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We ignite young
people's dreams

Just after concluding the Youth Month (June), Mandela Month (July) and now Women's Month (August) we promise you nothing short of informative, fun-filled and inspirational edition of Lentšu – the mouthpiece of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. Each of these months and their themes hold immense significance to our nation. They (the monthly themes) not only serve to remind us of sacrifices made by the youth of 1976, women of 1956 and the 67 years of Tata Nelson Mandela's Struggle, but also challenges us to continue the transformation they started.

We can do so by igniting change in society. Noteworthy among these changes in society is the maturing of our country's democracy, following a largely successful national and provincial election. I was fortunate to closely monitor the 2019 national and provincial elections, which to our Chief Electoral Officer (Mr Sy Mamabolo's) admission were the most complex, highly contested and logistically demanding in history. " We were fortunate in Makhuduthamaga that we did not have to deal with concerns about irregularities, such as double voting ". While the turnout

percentage of 17 million nationally is still in line with the global averages, the decrease should be viewed as an indication that all public servants need to work harder to serve those who may be doubting the ability of their vote to make a meaningful difference. We dedicate this edition of **Lentšu** to communicate Makhuduthamaga's commitment to work with national and provincial government to ensure effects of the new dawn are felt on the ground, and work towards addressing challenges of poverty and unemployment with greater urgency than ever before.

Given our country's unemployment rate, the most fulfilling part of our work as municipality is assisting people in securing work. We dedicate the back page of this edition to a partnership programme to help young people. We have also captured the essence of our elaborate intent to do this by profiling internship programme of the municipality in Page 21. I hope you find this edition as refreshing as the breeze of renewal and unity binding us.

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Lemson Moropjane
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Her Worship Mayor
of Makhuduthamaga
Cllr. Minah Bahula

Putting our service delivery vehicle on the top gear

President Matamela Ramaphosa gave a resounding caution to all government leaders and public officials as he highlighted the irrefutable power of a ballot on 08 May 2019 as South Africans declared the dawn of a new era. And that they have chosen hope over hopelessness, they have opted for unity over divisions. He called on us all to give effect to their (voters) mandate to foster unity and renewal.

In Makhuduthamaga we have taken this message to heart by putting our service delivery vehicle on the top gear. We are doing this by ensuring that our people see for themselves and experience how the municipality works. We began this by taking crucial council processes to communities, as an example the State of the

Municipality Address (SOMA) in Ga-Moloi and Budget Speech in Marulaneng. During these important community meetings (council meetings by legislation) we demonstrate results on how we are tackling corruption, and abuse of political and administrative power, and that such would not be tolerated. We continue to show our communities how we tighten the fight against corruption which robs vulnerable and poorest of the poor services and opportunities. We will ensure that all cases of corruption are dealt with expeditiously and ensure transparency in the work of the municipality, especially procurement processes.

To demonstrate our seriousness about transparency we are the only municipality in the whole of South Africa that partnered with The Hawks to celebrate Mandela 101 birthday in Diphagane. We have done this with a clear conscience while the mention of the work 'The Hawks' strikes fear in the hearts of many. We continue to work with communities through partnerships in sport, in schools and being in the front lines of the war against hunger and poverty. We have done so in Apel Cross when we

partnered with bikers to mobilise society to fight hunger in neighbourhoods across the municipality. We congratulate the African National Congress at national and provincial level for being given the mandate, full confidence and trust to do the work of growing South Africa. Special congratulations goes to MEC Namane Dickson Masemola of Roads and Community Safety and MEC Monnica Mochadi of Public Works and Infrastructure. With five year term ahead of this leadership collective, the promising new programmes, processes and plans to be pursued with renewed energy and allowed to flourish.

In the same breadth I congratulate all Members of Parliament in the National Assembly, the National Council of Provinces and Members of Provincial Legislature who represent the people of Makhuduthamaga in the legislative and executive capacities. To them all we say, let's be the torchbearers and trailblazers. Let your work reflect the unique passion that Makhuduthamaga is known for in the face of the world. Ke a leboga

Cllr Minah Bahula
Mayor

Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality wishes to congratulate Her Worship Cllr Minah Bahula on her election into the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) of SALGA in Limpopo. SALGA has during the special sitting filled vacant posts created when some of its members were deployed to the provincial legislature. Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality is confident that the Mayor with her experience, credentials & profile on matters of governance will indeed deliver on the mandate given to her.

Order of Congratulations



Special Award Ceremony

Mayor Minah Bahula instituted an award ceremony at the SOMA 2019 to confer the highest honour of the municipality to distinguished individuals who have played vital roles in the development of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. The following were awarded and recognised for their role: *Makhuduthamaga's Communications Unit led by Mr Moropjane Lemson *Makhuduthamaga's Infrastructure Department led by Senior Manager, Mr Albert Segale *Business Builder of the Year Mr Marumo Lekwankwa who contributed immensely in the Sanitary towels and school shoes distribution campaigns to the impoverished learners in various schools *Community Safety Member, Mr Kgorutle Ngate received Best Volunteer Of The Year, *King Born FC from Ga-Phaahla recieved Best Sport Team Of The Year



Manager Communications, Lemson Moropjane receives Best Department Award on behalf of the Communications Unit



Municipal Manager, Ms Nancy Rampedi receives Best Department Award on behalf of the Infrastructure Department



Mr Kgorutle Ngate receives Best Volunteer Award



Mr Marumo Lekwankwa receives Best Business Builder Award



Ben Choeu Athletics Club receives a Special Award



King Born FC receives Best Sport Team





Municipal Manager
of Makhuduthamaga
Rampedi Mmadire Nancy

A state of the municipality that works

The community and dignitaries from all parts of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, National Parliament representative Minister Thoko Didiza (attending in her previous capacity), provincial government representative MEC Polly Boshielo (attending in her previous capacity), Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Cllr Stanley Ramaila, fellow local Mayors and councillors assembled at Selaule Sports Ground, Ga-Moloi on 02 May 2019 for the delivery of State of the Municipality Address (SOMA).

