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**Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi**

## From the Executive Mayor's desk

We have come to the end of yet another eventful year. Together with our people we have pushed the struggle by few more meters in ensuring that more and more of our communities have access to consistent water provision and decent sanitation. We are much closer to finally delivering consistent water to our people in Giyani. We are confident that our people residing in the 24 villages targeted as part of the first phase of the reticulation project will receive water direct to their houses by end of April in the

new year, and that will also usher in the project to reticulate to the additional 31 villages.

We have been to the Tours project. We have seen first-hand our people in villages such as Masoma, Mogapeng benefiting from this project, which we are expanding to other villages. We have recorded significant progress in our efforts to improve water supply in Lulekani and the surrounding areas, where we are implementing the MIG project as part of the Lulekani Water Scheme.

Through the generosity of our businesspeople, we have built decent shelter for our people. We have been to Maseke to celebrate with the Maphatha family. We have been to Gandlanani to celebrate with our granny, Mamaila Mkhabela. We made commitments to build more houses, and that work is continuing.

We also take this opportunity to congratulate the Department of Basic Education and the Matric Class of 2023 for the incident-free NSC exams. We also wish to appeal to parents and guardians to support these learners during this anxious time as they await the results. We are ready as government to support them and ensure they realize their dreams of pursuing their studies at institutions of higher learning.

# From the Executive Mayor's desk

We are not happy with the economic growth, which is far below the projections when we adopted the NDP more than a decade ago. There are lots of factors contributing to this, including the effect of the novel coronavirus, inconsistent electricity supply and the geopolitical influence. The price of commodities such as a food and oil is constantly rising, and unaffordable for our people. We remain confident though that Government will soon turn the tide on load shedding.

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 and ensure safety of everyone. We also encourage our people to take a shot left and support local tourism, and contribute to the economic growth in the District.

We want to implore all of us in our communities 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

Inspired by the resilience and heroic spirit of the Springboks, we look forward to 2024, and we again invite all residents of Mopani District Municipality 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. Let us have a blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

CLLR. PULE SHAYI  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR



# MDM'S EXECUTIVE MAYOR URGES TRADITIONAL LEADERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS AROUND SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION



The Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi says traditional leaders can play a leading role in efforts to attract investment to rural communities which will alter the socio-economic conditions of the people in the district.

The Executive Mayor said this while addressing the official opening of the Mopani Local House of Traditional Leaders in Mashishimale village today. He said that despite all the efforts in the past 29 years of freedom and democracy, unemployment remained high, poverty and inequality also remained a challenge, affecting majority of rural communities.

"The legacy of apartheid is still felt even today, especially in our rural communities. The apartheid legacy dumped our people far away from economic hubs. Together with this collective we should intensify programmes around attracting investment to our rural communities.





## MDM'S EXECUTIVE MAYOR URGES TRADITIONAL LEADERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS AROUND SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION



*"It is only when we work together that we will have access to adequate land for farming, contribute to food security, and reduce poverty. A functional Local House of Traditional Leaders is a perfect platform to debate and plan together on how best we can take the struggles of our people forward," he said.*

He said that efforts to build integrated human settlements where people will reside closer to where they work can only be successful through the support of traditional leaders.

The Executive Mayor said the Municipality has recorded 100% spending on the municipal infrastructure grant, crediting this to the support from traditional leaders. He said that there are no disruptions to infrastructure projects in communities where traditional leaders are actively involved.

*"We are implementing 38 water reticulation projects in the Greater Giyani Municipality as part of the first phase of reticulation Giyani Water Project, targeting 24 villages. So far stoppages due to disputes have been minimal, and that is because of your leadership and guidance," he said.*

He appealed to traditional leaders to assist government in ensuring that spaza shops owners comply with regulations. He said communities should be encouraged our communities to be vigilant when buying food, not only from spaza shops, but also from well-known retail shops. The Municipality is coordinating a multidisciplinary stakeholder forum to intensify monitoring programme in all our communities.







#### KEY ITEMS CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED BY COUNCIL

- Extension on the appointment of acting senior manager for community services
- 2023/24 first quarter performance report
- 2023/24 first quarter back to basics report
- Litigation report
- Update on underpayment & overpayment to councillors replacement of the financial disciplinary board
- Quarterly budget monitoring reports: Section 52 reports, Section 71, C-Schedule for the period ending 30 September 2023
- Roadmap on the implementation of mSCOA
- Cost containment measures 2023/24

## MDM COUNCIL'S ORDINARY SITTING DELIBERATES ON PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Mopani District Council held its ordinary sitting on Tuesday, 31 October to consider quarterly performance reports. The ordinary council sitting was convened in Giyani at the Mopani District Council Chambers.

