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LEPHALALE INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY WEEK

01 JULY 2025

On 01 July 2025, the Executive Mayor of Waterberg District, Councillor Jack Maeko, together with the Mayor of Lephalale Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, officially launched the Integrated Service Delivery Week at Lebu Sports Ground. This initiative is a strategic campaign aimed at enhancing the accessibility of essential government services to local communities.

Over the course of the week, various government departments, including Home Affairs, Health, Social Development, Employment and Labour, Forestry and Fisheries, as well as the National Youth Development Agency, provided their services directly on site. This collaborative effort seeks to improve service delivery by facilitating streamlined access to public employment services and fostering partnerships among different government entities and stakeholders to offer comprehensive support.

In his opening remarks, Mayor Aaron Mokgetle emphasized that this initiative strongly aligns with the District Development Model (DDM), as it accelerates and integrates service delivery across multiple spheres of government, thereby promoting cohesive development. Executive Mayor Jack Maeko highlighted that the week-long programme aims to address critical challenges such as illegal dumping, water and sanitation issues, electricity provision, and road infrastructure. He expressed confidence that these concerns

will be effectively mitigated through the Integrated Service Delivery Week.

The day commenced with a courtesy visit to the Seleka Traditional Council. The mayors were accompanied by the Speaker of Council, Councillor Grace Marakalala, the Chief Whip of Waterberg District Municipality, Councillor Bennet Monare, as well as Councillor Jan Selolo, underscoring the collaborative spirit of the initiative.



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

02 July 2025

On 02 July 2025, the Speaker of the Lephalale Local Municipality Council, Councillor Grace Marakalala, convened a special council meeting conducted virtually. The meeting addressed several critical administrative and financial matters, with a primary focus on the appointment of senior municipal officials as follows:

- **Ms. Feziwe Nogilana-Raphela** as Municipal Manager.
- **Ms. Lesego Matlwa** as Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- **Mr. Kgoroshi Motebele** as Director of Social Services

The Mayor, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, formally presented the appointment reports to the Council for approval and extended his congratulations to the newly appointed officials.

Furthermore, the Mayor underscored key priorities for the new leadership, including:

- Prioritizing efficient and effective service delivery to meet the needs of the Lephalale community.
- Addressing ongoing infrastructure challenges, specifically assigning the new Municipal Manager the responsibility of devising a sustainable solution for the town's sewage issues.
- Committing to achieving a clean audit outcome, with the new CFO tasked to ensure stringent financial transparency and accountability.

These strategic appointments and directives reflect the municipality's commitment to enhancing operational performance and improving service delivery for the residents of Lephalale.

Meet the Municipal Manager Ms. Feziwe Nogilana-Raphela

Ms. Feziwe Nogilana-Raphela is a seasoned legal professional and accomplished public servant who currently leads the Lephalale Local Municipality as the Municipal Manager. With a firm grounding in law and an impressive track record in local government leadership, she brings a unique combination of expertise, passion, and dedication to service delivery and institutional excellence.



Her journey began at Makgetse High School, where she matriculated in 1995. Driven by a passion for justice and public service, she pursued legal studies at the University of Pretoria, obtaining both the Baccalaureus Procuratoris (BProc) and the Baccalaureus Legum (LLB) degrees. She later expanded her skills with certifications in Management Development, Leadership, and Labour Dispute Resolution from the University of the Witwatersrand. Never one to stop learning, she is currently completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management at the University of Pretoria.

Feziwe is also an admitted attorney and holds a professional membership with the Law Society of the Northern Province (on the non-practising roll). Her legal career includes working in several respected law firms, where she served as an attorney, associate, junior legal advisor, and human rights facilitator.

In local government, her leadership experience extends to several municipalities across Limpopo Province. Before assuming her current role, she served as Executive Manager for Corporate Support Services in municipalities such as Lephalale, Ba-Phalaborwa, Lepelle-Nkumpi, and the Waterberg District. In these roles, she was responsible for critical portfolios including Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal Services, Property Management, and Administration.

Ms. Nogilana-Raphela also represented the municipality at a provincial level as a member of the Limpopo Division Bargaining Committee under the South African Local Government Association (SALGA), where she played a vital role in labour negotiations and provides strategic legal advice to the committee.

Beyond her professional commitments, Feziwe is a multilingual communicator who speaks SeTswana, English, Afrikaans, and IsiXhosa. She is a proud Christian, deeply values personal growth, and is passionate about ideas that shape societies. Her leisure time is often spent reading – with Karl Marx and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. among her favourite authors – and staying informed through newspapers and contemporary literature.

Ms. Feziwe Nogilana-Raphela is a dynamic leader, committed to ethical governance, inclusive service delivery, and building a municipality that meets the needs of its people — with integrity, innovation, and heart.

Lesego Matlwa: Leading Lephalale's Finances With Vision and Purpose

Lephalale Local Municipality is proud to introduce its newly appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Ms. Lesego Matlwa, a powerhouse of financial expertise, leadership, and dedication.



Born and raised in Lephalale, Lesego's story is one of focus, grit, and long-term vision. Her journey began at Mananye Secondary School in the Kopanong Village, where she completed her Grade 12. From those early days, her passion for numbers and strategy was already showing.

She went on to study at the University of Venda, earning her Bachelor of Commerce degree. But she didn't stop there, her determination to becoming a leader in the financial world, completed a Master of Business Leadership (MBL) at the University of South Africa (Unisa). Over the years, Lesego has sharpened her skills through various professional certificates, including:

- A Taxation Certificate from UNISA
- Municipal Finance Management Programme (MFMP) from Wits
- A Certificate of Competence from CIGFARO.
- Extensive experience in implementation of (mSCOA) Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts reforms and (SAP) Systems, Applications & Products in Data Processing.
- ...and several others, which speak to her commitment to staying on top of the ever-evolving financial and regulatory landscape

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

She is capable of taking the institution to the next level

- Through her innovation she has implemented effective Financial management strategies which includes Revenue enhancement ,cost containment and UIFW reduction strategies to ensure that the municipality remain Financially viable and comply to all relevant legislations.
- Through her effective leadership she maintained a sound financial management and strong internal controls environment .

Lesego is not just a numbers person — she's a strategist, a team player ,a problem solver, and a leader who knows how to drive results. She's skilled in decision-making, risk identification, and team leadership, and speaks SeTswana, English, Sepedi, TshiVenda, and Afrikaans — a true reflection of South Africa's rich diversity.

Before joining the Lephalale Municipality in June 2020, Lesego held leadership roles across both public and private sectors. Her impressive CV includes:

- Managing Director at Pro Excellence
- Board Member & CFO at the African Business Chamber
- Managing Director & Partner at Grecious Holdings
- Project Accountant Manager at Medupi Power Station Project
- Management Accountant at Matimba Power Station
- Coordinator support Service- SARS Head Office
- Budget Consultants - SARS Head Office
- Customs and Excise Officer SARS (Globersburg border post)

With over 20 years of experience in finance and leadership, Lesego has earned a reputation for being a highly motivated, results-driven professional. Her impact at Lephalale was felt immediately. Since stepping into the CFO role, the municipality has proudly maintained an unqualified audit opinion every year from 2020 to date a remarkable achievement that speaks volumes about her focus on transparency, compliance, and financial discipline.