The spotlight was on Mayor Minah Bahula who touched key issues that will define Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality for the remaining period of her mandate as the Mayor. Mayor Bahula outlined the programme of action for the year ahead and also reflected the achievements the municipality attained in the previous years. Taking cue from SONA (nationally), SOPA (provincially) and SODA (at district level) that proceeded her address, Mayor Bahula expressed her gratitude for all the support she received from provincial and

district leadership and committed to doing everything in her power to turn things around in Makhuduthamaga. "I am also alive to the fact that our people, gathered here are filled with hope for better tomorrow" said Mayor Bahula.

The platform such as SOMA gives the leadership an opportunity and sense of purpose – and the purpose is to change the reality of many residents who go to bed hungry, succumb to diseases that can be treated, and that many of our dearest people live lives of intolerable poverty. Too many of our people do not work especially the youth, and we will not rest. Our people want action and not just promises. Just as a concern in the national government, education and employment takes the centre stage in the road towards a prosperous Makhuduthamaga" said Mayor Bahula.

Speaking of ways to foster social cohesion in communities Mayor Bahula said the municipality is working closely with churches across all denominations to unify the people of Makhuduthamaga on matters of faith and nation building. She further hinted the fact that the municipality has initiated Youth Career Expos in various parts of Makhuduthamaga to ensure that learners from different schools meaningfully interact with institutions of higher learning, professionals and their role models in different career fields. The honourable

Mayor commends this programme as a resounding success. "No child of Makhuduthamaga will go to school without school shoes. No child of Makhuduthamaga will be hungry at school, no child of Makhuduthamaga will be short of school uniform, no girl child of Makhuduthamaga will be without sanitary towels" said Mayor Bahula to a booming applause and standing ovation.

honourable Mayor concluded her address by citing the importance of proper infrastructure development without which communities are rendered frustrated and the local economy becomes stagnant and lots of opportunities are missed.

"There are roads and access bridges that are still in the design and tender phase, they include Mashabela Tribal Office to Machacha (10km), road from Mokwete to Molepane Ntoane (10km), construction of Marishane and Phaahla Internal Street, Stocking internal Street, Madibong Weigh Bridge, Access Road from Maila Mapitsane to Magolego Tribal Office, Construction of Road from Glen Cowie Old Post Office to Phokwane and Construction of Road from Lobethal to Tisane amongst others" concluded Mayor Bahula.

Ke a leboga

Rampedi Mmadire Nancy
Municipal Manager

The State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) delivered by our proficient Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula calls us all to work towards a much more improved citizen report in March /April 2020. The moral of the story is that when reaching the mountain top, you are either stacked in a self-congratulatory mode or get filled with the desire to summit higher mountain tops. We are all about the latter, we are not done and we go for more heights.

Let me start by congratulating our employees who were recognised among the great sons and daughters of Makhuduthamaga during the special awards conferred by the Mayor on the occasion of State of the Municipal Address on 02 May 2019. Mr Moropjane Lemson was especially recognised on behalf of Makhuduthamaga Communications Unit for delivering a seamless and recognisable brand communication system in the local sphere of government. Mr Albert Segale the Senior Manager for Infrastructure Department was also recognised for ticking the right boxes in his line of work especially in the department's performance in meeting service delivery targets.

I hope this serves to motivate our staff members to perform their duties with excellence so that in the next SOMA our employees at different ranks show outstanding results in their quest to serve the people of Makhuduthamaga. Education and employment takes the centre stage in the road towards a prosperous Makhuduthamaga, and ultimately the country. As the SOMA instructed us to continue supporting schools within our municipality because of the firm believe that every child will be able to study and every person who want to work have a reasonable opportunity to find employment. Achieving this will demand an ex-



Hon Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula is ushered by officials at the SOMA

SOMA fuelling a winning organisational culture



Hon Speaker Cllr Tala Mathope enters the SOMA Council Chambers

tra-ordinary effort by all stakeholders, not just the Department of Education. In his inauguration speech, President Ramaphosa called upon all South Africans to work together to forge "... a society that values its young people by creating a conducive environment for them to aint skills and be productively employed to develop the community". Our municipality's Local Economic Summit is one of strategic forums that aims to connect our municipality's eco-

nomie development efforts into a move to lift the poor, especially the youth, out of poverty through creation of work and training opportunities, and build partnerships that propel the development of skills to generate business ideas and to improve small businesses. All said and done I am convinced that more than ever our ambition is bare like Lion's teeth, and we are ready to maximise our signature of potency in delivering results.

Freedom Charter's promise for Mogashoa family



Before

The handover of a brandnew house built for Mogashoa family in ward 13 of Makhuduthamaga on 29 August 2019 was a delight for Ga-Mogashoa village under Kgoshi Manamane Mogashoa.

Multitudes of well-wishing multitudes came to witness the handover ceremony attended by royal entourage of Kgoshi Mogashoa led by Mmakgoshi, MEC for Cooperative Governance Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) Honourable Baiskop Makamu, Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila, councillors, community and business leaders.

The handover began with an address by MEC Makamu who expressed his joy over Mayor Minah Bahula's work and encouraged her to do well and continue the good work she has started. He also pledged the support of the District and the local municipality in ensuring that the good service delivery track record of Makhuduthamaga is supported and enhanced.

"Gathering here today we are witnessing the realisation of the promise of The Freedom Charter which was adopted in 1955. One thing that the Freedom Charter says and that we are witnessing today is that there shall be housing, security and comfort for all. We also see to it that people must choose where they



MEC Baiskop Makamu, Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula and Executive Mayor Cllr Stanley Ramaila unveils the house built for Mogashoa family



After

want to stay. People must not be compelled to live in Polokwane because there are better roads, our people must stay wherever they want to stay and still enjoy the comfort by allowing the services to come where they are" said MEC Makamu. Just like MEC Makamu the recipient of the fully furnished new house Mrs Mogashoa said in her response that she remains eternally grateful to Mulalo Business Enterprise for offering to build the house when they heard of the Mogashoa's plight.

In the words of Mayor Minah Bahula of Makhuduthamaga the situation at Mogashoa household before the building of the new house was not bearable and it took away their human dignity to live in those kinds of conditions. Mayor Bahula added that they will continue to invite MEC Makamu and Executive Mayor Ramaila to come and open more new houses of a similar fashion as long as there are still reservoirs of com-



Hon Mayor has also committed to assist the recipient Bossy Mogashoa with his driving licence.

munity spirit shown by the community of Mogashoa, Mme Hunadi Matlala who escalated the Mogashoa's plight and business people like Mulalo Business Enterprise who are willing to lend a hand when the need arise. Mayor Bahula concluded by thanking the construction team of Mulalo Business Enterprise for working around the clock to ensure that the house is opened during Women's Month because the municipality holds a strong view that the intervention on Mme Mogashoa's situation is about women's dignity signified by women's month.

