

Lephalale Municipality

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Health MEC Visits Lephalale

LEPHALALE - The MEC for Health, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, visited Mokuruanyane on Tuesday, 9 February as part of the National STI/ Condom Week. The event was hosted by the Lephalale Municipality at the Mokuruanyane sport ground. The MEC commended the work done by health officials during a door to door campaign in which more than 2000 people were reached with information related to STI and HIV. The aim of the campaign was to highlight the importance of condom usage and inform residents about the transmission of sexually transmitted infections.



While visiting the households officials emphasized this year's STI/condom week theme "I am responsible for my Sexual and Reproductive Health".

Services to the community included condom distribution, HIV counseling and testing, TB screening sputum collection, male medical circumcision, blood pressure and glucose tests as well as consultative discussions with members of the community.



During her keynote address, the MEC appealed to health care workers to treat patients with respect as the fear of being stigmatized is one of the many reasons why people are reluctant to seek medical treatment for sexually transmitted infections. "

The MEC, Dr. Phophi Ramathuba, the District Executive Mayor, Cllr Rosina Mogotlane and the Mayor of Lephalala, Cllr Jack Maeko during one of the door to door visits.

Health MEC visits Lephhalale *continued...*



Lephhalale Municipality commended for service delivery

The MEC commended the Lephhalale Municipality for efficient service delivery in the area, encouraging health workers and medical personnel to follow suit and up the standards of health care in the area.

The STI/Condom week event coincided with the official opening of several projects which formed part of the 67 Mandela Day projects launched in 2015. The MEC officially opened the Kauletsi and Ditlounge access roads. Both roads were funded by the Municipal Infrastructure Grant to the value of R10 580 422 and R11 423 965 respectively. The Asphalt roads will improve the accessibility of villages.

One of Exxaro's Community Social Investment (CSI) projects was also officially opened at Thabo Mbeki. The community bakery provides employment for local residents. Close the event, the Mokuruanyane community hall, sponsored by Eskom was also officially opened.

The MEC, the District Executive Mayor, the Mayor of Lephhalale, Kgosi P D Seleka councillors and LLM officials visited two families who are experiencing health challenges. In an attempt to alleviate their plight the Municipality presented the families with groceries.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Lephhalale Municipality, the Provincial department of Health, Exxaro and Eskom was signed during the event, paving the way for a primary health care facility in Marapong. The Marapong Mediclinic which was purchased by Exxaro will with the help of several stakeholders be refurbished and should be up and running by the end of 2016.

School uniforms for disadvantaged children

Lephalale Municipality, through its honourable Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko in partnership with the Department of Social Development donated school uniforms to learners from 11 schools in local villages at Thabo Mbeki community hall on Tuesday, 23 February. The learners were identified by local councilors and social workers.

This initiative is part of the department and municipality's back to basics programme aimed at uplifting rural communities and encouraging school children to study and enjoy their school days. It's an initiative that seeks to give children a head start in life as it forms part of services needed by children for their emotional and physical needs. It imperatively seeks to address the socio-economic status in the communities of Lephalale.

In his address, the honourable Mayor, voiced his appreciation for the work done by social workers and also urged teachers to support the learners when they encounter challenges. He indicated that he will embark on a programme of donating iPads to local schools with the aim of assisting learners with internet accessibility. The Mayor, shares strongly the vision of the former president of the Republic of South Africa, Nelson Mandela when he said: "Education is a strong weapon which can bring changes in the country"



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Eight students receive Mayoral Bursaries

In an effort to uplift rural communities through education, Lephalale Municipality through the Mayoral Bursary fund awarded eight local students with full bursaries to assist in their tertiary education.

The Lephalale Council approved the Mayoral Bursary Fund to assist learners from disadvantaged backgrounds with funds to further their studies at various tertiary institutions. The applications for the bursary closed on 15 January 2016 and the Mayoral Bursary Fund Committee conducted the shortlisting of the candidates on 29 January. The eight students are: Kgomo JN from Bangalong village, Radipere AM from Sefitlhogo village, Khumal SM from Kitty, Tapala KS from Shongoane 1 Lebogo PT from Marapong, Seanego MS from Shongoane, Mosima Semenya from Onverwacht and Gabatshepe Sefufula from Morwe village

The students received the bursaries at an event hosted at the Municipality on 25 February. The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko reminded the gathering that education is a socio-economic right that should not be compromised. He quoted former president Nelson Mandela in saying: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" He called for more private sector partnerships to equip the youth with relevant skills needed to see Lephalale grow into a major city. He added that the awarding of the bursaries to students symbolises the municipality's commitment to build a vibrant city where the community can flourish.