Now, as the Chief Financial Officer, Lesego Matlwa is not only managing the municipality's finances she's helping to shape its future. Her leadership is grounded in integrity, excellence, and a vision for a financially sound and people-centered Lephalale.

At 49, she continues to lead by example with passion, precision, and a deep commitment to public service.

Lesego is more than just spreadsheets and audit reports. She's a powerhouse with a calm presence, a deep sense of purpose, and over 20 years of experience to back it all up.

Mr. Kgoroshi Motebele: From Community Conversations to Municipal Leadership

Some people are born to lead while others grow into it through experience, resilience, and a deep love for people. Mr. Kgoroshi Motebele, newly appointed Director of Social Services at Lephalale Local Municipality, is a little bit of both.

Soft-spoken but confident, calm yet focused, Mr. Motebele brings



more than just qualifications to the table — he brings heart, and an impressive blend of private and public sector experience. His journey has been anything but ordinary.

Born and raised in Sefitlhogo Village, Mr. Motebele knows what it means to grow up in the communities he now serves. He completed his matric at Malebo Secondary School, and like many great leaders, he set his sights on the law. He earned a BProc degree from the University of the North (now University of Limpopo) a launchpad for a diverse career that would take him from boardrooms to community halls and council chambers.

Later in his journey, he sharpened his leadership skills through a Finance for Non-Financial Managers certificate from Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) — equipping him with the financial insight needed to lead complex departments and manage large-scale budgets.

He's worked for globally recognised firms like Deloitte and Arthur Andersen, where he honed his skills in tax, project management, financial systems, and high-level business negotiations.

He served as a Legal Advisor for Phalafala Legal Cost Assistance, bringing legal expertise into community-focused work. Later, he stepped into leadership roles, including Executive Manager of Strategic Planning at Lephalale Municipality between 2012 and 2015 — shaping the municipality's development vision.

He also ventured into risk management as a Director at Waterberg Risk Dynamics, and — in a fun twist — served as Ticketing Operations Manager for FIFA/SAFA during the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Mr. Motebele helped bring the world's biggest sporting event to life, right here in South Africa. His love for sports isn't just personal — it's professional, too.

Before being appointed as Director, Mr. Motebele served as the municipality's Public Participation Manager — a role that placed him directly in conversation with communities. He supported the Speaker's Office, facilitated dialogue between the municipality and its people, and worked hands-on to investigate and resolve service delivery issues and it was during this time that his ability to listen deeply, respond wisely, and engage communities meaningfully truly came to the forefront.

In his new role as Director of Social Services, Mr. Motebele oversees one of the municipality's most people-centred portfolios, touching on community development, safety and security, library, parks and waste management and more.

With his strong leadership background, strategic insight, and real connection to the communities of Lephalale, Mr. Motebele is perfectly placed to lead this department into a new era of inclusive, responsive, and compassionate service.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

03 July 2025



The Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Department (LEDET), in strategic partnership with the Local Economic Development (LED) Unit of Lephalale Local Municipality and the Waterberg District Municipality, has launched a collaborative Economic Empowerment Outreach Program in Lephalale on 03 July 2025.

This initiative is designed to enhance economic participation by increasing awareness, promoting regulatory compliance, and facilitating market access for businesses primarily situated in townships and rural communities. The program seeks to empower these enterprises by connecting them with critical resources and opportunities to support sustainable growth.

A stakeholder engagement session was convened at the Lephalale Municipal Lapa, which brought together key government entities committed

to the program's objectives.

These included: The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD), providing support through initiatives such as the Township and Rural Entrepreneurship Programme (TREP), Spaza Shop funding, and other financial assistance schemes, Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), offering asset financing and skills development programs tailored to emerging businesses, South African Revenue Service (SARS), facilitating compliance with tax and regulatory requirements, Provincial Treasury, responsible for enabling access to government procurement opportunities and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) initiatives targeted at the beneficiary group.

This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of provincial and local government to foster inclusive economic growth and development within Lephalale's township and rural business sectors.

OVERSIGHT VISIT TO ALTOOSTYD AND MARAPONG ICRU

03 July 2025

The Limpopo MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs, Mr. Basikopo Makamu, together with the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, conducted an oversight visit to the Altoostyd and Marapong Community Residential Unit (CRU) projects on 03 July 2025.

These two developments are

integral to the government's ongoing commitment to ensuring adequate housing for all citizens, as outlined in Section 25 of the Constitution. The projects aim to provide secure and affordable accommodation for low-income individuals who are unable to access formal private rental and social housing markets, thereby addressing critical housing needs within the community



MANDELA DAY ACTIVITIES

22 July 2025

On 22 July 2025, the community of Lebu in Limpopo came together to observe Mandela Day, honouring the legacy of Nelson Mandela. The event was attended by prominent leaders including Limpopo Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ms. Thandi Moraka, South Korean Ambassador to South Africa Mr. Dong-Han Yang, Executive Mayor of Waterberg District Municipality Councillor Jack Maeko, and Mayor of Lephalale Municipality Councillor Aaron Mokgetle.

The day commenced with a formal courtesy visit to the Seleka Traditional Council by the

two Mayors, accompanied by the Speakers of both municipalities, Councillor Grace Marakalala and Councillor Mabu Gumede, as well as the Chief Whip of Waterberg Municipality, Councillor Bennet Monare.

The delegation then proceeded to the Phetogo Drop-In Centre in Sefitlhogo Village to partake in the Nelson Mandela Month commemoration activities. At the centre, they engaged in community upliftment projects including the planting of vegetables and the distribution of essential goods such as 300 pairs of school shoes, groceries, 30 blankets, 15 mattresses, and 100 sewing machines to support vulnerable community members.

Further contributions included the donation of 10 pieces of ICT equipment to Ramakwapeng Primary School and the provision of groceries valued at R10,000, along with the installation of a fence at Ramoleke Crèche in Lebu Village.

This year's Mandela Month was observed under the theme: "It is in our hands to combat poverty and inequality", Premier Dr. Ramathuba's active participation underscores the Limpopo Provincial Government's ongoing commitment to harnessing Mandela Month as a platform to drive sustainable development and transformative change, particularly in rural and disadvantaged communities.



MAYOR RECEIVES MEMORANDUM

Mayor Engages with Lephalale Community Forum on Municipal Concerns

22 July 2025

On 22 July 2025, the Lephalale Community Forum Task Team (LCFTT) formally presented a memorandum of demands to Mayor Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, articulating community concerns relating to several municipal service delivery and administrative issues.

