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MUNICIPALITY WALKS AWAY WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS



MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality is making waves with its outstanding achievements. The municipality's Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Tauatseala was honoured to receive excellence certificates and awards at the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) awards ceremony.

This prestigious event, now renamed the SALGA Moses "Big Moss" Maluleke Municipal Awards, celebrates excellence in local governance. The municipality received five prestigious awards:

1. Award for No Unauthorised Expenditure: In appreciation for not incurring unauthorised expenditure during the 2023/24 audit cycle.
2. Award for Unqualified Audit Opinion: In appreciation of achieving an unqualified audit opinion.
3. Award for In-House Asset Register Preparation: In appreciation of the municipality's efforts in preparing its asset register in-house.
4. Award for 100% Spending of Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant: For 100% spending of the Regional Bulk Infrastructure grant.
5. Award for 100% Spending of Water

Services Infrastructure Grant: For 100% spending of the Water Services Infrastructure grant.

These awards pay tribute to the municipality's commitment to excellence, effective financial management and service delivery.

The municipality's achievements are a testament to its hard work and dedication to promoting service delivery and improving the lives of its community members.

Overall, this is a proud moment for Mogalakwena Local Municipality and its commitment to excellence is truly commendable.



MEC HANDS OVER REFURBISHED SCHOOL



MOKOPANE:As part of the Back to School Campaign, the MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene, officially handed over the newly refurbished Matsibe Secondary School in Mmalepetleke village.

The school, which achieved an impressive 85.1% pass rate in the 2024 academic year, had been facing significant infrastructure challenges since 1989, including

inadequate classrooms, ablution facilities and fencing.

MEC Rachoene emphasized the department's commitment to delivering quality infrastructure, stating, "Today, we have changed the lives of learners by providing an improved learning environment. We are proud to have brought smiles to the faces of pupils and communities alike.

"The refurbished school includes

two blocks comprising classrooms, ablution facilities, a water treatment plant and an administration block with various amenities.

Matsibe Secondary School is one of 25 schools in the province that have been completed by the Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in the current financial year, in collaboration with the Department of Basic Education.

ATTEMPTED CABLE THEFT FOILED, SUSPECTS APPREHENDED



MOKOPANE: A daring attempt to steal electrical cables at our industrial site was thwarted thanks to swift action by the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The suspects were apprehended and taken to the police station, where a

case was opened.

The targeted electrical cables are valued at approximately R6 million. Two suspects from Mahwelereng Ext 17 are currently in custody.

We condemn the scourge of cable theft, which poses significant risks to public safety, disrupts essential services and incurs substantial economic losses.

The municipality commends the swift response of our security team, municipal officials and the SAPS in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

MUNICIPALITY HOST A SUCCESSFUL IDP REPRESENTATIVE FORUM



MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality recently held Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representative Forum for the 2024/2025 financial year.

The event, attended by various stakeholders, aimed to share service delivery information and gather input from the community.

Mayor Ngoako Tauatsoala emphasized the significance of the forum, stating: "The municipality will, amongst other key information to share, include financial expenditure reports, the state of water and sanitation in the municipality, ward service delivery needs, institutional performance reports and reports from various government departments.

We are also aware of the heavy rainfall that we experienced this season,

which resulted in almost every area being declared a disaster zone, and the municipality is responding to those affected areas. "Key discussions centered around community-based planning, water provision, roads, and stormwater management.

Lepelle Northern Water, a key stakeholder, highlighted the devastating impact of recent flash floods on their systems, resulting in high iron manganese levels in the Doorndraai dam.

Stakeholders urged the municipality to address pressing concerns, including:-
Tariff hikes: Ensure sufficient consultation with the community-
Infrastructure repairs: Fix potholes and repair the bridge between Grasvlei and Raslet- Disaster response: Provide support to areas declared disaster zones due to heavy rainfallThe

municipality acknowledged the inputs and encouraged community structures to work closely with their respective councilors.

Mayor Tauatsoala concluded by emphasizing the need for collective effort in addressing infrastructure backlogs and promoting community cleanliness:"The heavy rainfall indeed affected our infrastructure to a deteriorating state.

We should work together and direct our energy towards addressing the backlog of all projects. Let's work together in cleaning our surroundings and attend the IDP Budget and Roadshow. "The forum demonstrated the municipality's commitment to transparency, accountability, and community engagement.

LIMPOPO GOVERNMENT STEPS UP TO SUPPORT FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS

BAKENBERG: In a show of commitment to supporting affected communities, Limpopo MEC for Treasury, Hon. Kgabo Mahoai, recently visited the Mogalakwena Local Municipality to assess the damage caused by the recent floods.

He was accompanied by Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Tauetsoala, officials from the Waterberg District Disaster Management, and other dignitaries.