Council extended its condolences and also observed a moment of silence in honour of the late Hosi Mabunda TB of Nyavana community. She passed on the 18th of October, and she is to be laid to rest later this week. "Our thoughts are with the royal family, the royal council and her entire community. May the soul of Her Royal Highness rests in eternal peace," the Whip of Council, Cllr. Magdeline Lewele said.

Council also added its voice to the congratulatory messages on the success recorded by the SA rugby team, the springboks for winning the 2023 Rugby World Cup. Just as the president said last night, it was indeed a great show of character, resilience and sheer determination. We celebrate this incredible success.

Council also sent its best wishes to the Matric Class of 2023 as they sit for the exams. Tuesday marked day 2 of the 2023 NSC exams. The Whip of Council, Cllr. Magdeline Lewele reaffirmed the message delivered by the Executive Mayor a week ago, pointed out that the District was on an upward trajectory in terms of the Matric results, and expressed hope that the momentum will be sustained.

"What also encourages us is the outcomes of the preliminary exams, which points to a positive transition. We are not only hopeful, but we are confident that this generation will do even better. Let's support them as they conclude this journey," she said.

The Chief Whip also congratulated the executive mayor and the District Local House of Traditional Leadership as led by Kgoshi Pheeha for the successful opening of the District Local House at Mashishimale in the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality on Friday, 27 October 2023.

"In a district with diverse cultures, the Local House is very key in advancing our sustained efforts around social cohesion and social inclusion, but also the promotion of equitable quality service provision to our communities," the Whip of Council said.

Council also received reports from both MPAC and the Audit Committee. The report from MPAC was referred back to the committee to be reworked and brought back to council for consideration.

RE-APPOINTED ACTING SENIOR MANAGER  
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES: MR. NR  
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## MEC INTRODUCES 40KM ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN BA-PHALABORWA MUNICIPALITY



Limpopo's MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Mme. Nkakareng Rakgoale joined by the Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi and the political management team from Ba-Phalaborwa led a sod-turning ceremony on Tuesday, 31 October 2013 – this for the upgrading and rehabilitation of two roads in the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality.

The upgrade will be done on the D4424 road from the Post Office in Lulekani to Matiko-xikaya and the D3786 from the R40 road, Boelang, Maseke to Mashishimale. The 40km project is jointly funded by the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) and the Palabora Mining Company (PMC).

Speaking during the sod-turning ceremony, MEC Rakgoale said the public-private partnership project is funded to tune of R205million. “We appreciate the great cooperation that we see from PMC. As we continue to work with determination and resilience, together we will surely be able to make an impact in our communities for the benefit of our beautiful provinces.”

Mopani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi welcomed the project saying, “this project contributes to our programme around building integrated communities where movement of people and goods is made easier. Our communities should all be rallying behind this project during implementation.”





# MDM HOSTS ITS BATHO PELE DAY EVENT IN MARULENG MUNICIPALITY

Mopani District Municipality celebrated its Batho Pele Day at Makgaung community hall in the Maruleng local Municipality on Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

MDM's MMC for governance and shared services, Cllr. Lucky Mohlala presented the district citizen's report. He also addressed the people on behalf of the Executive Mayor, saying access to quality public services is no longer a privilege for a few.

"Through the sweat, blood and the sustained sacrifices of our forebears, access to public services is a rightful expectation of all of our people. We have put in place systems to ensure that we are a government that is open, transparent, and accountable," he said.

MMC Mohlala said that much ground has been covered in ensuring access to services for people, especially in the rural areas. He said the democratic government introduced the Thusong Service Centre Programme, targeting in the main the underserved communities.

"We came here in Maruleng and introduced the Maruleng Thusong Service Centre at Metz village. And indeed, through that centre our people have access to integrated basic services as well as information closer to where they live," he said.

"It was this democratic government that introduced the Imbizo programme. The imbizo programme seeks to promote increased unmediated dialogue between government and our people. We are now implementing this programme at all levels of our democratic government, including at the level of wards as led by ward councillors," he said.