The memorandum outlined key demands, including:

- Cancellation of debt, an immediate waiver of outstanding municipal debts incurred by residents, attributed to incorrect billing practices and unjustified charges.
- Electricity deduction: the removal of the 30% electricity deduction currently applied to purchases.
- Accurate metering and billing: implementation of an improved meter reading and billing system to ensure accuracy and prevent future discrepancies.
- Public accountability: a call for transparency and accountability from the revenue management team regarding municipal financial practices.



In response, Mayor Mokgetle acknowledged the issues raised and assured the community that the municipality is committed to resolving these matters responsibly.

He has convened a special meeting with municipal management to explore potential solutions and to establish appropriate remedial actions. It is important to highlight that the Lephalale Local Municipality continues to prioritize service excellence and good governance, as reflected in its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) processes that actively involve community participation and stakeholder engagement.



ORDINARY COUNCIL SITTING



29 JULY 2025

Lephalale Local Municipality convened its Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 July 2025, under the leadership of Speaker Councillor Grace Marakalala. During this session, several significant matters were deliberated upon and approved, as outlined below:

- Report on Ward Committee Functionality: The Council reviewed the operational effectiveness of the 15 ward committees. These committees are instrumental in fostering community engagement and ensuring active participation of residents in the municipality's decision-making processes.
- Financial Report: The financial performance report as of 30 June 2025 was presented, offering a detailed overview of the municipality's fiscal position. The report identified key areas of strength as well as those requiring targeted improvements.
- Cost Recovery and Revenue Collection: The fourth quarterly report on cost recovery and revenue collection was examined.

The discussion focused on strategies aimed at optimizing revenue generation and minimizing operational costs within the municipality.

- Unauthorized, Irregular, and Fruitless Expenditure: A comprehensive report on instances of unauthorized, irregular, and fruitless expenditure was submitted. The report emphasized the need for enhanced financial governance to prevent such occurrences and to improve overall fiscal responsibility.
- Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Performance Management System (PMS) Process Plan: The Council endorsed the IDP/PMS Process Plan for the 2026/27 financial year. This plan establishes the framework for integrated development planning and performance management going forward.

The meeting was attended by municipal councillors, Directors, and other officials. Additionally, former Councillor and Speaker of the Council, Ms. Rosina Boloka-Thobane, was present as a special guest in the gallery.

INTRODUCTION OF CONTACTOR FOR SHONGOANE 1 ACCESS ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT



30 JULY 2025

The Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, together with municipal councillors and officials, officially introduced the appointed contractor for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Shongoane 1 access road on 30th July 2025. This initiative underscores the municipality's dedication to accelerating service delivery and maintaining high-quality road infrastructure within the Lephalale area.

The project, which has received strong support from the traditional authorities and the Shongoane community, encompasses the following key details:

- **Project Overview** Road Length: 1.4 kilometres Scope of Work: Rehabilitation involving the removal of existing paving blocks and replacement with new 80 mm paving blocks to ensure a smoother driving surface.
- **Project Duration:** The rehabilitation is expected to be completed within six months.
- **Employment:** The project will create temporary employment for 15 workers over the course of the construction period.
- **Current Project Status** Earthworks: The earthworks phase has been successfully completed. The focus will now shift towards rehabilitating the existing road surface rather than full reconstruction. The upgraded surface will carry a warranty of 15 years.
- **Additional Infrastructure Improvements** Stormwater Management: Rehabilitation of the 'V' drain will be undertaken to improve stormwater drainage and effectively manage runoff in the area.

This road rehabilitation project reaffirms the municipality's commitment to improving transportation infrastructure, enhancing community accessibility, and promoting sustainable development in Lephalale.

INTRODUCTION OF MARAPONG ACCESS ROAD CONTRACTORS

31 July 2025

On 31 July 2025, the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, accompanied by municipal councillors and officials, officially introduced two significant access road projects in Marapong township.

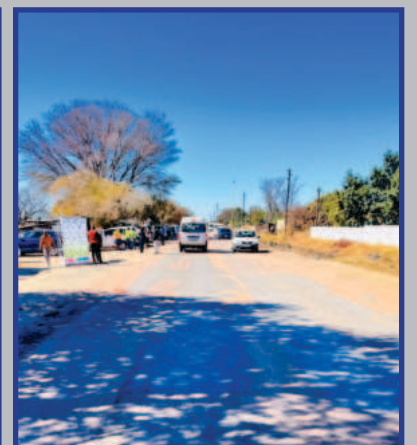
These road infrastructure developments form part of the municipality's ongoing commitment to improving service delivery and enhancing the quality of life for residents within the community. The first project

involves the rehabilitation of Relebogile Street, covering a distance of 700 meters. The scope of work includes the removal of the existing top surface, preparation of the underlying layer, and resurfacing with asphalt. This project is scheduled to be completed within three months and is expected to create temporary employment opportunities for 14 workers.

The second project entails the construction of Ben Matsoma Street, spanning 525 meters. This new road will feature 80mm paving blocks, the installation of V drains to improve

stormwater management, as well as road signage, markings, and speed humps to ensure safety and traffic regulation. Mayor Mokgetle underscored the importance of delivering high-quality workmanship and adhering to the project timelines to ensure these infrastructure improvements meet the expectations of the Marapong community.

These initiatives reflect the municipality's dedication to fostering sustainable development and improving access within the township.



AUGUST

UPDATE: ALTOOSTYD (JOE SLOVO) RDP HOUSING PROJECT

01 August 2025

The Altoostyd (Joe Slovo) Integrated Human Settlement Project is a comprehensive mixed-use housing initiative designed to provide secure tenure and improved living conditions for low-income residents relocated from the former Marapong hostel.

This development entails the construction of two hundred housing units, in the first phase, with the work allocated equally between two contractors, each responsible for one hundred units. The project aligns with the government's constitutional mandate under section 25 to ensure adequate housing for all citizens.

Construction has reached 59% completion, with foundations, wall plates, and related structural elements finalized. All two hundred beneficiary households have been identified, verified, and approved to receive housing within this development.

The primary objective of the project is to meet the housing needs of low-income individuals who were temporarily accommodated at the Altoostyd (Joe Slovo) Temporary Residential Area. These residents previously lacked access to formal private rental markets and social housing opportunities. This project represents a critical step towards providing them with dignified, secure, and sustainable housing solutions.



UPDATE: ALTOOSDITYD (JOE SLOVO) ABLUSION FACILITIES PROJECT PROGRESS

06 August 2025

The Altoostyd (Joe Slovo) ablution facilities project is approaching its final stages, marking substantial progress in enhancing access to essential sanitation services within the community.

Project Overview and Current Status:

- **Facility Allocation:** The project comprises four ablution units, including two newly constructed container units and two refurbished container units.
- **New Containers:** Both new container units have been fully connected to services and are operational. To date, one unit has been officially handed over and is actively serving the community.
- **Refurbished Containers:** The two refurbished containers are complete and presently pending the installation of solar-powered lighting, which will finalize their functionality and improve safety.

The completion of this project is a vital step in supporting government initiatives aimed at improving housing and sanitation conditions in informal settlements. By providing safe, reliable ablution facilities, this effort contributes significantly to promoting public health and enhancing the quality of life for residents in Altoostyd.