R6.5m to ensure inclusive economic growth and job creation

Expenditure will be in a form of coordinating support for SMMEs to ensure sustainability, this includes hawkers, manufacturing, and agriculture. We also allocate R1m for land acquisition over the 2019/20 period



Budgeting together with communities

Giving communities a voice in the budget planning process took place during the IDP/ Budget Consultations that took place in April in line with the Integrated Development Planning cycle. In order for the people of Makhuduthamaga to factually monitor and track the performance of the municipality the State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) and now the Budget Speech tabling have joined a basket of platforms through which the people of Makhuduthamaga are informed, and taken into confidence about the workings of the municipality.

As such the Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Budget Speech and Adoption of IDP Session was held on 29 May 2019 in Marulaneng Village (Ward 23) of the Municipality. In her address to hundreds of residents of Makhuduthamaga from all 31 wards Honourable Mayor Her Worship Cllr Minah Bahula began by thanking the residents of the municipality for joining millions of South Africans in defending our country's hard earned democracy by going all out and cast their votes to elect government of their choice, and also to commend the IEC for once again delivering credible, free and fair 2019 national and provincial elections.

"Hon Speaker let me once again take this opportunity to congratulate the governing party the ANC for a decisive victory during these elections. I have strong believe that our elected leaders have the capacity to deliver the manifesto of the party to continue and ensure the trust that our people have in our government of delivering basic ser-

vices" said Mayor Bahula. Mayor Bahula pronounced that the municipality has allocated R6.5m to ensure inclusive economic and growth and job creation. Expenditure will be in a form of coordinating support for SMMEs to ensure sustainability. This includes hawkers, manufacturing, and agriculture. We also allocate R1m for land acquisition over the 2019/20 period.

Makhuduthamaga is known for delivery of municipal roads networks that connect communities and make economic sense. To continue with this legacy Mayor Bahula declared an injection of R84m on construction of our strategic roads infrastructure and R8.8m allocated to fill all critical permanent posts including our general workers over the MTREF period. Mayor Bahula raised the bar in terms of the municipality's support for education enrichment initiatives by allocating R4m for the Mayoral Annual Cluster Career Expos because education remains fundamental and very close to our hearts and key to government's economic growth pathways. Jerking up career paths for young people, the municipality will again allocate R4.1m for two years internship program and the annual training programs for municipal staff, ward committees and honourable Councillors.

"We have also budgeted R1.3m to promote transparency and to ensure compliance with the Supply Chain Management systems and R2.7m is allocated for internal auditing functions over MTREF period" pointed Mayor Bahula. In summing up the budget Mayor Bahula said a projected



R84m for Roads and Bridges

Complimented by storm water construction a by a tune of R85.7 for 2019/2020 and R96.7 for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022



R62m MIG grant for Roads network

Budget breakdown indicates total national transfers and grants for 2019/20 are made up of R268m from our equitable share, R1.8m for FMG grant, R62m for MIG grant and R1m for EPWP project



R4m for Bursary Fund & 4x Cluster Youth/Career Expo

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total revenue budget to the amount of R427m for 2019/20 budget year, R451m and R480m for 2020/21 and 2021/22 Financial Years respectively. And that the total revenue budget for 2019/20 consists of R333m from our national government grants and R94m from our own sources of revenue. She also gave a detailed breakdown of the budget analysis which indicate that total national transfers and grants for 2019/2020 are made up of R268m from our equitable share, R1.8m for Finance Management Grant, R62m for MIG grant and R1m for EPWP. Again R94m from our revenue sources is made up of R43m from property rates, R7m from interests on investment, R36m from interests on outstanding accounts, R9m from agency services, R625k from our own traffic fines and R685k from other revenue.

This imply that the total annual expenditure to the amount of R437m for 2019/2020 Financial Years. Expenditure for 2 outer years is R450m and R480m for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 Financial Years respectively, while the 2019/2020 expenditure is made up of R337m for operational expenditure and R90m for capital expenditure. "We appropriated a total R90m for capital expenditure budget to be implemented in 2019/2020 budget year. We tried our level best to cover as many wards as possible with limited Financial sources available to ensure that service delivery is spread equally to all wards.R1m is allocated to purchase office furniture and equipment, R32m for purchase of Information Technology equipment and R1.3m for traffic management equipment" concluded Bahula to a deafening echo of ululations and applauses.



"I wish to highlight that our work is award winning, and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) affirm this assertion by naming the municipality capable of efficiently and effectively spending the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)."

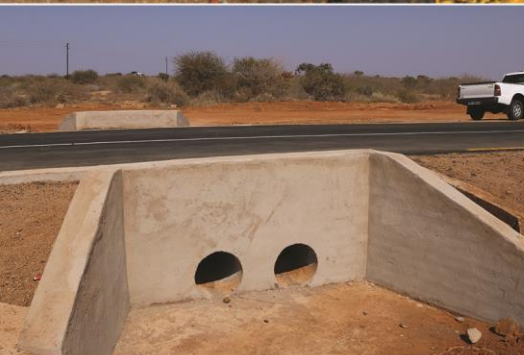
~ Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula/SOMA 2019



New Road | 10km

MAKGWABE TO MPHANE ROAD

MIG Project phase 2 (5km) is 95% complete



Roads that withstand flooding

Lessons from the flash floods that swept away some of the roads in Makhuduthamaga in December 2018 has led to improved and proactive approach on managing storm water. This was confirmed by Mayor of Makhuduthamaga as she studied the specifications for each road infrastructure construction project implemented in Makhuduthamaga, particularly municipal access roads. Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality continues with its streak of successful road infrastructure proj-

ects that shape the community landscape. Residents of Makhutšo and Ga-Mampane were enjoined with this network of navigable residential areas that Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality has since created through record breaking and award-winning implementation of Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG). Just a stone throw away from Mampane Access Road Phase 4 where construction has started, the municipality is finalising the planning and budgeting phases of the roads to enliven

community life and travel experience in Makgwabe to Mphane through the implementation of Phase 2. This road project will also be funded through the MIG grant, and upon its completion there will be a safe tar of 10 km. "The community is very confident in our local government; the delivery of this road has instilled a spirit of social cohesion and a happy community. We really thank the Mayor of Makhuduthamaga for making sure that the road connects our two villages which also encouraged transpor-

tation to be accessible", said the Project CLO, Andronica Maseema. Talking of community life and travel experience the road will help to connect institutions like Makgwabe Primary School, Makgwabe Pre-School, Makgwabe Community Hall, Maphadime Secondary School, and religious institutions such as the ZCC Church and New Generation Church among others. The excitement about these roads project has been expressed by communities, particularly participants of the Community Works Programme (CWP) which is active and continues to take care of other community infrastructure including the road.

