Mopani District Municipality to call upon all of us to work together to end gender-based violence.

We wish to invite men to be part of the solution in ending violence against women and children. Reality is that women and children are not only violated by strangers, but also by people who are known to them, the fathers, the husbands, the uncles, the boyfriends, and teachers.

Men must have dialogue where they must challenge each to end the violence against women and children. Let us change the belief that men are strong, and that women are weak or that men have to be in charge.

The festive season is upon such, as such many will be taking to our roads travelling to various holiday destinations, we implore all roads users to act responsibly. We do know that 50% of road fatalities are caused by drinking and driving. So, we plead with all of you who will be travelling to avoid drinking and driving.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ presents an opportunity for all of us to recharge as we spend time with family and friends. Our only plea is that we celebrate responsibly.

We want to implore all of us as leaders in our communities and caring public servants to reach out in our individual capacity to those less privileged. Let us all adopt a family in our neighbourhood and inspire hope in their lives during this festive season – the season of giving.

On behalf of the leadership collective, we wish all our people in the district a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Together, we will face 2023 with renewed strength as we continue to build better communities together. Let us stay safe.

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR CONTINUES ENGAGEMENTS WITH COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SET TO BENEFIT FROM PHASE 1 OF **WATER RETICULATION IN GIYANI**



Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi is continuing with his programme of engaging stakeholders in communities that are set to benefit from phase 1 of the reticulation projects as part of the Giyani Water Project.

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The Executive Mayor visited Ngove village on Thursday, 17 November. The village is one of the 24 villages to benefit from the first phase as water reticulation to households starts. He has already been to Bambeni, and Homu 14A, where he held engagements with stakeholders which also included traditional leaders, civic organizations, business formations and school governing bodies.

He implored the stakeholders to ensure that there's buy-in from everyone in the community during project implementation, saying this will ensure the project is completed within the set timeframe.

"The whole objective is to proactively inform and share with them information about the reticulation project that is coming to the community. But it is also to get buy-in from them so they take ownership to ensure that we meet the target lines. It's also about forging partnership to ensure that the project implementation is not disrupted in one way or another," the Executive Mayor said.



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MDM PARTNERS WITH W&RSETA

TO TRAIN INFORMAL TRADERS



Mopani District Municipality partnered with The Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) to host a one-day training in Tzaneen on Friday last week, which targeted informal traders from the five local municipalities.

The training was centred around the theme. **"revitalizing the township and rural economics by building a vibrant and sustainable businesses."** Participants had an opportunity to be trained on many aspects of entrepreneurship, including on customer care, financial management, hygiene and food safety, and on compliance with by-laws.

Delivering the welcome address at the training, the MMC for agriculture Cllr Maripe Mangena said informal traders were very important in contributing to the fight against poverty and unemployment, especially in the township and rural communities.

"Many of our people depend on you for affordable products, hence it is important that we find ways to support and strengthen you. And our wish is that you will use this opportunity to gain new skills to help you improve your businesses."

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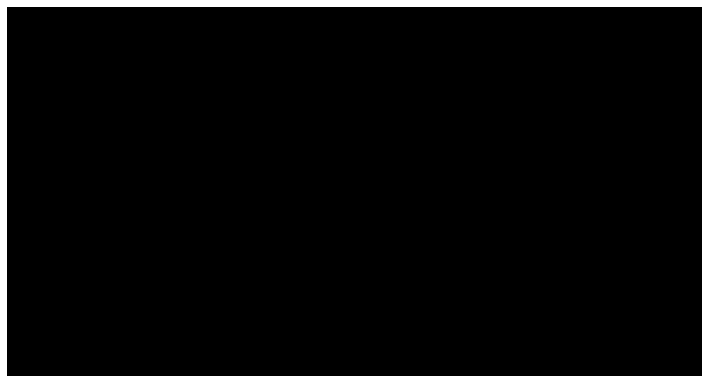
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Tumelo Nkwane from Motupa village in the Greater Tzaneen Municipality said the training was beneficial to him. "Through this training, I realized the importance of book keeping. Every business needs book keeping to survive. If you don't keep proper records, then you are not able to account for the finances. I would encourage other young people to attend this training."

Nkwane was not the only participant impressed with the modules on book keeping. California Lebeya who owns a poultry business was also very impressed with the module, but also the module on financial management.

"The training was very much impressive and informative. I learned a lot of things which I was not even aware of. I learned about record keeping. I learned about how to attract more customers, new customers. That I should go out there on my own to hunt for more customers for my business. And I learned about customer service. The module that I found very informative was the financial planning, marketing planning and operation planning which are the most features on a business plan," said California.



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MOPANI DISTRICT LAUNCHES ITS TOURISM ASSOCIATION



Mopani District Municipality has now established and launched a Mopani District Tourism Association that will be seized with the task of developing the tourism strategy and also leading marketing initiatives on behalf of the sector.

Speaking at the launch which was facilitated by LEDET and the Limpopo Tourism and Parks in Tzaneen on Wednesday (23 November), the MMC for planning and economic development said Municipality welcomes the initiative as it gives the sector a unified voice.

"In the main, their task will be to ensure that they advise the district on strategies to elevate tourism as a key strategic pillar of our economy. They will serve as a voice for the tourism sector in the district, and our pledge today is that we will embrace their work in positioning the district to be one of the tourist attraction districts in the Southern Africa," he said.

Baloyi said the Municipality has an obligation to support the tourism sector to align with the vision of being "the tourism destination of choice." He said the MDTA will have an opportunity to participate in key intergovernmental forums, which will be a platform to raise issues affecting the sector

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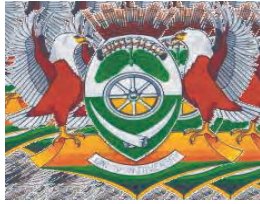


"We want to celebrate this occasion because we know it will bring the sector closer to our planning space. It means that the District will now have a well-coordinated and coherent voice representing this sector. The structure will have to fully participate in our strategic planning sessions, the LED forum, IDP forum, and the other intergovernmental forums.

"The formation of this structure, and their participation in the IGR forums will also help them to elevate issues of service delivery that impacts on the sector. And this will include, but not limited to issues of road infrastructure, water and electricity," he said.

He said Mopani District Municipality will always embrace initiatives that support the sector to grow. "Indeed, we have an obligation to support the sector. We have been making our minimal efforts to support the sector. Most recently, we tried to support the sector by ensuring that we give tourism establishments some vouchers to install Wi-Fi, which is key in ensuring that we expose our establishments to a wider population and help increase our revenue."

Dan Monyela from Greater Tzaneen Municipality was elected as chairperson, deputy chairperson is Patricia Dlamini from Greater Giyani, Queen Ngobeni (MDM) was elected secretary, Tebogo Maake from Greater Letaba elected as treasurer, and Thabiso Sekhula as the public relations officer. Tom Voster from Maruleng and Eddie Malapane from Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality elected as additional members of the MDTA.



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
"Maatla go Setshaba"

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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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