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# AGRIC DEPARTMENT TO EMPOWER FARMERS



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This year's Provincial budget has once more placed a spotlight on two Municipalities in our District of DrRSM; Naledi Local Municipality and DrRSM. We have learned in utter disappointment that the two has made a list of Municipality in the North West Province, that has once again failed dismally when it comes to managing their finances. Once more, these two Municipalities, will have to work with a Team (Provincial Executive Representative) from the Province to monitor their performance. The mother District, DrRSM is the only District in the Province that has made the list of Municipalities that continues to perform dismally when it comes to managing finances. In the past years, DrRSM was placed under Administration and one would have

thought, they learned something from that experience. They were monitored, they were mentored and they were given strategies on managing public funds effectively. Funds that could be used for the benefit of developing the District. It is no wonder that the District continues to be the slowest in DEVELOPMENTS; water continues to be a scare commodity, there is an upsurge in unemployment, projects are nonexistent, while other social ills such as crime are escalating in the District. DrRSM was once embroiled in the VBS scandal, up to this moment, the community does not have a clue as to what or where nor how this saga ended. MORONGWA recently learnt that at least forty nine million rand of the two hundred and fifty million rand of the public monies that were invested in VBS has



not reached the District coffers. According to the National Prosecuting Authority, they do not have any case regarding this, which implies that the District has up to this very moment not laid charges against perpetrators of this act. However, we all await a report that should have been released years back by the powers that be, at the District Municipality. The question that remains is, will people be

made to answer for their actions? Will we see developments in our District? Will officials who are always monitored finally realize that they are there to serve the community of DrRSM so that their socio economic lives see a better day, or we will go around in circle each year, with our municipalities perpetually failing us.

# DEPARTMENT TO EMPOWER FARMERS

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YVONNE LOBELO

**M**AHIKENG - MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, MEC Desbo Mohono has pronounced several programmes that will aim at empowering farmers in the Province. In her Departmental budget vote presented on May 25th, 2023, MEC Desbo Mhono said her Department will roll out a mentorship programme in collaboration with the Agricultural Commodities Groups and Breeders Association in the current financial year. "A partnership with the national Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Agricultural Research Council and the North West University will see a total of 2 500 farmers being empowered through farmer training and capacity building this year." MEC Mohono said.

The Department will also resuscitate and strengthen designated group formations such as Women in Agriculture and Rural Development and Youth in Agriculture. "Both the local and Provincial structures of the Youth in Agriculture and Rural Development and Women in Agriculture and Rural Development will be launched in June and August 2023. The Department has promised its full support for the two." The MEC elaborated. In addition, the Department has committed its self in contracting at least a hundred and twenty unemployed graduates through its Unemployed Agricultural Graduate Programme as part of alleviating unemployment in the Province. Once appointed, the beneficiaries will be placed in sixty four farms across the four Districts in the Province.

# IMOLOGA HOSTS COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

MOHAU MARETELE

**P**ELEGENG - Imologa Community Projects recently hosted a community dialogue on substance abuse and re-integration program. The dialogue aimed at obtaining views and comments from members of the community as well as drug users on what the organisation can do to assist them. The dialogue also aimed at sourcing ideas from the substance users on challenges they face daily as they try to break away from their addiction. During the dialogue it was realised that several families living with substance abusers were having a hard-time dealing with members who had to deal with addiction and on top of that had to deal crime related issues worsened by their ongoing problem. Imologa Community Projects spokesperson Millicent Mabena mentioned that some users brought up factors that are contributing to their slow recovery in terms of rehabilitation as, one of them, being abandoned by their families and being thrown out of their of their homes. "Some of them are not treated well for obvious reasons. Even when they try to get rehabilitated it is all for nothing. Family as well as the community continue to reject them, all the see are a bunch of junkies." Ms Mabena lamented. However, Ms Mabena added that the community was pleased with the platform created that gives them an opportunity to speak up and comeup with ways of getting

them out of the illegal substances problem they have. According to attendants, there are limited recreational facilities in Mamusa remain one of the major obstacles faced multitudes of children who resort to using substances to while away time. They complained that a number of young boys and girls as early as the age of 12 resort to drugs as the only form of entertainment. Some of these kids come from poverty stricken families and they are exposed to hardships at a tender age. In an effort to curb the challenge of young people turning into drug addicts, Imologa Community Projects created an annual event where young ones from different family backgrounds can participate in. The event is built up on a program that includes different sporting codes, performing arts, visual arts, indigenous games and debate. "Because Imologa hosts an event at the end of the year with the theme of "killing drugs through sport", the community mentioned that they would like to see programs like these happening throughout the year", added Millicent. A lot of information was shared among the attendees during the dialogue, such as: why there are so many drugs in Ipelegeng, which illegal substances are commonly used and how easily they are accessed. "Ipelegeng, listened and we will do aour best to fight this scourge in our community." They declared.