UPDATE: REFURBISHMENT OF THABO MBEKI (REUBEN MOGASHOA) STADIUM

06 August 2025

The refurbishment of the Thabo Mbeki (Reuben Mogashoa) Stadium is nearing completion, and we are pleased to announce that the facility will soon be available for all sporting and extra-curricular activities.

This upgraded stadium is designed to serve as a central hub for community engagement by fostering social connections and unity.

As a key piece of recreational infrastructure, it will provide an accessible and well-equipped venue that promotes a healthy lifestyle and offers opportunities for participation for individuals of all ages.

The revitalized stadium aims to empower individuals and communities by fostering a space where talents can be nurtured and potential realized. It will support meaningful activities that contribute to overall well-being and enhance the quality of life for residents.



PROGRESS UPDATE: REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADING OF SEWER PUMP STATIONS, WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS, NETWORK PIPES AND REPLACEMENT OF SEWER PIPES

06 AUGUST 2025

Significant progress has been achieved in the ongoing sewer pump station refurbishment and upgrading project, with 92% of the work now complete. This critical infrastructure initiative involves the replacement of aging asbestos cement and vitreous clay pipes, along with associated fittings, in key areas including Lephalale Town, Onverwacht, and Marapong Township. Rigorous quality control measures have been implemented throughout to ensure that all activities meet the highest standards and specifications.

The primary objective of this project is to enhance wastewater management by replacing deteriorated piping systems and upgrading essential infrastructure to prevent sewer-related failures and associated public health risks. Ultimately, the project aims to improve the overall quality of life for residents by providing a reliable, well-maintained sewage management system.

Key project activities include:

- Replacement of asbestos cement and vitreous clay pipes with modern materials to eliminate leaks and reduce system vulnerabilities.
- Upgrades to sewer pump stations, entailing the replacement of suction pipes, installation of missing pumps and motors, and comprehensive restoration of pump station facilities to optimize operational efficiency.

These efforts reflect a steadfast commitment to prioritizing effective and sustainable sewage system management. The successful completion of this project will enhance public health and safety, mitigate the environmental impact of wastewater disposal, and contribute significantly to resolving longstanding sanitation challenges while promoting the well-being and prosperity of the local community.



MAYORAL IMBIZO

07 August 2025

The Lephalale Local Municipality convened a Mayoral Imbizo on 7 August 2025 at the Reabetswe Village sports grounds. This event serves as a vital platform for two-way communication between the municipality and its residents, facilitating the presentation of municipal service delivery reports and encouraging community participation in the municipality's decision-making processes.

During the Imbizo, Executive Committee (EXCO) Member Councillor Mosonya Semenya delivered a comprehensive service delivery report, outlining current achievements and future development plans of the municipality. Community members were actively engaged and provided with the opportunity to raise questions and offer feedback based on the presentation.

Representing the youth of Reabetswe, Mr. Joseph Mojela emphasized the importance of prioritizing young people, particularly in addressing unemployment and expanding access to learnership programs to empower the youth. Residents from various villages expressed their gratitude for the municipality's water services, recognizing the positive impact of the Shongoane Mokuwanyane regional water scheme project in improving water access across the area.

In response to community feedback, Mayor Councillor Aaron Mokgetle reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for local residents. He urged all service delivery managers to accelerate efforts within their departments to ensure the timely improvement and expansion of municipal services. This Mayoral Imbizo follows the recent presentation made by the municipality, represented by Mayor Mokgetle, Municipal Manager Ms. Feziwe Nogila-Raphela, and Director of Infrastructure Mr. April Shiko, to the Limpopo Legislature Standing Committee on Public Participation and Petitions.

The presentation, which took place on Wednesday at the Parliamentary Village in Polokwane, provided a detailed overview of the municipality's service delivery plans. Key discussion points included water provision, road infrastructure, waste management, and housing development.



UPDATE: SEFITLHOGO ACCESS ROAD PROJECT PROGRESS

08 AUGUST 2025

Lephalale Local Municipality is advancing steadily with the Sefithlogo Access Road Project, a key initiative aimed at enhancing the road infrastructure within Lephalale. Currently, the project has reached 65% completion and involves several critical construction phases.

The scope of work includes extensive mass earthworks and hard rock blasting to prepare the site for subsequent road construction. Following this, layered construction activities are underway to establish a robust and stable road foundation. These layers comprise the redbed, selected material, sub-base, and base layers.

Notably, stabilisation of the base layer is being carefully implemented to ensure the longevity and durability of the road.

In addition, the project includes the application of hot-mix asphalt surfacing, which will deliver a smooth and resilient driving surface for the community.

Complementary to this, the installation of culverts, drains, and kerbs is progressing to effectively manage water runoff and enhance road safety. To further improve safety and navigation, the project will incorporate clearly marked road signs and pavement markings, thereby increasing visibility for all road users.

This project is aligned with the municipality's broader strategic objectives to improve connectivity and stimulate economic development in the municipality. The upgrade to the access road infrastructure is expected to have significant positive impact on local mobility, community wellbeing, and economic activities. The municipality remains committed to completing this vital infrastructure project efficiently and to the highest standards.



HONOURABLE MAYOR: CLLR AARON MOKGETLE

WOMEN'S DAY

Today, the 9th of August we celebrate the strength, resilience, and determination of women in South Africa. We honor their contributions to society, their families, and their communities.

The women who marched to the Union Buildings 69 years ago set a powerful precedent for women's empowerment and activism, however despite their progressiveness, women in South Africa still face significant challenges particularly gender-based violence, discrimination, and inequality.

This is a harsh reality that women live in, the fear of being attacked, violated and killed. Gender-Based Violence is a pervasive problem that requires urgent attention and action from all sectors of society. Women living in fear of violence, abuse, and exploitation, which impacts their freedom and quality of life and this is a call for action to all.

By recognizing that gender-based violence is a societal problem that requires men to take responsibility and action and continuing to support and empower women, by promoting their rights, and creating an opportunities for them to thrive. By standing together as a society to condemn violence against women and to promote a culture of respect, equality, and justice. As we celebrate Women's Day, let's reaffirm our commitment to creating a society where women can live without fear, where their rights are respected, and where they can reach their full potential.

Happy Women's day.



LEPHALALE MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES MAJADIBODU

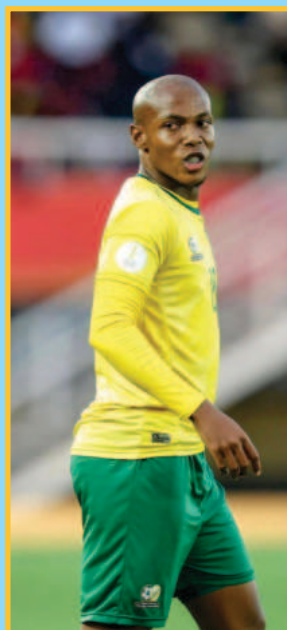
15 AUGUST 2025

Lephalale Local Municipality proudly celebrated hometown athlete, Harold Majadibodu, as he joined Bafana Bafana in the 2025 African Nations Championship (CHAN). Born and raised in Mokuruanyane, Majadibodu's progression from local fields to the national team exemplified the success of home-grown talent making a significant impact on the international stage.

