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## **INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER SESSION!!**



**Community members gathered at Moses Monanyane Stadium at Ga-Monyeki for the Interdenominational Prayer Session held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2018, to pray for the continuous accidents experienced in Lephalale.**

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The session was prompted by the high rate of road accidents which claimed many lives in the past 12 months, most of which are you young people. According statistics from the South African Police Services, some of the contributing factors for the fatalities are Reckless and negligent driving, driving under the influence of alcohol and high speed.

According to the Mayor, the Municipality views the continuous loss of lives on the roads as a call of great concern which calls for an urgent need for combined intervention from everyone involved in road safety and all religious groups in order to curb the loss of lives on our roads.

Driven by the desire to see the envisaged vision of the Municipality which is “Vibrant city and energy hub” becoming a reality, the Mayor emphasized that road safety is a key factor “preserving the lives of our people especially the youth is of paramount importance and our efforts to be the first city under the democratic government will be in vain in we continue losing lives of our people on the roads”

Pastors from different churches jointly preached the same message of respect, observing the rules of the roads seeking divine intervention from the heavenly father in all challenges affecting local people. Some of the holy Bible scriptures which were read to revive the spirit of the masses in attendance were Mathew 18:19-20, Luke 6:45, Isaiah 47:10-11, Jeremiah 6:2&25, Thessalonians 5:3&5.



Pastors from various churches with Kgosi Seleka, Kgosi Shongoane and LLM Mayor Moloko Jack Maeko.



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## **INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER SESSION**

**in pictures!**



Pastors of various churches, Cllr A Thulare, LMM Mayor Moloko Jack Maeko, Kgosi Shongoane and Kgosi Seleka.



Cllr M.J Marakalala, Municipal Public Accounts Committee, Chairperson



Pastor Mpete, giving his sermon.



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## **UPGRADING OF D3102 AND D3114**



Lephalale Municipality Council Members, led by honorable Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko, embarked on a weeklong projects site visit. The visit was aimed at assessing progress at service delivery projects within the Municipality.

The team started the visit at Rietfontein/Letlora Road Construction Site. The road is a Public Private Partnership initiative between the Municipality, Exxaro and Road Agency Limpopo. This multi-million rand project initiated by the Municipality will see the construction of a 47.6 kilometers road in 13 villages covering 3 wards that used to struggle with transportation due dilapidated road conditions in the area.

Since the projects inception, more than 130 job have been created, with 91 SMME's been empowered in numerous business opportunities. The road is currently at 55% completion

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The villages that will benefit from the upgraded road (D3102 and D3114) are Sefihlogo, Morwe, Botshabelo, Moong, Botsalanong, Kopanong, Kgobagodimo, and Letlora while the upgrading of road D3109 will benefit residents from Kiti, Motsweding, Dipompong and Mukuruanyane.



LLM Councillors on an oversight visit at the Sefihlogo to Letlora road (D3102-D3114)



## **MAYOR CONGRATULATES LEARNERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR DRIVERS LICENCE TRAINING**

Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor Moloko Jack Maeko with learners who are currently undergoing a driver's license training at Masekwameng Driving School, as part of the annual 67 projects to honor Nelson Mandela launched by the Mayor. The project which is a Mayoral initiative is aimed at equipping the youth of Lephalale with the requisite skills to be able to enter into the job market. Since the beginning of the project in September 2017, 68 participants have already acquired



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## WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism jointly with Lephalale Local Municipality, celebrated World Consumer Rights Day at Mogol Club Hall in Lephalale on 28 March 2018.

World Consumer Rights Day which is recognized by the United Nations is celebrated annually on the 15th of March since 1983 by all the member states throughout the world. The event was celebrated with the participation of various consumer protection institutions, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.

Speaking on behalf of the MEC, Seaparo Sekoati, the Department's Findo Motimele, said the Office of the Consumer Protector within LEDET is tasked to ensure that consumers within the province are adequately protected against unfair business practices.



Speaker of Lephalale Local Municipality, Cllr K. R Molokomme



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“Over the years this office has protected consumers in the province through consumer education awareness campaigns and resolution of complaints lodged by the public. For this year (2018) alone this office has conducted over 560 outreach programs in its endeavor to educate consumers and has resolved over 118 of the complaints lodged” said Motimele.