# BLOEMHOF TRUCK MASTERS E OTLOLOLA LETSOGO GO THUSA BAAGI

MOHAU MARETELE

**B**LOEMHOF - Mokgatlho wa bakgweetsi ba dirori go tswa kwa Bloemhof, ba ikemiseditse go fetola matshelo a ba ba dikobo dikhutshwane. Ba dirile se, ka go otlolola letsogo le go thusa ka lemmonyane le ba neng ba letshotse. Mokgatlho yow a Bloemhof Truck Masters, go tswa kwa masepaleng wa Lekwa-Teemane, ba tumile ka go thusa baagi ko motsetoropong wa Boitumelong le mafelo aa mabapi ka ditlamelo tsa bothokwa tse di akaretsang dijo le diaparo. Mokgatlho yo, o tthamilwe ka ngwaga wa 2020, kgwedi ya Sedimonthole. O simolotswe ke setlhopa sa borre ba ba kgweetsang dirori mo kgalong eo. Moetapele wa mokgatlho yo, ebong Rre Komane, a re bontsi jwa bone ele ke ba borre ba ba goletseng kwa Bloemhof mme ebile ke ba tshameka kgwele ya dinao. "Moono wa mokgatlho ke go kokoana matlole go thusa malapa a a senang letseno le le lekaneng kgotsa a a senang letseno gotlhelele. " Rre Komane o boletse jalo. Go fitlheng ga jaana Bloemhof Truck Masters e setse e nnile le mananeo a le mararo ao mo go one ba setseng ba neelane ka ditlamelwa mo malapeng mangwe go itshidisa. Mo lenaneong la ntlha, ba ile ba ntsha ditlhako di le masome a matlhano(50) kwa dikolong di le tlhano

tse di potlana tsa kwa Boitumelong. Ba ne ba poeletsa kgatshu ka go abela malapa a le masome a mane diphuthelwana tsa dijo. Mo lenaneong la boraro le leneng le tshwerwe ka kgwedi ya Mopitlwe e tlhola malatsi a le mane, monongwaga (2023), ba mokgatlho wa Bloemhof Truck Masters ba ile ba tsaya sebaka sa go tlhabolola mokhukhu wa moagi mongwe kwa Boitumelong, e leng Rre Radebe. Rre Komane o tlhaloseditse lekwadidikgang la MORONGWA gore ba ile ba amiwa maikutlo ke seemo sa lelapa la ga Rre Radebe. O boletse fa se, se ile sa ba tlhotlheletsa go tsaya kgato ya go mo thusa go baakanya mokhukhu wa gagwe. Setlhopa sa Bloemhof Truck Masters se tthamilwe ke maloko a le matlhano ao a tlhagelelang mo botsamaising jwa setlhopa. O ne a eme jaana: Moetapele wa mokgatlho ke Rre Tebogo Komane, motlatsa- moeteledipele ke Rre Ben Mogakwe, modulasetulo ke Rre Matlhoko Taunyane, fa Rre Sthembiso Maoka e le motshwara-matlotlo, mme, Rre Malefane Sehloho ele mothusa motshwara-matlotlo. Komane o tswelletse ka go tthagisa gore maikaelelo a bone ke go fitlhelela malapa a le mantsinyana a a dikobo di magetleng. Ebile o kaile gape le gore bonyenyane joo ba bo tshwereng ba ikemiseditse go bo kgaoganyana le baagi.