Participating in the tournament hosted across Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, Majadibodu played not only for personal achievement but also as an inspiration to aspiring young

footballers throughout Lephalale. Bafana Bafana competed in Group C alongside Uganda, Niger, Guinea, and Algeria. The team held third place in the group and faced Niger in a match held at 19:00 at the Nelson Mandela National Stadium in Kampala. The game concluded in a goalless draw, with a final score of 0-0.

Lephalale united in strong support of Harold and the entire national squad throughout the competition. The community expressed their encouragement and pride, urging the team to continue giving their utmost effort in representing South Africa.



EXCITING UPDATE ON THE ACCESS ROAD PROJECT IN MARAPONG!



15 AUGUST 2025

On 15 August 2025, the municipality officially commenced the road rehabilitation project on Relebogile Street in Marapong Township. This initiative represents a critical component of the local government's ongoing efforts to enhance service delivery by providing safer, more reliable, and smoother travel for residents and road users.

The project, launched on 31 July 2025, involves a comprehensive upgrade of the existing road infrastructure. Key activities include the removal of the deteriorated surface layer, reinforcement of the road base, and the application of new layer of durable asphalt to ensure long-term resilience and improved road quality.

This upgrade is aimed not only at improving the physical condition

of the road but also at positively impacting the daily commute and overall quality of life for the Marapong Township community. The municipality acknowledges the temporary inconvenience caused during the construction period and respectfully requests motorists to exercise patience and utilize alternative routes provided.

Construction is anticipated to continue for approximately three months. The municipality thanks the public for their understanding and cooperation, emphasizing that these short-term measures are essential for delivering sustainable infrastructure improvements.

Residents and motorists are encouraged to stay informed, travel safely, and support the municipality's commitment to advancing infrastructure that benefits the entire community.

LETUPU SECONDARY SCHOOL TOP LEARNERS HONoured

18 AUGUST 2025

Member of Parliament Ms Regina Molokome, together with the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, officially presided over an awards ceremony at Letupu Secondary School, located in Morwe Village on 18 August 2025.

The purpose of the event was to recognise and celebrate the outstanding academic accomplishments of the schools' top-performing learners. Both dignitaries praised the learners for their unwavering dedication and exemplary hard work. They encouraged them to maintain their commitment to academic excellence as they continue their educational journey.

This ceremony is part of a broader initiative aimed at inspiring young people in rural communities to prioritise education as a vital catalyst for both personal growth and sustainable community development.



FIRST IDP, BUDGET AND PMS REPRESENTATIVE FORUM 2025/26

19 AUGUST 2025

On 19 August 2025, Lephalale Local Municipality successfully convened its inaugural Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Budget, and performance Management Systems (PMS) Representative Forum for the 2025/26 financial year. The event took place at Malamola Creche in Morwe Village and served as a platform for critical stakeholder engagement.

The forum brought together key stakeholders, including community representatives, who provided valuable inputs into the municipality's planning processes for the IDP, Budget, and PMS. Discussions were constructive, with the pressing issue of water shortages identified as the most significant concern by participants.

In his closing address, the Mayor stressed the imperative of fully utilising allocated budgets to avoid the return of unspent funds to the National Treasury. He called on all Executive Managers to expedite project

implementation to ensure that all initiatives are completed within the designated timeframe.

Furthermore, the Mayor provided an update on the progress of several ongoing municipal projects, assuring the community that these developments will soon be finalized and handed over for public use. Projects highlighted include the refurbishment of Reuben Mogashoa (Thabo Mbeki) Stadium, construction and extension of the Sefihlogo Access Road, refurbishment of Shongoane Access Road, Upgrading of Ben Matsoma Road from gravel to paving blocks, and the augmentation of the water supply through the Shongoane-Mokuruanyane Regional Water Scheme Phase 5.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Speaker of Council, Councillor Grace Marakalala, Executive Committee Members Councillor Louisa Shongwe, as well as Councillors Kgomoetso Bopape, Thapelo Langa, and Linda Mosupye.



INTRODUCTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR LETLORA ACCESS ROAD



21 AUGUST 2025

The Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Cllr Aaron Mokgetle, officially introduced the appointed contractor for the construction of the Letlora Access Road.

The project will see the transformation of the 2.4km gravel road into a tarred asphalt surface in Letlora Village.

The scope of work includes, the Installation

of proper drainage (V-drain), Road signage and speed humps for safety.

The project will create 15 temporary employment opportunities for the community and it is estimated to be completed in 8 months.

This development is part of the Municipality's ongoing commitment to providing services and improving roads infrastructure.

The project will be offering a unique opportunity for civil engineering student to dive into real-world work, gaining valuable hands-on experience and learning directly on the job.

The Mayor was joined by Speaker of Council, Cllr Grace Marakalala, EXCO Members, Cllr Ratah Modiba and Cllr Louisa Shongwe, Cllr Kgomotso Bopape, Cllr Thapelo Langa and Cllr Linda Mosupye.

WOMENS BUILD IN EVENT

21 AUGUST 2025

The Lephalale Local Municipality along side the Limpopo Department of Cooperative Governance Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) hosted the Women's Build In event at the Altoostyd (Joe Slovo) RDP project site on 21 August 2025.

The outreach event started with a productive briefing session at the municipal chambers led by the MEC, Mr Basikopo Makamu and the Mayor, Cllr Aaron Mokgetle.

The entourage proceeded to Marapong township, in a special moment handing over title deeds to rightful owners and an in loco visit to the Marapong Community Residential Unit (CRU) project.

The procession then went to the Altoostyd (Joe Slovo) RDP project site where the main event was held.

The Women's Build In program, saw 51 young women trained in the construction industry, in celebration of Women's month, they received hands-on training in technical construction skills, safety practices, and modern building methods.

But it doesn't end there, they will be heading into a fully funded, 3-month bricklaying course at a partner TVET college to sharpen their skills even more!

The project in partnership with the NHBRC and local contractors, this initiative is all about empowering women to lead, build, and grow in the economy.



UPDATE: PROGRESS UNDERWAY ON SHONGOANE 1 ACCESS ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

23 August 2025

Lephalale Local Municipality is pleased to report significant progress in the rehabilitation of the Shongoane 1 access road. This important infrastructure upgrade involves the replacement of the existing pavement with new, high-quality 80mm paving blocks over a distance of 1.4 kilometres. The enhancement is designed to provide a smoother, safer, and more durable driving surface for all road users.

The project is scheduled to be completed within six months and has already contributed to the local economy by creating employment opportunities for fifteen residents. Following the completion of the earthworks, construction efforts have now progressed to the surface rehabilitation phase. The municipality is committed to quality and durability, supporting the work with a comprehensive 15-year warranty to ensure the longevity of the road improvement.