According to the Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Cllr Minah Bahula the appointment letter was issued to the service provider for professional services related to the Ga-Mampane Access Road Phase 4. Mayor Bahula explained that the Phase 4 construction includes a 5.28 km mileage covering the Ga-Mampane area through the access road from gravel to Asphalt surface, construction of 1.0 km of open side drains, 280m of drainage culvert structures.

And that the project is located in Ga-Mampane Township which is about 43 km North West from Jane Furse town of Makhuduthamaga Municipality within the Sekhukhune District Municipality. Emphasis has been put on planning the roads to withstand flash floods.



Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula together with the Speaker Cllr Tala Mathope and the Chief Whip Cllr Chego David interacts with the elderly

Blanket relief on flick

It might look like a small gesture from a distance, be sure to change your mind about it when you see elderly beneficiaries lighting up their faces as they get hold of a brand new blanket. The signature campaign of donating blankets was adopted a few years ago and it's a thread that meaningfully connect the people of Makhuduthamaga with their municipality.

Koko Bolao Phala of Maila-Segolo in Ward 23 explained how difficult it is for her to keep warm in winter because her old age pension money does not take her far because of the cost of basic food supplies such as maize meal.

"My six grandchildren have grown up now and they each want a comfortable blanket. Even when I try my best to buy the blankets bit by bit they still need a new blanket when they pass matric for further studies. The blanket donated by our Mayor is going to help a lot and we really bless her good heart for thinking about us" said Koko Bolao.

She is not alone vibrant group of older persons from the neighbouring Marulaneng village share their experiences on a happier note too, they welcome the relief because it means less pressure on their pockets and that they can direct the funds to other household items. This noble campaign continued on a high note on 16 May 2019 at Ga-Moretsele and Makgane where hundreds of elders continue to benefit through this initiative which has covered most parts of the 31 wards of the municipality.





Zoom-in the-Lense

Sekhukhune Executive Mayor Stanley Ramaila, Member of Parliament Thoko Didiza, Education MEC Polly Boshie, Member of the National Assembly Motswaledi Matlala and Jane Furse Hospital CEO, all stands as Mayor Minah Bahula makes her grand entry at SOMA



The Council Speaker Cllr Tala Mathope declares the Special Council on SOMA officially in progress



Hon Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula greets members of the community as she approaches the Council Chambers



Makhuduthamaga former Mayor and MMC for Corporate Services Cllr Matlala Alfred's grand entrance



Education MEC Polly Boshielo's grand entrance



Executive Mayor Cllr Stanley Ramalla's grand entrance



Makhuduthamaga Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula presents her third citizens report at the SOMA



Kgoshi Madihlaba and the her Queen makes their grand entry





Robala Ka Khutšo [Moshopjadi A Phaahle A Ngwato A Bauba]

Tribute to MmaKgoši Malekutu Sekwati

Honourable Minah Bahula joined hundreds of mourners to bid farewell to the late MmaKgoši Lekgolane Malekutu Sekwati, the mother of His Majesty Kgoshi Mampuru Billy Mampuru at Mamone Moshate on 10 August 2019. The ceremony was attended by among others MEC Namane Dickson Masemola, spiritual leaders and a range of dignitaries from the national, provincial and local sphere of government including traditional leadership structures, and royal majesties and highnesses. The late MmaKgoši Lekgolane Malekutu Sekwati (Moshop-

yadi a Phaahle a Ngwato a Bauba) was born at Magakala, Moshate on 04 October 1935. She is the first-born daughter of the late Chief Ntwampe and Candle wife Diphala Ntwampe, born with late Chief Lawrence Legadimane Ntwampe and younger Sister Manyaku Maria Thulare.

The late MmaKgoši Lekgolane Malekutu Sekwati was married as a candle wife of the Pedi Mamone Tribe in 1964. She bore an heir to the throne known as Kgoshi Mampuru III. Her other Children are Prince Seraki Mampuru; Prince Ntwampe;

Princess Matobole Lillian; Prince Mampuru Nicholas; Prince Sekhukhune Kennedy and Prince Phathudi Collet. Her grand Children are Malekutu Tšhegofatšo; Tokologo Johanna Lekgolane; Ntwampe Neo; Malekutu Mokgethi; Manyaku Mmabatho Maria; Seraki Theophilus; Mackeilan; Lawrence Legadimane; Motubatsa Thapelo; Kgopotjo Mokete and Tšhegofatšo Arabella Diphala.

She was a selfless leader, advisor, negotiator and had pragmatic character in all aspects. She assisted a lot of academics in their thesis including well known Prof Barbara Oomen from University of Leiden in Holland; D.M Kgobe well known author of that time, the list is endless. She was appointed as Kgoshigadi of Bapedi Ba Mamone Tribe on 25th July 1978 and ruled the community until she handed over the powers and the title to the successor Kgoshi Mampuru Billy Mampuru in a coronation ceremony held on 19 December 1998. She was consulted and took



MEC Dickson Masemola, Mayor Minah Bahula and Executive Mayor pay their last respect to Queen-mother of Pedi Mamone

part in advising the recruits in 1979, also when the late Frisco Phala came to recruit further and strengthening the base which was based at Mamone Maroteng Royal Palace.

