

Lephalale Municipality

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Lephalale Farmworker of the year



**Simon Modimola is
Lephalale's Farmworker
of the year**



Lephalale Municipality and Agri Lephalale hosted the 2015 Farmworker of the year competition gala event on Thursday evening, 11 June at the Mogol Club. The competition is the initiative of the Lephalale Municipality with the aim to encourage and reward Farm Workers who work in the Lephalale area. Altogether 17 Farmworkers competed for the prize of becoming Lephalale's Farmworker of the year.

The winner of this year's competition was Simon Modimola from the farm Rietfontein. Simon walked away with a cash prize of R10 000. The winner in the category *Game farming* was Jim Makgae from the farm Grafton. In the category *Livestock farming*, Hiskia Mafisa from the farm Nooitverwacht walked away with first prize. Among the irrigation farmworkers, Jacob Mosima from the farm Weltevreden came out tops. All three received a cash prize of R5000 each.

Delegates from the Department of Agriculture, Agri Limpopo as well as councilors and officials from the Lephalale Municipality attended the prestigious event. The Acting Mayor, Cllr W Motlokwa welcomed the delegates and thanked all who contribute positively towards agriculture in the area. The guest speakers at the event were Ouke Jongbloed, a farmer mentor and Phophi Raletjena, the son of a farmworker turned farmer. Both were very inspiring and encouraged farmers and farmworkers to work together in transforming agriculture in the area. The Chairperson of Agri Lephalale, Francois van den Berg thanked the Municipality for the initiative and all who contributed to making this year's Farm Worker of the Year competition a great success.

Lephalale Municipality hosts Waterberg Mining summit

Lephalale Municipality in conjunction with The Waterberg District Municipality hosted the Waterberg Mining Summit on Thursday, 18 June 2015. The theme of the summit was “Changing People’s Socio-Economic Conditions through Mining Development” and was attended by several stakeholders in government and the mining industry. The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko welcomed the assembly to one of the fastest growing municipalities in Limpopo and soon to be the first city born in the democratic South Africa. He thanked the mining industry for their contribution to the growth of Lephalale, and invited even more participation and investment to see lives changed for the better in the region.

The Executive Mayor of the Waterberg District, Cllr Rosina Mogotlane said in her keynote address that Mining companies venturing into the Waterberg should explore opportunities to empower communities in the District. She stated that of the 680 000 people who reside in the Waterberg, approximately 28,1 % live in poverty. She called for an even greater transformation in the mining industry in order to bring dignity and prosperity to the people.

During the summit presentations were rendered by Joel Raphela, the Deputy Director General in the department of mineral resources. He encouraged Municipalities and Mining companies to work in partnership with the Department to address social economic issues in all six mineral rich municipalities in the Waterberg. He indicated that apart from the 21 mining rights that have been issued by the Department, fourteen more has recently been approved for the Waterberg. Over 200 applications for prospecting rights are being processed.

Dr J van Vuuren, Project Manager for SIP 1 (Strategic Integrated Projects) spoke about government’s commitment to unlocking the Northern Mineral Belt with Waterberg as the catalyst as part of government’s National Infrastructure Plan. He revealed plans to transform Lephalale into a green city.



The Executive Mayor of the Waterberg District, Cllr Rosina Mogotlane

Prof. Mark Oranje from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Pretoria spoke about the need for long term planning in the Mining industry especially in the Waterberg region.

Delegates were given an opportunity to engage with the presenters through a question and answer session facilitated by Vuyo Mvoko from the SABC.



Celebrating World Environment Day

Lephalale Municipality in partnership with Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) hosted World Environment Day at the Marapong Stadium on Wednesday 10 June 2015. The aim of the event was to create environmental awareness, focusing more on sustainable consumption and production.

The event was part of the Municipality's ongoing commitment to education and promotion of lifestyle changes towards a cleaner environment. The Acting Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr W Motlokwa encouraged environmental responsible behavior as well as the establishment of small enterprises in the field of recycling for resource recovery.

Speakers at the event included representatives from the Department of Agriculture, the Waterberg District Municipality, Earthlife Africa, Oil X Oil and Petco who specializes in the recycling of plastic bottles.

Thabo Mbeki Primary School entertained the crowd with poems and recitals relating to a cleaner environment.



