

Lephalale Municipality

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NCOP ASSESS THE STATUS OF PROJECTS!

Despite several interventions, Limpopo remains to be amongst the poorest provinces in the country, this was revealed by Limpopo Premier, Stanley Chupu Mathabatha, during the launch of the National Council of Provinces Provincial Week in Polokwane on 9 October 2017.



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During his speech to welcome National Council of Provinces (NCOP) delegates who visited the province to embark on a week long programme, Premier Mathabatha said Limpopo is the second province after Western Cape with the lowest unemployment rate, but still the second poorest in the country after the Eastern Cape.

“The latest statistics figures indicate the state of dilemma for the province. Although we have the lowest unemployment rate in the country, we still need to reduce unemployment from 20.8% to 14% in the medium and long term,” said Mathabatha.

The weeklong programme which was held under the Theme “Advancing our collective efforts to creating work opportunities for our people” was aimed at giving NCOP and Provincial Legislature delegates an opportunity to ensure the following:

- Engage with both National and Provincial Departments and other stakeholders to get a sense of challenges regarding poverty, unemployment and inequality.
- Undertake oversight visits to employment creation initiatives across the nine provinces, including short and long term project.
- Undertake oversight visits to labour-intensive programmes and large scale investment projects in electricity, rail, water and transport infrastructure.
- Gets a broader understanding of the economic challenges facing provinces.

In Lephalale the delegation visited the Sefihlogo/Letlora road construction project. The road is a Public Private Partnership between Exxaro, Road Agency Limpopo and Lephalale Municipality.



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MMALETSWAI ACCESS ROAD!!



Community of Mmaletswai welcomed with appreciation the introduction of Ngungwa Development contractor by the Lephalale Municipality Local Mayor Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko on the 5th of September 2017.

The contractor will construct the second phase of the access road in the area.



Like with all other projects the 8 months project will see local community benefiting from the temporary jobs that will be available for the duration of the project. The community welcomed the project saying that it will create an easy access into the village.



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HOLDS PUBLIC EDUCATION ON LGBTI & EQUALITY COURT!!

As part of an awareness campaign, the Limpopo Department of Justice in Lephalale Regional office, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Sector (LGBTI) together with the Equality Court Forum hosted a community session at Mokuruanyane Multi-purpose Centre in Lephalale on 18 October 2017.

Various stakeholders took the opportunity to present information to members of the public with the aim of:

- Raising awareness on human rights.
- Outlining the role of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Court, South African Human Rights Commission(SAHRC), Commission for Gender Equality, Legal Aid South Africa and other stakeholders in respect of LGBTI and Equality Courts
- Provide a networking opportunity between various stakeholders and the public to ensure a more active and effective use of the Equality Courts to counter discrimination, racism and other form of intolerances.

The Department of Health's Peter Kolobe, took the opportunity to discuss with the public on issues of available health services and the state of HIV/AIDS in the area. He said like with other boarder and mining towns, Lephalale is experiencing serious challenges of HIV/AIDS.



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PUBLIC EDUCATION ON LGBTI & EQUALITY COURT!!



According to Kolobe the Department is also channelling its focus to key population groups (Gays, Sex workers, Truck drivers etc.) to educate them on measures to curb the spread of the pandemic and the benefits of circumcision. Parents were encouraged to start having discussions with their children on issues relating to sex and STI's.

In closing Lephalale Municipality's Acting Manager in the Legal Division, Queen Mphahlele, said the Municipality ensures that in its mandate to uphold the human rights of residents within local communities, the provision of adequate services remains a priority. She furthermore said that all residents within the Municipal jurisdiction are treated equally and fairly with their inherent dignity despite their sexual orientation. "Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual and transgender intersexual people are human and deserve respect and support. The Municipality does not discriminate on the basis of one's sexual orientation, sex or gender".

OCTOBER SAFETY TIPS!!

The General duties of employees at work (section 14 of Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993) are as follows:

- Employees must take care of their own health and safety.
- They must never put other people in a dangerous position because of your actions.
- Employees must obey instructions from the supervisors and managers.
- The Supervisors and Managers should never ask employees to do something or give an instruction unless the employee will be safe.
- Employees must report anything that is not safe to their Supervisor or Manager immediately.
- If employees become injured or are involved in an incident where something is damaged they must report it immediately to the supervisor or manager (Near-miss incident must also be reported).
- If the employee can't report it immediately, he must report it before the end of the shift.

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GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY



As part of the annual Global Hand Washing Day which is celebrated on 15 October 2017 Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and Lephalale Local Municipality Sewerage and sanitation unit visited Lephalale Primary School on the 25th of October 2017. The visit was aimed at encouraging and educating learners and their teachers about the importance of washing their hands properly with soap to reduce childhood mortality rates and other related diseases such as diarrhea.



Under the theme “our hands, our future” Lefuno Ramunenyiwa and Masipa Lekota from DWS demonstrated to the learners the proper hand washing techniques to remove or reduce infection causing germs.

“If you do not have a clean cloth or towel next to you, you should air dry your hands and never use your clothes because germs could be on the clothes that you are wearing” said Lekota.

LLM, Sewerage and sanitation Technician Teddy Molewa explained to the learners that they must wash their hands all the time to avoid getting infection causing germs and diseases such as diarrhea and cholera.

“You must wash your hands thoroughly all the time after visiting the toilet; before you eat or feed a child and also before handling food. Washing your hands with soap therefore provide the interruption between you and the germs and prevents disease causing germs to enter your body” said Molewa.



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basic sanitation services including hygiene education. The purpose of the Global Handwashing Day is to mobilize communities, households, schools, and

workplaces to wash hands with soaps to curb the spread of communicable diseases such as diarrhea and other related diseases.



