

# Lephalale Municipality

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## LLM celebrates TOP performing Schools

Several Schools in the Lephalale area shined at the Local Municipality 2016 Matric awards ceremony which was held at Seleka Community Hall on Wednesday 25 January. Two schools which stood out were Dimpe Secondary School in Kiti and Seoketseng in Mmaletswai which both produced 100% pass rate. Despite challenges such as lack of resources and shortage of teachers, the students excelled in their matric examinations. In his keynote address, Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko said that “We have assembled here to acknowledge and award excellence. But before we even start with awards, one must state it categorically clear that the achievements recorded by our schools are not what were expected but despite this, it is important to recognize the gains and improvement that schools have made.”

“We know we can perform better than the 2016 class, calling on all our educators, learners, parents, SGB’s and all role players to commit themselves to nothing less than eighty percent (80 %) pass this year 2017” said the Mayor.

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**Mayor Moloko Jack Maeko giving his main address at the 2016 matric Awards.**

## Top schools awarded..... continues



**These are the Trophies and Certificates, that were awarded to learners and schools which performed well in Lephale.**



**LLM Mayor, Jack Maeko with Principal of Mmay Secondary school, Cllr Makgae and Kwena Maputla Lephale Business Chamber.**



**LLM Moloko Jack Maeko with learners who achieved sports accolades at different schooling levels.**

Teachers Union, SADTU, appreciated the role played by the Municipality in improving the state of education in the area. This year 19 deserving students who performed well were awarded with bursaries from the Mayoral Bursary Fund to further their studies in higher education, for courses aligned with the development of Lephale.

The Mayor recommitted the Municipality's willingness to assist in programmes aimed at equipping learners to perform better. "I stand here as a servant of our people to recommit our Municipality's intention to assist all Education programmes, including winter and spring enrichment camps, we must rebel against those who turn off the light of hope resulting in broken dreams".

Various stakeholders such as Eskom-Medupi, Foresight IT Business Solutions, Temo Mine, Old Mutual, Boikarabelo Mine, Ferrum Crescent, Nkuthula and Mabule Traders pledged towards bursaries and donated tablets, laptops.

# Back to school campaign

Lephalale Local Municipality councillors embarked on a Back to school campaign when the official 2017 schooling term opened on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. The aim of the visits was to check the status-co of the schools, the readiness and challenges that each school faces.

The team was divided into four groups which visited schools in Elliras Circuit, Phalala North and South Circuits. Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko and Education Portfolio Councillor, Francina Mabasa led the team that went to Matshwara , Morakolo, Bahlalerwa Secondary Schools and Tshukudu Primary School all in Shongoane.

Some of the challenges identified were ill-discipline from leaners, lack of participation from parents and SGBs members, shortage of teachers, substance abuse shortage of admin staff, and absenteeism.

Addressing the learners of Batlhalerwa Secondary school in Ga-Monyeki, Cllr Francina Mabasa advised that the school should have a code of conduct which leaners should adhere to and also encouraged the learners to focus on their education so that to better their lives in future.

The schools pleaded with the Municipality to make an intervention to liquor outlets owners not to sell alcohol to students, because some of the learners consume alcohol at schools.

The Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko highlighted the importance of education, adding that leaners must work well with teachers to attain positive results.

“You need to respect your teachers and know why you are coming to school. If you pass well we have the Mayoral bursary that will help you to further your studies, you need to be dedicated and have determination”.

**LLM Councillors with the SGB and Principal of Bahlalerwa Secondary School during the Back to school campaign.**



# Community welcomes contractors with open arms!

The Community of Dipompong/Motsweding, kiti, Martinique and Nikara in Mokuruanyane welcomed Rivigan Contractor, with open arms when they were introduced to the community by Lephallale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko on Wednesday 11 January 2017. The contractor will install/connect 400 households that don't have electricity in the area.

Speaking to the community, the Mayor said that he understands the frustration and the dismay of living in an area or house that does not have electricity. Maeko also made an appeal to the community at large and those that will be employed to work on the project to co-operate with the contractor so that the project can be finished well in time without any disputes of any sorts.



Communities of Thabo Mbeki and Lerupurupung, welcomed with excitement the introduction of two contractors for the Thabo Mbeki/Lerupurupung Sewer Network and Thabo Mbeki Water Supply by Lephallale Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, on Thursday, 26 January 2017. The Mabule Rail jointly with Amawakawaka Projects & Ennuel Trading will be responsible for the installation of Sewer pipes, connecting all households in the area to the sewer network and the construction of waste water treatment work, while the Nandzu Trade & General Projects will be responsible for the upgrading of the current water system in Thabo Mbeki.

More than sixty job opportunities will be created for the duration of the projects.