Gabriel Temudzani, well known actor and television personality, also spoke to the students encouraging them to grab this opportunity with both hands. "When you are blessed with a degree, never forget where you come from, always be ambassadors for Lephalale. Come back with your degrees and bring change to your families and the development of Lephalale."



The students with the Mayor, Cllr MJ Maeko, The Municipal Manager, E M Tukagomo and Gabriel Temudzani

Two of the eight students received bursaries from Boikarabelo Mine. Lephalale Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, Boikarabelo mine's Bongji Ndimande, and the students, Mosima Semenya from Onverwacht and Gabatshepe Sefufula from Morwe village signed a memorandum of agreement at the Municipal Council Chamber on Friday, 18 February.

Semenya and Sefufula both enrolled at the University of Limpopo to study geology. The bursary funds cover accommodation in a university residence, tuition fees and text books amongst other things to the value of two hundred and forty thousand rand (R240 000) Boikarabelo Mine's Bongji Ndimande, told the gathering that they partnered with the Mayor in this initiative because of his visionary approach of educating local children. She added that even though the mine has not started operating, they took a decision to take part in the mayor's social responsibility programme.

Mayor, Maeko advised the students to focus on their studies and look after themselves. We cannot talk about economic freedom without education, emphasised Maeko. He assured Boikarabelo mine representatives that the municipality will continue to partner with the mine's initiatives to ensure

SoPA 2015

The State of the Province Address (SoPA) delivered by the Premier of Limpopo Province, Honourable Chupu Mathabatha to the fifth Limpopo Provincial Legislature in Lebowakgomo were also followed by community members during a live screening at the Mokuruanyane Thusong Centre on a Friday, 26 February 2016.

“As the provincial government, we re-commit ourselves to work together with the youth, both organised and unorganised, to put in place programmes that will make freedom and democracy more meaningful to our people

“According to the Stats SA Labour Force Survey, Limpopo has created 147 000 jobs in the year 2015. In the third quarter of 2015 alone, we have created no less 59 000 jobs

Our people must play a critical role, including in the approval of mining licenses. This will not only help in holding mining right-holders accountable, but will bridge the trust deficit between the host communities, mining companies and government.

Please request the full SoPA from Valerie.cilliers@lephalale.gov.za



The following employees are appointed with effect from the 1st of March 2016 at Lephalale Municipality

1. Tshivhandekano N.T: Manager: Parks.
2. Ramutla O.G: Town Planner L3: Land use.
3. Tsiane OC: Cleaner L14A – 14: Steenbokpan.
4. Mokobane M.M: Labourer L14A – 14: Parks.
5. Rametse C.B: Labourer L14A – 14: Parks.
6. Mothoni N.L: Labourer L14A – 14: Parks.

The following employee has been appointed to a senior position.

1. Moabi M.J: from Clerical Assistant L9: Expenditure to Financial Clerk L7: Income.



A farewell to the CFO



He started working at the Municipality in 2008 as the Chief Financial Officer. In bidding him farewell, Municipal employees and Managers told of former CFO, Charles Lekaka's great contribution to this Municipality. The fact that the Municipality achieved an unqualified report from the AG as well as the Municipality's strong financial position can be attributed to his leadership in Finance. LLM wishes Mr. Lekaka and his family all the best for their future.



Daily Risk Assessment

Risk is a situation involving exposure to danger or the possibility that harm or loss may occur from a particular object or operation.

A risk assessment is a process to identify potential hazards and analyse what could happen if a hazard occurs.

A risk assessment is an important step in protecting workers and business, as well as complying with the law. It helps focus on the risks that really matter in the workplace – the ones with the potential to cause real harm.

Managers and Supervisors are requested to ensure that daily risk assessments are done at all times during divisional operations.

The Safety Officer will be available for assistance and clarity in that regards.

Celebrating their Birthday in March:

02 March	GJ Janse van Vuuren	16 March	KA Leseke; ME Sefufula
03 March	MM Chokoe	18 March	NC Valoyi
04 March	ME Lehlaleroa; LJ Mosima	19 March	LS Thobane
05 March	RM Mokobane; MC Matshaba	20 March	MW Lebelo; KH Morudu
07 March	MT Molewa	22 March	ZM Masokameng
08 March	LJ Sefufula	23 March	AS Ndwene
10 March	H van der Merwe	24 March	GC Molesiwa; RK Mphaka
11 March	PM Mampa	25 March	MS Matlhabe; AE Basson
12 March	MA Ngoepe; MJ Marakalala	26 March	MJ Thulare
13 March	A van Zyl; A Thulare	27 March	S Mfisa; MJ Moloto; KL Tlhako
14 March	MJ Molokomme	28 March	NC Mokgotho; SA Seleka
15 March	JK Mokgabudi	29 March	RJ Molekwa; MS Nkoe; PJ Moaloshi
		30 March	K Muthala