Expanding Lephalale's electricity grid

Eskom and the Lephalale Municipality is working towards expanding the electricity supply to Lephalale to foster growth and investment in the area. Eskom is currently constructing an 80 MVA transformer which will be added to the grid. While the transformer is still under construction Eskom agreed to add a temporary 20 MVA Transformer which will guarantee a more stable electricity supply to the Lephalale Town area.



Lephalale Municipality welcomes Mmakwena Mokwena who is a final year BSC (Community water services and sanitation) at Turfloop Campus. Mmakwena is doing her practical in the Sanitation Division this month.



In solidarity with the Youth of South Africa



In solidarity with the Youth of South Africa, several employees came to work in school uniform.

Youth Day was originally known as Soweto Day following the Soweto uprisings in 1976. It was made a public holiday and became known as Youth Day after 1994. The aim was to commemorate the role all youths played in establishing a democratic South Africa.

This year marks the 39th anniversary of the Soweto uprisings, and in honour of this, the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) has developed a national programme under the theme of "Youth Action for Economic Freedom in Our Lifetime".

This year more than 500 youths from Lephalale were transported to the University of Venda, where the Premier Mr Stanley Mathabatha addressed the youth of Limpopo. The Premier emphasized the importance of diligently studying subjects that will be useful to the economy of the country.

For the Love of reading

The Lephalale Municipal library is aiming to foster a love for reading among the youth of Lephalale through library visits and the *Read for Fun* campaign. Through storytelling, puppet shows and library orientation, children from several schools in the area learn to love books and learn to love reading. During the *Read for Fun* day children of all ages join in a day of fun at the Library where they listen to stories, colour-in and play on a jumping castle.



LLM Bosberaad

Officials and Councilors of Lephalale Municipality held a Bosberaad on 22 and 23 June at the Palala Boutique Game Lodge. The aim was for each Directorate to present on the status quo as well as future projects of each Division.

During the two day event Alex Granger, a motivational speaker and author gave an inspirational talk on effective management as well as conflict management. The project management team of the new proposed Thaba Metsi Mine as well as Jacques Snyman from the Lephalale Development Forum also gave presentations. Two days were however not enough as only three of the Directorates were able to present at the Bosberaad.



Keeping Lephhalale Clean

The Lephhalale Municipality's Waste Division held a cleanup campaign in several areas in and around Lephhalale this week. Eight casual employees in the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) were tasked with clearing the main roads, illegal dumping spots and internal streets in Shongoane 1, 2 and 3; Mokuruanyane and Seleka. The endeavor also included an awareness campaign to remind residents to use the bins provided by the Municipality to discard of waste. In Lephhalale Town several members of the hawkers committee joined the Municipal team in clearing the hawker stall area behind Boxer. The municipality also visited each stall to ensure that vendors are in possession of informal trading permits as required by the Municipal bylaw. The campaign forms part of the Municipality's ongoing drive towards a cleaner environment.



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Job well done!

Here is some feedback we received from the community during June:



Compliments to our Municipality who fixed a blocked sewerage pipe on a Sunday afternoon. – Peet Louw



Thank you for quick response in restoring the water supply in Tsessebe Street. – Esmie van Greunen

Sepela ga botse Ma Sina



Lephalale Municipality recently said good bye to Sina Mothoni who retired in June this year. Ma Sina who lives in Seleka is the mother of four daughters and two sons. She started working at the Municipality in 1991 where she worked the night shift as an employee of Mollimop. She joined the Municipality on a full time bases in 2006. Sina was one of the pillars in the Cleaning team and will be dearly missed by her colleagues. A party was held in her honor to celebrate her contribution to the Municipality and to wish her all the best for the future.



Celebrating their Birthday in July:

02 July MA Shiko, MJ Mojela, LH Ramashala
03 July HC Kruger
04 July N Ndlovu
06 July E Jacobs
07 July LS Poopedi, MR Moshupye
08 July JT Teffo, SJ Montshiwa, TD Matabologa
13 July TM Molekoa
14 July NS Majadibodu, PJ Seakamela
15 July J Marakalala
16 July LP Waleng
17 July MS Modiba, RS Tlou

20 July PJ Mohwasa, MF Sethole, MMM Semenya
22 July ME Sekanka, MJ Monene
23 July MM Coetzee
24 July MJ Raphalalani
25 July MJ Motloheloa
26 July MC Mokwena, MS Shongwane, RP Setlhare
27 July MJ Ramoroka, M Sefala
28 July RA SHongoane, DM Makgae
29 July MS Langa, RM Modise
31 July LS Manamela, AM Molefe, LR Lebogo

