

Lephalale Municipality

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MANDELA MONTH CELEBRATION



Nelson Mandela day July 18 is a day set aside by the African Union to celebrate the birthday of former President Nelson Mandela, to honour his legacy and to carry forward the spirit of humanity, respect and unity. In Lephalale, Local Mayor Jack Maeko, led a team comprising of municipal , councillors, officials, stakeholders (Eskom-Medupi and its contractors, Temo mine, Moon cloud, Coghsta, PEP, Broll Properties, Mamondo Builders, Bigen Africa etc.) and volunteers to a number of activities. The team renovated, cleaned and painted, Ellisras District Hospital, Witpoort Hospital and minor refurbishments at Shonogoane Clinic. The Mayor in partnership with Eskom-Medupi ended the day by donating blankets to two crèches in Ditlounge and Mmaletswai villages

The celebration continued on Wednesday 20 July at Ga-Seleka Community Hall where masses from all villages in Lephalale were in attendance. On the day the Mayor in partnership with stakeholders officially handed over three houses to needy families identified by Communication Minister, Faith Muthambi, during the launch of 2015 Focus Imbizo week. The houses were each equipped with a three piece sofa set, televisions, beds, fridges and the beneficiaries also received clothes from various sponsors

The entourage led by the Mayor, visited; Mazwe High School and a number of challenges were identified. Some of the challenges raised at the school were, dilapidated classrooms, lack of playground, laboratory and ablution facilities. A sod turning ceremony for the construction of toilets at the school was done by the Mayor and Local Kgoshi PD Seleka. Other stakeholders in attendance pledged more interventions to improve the current state of the school. The Mayor said Madiba's birthday is more than a celebration of his life and legacy, it is a global call to honour his life's work and to change the world for the better. Mayor Maeko, closed the event by giving an update of the 2015 67 projects for Madiba and further launching 67 projects aimed at improving the lives of the people of Lephalale.

MANDELA DAY ACTIVITIES

"It always seems impossible until it is done" Nelson Mandela



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"



Mandela Day 2016 pictures



MATLABASLOOP LAUNCH



Public Enterprises Deputy Minister, Mr Bulelani Magwanishe, today (14 July 2016) marked the completion of the first phase in the expansion of the coal line between the Waterberg in Limpopo and Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal.

The project entailed the construction of a 1,8 km long passing loop at Matlabas, enabling 100-wagon trains to cross without disrupting the operation of other trains on the line. The investment has resulted in a significant increase in rail capacity, improved operational efficiencies and faster turnaround times.

Rail capacity between Lephale in the Limpopo Province and Richards Bay Coal Terminal has increased from 400 000 tons to 2 million tons of coal per annum since the completion of the project.

In addition, the loop has enabled Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) to increase its services from 2 trains to 5 a week, consistently without requiring more wagons. This improvement creates a high potential to run one train a day.

The project is a key aspect of Transnet's plans to spend R21,8 billion over the next seven years increasing rail capacity on the export coal line to 81 million tons. The



Public Enterprises Deputy Minister, Bulelani Magwanishe, officially Opening the Matlabas Loop Railway Line

OFFICIAL OPENING OF LEREKHURENG COMBINED SCHOOL



Communications Minister, Faith Muthambi, Lephalale Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko in partnership with Eskom-Medupi and Ledjadja Coal Mine officially handed over the newly renovated Lerekhureng Combined School in Steenbokpan on Friday 22 July 2016.

In early January, there was a break-in at the school. The roof of some of the classrooms, school equipment's such as TV's, computers, printers and other necessary resources were stolen. This resulted in the destruction of the 2016 book material by heavy rains on the roofless classrooms. Learners had to be relocated to Leseding Village in Steenbokpan where they were accommodated in community halls, old school hostel and a house where learning was a challenge.

Through the intervention of the municipality, Eskom-Medupi and Ledjadja Coal Mine remodelled and upgraded infrastructure at the school to the value of R810, 483, 09 as part of their corporate social investment programme.

Minister, Muthambi welcomed this initiative and encouraged all stakeholders to continue supporting community development programmes in order to restore the dignity of the previously disadvantaged communities. She appealed to the learners and parents to look after the property as it is one of the most important stepping stone towards building a brighter future.

Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, took the opportunity to distribute sanitary towels ahead of Women's Day celebrations in August. Girls from disadvantaged local communities are unable to afford sanitary towels and resort to using unhygienic alternatives to sanitary towels. According to a research most girls aged between 13 and 19 miss a week of school every month and it affects their education. The Mayor says the programme is aimed at protecting the dignity of young girls in Lephalale.

LIMPOPO BUSINESS REGISTRATION ACT LAUNCH



Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism because there was no provincial legislative framework to administer this function other than fragmented legislations of the former homeland territorial governments. The Limpopo Business Registration Act was enacted to repeal all Business Trading Undertakings Act(s) in the Province and to amalgamate existing Business Trading Undertakings legislations in the province.

On Thursday 21 July 2016 LEDET officially introduced a new act, the Limpopo Business Registration Act, (LIBRA) at the Morning Stars stadium in Lephalale. Through this act municipalities will be able to register businesses according to their legal mandate as stipulated in the constitution. LEDET as the custodian of the act, has a responsibility towards the provincial implementation by all 25 municipalities.

The Lephalale Municipality as the first municipality to start implementing the act, will have the honour of launching the new Limpopo Business Registration Act, the rest of the municipalities will be implementing LIBRA soon. The essence of LIBRA is to develop a database of businesses in the province for strategic economic development initiatives and policy planning between the department and all role-players in the province.

The department will assign the function to the respective municipalities after receiving written confirmation that the function can be implemented in the municipality. These municipalities will then be authorized by the MEC of LEDET and appointed as business registration centres. The role of LEDET will then be to monitor, provide support and centralize information received from the 25 Municipalities regarding the provincial business environment for purposes of overall economic planning, development and policy.

Farewell to Sello “Captain” Mashilo



Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr, Jack Maeko, bid farewell to Sello “Captain” Mashilo who represented Lephalale in the National school Sports Championships in Durban. Children from all nine Provinces participated in different sporting codes such as chess, football, hockey, netball and rugby, tennis and volleyball. The event started on the 10th of July and ended on the 15th July

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Celebrating their Birthday in august:

03 August RJ Molamudi; LE Phasa
04 August AK Makholwa; BS Manaka
06 August TB Rakobela; KI Khama
07 August RG Manaka; MA Monyeke
08 August KK Montshiwa; NB Bothane
09 August PJ Matabologa; TE Namathe
11 August LS Pila
12 August LE Sebueng
13 August PR Molefe; ML Mokobane
15 August WM Matswake
16 August LP Marakalala

19 August GE Mathebula; TE Modimola
17 August LM Shongoane; SZ Sehlare
22 August RM Dikgake; TJ Manyedioane
25 August BC Belle
26 August MG Ndlovu; WM Motlokwa
29 August SFM Lekoloane
30 August NR Mabela; MJ Maake; JS Mabula; BF Makakaba ; Queen Mphahlele
31 August MM Lefawane; MH Majapholo