From 1978 she served as Member of the Legislative Assembly under the leadership of the late Chief Minister Cedrick Phatudi and another term under the leadership of the late Chief Minister Mogoboya Nelson Ramodike. She served as ex officio in negotiations and preparation for interim council members of Ngwaritsi Transitional Local Government. In 1997, first Mayor the late Kgaola Abram Mafiri was appointed.

During her life time, she had ever flourishing desire for education and prosperity. The following schools were built: Matšhumane Secondary school – Glen Cowie Village; Matobole Primary school; Ngwanatshwaane High school; Tenyane High school; Makubarate Primary school; Marotobale Primary school and Motlokwe Primary school. The following were initiated during her tenure and in her influence: Community based projects; Hlatlolanang Health & Nu-

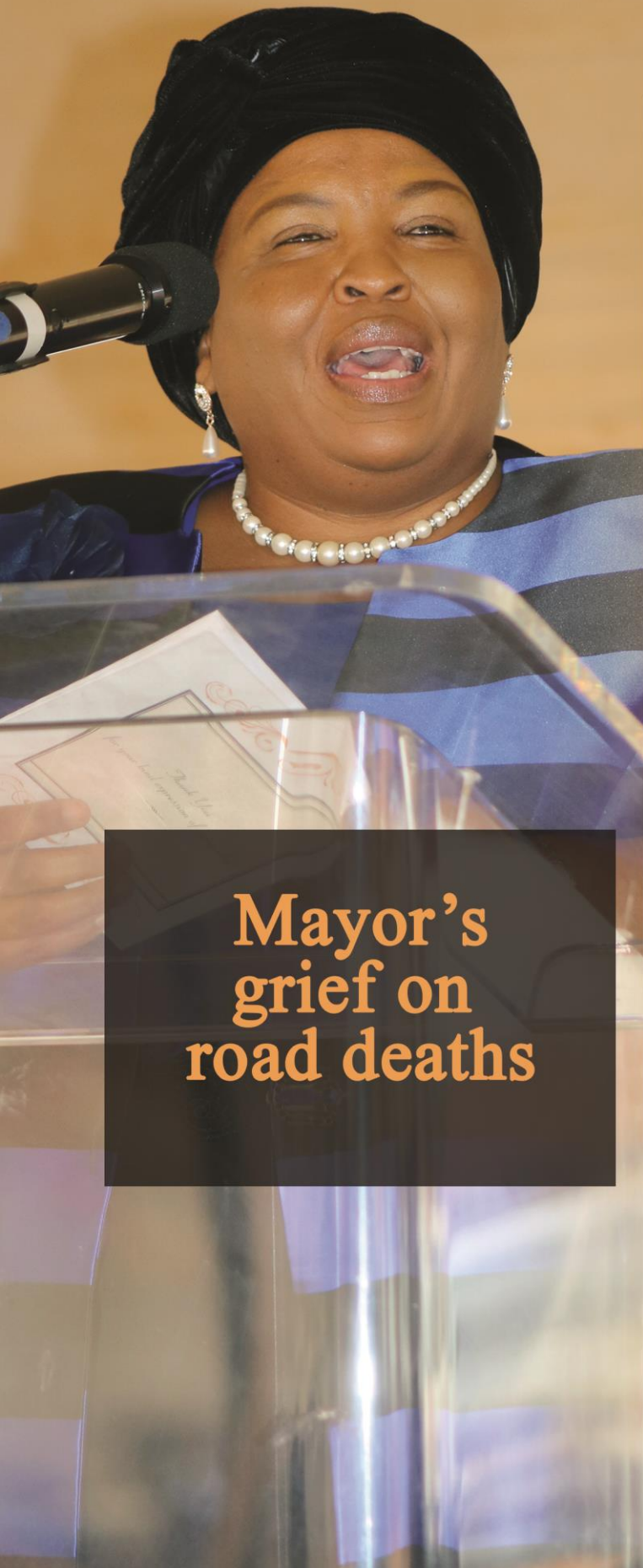


trition Centre; Nebo Grain Board; Pedi Mamone Tribal Offices; Health Care Facility; and New Jane Furse Hospital as well as Government facilities such as Makhuduthamaga local government offices, Jane Furse industrial units, Mamone Clinic, Old Jane Furse police station, Jane Furse RDP and 1997 tribal resolution that seeks to relocate regional offices from Lebowakgomo to Jane-Furse. Commercial developments such as Jane Furse plaza are some of her indelible legacies. She claimed the farms in 1995 in which Bapedi ba Mamone tribe has jurisdiction. She

initiated the idea of commemorating the fallen hero Kgoshi Mampuru II, who was executed in public by the Boer government at Pretoria Central Prison in 1883. Today the Commemoration ceremony of Kgoshi Mampuru is regarded as one of the biggest in South Africa. The late MmaKgoshi Lekgolane Malekutu Sekwati passed on Thursday 11 July 2019 at Bapedi Ba Mamone Royal Palace and has been laid to rest at the Royal Kraal Cemetery. Robala Ka Khutšo "Moshopjadi A Phaahle A Ngwato A Bauba".



Traditional leaders and other dignitaries came to support Kgoshi Mampuru III as he buries his mother



Mayor's grief on road deaths

Road deaths are known to be sudden and hurtful experiences that cloak in a mist of sadness. This is not because of the inherent fear of death but because they occur on a public resource that we ought to use from point A to point B. Persistent road death do not only strike fear in the hearts of communities and households, the effects and scars of such losses cut too deep into the emotions, family stability and even the economy” Mayor Minah Bahula said these solemn words in front of hundreds of mourners attending the joint mass funeral at Mogaladi Village in June 2019.

The funeral service was attended by many dignitaries such as Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Namane Masemola who paid their last respects to the last of the seven who burnt to death in a car crash. The accident, which claimed seven lives, occurred in April this year between Mamphokgo and Mmakgatle villages in within the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

According to the department of transport the last of the seven victims remained unidentifiable over time, owing to the DNA match challenges due to the extent to which his remains were burnt. The department said MEC Masemola had to talk to the family and friends to finally bury his remains and get closure. According to witnesses the accident happened when an Avis Rental car missed its designated lane veering off to face oncoming traffic resulting in a head-on collision with a Ford Ranger LDV - causing both vehicles to catch fire. Mayor Minah Bahula together with MEC Masemola told the mourners that Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality and the Department will offer all the possible support, and referrals for further support to the affected families.