The visit was part of the provincial council's efforts, led by Limpopo Premier Hon. Phophi Ramathuba, to provide aid to flood-stricken areas.

During his visit, Hon. Mahoai was briefed by local officials on the extent of the damage and visited affected areas, including Malepetleke village, where municipal officials were repairing a taxi road and other external streets.

The delegates also visited Mamatlakala village to evaluate the municipality's intervention efforts for affected families.

Their last stop was at Kgalakwena village, where a severely damaged road and bridge on the D192 road had disconnected vital routes between villages.

MEC Mahoai emphasized the urgency of repairing the damaged bridge, citing the lack of alternative routes. "It really needs urgent intervention. It's the main route that connects the villages, including Marken and Lephalale," he said.

The MEC interacted with community members, who expressed understanding of the disaster's magnitude, particularly regarding road infrastructure.



MUNICIPALITY EMBARKED ON METER AUDIT IN MAHWELERENG



MOKOPANE: Mogalakwena Local Municipality conducted a meter audit in Mahwelereng, which began on February, 2025.

The municipal officials will be visiting households to conduct meter audits.

The importance of Meter reading is to ensure that residents are billed accurately for the water and other municipal services they consume, preventing over or undercharging by relying on estimated usage and allows you to monitor your energy consumption to identify potential areas for efficiency improvements and manage your bills effectively.

The municipality is urging residents to cooperate and grant officials access to their premises. Unfortunately, some residents are deliberately denying access and even threatening officials distributing notices.

The municipality stresses that cooperation is essential and failure to comply may result in the cut-off of other services. Notably, the majority of

complaints about service delivery come from Mahwelereng, where residents are not paying for services they consume.

The municipality has observed that parts of Mahwelereng Zone 1, 2 and Home 2000 have self converted into business zones, despite being designated as residential areas.

Many residents have constructed backrooms that are being utilized by students from the TVET college, miners and other different professionals working in town and Mahwelereng .

Additionally, numerous car washes and tuckshops are operating without licenses in the area.

These businesses consume municipal services, including water, refuse removal and others without paying for them.

The municipality has invested in the infrastructure development in the area, including paving 24 streets, bush clearing, water links, pipe burst and

unlocking main holes.

The municipality request that residents refrain from erecting tents on the roads as they causes potholes and comply with residential zoning regulations.

We also urge businesses operating in the area to obtain the necessary licenses and pay for municipal services.

The municipality is seeking cooperation from all areas to resolve these issues.

The municipality will also be embarking on a program of switching from conventional meters to prepaid meters.

All small businesses and residentials (households) will be compelled to be on prepaid meters.

The municipality is pleading with the consumers to pay for basic services to enable the municipality to provide basic and constant services

MUNICIPALITY SHOWCASE ITS PROJECTS IN CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY

MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality, under the leadership of Mayor, Cllr Ngoako Tauematsoala embarked on a significant journey to celebrate 30 years of democracy in South Africa.

The 30 Years of Democracy Bus Tour, which took place in the Bakenberg Cluster, aimed to reflect on the country's progress towards democracy and unity, while addressing pressing service delivery concerns in the area.

The tour commenced at Mmahlee Library in Pudiakgopa village, where Mayor Tauematsoala, Cllr Ngope, engaged with various stakeholders, including Department of Government Communications & Information System (GCIS), South African Police Services (SAPS) the Department of Health and community members. The Department of Health took the opportunity to address the issue of teenage pregnancy at Dennis Mahlaba School, as Bakenberg Cluster has reported a high rate of pregnancy among teenagers.

Mayor Tauematsoala further emphasized that the municipality will not tolerate any stoppage of projects for selfish reasons, as this delays progress and hinders service delivery in Mogalakwena communities.

"We draw a line in the sand and wish to notify all and sundry that "dilo di tshentshitse" (business unusual). We will not betray our people in exchange for laziness, corruption and malfeasance.

"During the tour, the Mayor and his team identified hotspot areas requiring urgent attention and showcased ongoing municipal projects including:- Ga-Malapile Water Scheme- Kromkloof Water Scheme-



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Marulaneng Roads and Stormwater Project "The 30 Years of Democracy Bus Tour is an opportunity for our community to come together and reflect on the progress made towards democracy and unity.

We are working tirelessly to address the pressing concerns of our residents and ensure that our municipality is a better place for all," said Mayor Taueatsoala.

Mayor Taueatsoala emphasized his commitment to restoring unity and improving service delivery in the municipality.

In the upcoming week, the municipality will launch service delivery programs which will commence in the Bakenberg Cluster. All Dikgerekgere will be in Bakenberg, demonstrating the municipality's dedication to improving the lives of its residents.



DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS IN MOGALAKWENA



MOKOPANE: Mogalakwena Local Municipality has taken a significant step towards empowering small business owners and stimulating local economic growth.

The Department of Small Business Development, in collaboration with the Small Enterprise Development and

Finance Agency (SEDFA) and the Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA), handed over business equipment and assets to 71 beneficiaries from the municipality.

The ceremony, held at the Municipal Council Chambers, was attended by esteemed guests, including

Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala, and Chairperson of the Small Business Development Portfolio Committee, Ms Masefako Clarah Dikgale.

The initiative aimed to enhance the capacity of small business owners,

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thereby contributing to the growth of the local economy.

Beneficiaries, who underwent rigorous training and workshops, received equipment such as generators, industrial vacuum cleaners, laptops, water tankers, and popcorn machines. Maria Maphoto, a grateful beneficiary, expressed her excitement, stating that the equipment will save her time, boost her revenue, and grow her business.

Another beneficiary, Rosina Boloka Thobane, praised the initiative, saying that the industrial sewing machine she received will enable her to deliver quality products to her clients on time.

Mayor Tauematsoala emphasized the importance of empowering small businesses, urging the beneficiaries to utilize the assets to grow their enterprises.

"The municipality is committed to supporting your growth, thereby creating jobs. Our doors are always open for advice-seeking, let's grow our local economy together," said Mayor Tauematsoala.

Chairperson Ms Masefako Clarah Dikgale encouraged Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) to register with the department to benefit from future initiatives.

This initiative is a testament to the municipality's commitment to fostering local economic development and promoting entrepreneurship. By providing resources and support to small business owners, the municipality is helping to stimulate economic growth, create jobs and improve the overall quality of life for its citizens.

As the municipality continues to empower entrepreneurs, it is essential to recognize the significance of rural entrepreneurship in driving local economic development.

Research has shown that rural entrepreneurship can play a vital role in stimulating economic growth,

creating employment opportunities and improving the standard of living in rural areas.





SERVICE DELIVERY

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Clearing of illegal dumping at Mshongo, along the old cemetery in mahwelereng



Grass cutting R101 south, and removal of weeds on pavement and tar, library



Clearing of illegal dumping and waste removal in Marulaneng village.

TECHNICAL SERVICES



Casting sewer pipeline at Industrial site



Blading of severely damaged internal streets, main roads for public & scholar transport at Masodi and Mozombana village



Patching of potholes along Retief Street

ALERTS



MLM MAYOR
Mr Ngoako Tauetsola

TECHNICAL SERVICES



Installaton of the collapsed water pipe line due to recent heavy rainfalls



Unblocking of manholes at Mahwelereng



Work in progress at Sekgakgapeng Village

TRAFFIC & EMERGENCY SERVICES



Warrant of arrest and speed operation at Witvinger next Ga-Machikiri Mapela

ELECTRICAL SERVICES



Repairs of loose hanging conductors



Electrical works at water treatment plant in Rantlakana village



Installation of new traffic signal controller & repair all faulty signals head Cnr Geyser/Dudu Madisha

COMPUTER TRAINING GRADUATION CEREMONY

MOKOPANE: The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Libraries, in collaboration with the Methodist Church and Folang Health Centre, hosted Computer Training Graduation Ceremony.

The ceremony, led by Cllr Maartens, celebrates the graduation of 80 students who have completed the computer training program.

This program, which started in 2023, has trained over 504 individuals, with 90% being youth.

"We launched this program to help people, starting with just 5 individuals from our church.

Today, we are proud to have expanded to two libraries, Mokopane and Mahwelereng and we wish to expand this program to Bakenberg and Makobe libraries," said Sampson Kwakye-Asante. The computer training program is open to everyone and is provided free of charge. Interested individuals can visit the Mogalakwena Library or Mahwelereng Library for more information.

We celebrate the achievements of these students and promote digital literacy in our community.



MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY TAKES SERVICE DELIVERY TO THE NEXT LEVEL



MOKOPANE: In a bold move to intensify its service delivery program, the Mogalakwena Local Municipality has embarked on a comprehensive monitoring mission. Led by Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Tauetseola, a team of Councillors and managers has been deployed to oversee the implementation of key services.

As part of this initiative, the team has been divided into three groups, each tasked with monitoring specific areas of service delivery.

Mayor Tauetsoala, Chief Whip Cllr

Tsebe and Speaker Cllr Olifant will provide oversight and ensure that services are delivered efficiently and effectively.

The municipality has adopted a centralized approach to service delivery, focusing on one ward at a time. This strategic approach enables the team to concentrate their efforts and resources, ensuring that each ward receives the attention it deserves.

