

Lephalale Municipality

Building a vibrant city to be the energy hub of Africa

LLM launches 67 projects

In celebrating the life and times of former President Nelson Mandela, Lephalale Municipality hosted the MEC for Health Dr Phophi Ramathuba; former African National Congress treasurer-general Mathews Phosa and members of the Lephalale community at the Thabo Mbeki Stadium on Saturday 18 July - also known as Mandela Day. The aim of the event was to launch 67 projects to celebrate the 67 years the former President spent in service of the people of South Africa.

This year's Mandela Day will be remembered as a call to action for the nation to work together for the continuous development of humanity through the attainment of basic freedom. The message was clear - "Take Action - Inspire Change - Make Every Day a Mandela Day".

Taking this message to heart, the Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko and the MEC escorted two teams who started the eventful day by painting the Matsiababa Secondary School as well as the Morukhuru Khung Primary at School in the Lerupurupung village.

The delegation which also included members of the cast of Muvhango later partook in the official opening of a new gym and community hall in Thabo Mbeki. The Acting Municipal Manager, Edith Tukakgomo thanked Exxaro for their contribution in assisting the Municipality to provide the much needed facilities.

The main event at the Thabo Mbeki stadium was well attended and the community was entertained by none other than Dr Malinga. Local artists such as Midda Mashabela and gospel artist Prince also ensured that Mandela Day 2015 will long be remembered in Lephalale.

Mathews Phosa spoke about the life and sacrifice of former President Nelson Mandela, while David Modisagape from the ministry of land and housing in Botswana as well as Pastor Willem Papo gave messages of support.

The Mayor of Lephalale then introduced and officially launched the 67 projects in cooperation with several stakeholders in the Lephalale area.

Below:

**Mathews Phosa
and the Mayor, Cllr
Jack Maeko.**

**The opening of the
Thabo Mbeki Gym**



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LLM hosts District Driver of the Year Competition

The Department of Transport in the Waterberg district hosted the District Driver of the Year Competition at the Lephalale Municipality testing ground on Saturday, 25 July. The competition focused on enhancing and improving driving skills of heavy motor vehicle drivers. Municipalities in the Waterberg, private companies, mining houses, provincial departments as well as bus companies participated in the competition which entailed a theory as well as a road test. Lephalale Municipality would like to congratulate Moses Shongoane from the Municipality's Public Works division who obtained third place in rigid truck category.



Moses Shongoane is congratulated by Cllr M.E. Maisela

Energy forum visits Lephalale

Lephalale Municipality hosted The South African Local Government Association (SALGA); councilors from District- as well as Local Municipalities; CoGHSTA; the Department of Energy and Eskom at the Provincial Energy Forum on 1 to 2 July. The energy forum is a quarterly event that allows each of the five Districts to report on the challenges as well as the status quo of energy supply in their respective areas. SALGA presented on energy efficiency in municipal infrastructure while Eskom gave an update on municipal electricity licensing in the Province.

Delegates were given an opportunity to visit the Medupi Power Station to see its progress, following the first synchronisation of its first unit (Unit 6) on 2 March 2015 to the National grid and attained full power (800 MW) generated on 26 May 2015.

A visit to the mobile 20 MVA transformer that was added to the local grid in June gave delegates a glimpse into the good working relationship between Eskom and the Lephalale Municipality. Eskom is currently constructing an 80 MVA transformer which will increase Lephalale's electrical supply. 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.



MoA signed for the upgrading of roads

A Memorandum of Agreement between RAL, Exxaro, the Department of Public Works and the Lephalale Municipality was signed at the Lephalale Municipality on Thursday, 23 July. The MoA underwrites the upgrading of roads in the Lephalale area to the value of R234 million. Exxaro will contribute R71.2 million.



Above:

Ramesh Chhagan, Group Manager Community Development Exxaro; the CEO of the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), Maselaganye Matji; the Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko and the MEC Public Works, Mr. Jerry Ndou signed the MOA

Job well done! Here is some feedback we received from the community during July



Thank you to all who worked to get our water back. We really do appreciate it. – Stella Geldenhuys



Thank you for every little effort made to restore the water supply. – Keoagile Tiro



A massive thank you to everyone involved in restoring water supply – Caroline Leach



Thank you also for the water trucks. You chose to do something for us where many do nothing. Much appreciated. – Ridovhusanae Nemutandani



Mayoral Sport Tournament a great Success!



Lephalale Municipality hosted the Mayoral Sport Tournament at Thabo Mbeki Stadium from 19 July – 2 August. Thirty two Male Soccer teams and four female soccer teams participated in the event. The final was played on 'Sunday, 2 August between Manchester (Moyeki) and Kallies (Seleka). Manchester won 1-0.

In the photos are Kauletsi Brazil vs Kgobagodimo Tigers who featured in the top 16 teams.



Congratulations!



Congratulations are in order for Phutho Thulare, LLM employee and local SAMWU Chairperson, who was elected as the Deputy Regional Secretary of the Maphuti Mabotja SAMWU Region. He will continue to serve as local chairperson.

NCOP visits LLM



Delegates of the National Council of Province (NCOP) and members of the Provincial Legislature visited Lephalale on Wednesday, 22 July as part of their weeklong oversight visit of the Province. The aim of the visit was to assess the state of programmes and initiatives that are geared towards advancing the developmental agenda of municipalities. Delegates got “first hand” information and account of progress that municipalities are making in advancing the lives of residents in their respective areas. The focus of the visit was: The state of basic service delivery and infrastructure development in the Municipality; Financial viability and financial management; Governance and public participation; MIG performance; and Local Economic Development

Celebrating with Riekie Coetzee and Nthabiseng Ndlovu who had birthdays in July.



Sepela ga botse Oom Frans

Frans Moalotshi worked at the Lephalale Municipality for just over 24 years and has recently retired. Frans celebrated his retirement and also his contribution to the Municipality with his wife and staff members at the Spur on Friday 31 July. Staff members reminisced about Oom Frans and his many offices in the Municipality. There is the office in the corner of the parking space and his office under the steps in the foyer of the Municipality. Today the chairs are empty, a bleak reminder that Oom Frans will not be around to sell his sweets to staff members. If you ask staff members about Oom Frans they will say he was always positive and energetic. He was multi skilled and he will be sorely missed in the Parks division where he worked. Staff collected more than R3000 as a farewell gift. He also received tools to assist him with his farming when he retires to Matladi (Shongoane 2) to farm. Oom Frans thanks everyone who contributed. We wish him all the best.



Celebrating their Birthday in August:

03 August RJ Molamudi; LE Phasa

04 August AK Makholwa; BS Manaka

06 August TB Rakobela; KI Khama

07 August RG Manaka; MA Monyeki

08 August KK Montshiwa; NB Bothane

09 August PJ Matabologa; TE Namathe

11 August LS Pila

12 August LE Sebueng

13 August PR Molefe; ML Mokobane

15 August WM Matswake

16 August LP Marakalala

19 August GE Mathebula; TE Modimola

17 August LM Shongoane; SZ Sehlare

22 August RM Dikgake; TJ Manyedioane

25 August BC Belle

26 August MG Ndlovu; WM Motlokwa

29 August SFM Lekoloane

30 August NR Mabela; MJ Maake; JS Mabula; BF Makakaba

31 August MM Lefawane; MH Majapholo