OFFICIAL INTRODUCTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR REPLACEMENT OF ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER PIPES MARAPONG TOWNSHIP

26 AUGUST 2025

The Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, formally announced the appointment of the contractor responsible for the replacement of Asbestos Cement (AC) Water Pipes in Marapong Township on 26 August 2025. This critical infrastructure project is part of the Municipality's sustained commitment to improving service delivery and ensuring that residents have access to safe and high-quality water.

This project is planned to span eight months, during which significant upgrades to the water pipe network will be conducted. In addition to the technical improvements, the project will also contribute to local economic development by creating fifteen temporary employment opportunities for community members throughout this phase.

The Mayor's announcement was supported by the Speaker of Council, Councillor Grace Marakalala, and Councillor Lesibana Monare, demonstrating unified municipal leadership in advancing community well-being and infrastructure enhancement. Various initiatives and partnerships



MEETING WITH STREET TRADERS:

PROMOTING PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR INFORMAL TRADERS

28 August 2025

The Mayor of Waterberg District Municipality, Councillor Jack Maeko, together with the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, convened a meeting with street traders in Lephalale on 28 August 2025. The primary purpose of this engagement was to introduce the Informal and Micro Enterprise Development Programme (IMEDP) Incentive Scheme, aimed at providing support through equipment assistance for street traders.

This meeting also serves as a platform to foster stronger relationships and establish open channels of

communication between the municipality and informal traders. It provided an opportunity for municipal leader to better understand the working conditions and challenges faced by these entrepreneurs.

In his opening remarks, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle emphasized the critical role street trading plays in job creation and livelihood support for many families. He noted that the ongoing dialogue enables the municipality to design effective support programs, including access to microfinance, skills development, and the provision of designated trading spaces.



LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S DIALOGUE

29 AUGUST 2025

Limpopo Provincial Women's Dialogue was successfully convened at the Mmaletswai Community Hall in Lephalale Municipality, Waterberg District, drawing a full house of engaged participants. The event was officially opened by the MEC for Social Development, Florence Radzilani, who addressed the gathering with a call to action for continued empowerment and development of women in the province.

The carefully structured programme featured key presentations and discussions aimed at uplifting women and advancing socio-economic development. The Limpopo Economic Freedom Agency (LEFA) highlighted initiatives to promote investments in women-owned projects and provided support for small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs). The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development offered an informative session on women's legal rights, reinforcing the importance of legal empowerment.

Health matters were addressed by the Department of Health, with a focus on the dangers of foetal alcohol syndrome, raising awareness to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

In an effort to combat gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF),

attendees participated in a powerful awareness drama. Additionally, a session on mental health emphasized the need for psychological well-being in the community. The Charlotte Manny-Maxeke Institute contributed to the event by reflecting on the significant achievements of South African women throughout history, inspiring attendees and providing context for the ongoing struggle for gender equality.

Women from across the district actively engaged in the dialogue, providing valuable feedback based on preparatory district-wide consultations, which informed the provincial event's discussions and objectives.

In concluding the dialogue, vulnerable families in the Waterberg District received tangible support through the Social Relief of Distress programme facilitated by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA). Beneficiaries were provided with 124 school uniforms, 137 food parcels, and 1,800 sanitary pads, demonstrating the government's commitment to addressing immediate social needs alongside long-term empowerment efforts. This Provincial Women's Dialogue underscores the Limpopo Government's dedication to fostering inclusive development, protecting women's rights, and promoting social upliftment across the province.



SEPTEMBER

LIMPOPO SALGA PROVINCIAL MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS



02 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Limpopo, South African Local Government Association (SALGA), Provincial Municipal Assembly (PMA) convened its inaugural session on 2 September 2025, marking a pivotal moment for local government leadership across the province. This distinguished gathering of municipal leaders and stakeholders focused on advancing the theme "Developing Resilient Municipalities," reflecting the critical imperative to foster innovation and sustainability in response to the evolving challenges confronted by municipalities throughout Limpopo.

The assembly was officially opened by Councillor Thandi Zitha, SALGA Deputy Chairperson, who extended a warm welcome to all delegates and honoured guests. Her opening remarks underscored the significance of this assembly as a platform for collaboration and strategic dialogue aimed at fortifying municipal governance and service delivery.

Keynote addresses set an urgent and aspirational tone for the proceedings. Deputy Minister Namane Dickson Masemola of the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba, and Limpopo MEC for Treasury Kgabo Magoai each highlighted the critical challenge of unfunded municipal budgets. They called for

innovative financial approaches to safeguard the fiscal sustainability of municipalities.

Premier Ramathuba emphasized the essential role that Political Management Teams (PMTs) and municipal managers must play in spearheading transformative initiatives within local government structures. The assembly brought together a diverse and influential group of municipal leaders, PMTs and municipal managers from across Limpopo. This collective presence reaffirmed the commitment to collaborative problem-solving in addressing complex local government issues. Key discussions during the day centred on enhancing governance frameworks, boosting financial resilience, and improving service delivery to create stronger, more adaptive communities.

The day's formal proceedings were infused with solemnity and respect, beginning with the inspiring rendition of the National Anthem. A poignant Candlelight Ceremony, conducted by SALGA PEC member Councillor Freda Nkondo, who paid tribute to the dedication and sacrifices of fallen municipal councillors, underscoring the deep commitment of those serving in local government. This assembly marks a critical step towards developing resilient municipalities equipped to meet present and future challenges through innovation, collaboration, and dedicated leadership.



LEPHALALE MUNICIPALITY SUCCESSFULLY BRINGS PUMPSTATION 30 BACK TO OPERATION



02 September 2025

In a progressive effort to improve daily life for many residents, the Lephalale Local Municipality has on 02 September, 2025, fully refurbished Pumpstation 30, which is now operational. This important upgrade will help solve long-standing sewer problems in the Mopani Estate, Silvercharm housing areas, and throughout Lephalale Town.

One of the major hurdles was the construction of a 1.6 km overhead electricity supply line, which has now been successfully completed, tested, and commissioned.

This marks a major milestone for the municipal Sanitation and Electrical departments which reflects a continued commitment to service delivery.

The restoration of Pumpstation 30 addresses a critical issue that has affected the community for the past two years and to ensure ongoing functionality and protection of the infrastructure, security measures have been put in place to prevent further vandalism.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

CUSTOMER CARE SERVICES NUMBER CHANGED

Kindly take note that the Lephalale Municipality's number changed to

014 762 1400 and 014 762 1472/1423

Please take note that the email address for Water and Lights Enquiries and Payments changed to

MakgolotsaT@lephalale.gov.za
and
geniva.thulare@lephalale.gov.za

during office hours.

Alternatively, the following Customer Care only WhatsApp number can be used after hours 063 747 3217.