The 15th of March is recognized by the United Nation as the World Consumer Rights day which is celebrated by all the UN member states throughout the year. The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) has been celebrating this day over the years in various forms and in different districts.

The event was also used as a platform to capacitate communities in Lephalale on money scams dominant in the province, to empower them on money saving methods and ways to avoid over indebtedness.

In her words of welcome, the speaker of Lephalale Municipality, Cllr Regina Molokomme on behalf of the mayor indicated that the event is very important to their community because it is their daily challenges that they are facing, so they appreciate the initiative by LEDET.

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## SCHOOLS REFURBISHMENT OVERSIGHT VISIT

Through the initiative by Lephalale Local Municipality Local Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, Eskom-Medupi has commenced with the refurbishing of schools at Seleka and Mukuruanyane Villages. This is one of Eskom's Corporate Social Investment project aimed at prioritizing the education of young people and creating a favorable learning environment.



Councilors visited Mazwe High School where the processes of renovating the existing structures and installation of palisade fencing has started and will be completed in August.

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## REFURBISHMENT OVERSIGHT VISIT

According to the Mayor it is this kind of projects that will assist in ensuring that indeed education and training system enables young people to dream big and equip them with critical thinking capabilities and competencies.



He further said the Municipality will continue to support all educational programmes in an effort to improve the quality of learning and teaching in the early grades, so as to ensure that learners are equipped with the requisite skills to cope with the curriculum of higher grades.

At Jacob Langa Lower Primary the scope of work ranges from construction of an assembly shade, construction of volleyball and netball courts, painting of the existing palisade fencing, renovations on the playground to minor painting and ceiling repairs.



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## TRADITIONAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS FORUM

*Lephalale Local Municipality welcomed with both hands the launching of the Local Traditional Health Practitioners Forum (LTHPF) on Friday 23 March 2018 at the Shongoane Traditional Council.*

*“The Municipality welcomes and appreciates the launching of the forum as it will help revive the image of the traditional health practitioners field. Now as a Municipality we will be able to identify between legit and bogus traditional health practitioners in Lephalale” said acting Mayor, Cllr Meshack Mogohloane.*

*The following people were elected as leadership of the local forum Solomon Dibetso, Chairperson, Albertina Monyeki, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, James Ledwaba, Deputy Secretary, Paulina Matlou, Treasurer, Maria Moatshe, Lazarus Seodisa, Violet Matlala, Frans Monyeki,.*



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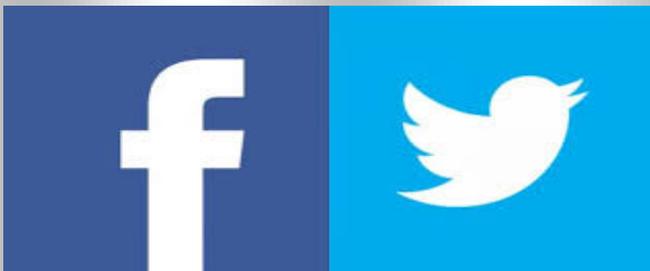
## IDP REP FORUM



Lephalale Municipality hosted the second Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representative Forum for 2018 at Thabo Mbeki community hall on 27 February 2018. The Forum is aimed at outlining the 2018/19 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 organizational 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.



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LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMME



As part of government's effort to fight the persisting deep-seated triple challenge of poverty, unemployment and inequality, Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor Moloko Jack Maeko jointly with representatives from the Department of Environmental Affairs launched a skills development training programme. The programme is aimed at equipping young people with the requisite skills to be able to enter in to the job market.

Courses to be offered under the programme ranges from tourism, cookery to horticulture.

Selota Jacqueline who is facilitating the Horticulture NQF level 2 course which commenced on the 5th of March 2018, said that the 9 months learnership will end in November 2018. 25 learners are currently participating in the Horticulture programme and have already covered subjects ranging from utilizing health and safety principles in Horticulture, creating awareness of environmental protection, demonstrating an understanding of flowering plants reproductive cycle and propagating plants from stem cuttings amongst others. The programme covers 30% theory and 70% practical in Horticulture.

The Mayor urged all participants to use this opportunity as a stepping stone towards a better future and a tool to align with the development of Lephalale.