He also said elected public office bearers also had a bigger role to play in promoting the batho pele principles, saying "Batho Pele is not just about the frontline staff in our offices, it's also about us as leaders. We have a responsibility to promote and champion these principles"







# HONOKA COMBINED SCHOOL WALKS AWAY AS THE WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT CLEAN EARTH SCHOOLS COMPETITION



MDM held the final leg and prize-giving ceremony for the Clean Earth School Competition at Tivumbeni EMPC on Friday, 20 October 2023.



The competition ran from 01 August to 20 October 2023 under the theme: “Beat Plastic Pollution.”

Honoka Combined School from Greater Giyani Municipality walked away with the first prize after beating 25 other schools representing the five local Municipalities.



This victory means that Honoka has earned a spot to represent mopani district in the upcoming provincial competition.



In her closing remarks, MMC for Public Roads and Transport, Cllr. Sophia Magomane said "the competition is important in raising awareness and engaging communities on the issue of environmental sustainability which focuses on the state of the planet. It encourages individuals to live in a way that creates minimal waste and even regenerates some of the resources we use every day."

All schools were awarded participation certificates, while the the top 5 schools received trophies and other prizes.





# 2023 DISTRICT GOLDEN GAMES







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**CLLR PULE SHAYI**  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

## **EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S MESSAGE TO THE MATRIC CLASS OF 2023**

With just two days left before the start of the national senior certificate examinations, we wish to take this opportunity and wish the best of luck to the Matric Class of 2023. The NSC results show an upward trajectory here in Mopani District, and we are confident that this generation will keep the momentum going.

We are encouraged by the commitment we have seen from all of you, of course also through the support from your dedicated educators. We commend you for the efforts so far, but wish to encourage you to give it the final push by preparing thoroughly for these exams. We are all on our feet cheering for you as you enter the last lap.

The matric result is the gateway to the future that you have always dreamt of, and our wish is for you to do well and come back to contribute in providing solutions to the challenges facing our people. Mao Tse-Tung says, and I quote: "The world is yours, as well as ours, but in the last analysis, it is yours. You, young people, full of vigour and vitality, are in the bloom of life, like the sun at eight or nine in the morning. Our hope is placed on you. The world belongs to you."

On behalf of the leadership collective and the people of Mopani, we wish success to this generation, the Matric Class of 2023.

Cllr. Pule Shayi  
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

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ONE BEHIND**

“In celebration of the Springboks’ momentous achievement and as a tribute to the unity and resolve of the South African people, I am declaring Friday 15 December 2023 as a public holiday.”



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# 2021 - 2026 COUNCIL

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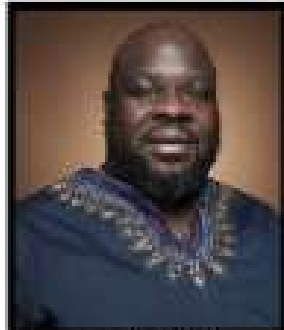
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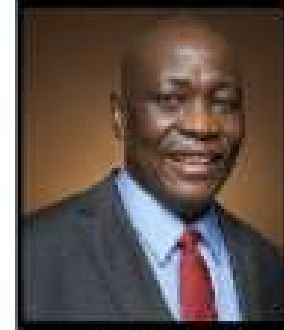
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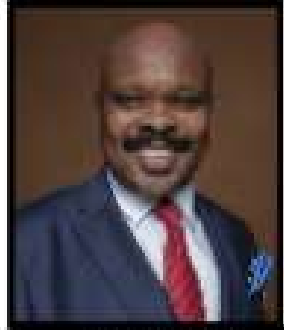
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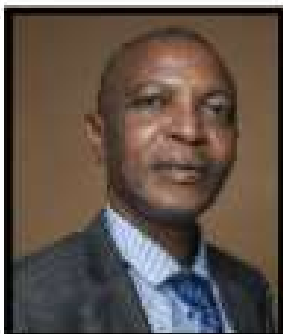


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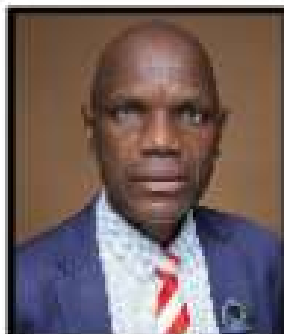


