

Lephalale Municipality

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Minister Zwane visits housing projects

Lephalale Municipality hosted Mineral Resources Minister, Mr. Mosebenzi Zwane during the Exxaro Social and Labour Plan housing project hand over and launching of a new housing project on Thursday, 22 October.

The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko, the Executive District Mayor, Rosina Mogotlane, Exxaro CEO Mr Sipho Nkosi, Municipal Manager, Edith Tukakgomo, the Acting MM for the Waterberg District Me. Mabore Mampa, as well as Grootegeluk Coal General Manager, Johan Wepener joined the Minister in visiting various housing projects in Lephalale and Marapong.

The visits included a sod turning ceremony in Onverwacht where Exxaro is currently embarking on a new residential building project. In Marapong, a plaque was unveiled in honour of the Minister's visit, signifying the official launch of the Marapong housing facilities recently built by Exxaro. The Minister took time out to engage with beneficiaries of the housing project. During his key note address at the Mogol Club, Minister Zwane welcomed the commitment by Exxaro CEO Mr Sipho Nkosi and congratulated him and his team on the successful launch of the housing project. He commended the company for their contribution to the Lephalale community thus far. Minister Zwane acknowledged the good working relationship between Exxaro and the Municipality, but noted that some areas could be improved.

"The company has taken the first step towards integrating settlements and assisting employees towards home ownership. The fact that 20% will be made available to members of the community is indeed welcome. It is encouraging to see the way the company is integrated into the community in which they operate," Minister Zwane said.

From left: The Mayor, of Lephalale, Cllr MK Maeko Minister Zwane, Executive District Mayor, Cllr R Mogotlane and Exxaro CEO, Sipho Nkosi

He further urged the company and its employees to work together in prioritizing matters of health and safety.



In Memoriam:

Kgoshigadi Anna Shongoane laid to rest



MEC Mmaphetle Makoma Makhurupetje

People from all walks of life attended the funeral of Kgoshigadi Mmapitso Anna Shongoane who was laid to rest on Sunday, 25 October 2015 at Ga- Shongoane Village, Lephalale Municipality. Speaker after Speaker described her as a selfless leader, a Teacher, Community Builder and a Heroine.



Mozambican President visits Lephhalale

The President of Mozambique His Excellency, Mr. Filipe Nyusi, visited Medupi Power Station on Friday 23 October. The President's visit formed part of a three day State visit to South Africa.

As the two countries desire to forge close energy cooperation, His Excellency President Nyusi visited the Medupi Power Station with the Minister of Public Enterprises Ms. Lynne Brown.

Right: His Excellency, Mr. Filipe Nyusi, during a tour of the the Medupi site



Keeping Lephhalale Clean



Lephhalale Local Municipality (LLM) joined staff from Ellisras Provincial Hospital and several volunteers in a clean-up campaign at the Hospital on Friday, 16 October 2015. The Chief Community Liaison Officer, Emily Molokomme explained that the campaign is a monthly initiative to ensure that patients are cared for in a clean environment. "We started this initiative with the help of the Municipality due to a shortage of staff." She thanked the Municipality and especially the ward councillor, Cllr Johanna Mojela for their role in keeping Lephhalale clean. Community members who would like to volunteer can contact Emily Molokomme on 0761498624

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Lephalale Municipality soccer is tops!



Lephalale Municipality's soccer team is going from strength to strength. On Tuesday 13 October, the team played against a team from Ellisras Hospital and won the match 3-2. The team practice every Tuesday evening at the Moaol Club.

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



Thank you for all the hard work that the Municipality is doing for us. We are lucky to have a municipality that care. Thank you again. – Erica Swanepoel

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Wise Water Use



Water and Sanitation Minister, Nomvula Mokonyane, has called on citizens to use water sparingly and responsibly, because climate change has exacerbated the drought situation in the country. The country is currently experiencing the worst drought in 23 years.

The Minister also called on local government and those responsible for managing water to lead communities in using water wisely.

"South Africa is a water scarce country with highly variable rainfall and water runoff. To mitigate this situation, pro-active and responsive risk management, coupled with innovative water security management interventions are required," said the Minister, who added that there was no substitute for the resource.

She explained that 98% of the water in the country has already been supplied and it has to be reused. South Africa has had to draw some of the water from Lesotho.

Drought conditions are being experienced across the country due to prolonged lower-than-normal rainfall since the beginning of the year, and this has led to water shortages in a number of public water supply schemes or dams. "The drought currently affects 173 of the 1 628 water supply schemes nationally, serving approximately 2.7 million households or 18% of the national population," she said.

Farewell to PMU Manager, Nthabiseng Ndlovu



From the well wishes she received from colleagues at her farewell event, one thing is very clear: Nthabiseng Ndlovu is well loved and appreciated within Lephalale Municipality. Her positive contribution to the Municipality since she started as PMU Manager in August 2012 is undeniable. It is the passion with which she works that ensured that LLM spent 99% of its MIG grant in 2014/2015. Many projects have come to fruition because of Nthabiseng's capable guidance as PMU Manager. All who attended her farewell on Friday, 30 October will agree: Nthabiseng will surely be missed.

Celebrating their birthday in November:

01	MM Matlou, DS Mfisa	09	MP Ngwako	18	MS Langa
02	PJ van Rensburg	13	C A Jordaan, PM Blake	22	NP Rapheeha
03	MP Maputla	14	MJ Selokela	24	MS Modimola
04	EM Tukakgomo	15	RB Tefu	25	NC Seakamela
05	TH Matjila, MB Matlou	16	MM Moloantoa, RH Makgae	26	MH Modise
07	LF Monene, GB Seleka	17	MA Madibela	29	S Thobakgale, SJ Monyemoratho