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## BUSH CLEARING FOR SATELITE SAPS

In partnership with Eskom-Medupi, Lephalale Local Municipality Kick started the project of constructing a satellite police station at Phahladira Village on 21 March 2018. The station is one of the Mayor's projects to assist the communities who used to travel long distances to access services. Phahladira was previously under Mogalakwena Municipality but following a decision by the Demarcation Board, the area has now being incorporated in to Lephalale Municipality.



In an effort to better the lives of the people of Phahladira, the Municipality has lined up a number projects to address some of the service delivery challenges. The Community welcomed police station initiative saying that they appreciate the Mayor's efforts of bringing services to the area.

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## CLLRS ADDRESS EPWP WORKERS!!

Lephalale Local Municipality Councillors, met with the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers to motivate, inflict hope and to boost staff morale.

The Municipality employed Forty Five (45) casual workers on a temporary basis to work on an Integrated Environmental Management program. The programme started on the 2nd of January 2018 and will run till 30 June 2018 across all 38 villages and Lephalale town.

The activities of the project includes amongst others, litter picking, clearing of illegal dumping spots, maintenance of parks, road sweeping and maintenance of storm water channels, cleaning of storm water culverts (pipes), grass cutting, bush clearing and road markings. The councillors encouraged workers to work together, to work hard at the best of their ability with discipline, commitment and determination. EPWP is one of government's arrays of programmes aimed at providing poverty and income relief through temporary work for the unemployed.



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## MARCH COUNCIL



## AWARD!!



Joyce Tselane with the Achievement Award given to the Municipality by APF

Lephalale Local Municipality received an achievement award for Excellence in supporting persons with disability by Association for Persons with Disability Limpopo (APD Limpopo) for casual day 2017.

The Association for Persons with Disability Limpopo (APD Limpopo) is a registered non-profit organization affiliated with the National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa.

The Association promotes the advancement of persons with physical and/or mental disabilities in the whole of Limpopo in order to enable them to attain their maximum level of independence, and integration into the community, as well as the prevention of the occurrence of physical disablement.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

## EDUCATES COMMUNITY

As part of the initiative to bring services to the people, the provincial Department of Labour Compensation Fund unit staff conducted an outreach programme in Lephalale in March. The purpose of the programme was to improve service delivery in vulnerable areas as mandated by the Compensation for Occupational Illness and Diseases (COID) Act.

This followed an observation by the Department that clients from the villages are not able to access services at all times and rely on telephonic enquiries and third parties.

This in many instances leads to delays in resolving cases due to outstanding information not being provided on time as clients do not have access to quick means of getting the information to the department's offices.



The programme saw community members from in and around the Lephalale who never had an opportunity to have face to face contact with COID officials because it is not processing in Lephalale Labour Centre. Citizens from Ga-Seleka village were given information on services rendered by the department, whilst those that visited the exhibition stalls at Phahladira Mall were able to check if their employers had registered them for COID and also to check the status of their claims.

“It is of outmost importance that we bring services to our people as they are often given golden handshakes by their employers when they are injured or acquired diseases on duty. This often adds to poverty as most of them are told that they can no longer work due to the injury,” said the Assistant Director for COID Services, Jacob Mpulwane.

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Lephalale Local Municipality acting Mayor, Cllr Alpheus Thulare, on Friday 23 March welcomed the Limpopo Based Premier Soccer League team Baroka Football Club at the Municipal Council Chamber. The team conducted coaching clinics and played an exhibition practice game against 25 local players. Acting Mayor, Cllr Alpheus Thulare said that the presence of Baroka FC is appreciated and it will encourage local youth to take up soccer as a career and lead a healthy lifestyle.

“This initiative will assist in unearthing raw talent from Lephalale and it also aligns with the Municipality's vision of building a city and be the energy hub” said the acting Mayor. On Saturday 24 March, selected local players and Baroka FC played at Moses Monanyane Stadium in Ga-Monyeki, where Baroka FC won by 11 goals to 1.

Baroka FC player Richard Matloga who scored the first goal of the match through a penalty shoot said communication, composure and position are some of the critical factors which the local team needed to improve on.

## BAROKA FC VISITS LEPHALALE

