

# Lephalale Municipality

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## FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION AT MOLEMOLE



Hundreds of community members from different parts of Limpopo gathered at Bakenberg Stadium for the annual Freedom Day Celebration on 27 April 2019. Limpopo Premier together with the minister of Sports, Arts and Culture, Mme Thokozile Xasa, were joined by MEC's, Mayors and other distinguished delegates.

The purpose of the day was to celebrate 25 years of democracy and also to commemorate the first democratic elections in South Africa which were held on 27 April 1994. According to the Premier, the 1994 election abolished apartheid and ushered in a new hope, a new dawn which is democracy.

The Premier used the opportunity to outline some of the achievements of the current government such as the construction of hospitals and clinics, roads, access to education, schools etc. He also acknowledged that backlog and challenges of service delivery in some areas of Limpopo and gave assurance that Limpopo Government will continue work hard to ensure that service delivery is fast-tracked.

Mathabatha further urged the youth to make use of the opportunities given to them to go to school and get educated in order honour struggle heroes and heroine who were tortured and killed for South Africa to attain democracy "Black children were only given the education which prepared them to work as servants of their white counterparts.



This type of education was known as Bantu education. When young people protested and rejected Bantu education, the apartheid government responded by sending the police to shoot and kill them. One of the youngest victims who were killed by apartheid police for rejecting Bantu education was the 11 year old Hector Peterson. Bantu education was designed to ensure that Black children do not get the opportunities to be trained as medical specialists, scientists, accountants and other important professions. The apartheid government wanted our kids to go to school only to be trained how to become a good garden boy or an effective kitchen girl".

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## PHAHLADIRA WATER PROJECT AND ELECTRIFICATION SOD TURNING

As part of the Lephalale Local Municipality's programmes to address water challenges at the rural areas, Limpopo MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs(Coghsta) jointly with MEC for Sports, Arts and Culture, Mme Thandi Moraka, Member of the Provincial Legislature, Mme Aphiri, Waterberg District Executive Mayor, Cllr Morris Mataboge and the Local Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko led the official sod turning ceremony at Phahladira village , to mark the commencement of the construction for a water project on 21 April 2019.

The contractor on the other hand introduced his new employees who were sourced from the local community. The delegation also visited Steve Biko Village where they conducted a sod turning ceremony to mark the start of a household electrification project. The project involves the installation of electricity to more than thirty houses.



## LEPHALALE YOUTH GET SKILLED FOR TECHNICAL HOME BUILDING

National Home Builder's Registration Council (NHBR) in Partnership with Lephalale Local Municipality and Young Entrepreneurship Project (YEP) offered 25 young people of Lephalale an opportunity to be trained for Technical Home Building Skills. The course started on the 09 April 2019 and ran for 3 days. The aim of the programme is to develop local young people who are interested in construction to be able to start their own businesses in building and construction.

This programme comes during a time where the Honourable Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko just launched youth skills development programme with the aim of addressing unemployment amongst young people in Lephalale.

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## IDP BUDGET AND ROADSHOWS

The community of Martinique, ThaboMbeki and Phaladira villages raised numerous service delivery issues during Lephalale Local Municipality Intergrated Development Plan Road Shows which was held on 10, 11 and 30 April.

Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is a five year plan which is required to compile and determine the development needs of the municipality. The Honourable Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko together with the Municipal Management, responded to issues of concern which were voiced by the communities. Amongst issues of concern which were highlighted by the community ranged from water challenges, electricity, roads to unemployment.



## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND EPWP



On 04 April 2019, Lephalale local municipality, Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, activated the much awaited driving lessons initiative. The activation follows launch of skill development programme on the 14 March 2019.

The driving lessons initiative will see unemployed people under the jurisdiction of Lephalale municipality getting driving lessons and licenses free of charge.

The day started with the launching of Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP). The EPWP is one of government's key programme aimed at providing poverty and income relief through temporary work for the unemployed.