During their monitoring visit, the team observed significant progress in various areas. In Mahlaba Village, Bakenberg, graders were busy blading

the roads, while the team also visited boreholes to assess their functionality. Furthermore, the stadium has undergone significant maintenance, with the installation of new lights and plugs, as well as bush clearing.

These developments demonstrate the municipality's commitment to delivering quality services to its residents.

As the Mogalakwena Local Municipality continues to work tirelessly to improve the lives of its citizens, we can expect to see even more exciting initiatives and projects in the future.

ENCOURAGING INNOVATION AND REWARDING EXCELLENCE



MAHWELERENG: In an outstanding achievement, Mahwelereng Police Station has been crowned the best managed police station in Limpopo.

This recognition comes from the annual SAPS National Excellence Awards, which celebrate exceptional performance, bravery and dedication among SAPS employees, reservists and Community Policing Forum structures.

Colonel Remmonejesu Sekgota, Mahwelereng Station Commander expressed his delight and pride in the municipality's recognition of their outstanding achievement, being crowned the first runner-up nationally.

"We feel over the moon, very encouraged and charged up as a station. We are the record breakers, the high flyers because what just happened is happening for the first time at Mahwelereng Police Station and in the province as well. We are

humbled as for the period under review, we were accessed for 2023/24, that is the time that I took over on the 01st of January 2023," said Colonel Sekgota.

"I've seen the Mayor of Mogalakwena Hon. Ngoako Taueatsoala, Councillors ,Mogalakwena Anglo Platinum Mine, IvanPlats mine, Papanyana Foundation, Community Police Forum (CPF), security companies and community structures joining forces with us as we painted this area blue," continued Colonel Sekgota.

"We can only attribute this award to the collaborations we had, as police, we cannot do this alone, we still need such collaborations, working together. The people will feel that we don't have space for crime as we will squeeze it. We need the community to feel us, this should also overlap to Mokopane until this place is face and sound," said Sekgota. I'm thrilled to receive this

award, I would like to thank Mogalakwena Anglo mine for their continued support, collaboration and being available to assist in all areas. I also appreciate the strong partnership we have with MLM Mayor Ngoako Taueatsoala, whose leadership has been instrumental in our success. This award recognizes our collective efforts to serve our community," said Colonel Sekgota.

In conclusion, the Mahwelereng Police Station's achievement as the best managed station in Limpopo and second nationally is a testament to the power of teamwork, collaboration and community-driven initiatives.

We celebrate this milestone and look forward to continued excellence in serving and protecting our community. Joining hands we will do our best to squeeze crime out of our jurisdiction."

MAGOŠI WELCOMES THE LAUNCH OF SERVICE DELIVERY PROGRAM



MOKOPANE: In the presence of all Traditional Leaders and more than 100 heads man/heads woman the Waterberg District Municipality's (WDM) Executive Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko and the Mogalakwena Local Municipality (MLM) Mayor, Cllr Ngoako Tauetsaola have on Tuesday launched the Integrated Service Delivery program at Bakenberg Cluster.

In brief Mayor Tauetsaola said, "We are here to intervene and improve provision of services to our residents. Our main goal is that we want see services delivery challenges being addressed when we move to the next cluster.

Our focus is mainly on water challenges, roads to schools, to graveyards, houses of Traditional Leaders, any road within the cluster, electricity, illegal dumping etc."

Mayor Tauetsaola further indicated that the following government sector departments are available on site to render various services : SASSA(South African Social Security Agency), ESKOM, Department of Health, Home Affairs, Social Development, Department of Labour, IEC(Independent Electoral Commission), SAPS and Postbank.

MLM Mayor Tauetsaola indicated that this program aims to bring government services closer to the community, saving residents time and money to travel to town.

The WDM Executive Mayor Cllr Maeko said, "The District Development Model (DDM) is a service delivery planning instrument to narrow the distance between citizens and government with the aim of delivering integrated services.

The DDM is aimed at responding and addressing challenges by bringing all spheres of government closer to the people with the view to foster an integrated approach to governance hence all government and sector departments gathered here."

"This is a method by which all three spheres of government and state entities work in unison in an impact-oriented way, where there is higher performance and accountability for coherent and effective service delivery and development outcomes. Skills development and empowering of local businesses are the most critical building blocks considered by government. That is where our mining houses should step in," added Maeko.





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VISION

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MISSION

Mogalakwena Municipality is committed to develop communities and promote economic growth by;

- providing affordable and equality basic services.
- creating a conducive and sustainable environment for social and economic development; and
- being consultative, responsive and accountable.

VALUE SYSTEMS

- Respect and uphold the Constitution and the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Officials.
- A high standard of professional ethics.
- Accountability.
- Responsiveness to community needs.
- Impartial, fair, and equitable provision of services.

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