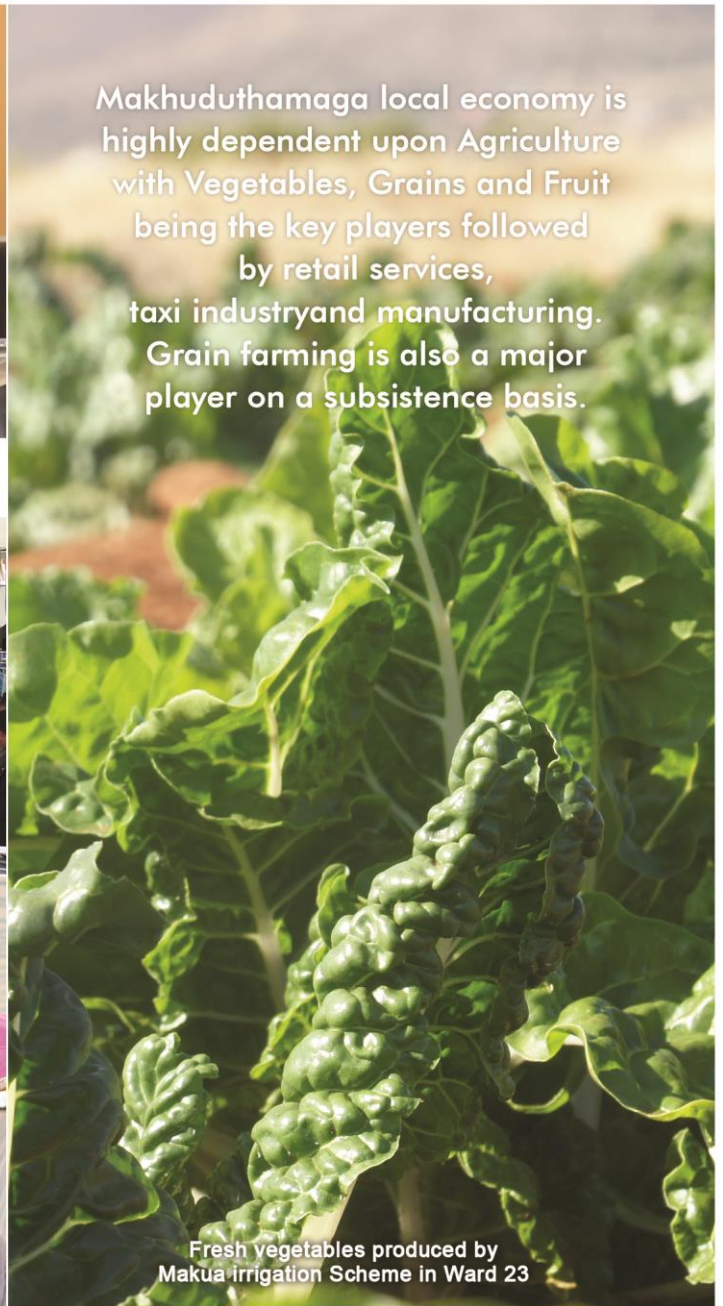
Mayor Minah Bahula together with Deputy Minister Joe Phaahla, MEC Dickson Masemola, Kgoshi Phaahla attended another mass funeral of six (6) people at Ga-Phaahla Village, who perished in a motor crash on the R579 road next to Mogorwane/ Ga-Moloi. Mayor Bahula delivered her words of condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the horrible accident and further called upon road users to exercise extra caution on the roads across the municipality and abroad.



Head of Corporate Services Cllr Mankge Herman addressing the LED Summit



Municipal Manager, Nancy Rampedi outlines the purpose of the Summit



Fresh vegetables produced by Makua irrigation Scheme in Ward 23

Economy unlocked at the LED Summit

Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Cllr Minah Bahula rallied stakeholders from all parts of Makhuduthamaa to connect, exchange and share ideas on the rekindling of the municipality’s economy under the banner of Makhuduthamaga Economic Summit. Zai OAT Hotel in Jane Furse was the ideal venue to convene multitudes of delegates representing small businesses (SMMEs) and cooperatives of Makhuduthamaga to engage through dialogue and an open networking environment. The hotel was not the only local business that benefited from the Makhuduthamaga Economic Summit held on 06 June 2019, the entire value chain included supply of items, and transport of guests and delegates

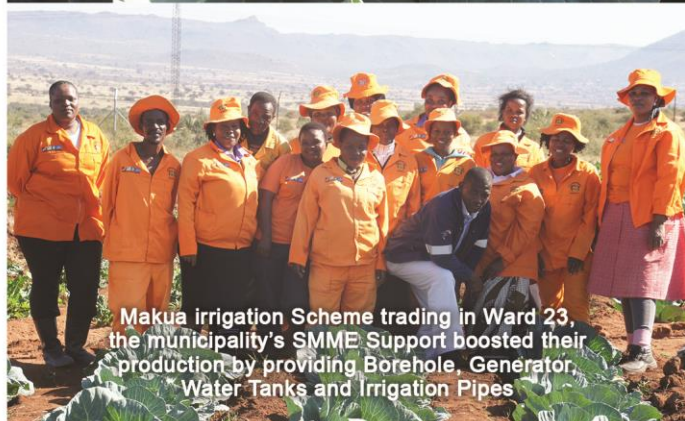
was planned to bring the local economy to life. In her opening address Honourable Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Cllr Minah Bahula told the delegates that the summit was called to ensure continued growth of local economy, job creation and social upliftment of the people of Makhuduthamaga. She said her municipality especially welcome the summit because it’s a platform to create a better environment for small businesses and enterprises to thrive other in domestic and international markets. “In terms of building the local economy we know for a fact that we have already laid some foundations for progress and transformation hence our local businesses are a priority in terms of supply of goods and services” explained the Mayor Bahula. In

giving an overview of the performance of the local economy across all economic sectors, particularly tourism, agriculture and mining where the Makhuduthamaga has a comparative advantage Mayor Bahula said the summit comes at a time when the country and the district are experiencing economic contraction. She called upon local businesses and the communities to work towards addressing the challenge of contraction and garner creative ways to bolster investor attractiveness of the municipality's economy. "Taking place in the youth month of June, this summit is one of the motivations to continue to intervene and ensure young people are well equipped to conceptualise, initiate and operate successful businesses" said Mayor Bahula.