**New Light Bible Learning Centre ke sekolo se se tshimoltsweng ke Moruti Nkatswang wa SA Living Water Ministries mo Vryburg. Sekolo se se tshimolotse ka 2020 morago ga go ikgolaganya le mokgatlho wa baruti wa Naledi Ministers Forum. Go ya ka Maruti Nkatswang, o ile a lemoga fa dithuto tsa beibele di tlhokega thata mo kgaolong ya Vryburg. Dialogane tsa ntlha tsa sekolo se, ba tlaa-bo ba..... ka Lamatihatso o re yang re o leb-ile wa 10 Seetebosigo 2023. Maruti Nkatswang are mongwe le mongwe to o batlang go tla bo bona fa baithuti ba aloha, a ka tla kwa kerekeng ya SA Living Water Ministries ka Lamatihatso.**



MEC : DESBO MOHONO

DARD ESTABLISHES PROVINCIAL TASK TEAM TO DEAL WITH ENERGY CRISIS

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has established provincial energy task team (PETA) to deal with energy crisis that is affecting the agricultural sector in the Province. The team's work amongst others will be to engage with Eskom to possibly exempt the sector looking at agro processing and public entities as food security is at high risk.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Department will roll out a mentorship programme in collaboration with the Agricultural Commodities Groups and Breeders Association in the current financial year. The programme will include the six (6) agricultural commodities aligned to the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP) as well as the apiculture for a period of twelve months.

Furthermore, a partnership with the national Department of Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Agricultural Research Council and the North West University will see a total of 2500 farmers being empowered through farmer training and capacity building during the 2023 / 24 financial year.

The Department will resuscitate and strengthen designated groups formations, such as Women in Agriculture and Rural Development (WARD) and Youth in Agriculture and Rural Development (YARD) during the 2023/24 financial year.

A total of forty five (45) young farmers participating in the National Rural Youth Service Corps (NARYSEC) programme, are undergoing training through Kgora Farmer Training Centre as part of collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development DALRRD.

JOB CREATION

As part of unlocking approximately 4 000 job opportunities in agriculture and related rural economic activities to address food insecurity at household level and rising unemployment in the province, various job creation interventions will be rolled out during the 2023/2024 financial year.

Producer Support and Development contribution will mostly be through CASP and Ilima/Letsema. Sustainable Resource Use and Management most contributions will be through Landcare Green Jobs and Rural Development to contribute mainly through EPWP, Rural Infrastructure projects, and Farmer Training which include mentorship as well as Learnership programmes. As for the Agricultural Support and Corporate Services, contributions will be through Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Colleges, Learnership and Internship programmes

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES)

The Memorandum Of Understanding between the Department and North West University is already bearing fruits through the increased skills exchange in the area of arable farming. In the Financial Year 2023/2024, the Department will continue to reposition the Colleges as Centres of Excellence in Agriculture.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT'S PLANS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/24

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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Mining Development Agency (MDA) is partnering with the Department to develop communities by training farmers on the much needed and relevant skills and through this partnership. Sibanye mine funded the construction of an Agri-Hub through the MDA in Marikana near Rustenburg and is also developing and training farmers in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District.

MARKET ACCESS

To address the challenges of access to market by smallholder producers in the Province, the Department will this year enroll six more smallholder farmers to the South African Good Agricultural Practice (SA-GAP) Program. The SA-GAP program's main objective is to assist smallholder producers to access both local and international markets by producing good quality products that comply with food safety and quality standards as required by the market.

During the 12-month training programme, these smallholder producers will amongst others be empowered with efficient farm management practices, receive training to comply with legislation on food safety, environmental protection as well as animal and workers' welfare.

The certification programme ensures health and safety to consumers and helps producers to gain gradual recognition and acceptance from mainstream commercial markets.

In the previous financial year, the Department, in collaboration with Perishable Product Export Control Board (PPECB), implemented the South African Good Agricultural Practice (SAGAP) certification program. Since the inception of this programme, the department is proud to announce that fifteen (15) vegetable producers have been awarded compliance certificates, seven (7) in 2021/22 and eight (8) during the financial year 2022/23.

VILLAGE LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS PROGRAMME

To improve market access for agricultural products, the Department will this financial year launch three (3) more village livestock auctions in Ganyesa, Khunwana and Mogopa village. These village livestock auction facilities will be centrally established to benefit communities of these villages. From 2015 to date, the Department has already launched four (4) other Village Livestock Auctions in Driefontein, Taung, Tshidilamolomo and Mabeskraal.

SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE & MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Integrated Provincial Forum on climate smart agriculture will be established encompassed of stakeholders from organised agricultural formations, the North West University, Environmental Services and Agricultural Research Council.