In case of emergency after hours and weekends, the following numbers can be used:

Standby Electricity	082 770 2399
Standby Sanitation	082 306 9446
Standby Water - Lephalale	082 770 0085
Standby Water - Witpoort	082 758 0268

PF NOGILANA-RAPHELA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

DATE: 01 September 2025
REFERENCE NO: 6/2/2/2
NOTICE NO: A09/2025/2026

MUNICIPAL ROAD AND PAVEMENT REPAIRS

03 September 2025

The Municipal Public Works team was actively engaged in restoring infrastructure following recent water pipe repairs within the area on 03 September 2025. One team focused on restoring the paving on Nwamede Street in Ledibeng subsequent to the successful repair of a burst water pipe.

Simultaneously, another team undertook the restoration of asphalt adjacent to the Shoprite Shopping Centre at

Lephalale Crossing. These restoration efforts were essential to ensuring the safety, accessibility, and longevity of the public infrastructure.

The municipality expresses gratitude to residents and motorists for their patience and understanding during the completion of these necessary repairs. Lephalale Local Municipality remained committed to maintaining and enhancing the community's infrastructure for the welfare of all residents.



INTRODUCTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR LOW-LEVEL BRIDGES

04 September 2025

On 04 September 2025, the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, formally introduced the appointed contractor responsible for the construction of low-level bridges in the Shongoane area to the Shongoane Traditional Council. This important infrastructure project is set to significantly benefit the local communities of Mmatladi, Phahladira, and Bangalong, as well as the neighbouring villages of Nikara, Kgobagodimo, and Mothlasedi.

The improved access provided by the new bridges will enhance mobility and connectivity, thereby supporting social and economic activities within the area. Historically, these areas have faced considerable challenges during the rainy season, when increased water flow disrupted transportation and access, posing safety risks to residents.

The construction of the low-level bridges seeks to address these issues by providing safer, more reliable routes, ensuring year-round accessibility and contributing to the overall development and well-being of the affected communities.



DRIVER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

13 SEPTEMBER 2025

On 13 September 2025, the Lephalale Local Municipality proudly hosted the Waterberg District leg of the 2025 Driver of the Year (DoTY) Competition at the Lephalale Testing Grounds. This event forms an integral part of a broader initiative by the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety aimed at enhancing road safety and acknowledging excellence in professional driving.

The competition attracted skilled drivers from across the district, competing in various categories including Light Delivery Vehicles (LDVs), taxis, rigid trucks, and buses. The top two finalists in each category will advance to represent the district at the provincial level, scheduled for 21–26 October 2025 in Polokwane.

In a message of support, Councillor Mohau Mojakhula, accompanied by Councillor Esrom Setho, underscored the critical importance of promoting road safety awareness and fostering responsible driving behaviour among all road users. The event provided an important platform to communicate key factors contributing to road accidents, notably:

- Driving under the influence of alcohol
- Deficient brake systems
- Driver fatigue
- Excessive speeding
- Operation of unroadworthy vehicles

All participants received certificates of participation and were presented with goodie bags as a token of appreciation for their commitment to safe driving practices. The competition not only celebrates outstanding driving skills but also reinforces the collective responsibility to ensure safety on our roads.

The competition results are as follows:

Light Delivery Vehicle (LDV)

Maphoto RJ – Photos Luxury Tours
Makhubela E – Valleria Platinum
Shilowa Robert – Lowveld

Female Taxi

Matlou Jectina – EIDTA
Lebese Emily – Waterberg

Male Taxi

Edwin Martin – Zebediela TA
David Kekana – Warmbaths TA
Petrus Magwete – Great North TA

Rigid Truck

Mdebuka J – Siyanda Bakgatla
Thong Isaac – Lephalale Municipality
Mahlalela MK – Photos Luxury Tours

Female Bus

Dibusang Majadibodu – Lowveld Bus Service
Mabula Phinah – Lowveld Bus Service
Mokwele J – GNT

Male Bus

Mudau Theophylus – Lowveld Bus Service
Mohau Mokoena – SJR Trading Enterprise
Lebepe MS – Mbedzi Transport

The Driver of the Year Competition remains a key platform to promote high standards of driving, encourage road safety awareness, and celebrate professionalism among public and commercial vehicle operators. It recognizes the vital role these drivers play in ensuring the safe and efficient movement of people and goods across the province.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

DATE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Lephalale Municipality hereby gives notice in terms of Section 130 of the Municipal Finance Management Act and Section 19 and Section 21A of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000, that dates for meetings of the Council be made publically known to the members of the community.

MONTHS: YEAR 2025/2026 FY	DATE	TIME
JULY 2025 (ORDINARY)	Tuesday 29 TH	13h00
OCTOBER 2025 (ORDINARY)	Tuesday 28 TH	13h00
JANUARY 2026 (ORDINARY)	Tuesday 27 TH	13h00
APRIL 2026 (ORDINARY)	Tuesday 28 TH	13h00

The aforementioned meetings will be held in the Council Chamber of Lephalale Municipality, Civic Centre c/o Joe Slove and Douwater Avanie, Onverwacht.

**PF NOGILANA-RAPHELA
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Date : 05 September 2025
Reference : 3/4/2/1; 3/4/3/1 - 2026/2026 [Item A81/2025[5]
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LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MAYOR ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT OF TWO MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN MARAPONG TOWNSHIP

16 SEPTEMBER 2025

On 16 September 2025, the Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality, Councillor Aaron Mokgetle, officially announced the commencement of two significant water and sanitation infrastructure projects in Marapong Township. This announcement was made during a community engagement meeting held at the Marapong Library, underscoring the municipality's commitment to enhancing local infrastructure and improving the quality of life for residents.

The first project entails the replacement of the existing asbestos cement (AC) water pipes in Marapong Zone 2 with state-of-the-art high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (uPVC) pipelines. This critical initiative addresses public health concerns by eliminating hazardous materials and ensures the provision of a reliable and safe water supply to the community.

The second project involves the comprehensive upgrade of the bulk water and sewer systems in support of the ongoing Community Residential Units (CRU) development. Key components include the construction of a bulk water pipeline, a 3 megalitre reservoir, electrification of the reservoir site, and the installation of a sewer outfall line connecting the CRU to the closest pump station. Both projects are expected to be completed within an eight-month timeframe.

They will stimulate local economic growth by creating job opportunities and facilitating skills development, thereby promoting community empowerment alongside infrastructure modernization. The Mayor was accompanied by Executive Committee Members Councillors Mosonya Semanya and Ratah Modiba, as well as Councillors Betty Kgageng, Joel Madibana, Esrom Setho, Mohau Mojakhula, Jan Moselane, Jan Selolo, and Daniel Mongalo, who collectively reaffirmed their commitment to advancing service delivery in the municipality.



2025 ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION CAMPAIGN:

A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE BY LEPHALALE MUNICIPALITY & DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



18 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Lephalale Municipality, in partnership with the Department of Health, announced the launch of the 2025 Oral Health Campaign, currently that took place at Marapong Library. This important initiative is designed to enhance public access to essential health services by promoting improved oral hygiene and overall health within the community.