Head of Corporate Services Cllr Herman Mankge who addressed the Summit on behalf of Mayor Minah Bahula shared knowledge about local economic dynamics that have a direct bearing on the district's economy, inclusion the issue of formalising businesses in order to grow the municipal revenue base and help to lift the country through tax compliance. He added that as different stakeholders have been working during commissions, and they have paid a detailed attention to issues such as informal trading and land use. Among the speakers that presented to the



Segwahleng Stone Crushing trading in Ward 29, they have received assistance from the municipality's SMME Support to acquire Ablution facility



Makua Irrigation Scheme trading in Ward 23, the municipality's SMME Support boosted their production by providing Borehole, Generator, Water Tanks and Irrigation Pipes

summit are presenters from different department whose presentations were linked to the Local Economic Development Strategy. The Summit acknowledged the fact that the local economy of Makhuduthamaga is highly dependent upon agriculture with vegetables, grains and fruits being the key players followed by retail services, taxi industry and manufacturing. Grain farming is also a major player on a subsistence basis. With the finalized LED Strategy which outlines the role of the municipality and other stakeholders in supporting SMMEs and also clearly identifying various issues and strategic areas for intervention such as indicated below.

The Acting Mayor appraised the Summit as an important achievement and a milestone in the economic development of Makhuduthamaga as it's dubbed the forum where all role players are given a platform to discuss solutions. In reaction to Cllr Mankge' speech delegates commended the municipality for the initiative but raised challenges in accessing sustained funding from other institutions. He concluded in her closing address by expressing hope on the anticipated annual economic growth of the municipality, which heavily rely on meeting all the service delivery budget implementation plans of the Planning and Economic Development department of the municipality.



Rocking with Baroka FC

Makhuduthamaga has proven again to be the heartbeat of Sekhukhune by courting the attention and endearment of Baroka Football Club. The elite football club has shown its soft spot for Makhuduthamaga earlier this year during the

amaga earlier this year during the Makhuduthamaga based Annual Mampuru Day event on 26 January 2019 where they presented the Telkom Cup trophy and invited the community to celebrate their hard earned victory. In addition to this

Baroka has been scouting local talent by constantly attending the annual Makhuduthamaga Mayor's Cup Tournament. The hospitality of the people of Makhuduthamaga in all these interactions has flattered the Bakgaga to bring more good news to



the well-wishing masses and supporters. It is no surprise that they chose Makhuduthamaga to unveil their newly six signed Baroka FC players during a special event addressed by Baroka FC Chairman Khurishi Mphahlele held on 29 June 2019 at Makhuduthamaga chamber.

That morning Baroka FC took to Makhuduthamaga local municipality to reveal its new sponsor, new kit and new players ahead of the 2019 /20 Premier soccer league season. Dignitaries at the Bakgaga FC press briefing were mayor of Makhuduthamaga Councillor Minah Bahula, Global Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Theo Mphosi and chairman of Baroka FC Khurishi Mphahlele. Ear-

lier this year Ga Mphahlele based team parted ways with its former main sponsor Two Mountains and therefore Baroka FC has officially announced new sponsor as Global. Chairman Mphahlele had given the purpose of the day and shares his excitement about the upcoming 2019/20 premier season and he revealed that his team signed a 4 year contract with the new sponsor (Global) with 2 years optional.

“On the 6th of November Baroka FC will play against Mamelodi Sundowns and that will mark it as their 100th game against each other. As an act of kindness and Ubuntu, the first 5000 supporters to the stadium will get free entry,” said Mphahlele. Mphahlele announced the signing of

new six players as Gerald Phiri Jnr, Kamohelo Mahasha, Sibonelo Ngobane, Manuel Kampala, Richard Mbulu and Phelelani Mfanafuthi Shozi. Although there are still more players expected to join the Ga-Mphahlele side, he did not want to reveal the players will be loaned out to.

Among other confirmed names on the announcements were that of Ranga Chivaviro, Rodwell Chinyengetere and Onkabetse Makgantai will be loaned out for this year season. Newly signed Bakgaga FC Richard Mbulu said he is looking forward to making his mark after a move failed to materialise at the club in 2016. Malawian striker said he never stopped working hard so that



he can realise his dream of playing in the premier soccer league. The announcements were welcome with a great roar from the members of the community and Baroka FC supporters outside Makhuduthamaga chamber. The chanting - demonstrating their fanatic flare and happiness went as far as causing a stampede in Jane Furse central business district and routes leading to the Makhuduthamaga 2010 Artificial Pitch.

In her welcome remarks to Baroka FC the hosting Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula assured them of the municipality's loyalty and support with a full view of the irresistible benefits of associating with the growing Baroka brand, particularly as a platform to unearth the raw talent for stardom and shining careers in football.

"I want to reassure that this is your home, we are sharpening our talent identification systems in all the 31 wards of Makhuduthamaga so that all talented young people of our municipality get the chance to showcase and unleash their potential. We strongly believe that our partnership with Baroka will take us a step further" concluded Mayor Bahula.



Youth from different schools during the Green Effect Energy Expo

Opening career paths

One contributor to the high youth unemployment rate in South Africa is that many youngsters are still unaware of numerous opportunities available for them. Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality made it a priority to raise awareness of these opportunities.

The Office of the Mayor's Youth Directorate has become a formidable foot soldier in spreading this important information in communities. This has been done by partnering with local organisations that work with the youth, visit schools to spread the word or even take deserving youth under the wing and help them overcome difficult circumstances. The cultivation of this important work was experienced on 03 May 2019 at Masemola High School where Mayor Minah Bahula together with MEC Polly Boshie (in her previous capacity) rallied role models and dignitaries for an all-day interface with learners of different high schools in Masemola Cluster.

According to Head of Finance Cllr Rinah Maisela who delivered a speech on behalf of Mayor Minah Bahula says a lot of ground has been covered – and that the more work is done, there is an increased realization that a lot more lies ahead. "This career expo roadshows are only a start, upliftment of youth can only truly happen when we effectively implement youth programmes, turning goals into realities. We now have a municipal official coordinating youth programmes – working resolutely with a clear and specific job role of bringing young people into the center of the achievement of the grand vision of the municipality in line with the National Development Plan Vision 2030" on government's delivery of quality education that can address the economic and social challenges faced by our community, said Cllr Maisela.