In his remarks, the Mayor, said delivering services to communities translates to honouring all struggle icons who fought for the freedom of this country. He urged the community to have a spirit of unity and work with the contractors to ensure the completion of the projects in time. He said "For the first time the people of Thabo Mbeki, will have flushing toilets and this will restore dignity to the previously disadvantaged community members".



# *Ward Committees workshop...*

The office of the Speaker in the Lephalale Local Municipality held an induction programme at Mogol Function Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The two day programme was to orientate the newly elected ward committee members and Community Development Workers (CDWs), about their roles and responsibilities, which were co-ordinated by the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs.

According to Lephalale Local Municipality Speaker, Cllr Reggie Molokomme, ward committees need to have monthly meetings to report to the councillors on challenges and grievances in communities and to develop a new effective reporting method.

Molokomme also said that, Ward Communities play a critical role in linking and informing, serve as advisory body, form a bridge between local municipalities and communities, participation in the IDP processes, encourage communities to participate in the affairs of the municipalities, ensure communities understand and adhere to municipal by-law.

In her closing remarks, Acting Mayor, Cllr Louisa Shongwe, said Ward Committees are the ears and eyes of municipalities, they are the government's foot soldiers and it is their responsibility to assist government in delivering services to the people. "They don't replace councillors and Community Development Workers (CDWs); they should supplement them. They should assist our Councillors to implement "Back to Basics" programmes. We don't expect any competition for political space between CDWs, Councillors and Ward Committees" Shongwe said.



**Cllr Malose Marakalala, LLM Speaker, Cllr Reggie Molokomme and Cllr Paulina Molekwa**



# IDP REP FORUM

Lephalale Municipality hosted the first Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representative Forum for 2017 at Shongoane village on Wednesday 18 January. The Forum is aimed at outlining the 2017/18 budget framework and process plan for implementation.

Stakeholders comprising of various structures such as sector department, traditional leaders, Ngo's, WDM, Community Development Workers, office of the premier and Coghsta were afforded an opportunity to discuss and give inputs on the Municipality IDP.



The role of the forum is to amongst other things, provide an organisational mechanism for discussion, negotiation and decision making between stakeholders and the Municipality and monitor the performance of the planning and implementation of the IDP process through the quarterly and mid-year performance and annual reports of the municipality..

In closing, Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko said the institution is committed towards rural development and aims to prioritise the realisation of this goal. He added that the Municipality intends to provide quality, sustainable and affordable services and will monitor and ensure that local communities benefit from all companies doing business in Lephalale.

# PROJECT VISIT A SUCCESS

Lephalale Local Municipality led by EXCO member embarked on a site visit to the Marapong CRU (Community Rental Unit) Altostyd Project on Monday 30 January 2015. The purpose of the visit was to assess and monitor progress and identify challenges at the two projects. SW Limpopo gave a brief presentation on how the final finished product will look like and where the projects stand and its challenges.

Marapong CRU will consist of 514 units, with single and double units. The team led by acting Mayor, Cllr William Motlokwa proceeded to Altostyd where community members from the Marapong CRU construction site will be relocated to. The construction of shelter, ablution facilities and a water tank for the affected members is at an advanced stage. The acting Mayor, urged all contractors to work closely with the Municipality, appointed CLO's and the community in order to ensure that the project is successfully completed in time.



**LLM Councilors assessing the Marapong CRU project.**



**Marapong CRU site ready for construction**



# Health MEC gives 2017 new born babies gifts



Limpopo MEC for Health, Dr Poppy Ramathuba alongside Lephalele Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko, visited Witpoort and Ellisras District Hospital to welcome New year Babies at both hospitals on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2017. And only one baby boy was welcomed at Witpoort Hospital!



Lephalele Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko, with the help of Limpopo MEC for Health, Dr Poppy Ramathuba gave the elderly food parcels on the first of January 2017, at Thabo Mbeki hall.

## *Severe Weather Warning Service*



### **Description: Flooding / Heavy Rain**

Flooding occurs when water overflows its normal channels such as streams and storm water drains. It can occur with prolonged period of rain, with continuous heavy falls or in the form of flash floods which are usually associated with severe thunderstorms.

Heavy rain may also result in river flooding causing damage downstream to areas that may receive no rainfall at all during the flooding event.

### **Precautions: Flooding / Heavy Rain**

If possible stay indoors and off the roads, avoid crossing rivers and swollen streams where water is above your ankles. If trapped in flooding in a vehicle, abandon it and climb to higher ground. In buildings, move valuables to a safe place above the expected flood level. Switch off electricity at the supply point to the building. In rural areas protect/relocate animals to a safe place on higher ground.

Abandon your home immediately if evacuation is recommended, before access is cut off by flood water. NEVER drive on a road covered by water. You do not know how deep it is or if the road has been washed away. If the vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Be especially cautious at night when it's harder to recognize flood dangers. Listen to the radio or TV for warnings and obey the instructions from disaster management officers.