Educators at Lephale Primary School also participated by washing their hands



LLM, Sewerage and sanitation Technician, Teddy Molewa addressing the learners

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October Breast Cancer Awareness Month!!!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease

2) Where breast cancer starts?

Breast cancers can start from different parts of the breast. Most breast cancers begin in the ducts that carry milk to the nipple (ductal cancers). Some start in the glands that make breast milk (lobular cancers). There are also other types of breast cancer that are less common.

A small number of cancers start in other tissues in the breast. These cancers are called **sarcomas** and **lymphomas** and are not really thought of as breast cancers.

1) What Is Cancer?

Breast cancer starts when cells in the breast begin to grow out of control. These cells usually form a tumor that can often be seen on an x-ray or felt as a lump. The tumor is malignant (cancer) if the cells can grow into (invade) surrounding tissues or spread (metastasize) to distant areas of the body. Breast cancer occurs almost entirely in women, but men can get breast cancer, too.

Cells in nearly any part of the body can become cancer and can spread to other areas. To learn more about cancer and how all cancers start and spread, see *Cancer Basics*.

3) Symptoms of breast cancer

The most common symptom of breast cancer is a new lump or mass. A painless, hard mass that has irregular edges is more likely to be cancer, but breast cancers can be tender, soft, or rounded.

They can even be painful. For this reason, it is important to have any new breast mass, lump, or breast change checked by a health care professional experienced in diagnosing breast diseases.

4) Other symptoms of breast cancer

Other possible symptoms of breast cancer include:

Swelling of all or part of a breast (even if no distinct lump is felt)

Skin irritation or dimpling (sometimes looking like an orange peel)

Breast or nipple pain

Nipple retraction (turning inward)

Redness, scaliness, or thickening of the nipple or breast skin

Nipple discharge (other than breast milk)

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LLM WINS GMC IN THE WATERBERG DISTRICT!!!



Lephalale Local Municipality won yet another Greenest Municipality Competition (GMC) award in the Waterberg District thrashing four other Municipalities in the District.

The Cleanest Town Competition (CTC) was initiated in 2001 with a primary focus in implementing the National Waste Management Strategy. The key elements were reducing, recycling and reusing waste materials. Although the Cleanest Town Competition was fairly successful in achieving its primary objectives, developments within the greening movement require the modifications of the concept to embody other elements which are outside the waste management category.

The incorporation of new elements is justifiable within a new name, hence the Greenest Municipality Competition (GMC). The Greenest Municipality Competition enhances Cleanest Town Competition by incorporating new elements and providing a broader focus.

LLM will compete with Polokwane, Makhado, Elias Motswaledi and Greater Tzaneen Municipalities in the Provincial GMC on the 13-15 November.

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MAYOR WISHES CLASS OF 2017 WELL FOR WITH THEIR FINAL EXAMS!!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2017 GRADE 12.



The author of one of the best sellers, titled **Black Skin White Masks**, Frantz Fanon wrote: **"Each generation must discover its mission, fulfil it or betray it."**

The question to be asked to the generation of 2017 learners is whether they have discovered their mission or not. If they did, do they want to fulfil or betray it? The mission of the 2017 students can't be the same as that of the 1976 students. The class of 1976 had Bantu education to eradicate and democratic society to build. Lephalale class of 2017 has radical economic transformation to assist in achieving, and to contribute towards the Municipality's Vision of building a vibrant city and the energy hub. Education is a prerequisite to achieve that mission. As the first president of the democratic South Africa, Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela correctly stated it : " Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

The class of 2017 is unique and exceptional as they write matric during a year which has been declared as " The Year of OR Tambo." If he was still alive this year, OR Tambo would be celebrating his hundredth year.

That is why this year is declared the year of OR Tambo, one of the founders of our Constitutional democracy. The class of 2017 can build on the legacy of this icon and spare no iota of their energy in making sure that they excel in their final examinations, just as Oliver Tambo did. OR Tambo was too passionate about education and he excelled. To emulate, or even surpass, OR Tambo's educational accolades requires absolute commitment, effort, self-motivation and discipline. You should aim sky-high when it comes to matric results; no room for mediocrity. We need nothing except high quality and quantity matric results. Our learners should refuse to be relegated to the rung of education ladder. We should claim our space at the top of educational ladder, because that's where we belong. Lephalale learners are champions, always aiming at the sky, and 2017 learners cannot be exceptions. Study hard and make us proud; because I know you can. I expect to hear your names being counted among the country's national crème de la crème when the minister of Basic education announces Grade 12 results next year. Nothing is impossible, my children. One of the

great philosophers, Tommy Lasorda said : " The difference between the possible and the impossible lies in the person's determination." To get distinctions is possible; it only lies in your determination.

The secret of success is hidden in those Grade 12 textbooks. The key to success lies in the examination that you are about to write. Time to play has long passed. Now is the time to spend your energy and time on your books. I am aware that you are not impenetrable rocks or inaccessible islands. You will always meet challenges. You will sometimes be tempted to leave your books and go to the nearest tavern, soccer tournament or street bash to groove. But put your foot down and resist those temptations, at least during exam time. In fact, all those challenges should give you strength to soldier on because without the resistance of the air, the eagle can't soar; without the resistance of water the ship can't float and without resistance of force of gravity we can't walk. All what looks like stumbling blocks on your way should be your stepping stones.

2017 final examination is no longer around the corner, it is already at your

doorstep. Your parents have given you all the necessary assistance during the year, now the ball is in your court. Educators played their part, now the guitar is on your fingers. I know how painful it is to sacrifice "nice time" and concentrate on your studies. But you must know that there is no gain without pain; no pay without pain.

May the good and Almighty God be with you as you prepare for your examination.



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