Green light on post connections

Electricity post-connections are a permanent feature in the municipal planning cycles because it's an indication that our residents, particularly the youth see no point of starting their families than here in Makhuduthamaga. It is a welcome trend that has positive spin-offs for local economic prospects and growing confidence in the municipality's capacity to bring services closer to the people, and convincing young adults to stay in the settlements around Makhuduthamaga as opposed to going to urban centres where human settlement designs and amenities seem to be attractive.

The municipality has entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the National Department of Energy for the provision of household connections. These are handed over for maintenance to Eskom after the completion of the projects. These are handed over for maintenance to Eskom after the completion of the projects. Post connections on the



other hand pose challenges such as raising demand on the electricity supply grid and duplication of resources in areas where projects were already completed in the previous financial years. In her address to the State of the Municipality Address Mayor Minah Bahula pulled the attention of the community of Makhuduthamaga to the fact that many households can tell with great relief that they are experiencing a better life. And that life has become easier for them after being included in the Eskom electrification project including post connections. Among examples that stand out of the basket is the one of Semahlakole village

where 58 households are sharing this experience and similarly the 170 households in Tisane, 373 households in Manganeng, 195 in Diphagane, 134 in Leeukraal, 74 in MailaMapitane, 49 Serageng, 183 in Marishane, 179 in Mangamolane/ Malae-neng/Mokgwatsane. "In addition we then supported work done by Eskom. We are in an advanced stage of implementing Municipal Electrification Project in Khayelitsha, Mogaladi village, Masemola Police Station, Thabamphse, Glen Cowie, Marulaneng, Kolokotela, Dichoueng, Molepane, Makoshala, Mogodu, Mama-tjekele, Motseleope, Dikaton amongst others." Said Mayor Bahula.



Report Illegal Connections

If you come across any illegal connections, report them to Eskom on 08600 37566 or SMS Crime Line on 32211

Local authors honoured, recognized and



Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula encourages local authors to publish and protect local stories to achieve our history heritage

In the world where everything including means of acquiring knowledge goes digital, authors and publishers are becoming poorer and less recognised besides the hard work they put behind their craft. Not to mention authors of indigenous languages such as Sepedi which researchers indicate that it's facing decline and further marginalisation as a language used outside the household.

Awakening to this sad reality facing Sepedi language the Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Cllr Minah Bahula made a war cry to save Sepedi language as the most tangible of all cultural inheritances that the Bapedi people have. Despite being the only Mayor in the District, and probably in the whole of Limpopo Province whose municipality publishes each external Newsletter in Sepedi and English equally word for word, pound for pound, Cllr Minah Bahula has ex-

tended her crusade on Sepedi language perseverance and active use to local authors whom she dubbed as the last line of defence for the diminishing language. It is Mayor Bahula's wish to present the lengthy documents such as IDP and Budget Speeches in Sepedi language in the quest to ensure the community genuinely understand the contents of her speeches, not just use her platforms for compliance purposes.

Mayor Bahula has also introduced a widely acclaimed trend of being ushered by the epic ethnic poet 'sereti' in public events that she address, no matter the size and magnitude. In addition to promoting the language the Mayor says it's her effort to get younger generation interested and see prestige in knowing their cultural identity, and taking pride in it. Affectionately known as Mogaledi a Hlabirwa the Mayor staged the first ever event to honour local authors whom she calls heroes and heroes of the pen.

According to Mayor Bahula these authors have something in common, they are young, self-started and are committed to keep the indigenous languages alive. At the event held at Talane Sport Ground in Ward 25, Ga-Mashabela on 21 July 2019 Mayor Minah Bahula honoured Mr Rupert Kgathume Makanatlang whose book is titled "Morwa Marokane". Another author given this ultimate honour is Ms Initia Mooswana whose book title is "Ngwedi o apogelwa ke Maru". Initia Mooswana gave a resounding message of support and appreciation to the Mayor on behalf of all authors. "This is the beginning of our journey, a journey less travelled but with giants like Mayor Bahula we hope to see a future where Sepedi will not only



Mayor Cllr Minah Bahula congratulates Rupert Kgathume Makanatlang for championing Sepedi Authorship



Sepedi Author, Initia Mogoswana



grow as a language of literature and communication but engendered into facilitating commerce, trade, science, entertainment and research" said Ms Mooswana against a wave of ululations. But Mayor Bahula could not hide her deeper concern about the state at which Sepedi language is found in considering the fact that it's the same language that was renowned for philosophic teachings of the likes of O.K Matsepe. She reminded the audience of about 200 people that witnessed the ceremony that Makhuduthamaga is also known

and boasted



Author, Rupert Kgathume Makanatleng as he launches and give a taste of her published book titled "Morwa Marokane"

known as Bopedi-gare which means the centre of the base of Bapedi nation, and that the geographic position put upon the shoulders of the resident of Makhuduthamaga the task of maintaining and sustaining Bapedi heritage, particularly the language quality so that future generations will have something meaningful to inherit. "We are doing this (the award ceremony) to express the support of government and influence the buy-in of business and individual consumers in terms of local buying habits" concluded Mayor Bahula.

The Hawks' good deeds for Mandela Day

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children" said the struggle hero, icon and former President Nelson Mandela. His words aptly sum up why Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality joined hands with the Hawks at Little Angels Special Centre in Diphagane village to mark 101 years of the birth of Nelson Mandela, commonly referred to as International Nelson Mandela Day.

This United National declared international day for service to humanity in honour of Tata Nelson Mandela brings the best out of every one, and give the world more of a human face. According to Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi the initiative to celebrate Mandela Day at Little Angels Special Centre is the initiative of the municipality that the Hawks sort to support because the organisation is touched by the plight of disabled children, and the vulnerable in society.

"While it is the initiative of the municipality, it is every citizen's duty to play a role in protecting children and creating a safe and secure environment for them" Mulaudzi explained.



Our Vision

To be a catalyst of integrated
community driven service delivery.

Our Mission

To strive towards service excellence.
To enhance robust community based planning.
To ensure efficient and effective consultation and
communication with all municipal stakeholders.



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