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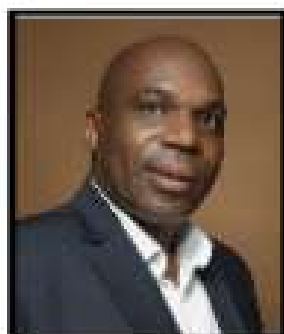
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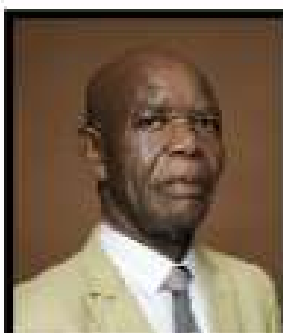
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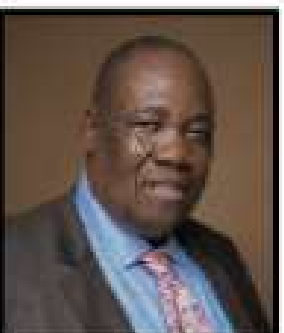
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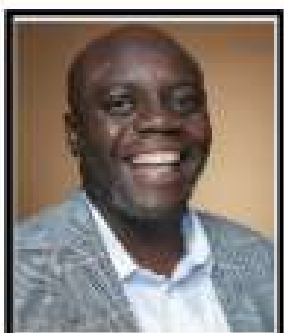
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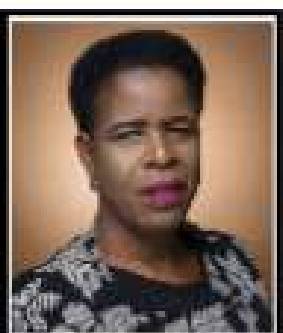
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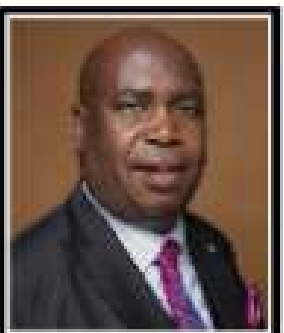
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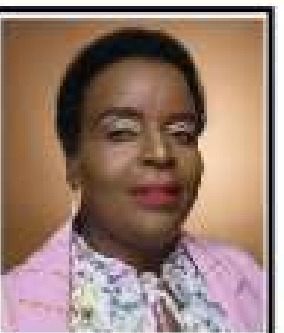
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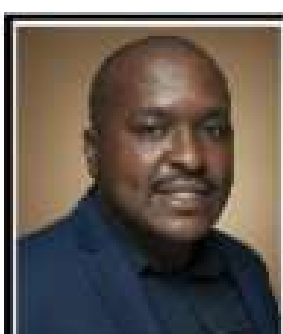
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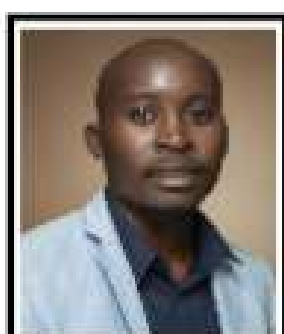
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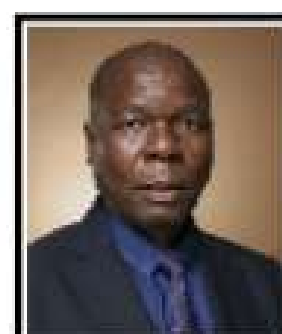
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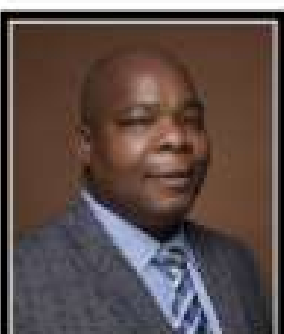
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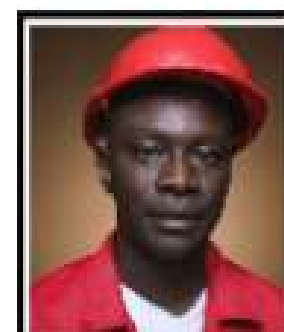
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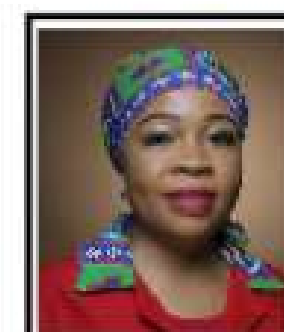
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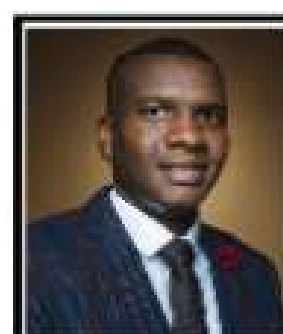
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#### VISION

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  
"Maatla go Setlhaba"

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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.

### Greater Tzaneen Municipality

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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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