Through this campaign, both the Lephalale Municipality and the Department of Health reaffirm their commitment to delivering health

services directly to the people. By focusing on education and preventive measures, the campaign seeks to empower residents with the knowledge and tools necessary to maintain good health. The outreach program aims to serve approximately 700 individuals throughout the Waterberg District, targeting children attending creches, learners in primary schools, and members of the wider rural population.

As part of the campaign's comprehensive health focus, a variety of free services will be made available to the public. These include

oral health education and screenings, HIV testing, screening for hypertension (HPT) and diabetes mellitus (DM), as well as mobile clinic services providing general health consultations, among others.

This initiative forms a critical component of the ongoing efforts to ensure accessible, preventative healthcare reaches underserved rural communities. Residents are strongly encouraged to participate and take full advantage of the free health services and educational resources being offered.



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE TSHUMA MABONE THURSDAYS PROGRAMME



18 September 2025

Lephalale Local Municipality advanced community safety and well-being with the introduction of the Tshuma Mabone Thursdays Programme, which was officially launched on 18 September 2025 by Mayor Cllr Aaron Mokgetle. This strategic initiative is focused on the systematic maintenance and repair of street lighting and high mast (Apollo) lights across all municipal areas, including rural villages.

Mayor Mokgetle emphasized the importance of the programme, stating, "This initiative marks a major step forward in our commitment to public safety and the overall quality of life for our residents. Proper and reliable lighting is critical not only for deterring crime but also for enhancing security and accessibility during nighttime hours. Tshuma Mabone Thursdays promotes a proactive approach by encouraging community involvement to report any outages promptly, allowing us to address them swiftly and efficiently."

The programme establishes a dedicated weekly schedule to identify, report, and remedy faults in public lighting infrastructure. By prioritizing ongoing maintenance, the municipality aims to reduce safety risks, improve nighttime visibility, and strengthen residents' confidence in their surroundings.

To facilitate citizen engagement, residents are encouraged to report faulty street or high mast lights via their ward councillors or by contacting the municipality's electricity standby number at 082 770 2399.

"Our success hinges on collaboration between the municipality and the community. Together, we can build a safer, more secure Lephalale through Tshuma Mabone Thursdays," Mayor Mokgetle added. He further reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to effective, responsive service delivery.



UPDATE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADE PROJECT IN LEPHALALE TOWN AND HIGH MAST LIGHTING IN SURROUNDING VILLAGES

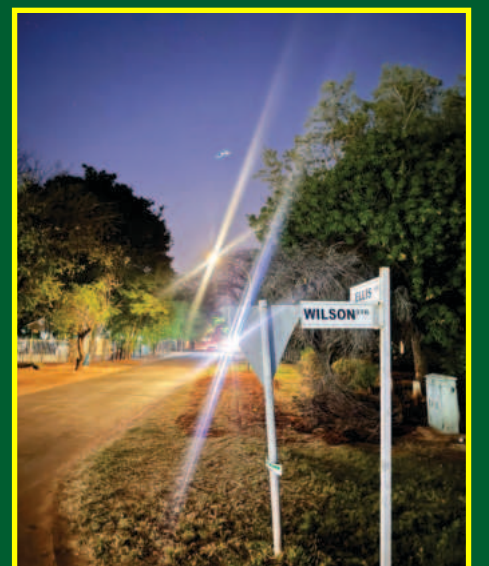
18 September 2025

Lephalale Local Municipality has achieved a notable milestone in promoting energy efficiency within its rural communities by completing a significant upgrade to street lighting on 18 September 2025. This upgrade involved the installation of 12 high mast lights across multiple villages, enhancing safety and visibility in these areas.

Furthermore, on 18 September 2025, the Municipality formally commenced the retrofitting of 419 streetlights in Lephalale town, replacing traditional lighting with advanced Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology. This effort forms a key component of the Municipality's ongoing Energy Efficiency Project.

To date, LED upgrades have been successfully completed on the following streets: January Lee, Vaalbos, Impala, Palala, Walter Sisulu Drive, and Nelson Mandela Drive. This initiative aims to improve public safety and visibility while simultaneously promoting energy conservation and reducing operational costs. The transition to LED technology is especially significant, as these lights consume approximately 40% less electricity compared to conventional bulbs. This reduction in energy use results in substantial cost savings and a lower carbon footprint for the Municipality.

Additionally, LED bulbs have an extended lifespan, lasting about three years longer than traditional lighting, thereby decreasing maintenance requirements and preserving municipal resources. This project reflects the Municipality's strong commitment to developing a greener, smarter, and more sustainable Lephalale for the benefit of both current residents and future generations. Through these measures, the Municipality is leading the way toward a brighter and more energy-efficient future.



LEPHALALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

ACHIEVES FIRST PLACE IN LIMPOPO GREEN MUNICIPALITY COMPETITION AT DISTRICT LEVEL



23 September 2025

On 23 September 2025, Lephalale Local Municipality proudly secured first place in the Limpopo Green Municipality Awards Competition (LGMAC) at the Waterberg District level. This prestigious competition, conducted biennially by the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, honours municipalities demonstrating outstanding commitment to sustainable environmental management practices.

The awards ceremony, hosted in Modimolle, brought together municipalities from across the Waterberg District to compete for recognition in advancing sustainable development goals, enhancing environmental awareness, and improving service delivery related to environmental stewardship. The LGMAC is a voluntary initiative that showcases the dedication of participating municipalities to responsible environmental governance.

Functioning at both District and Provincial levels, the LGMAC provides successful district winners the opportunity to advance and compete against municipalities from other districts throughout Limpopo Province in the provincial round. By attaining first place at the district level, Lephalale Local Municipality has earned the privilege to represent Waterberg District in the upcoming provincial competition.

The award recipients at the Waterberg District level are as follows:

- Lephalale Local Municipality – R50,000.00
- Mogalakwena Local Municipality – R40,000.00
- Thabazimbi Local Municipality – R25,000.00

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Lephalale Local Municipality team for this significant achievement and wish them every success as they prepare for the provincial stage. This accomplishment underscores our steadfast commitment to promoting sustainable development and excellence in environmental service delivery.



HONOURABLE MAYOR: CLLR AARON MOKGETLE

HERITAGE DAY

Every year, Heritage Month which is celebrated on Heritage Day, 24th of September, serves as a powerful reminder of the rich and diverse cultural tapestry that makes up our nation. It is a time to reflect on where we come from, celebrate who we are, and envision where we are going together.

This year we celebrate under the theme: "Reimagine Our Heritage Institutions for a New Era." This theme highlights the vital role of heritage as a foundation for shaping a dynamic, socially responsive, technologically innovative, and economically inclusive future.

It also compels us to ensure that our heritage does not remain a relic of the past, but becomes a foundation for building a more inclusive, just, and dynamic society.

Let us work together across generations, across sectors, and across communities to ensure that the heritage we pass on is not just preserved, but empowered to inspire the next era.

Happy Heritage Day.