To further mitigate against disasters and advocate for climate smart practice, the department, South African Weather Services (SAWS), the provincial disaster forum and other stakeholders continue to raise awareness and provide advocacy on disaster

mitigations and undertake at least 96 awareness campaigns throughout the province.

Through the land care programme, a total of 100 hectares of fallow land will be brought back into production in the villages of Letlhogori and Koffiekraal.

The department aims to work on 2 000 hectares where no-till or minimum-till practices will be implemented.

RED MEAT COMMODITY

As part of contribution towards the red meat industry, during the 2022/23 financial year, the department targeted to support 150 red meat commodity farmers and total of 173 were successfully provided with tangible support.

For the 2023/24 financial year, the department has allocated 40% of its CASP on & off farm infrastructure budget towards the Red Meat production, targeting a minimum of 373 beneficiaries. The major deliverables of this programme comprise of livestock water provisioning, livestock handling facilities and erection of fence wherein we target communal areas and state-owned farms.

CROP PRODUCTION

Despite the climate change challenges, 10 124ha of hectares were planted for food production during the 2022/2023 in the Province. For this year, the Department has planned to put into production a total of 11 000 hectares across the four districts. The Department will also support farmers through production inputs such as diesel, seeds, fertilizers, agrochemicals and machinery.

THE 2023/24 BUDGET FOR DARD IS AS FOLLOWS:

PROGRAMME NAME	TOTAL ALLOCATION R'000	AMOUNT IN WORDS
1. ADMINISTRATION	342 303 000,00	Three hundred and forty-two million, three hundred and three thousand
2. SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE AND MANAGEMENT	43 843 000,00	Forty three million, eight hundred and forty three thousand
3. AGRIC PRODUCER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT	471 103 000,00	Four hundred and seventy one million, one hundred and three thousand
4. VETERINARY SERVICES	152 037 000,00	One hundred and fifty two million and thirty seven thousand
5. RESEARCH & TECH DEV SERV	81 893 000,00	Eighty one million, eight hundred and ninety three thousand
6. AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS SERVICES	19 206 000,00	Nineteen million, two hundred and six thousand
7. AGRICULTURE EDUCATION & TRAINING	70 599 000,00	Seventy million, five hundred and ninety-nine thousand
8. RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION	48 465 000,00	Forty eight million, four hundred and sixty five thousand
GRAND TOTAL	1 229 449 000,00	ONE BILLION , TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE MILLION ,FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE THOUSAND



PROGRAMMES TO EMPOWER NORTH WEST FARMERS

MEC Mohono outlined various public-private partnerships programmes that will empower farmers in four districts of the province. She announced that her Department will roll out of a mentorship programme in collaboration with the Agricultural Commodities Groups and Breeders Association in the current financial year. The programme will include the six (6) agricultural commodities aligned to the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP) as well as the apiculture for a period of 12 months.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Through the help of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), the department will assign a mentor for its four candidate engineers and one engineering technician to ensure that the candidates become professionally registered and capacitated.

CANNABIS ROLL-OUT PROGRAMME

Following a successful Cannabis Lekgotla held in partnership with the North-West University, at least twenty-two (22) hemp farmers have been trained and two of these farmers were supported during the previous financial year. Part of the support the Department gave include drilling, sighting and equipping of bore holes, and in the current financial, the Department will be supporting one hemp farmer this financial year.





# JOE MOROLONGME MEMORIAL HOSPITAL GA E REKISE DIPHATLHA-TIRO

MODISE LOBELO



**V**RYBURG - Ba bookelo jwa Joe Morolong Memorial mo Vryburg, ba tsibosa setshaba ka selalome se se tsietsang batho, se ba tshepisa tiro kwa bookelong joo. Go ya ka pego e e tswang ko Joe Morolong Memorial Hospital, go lebelega go nale motho yo a itirang ekeke o direla kwa bookelong. Motho yoo, o leletsa batho mme a ba tshepisi tiro. O tswa a batla madi a a kana ka R1500. Selalome se, se dirisa mogala wa dinomoro tsa 0608868097. Fa o setse o tsieditswe ke leferefere le, o

gakololwa go bula kgetsi kwa sepodiseng se se gaufi le wena. Mophatlalatsa mafoko wa Bookelo o boleletse MORONGWA gore, bookelo bo tlaa nna bo phasalasa diphatlhatiro tse di nnang gone, mo makwalodikgang a selegae le a bosetshaba mme gape, le mo websaeting ya [www.dpsa.gov.za](http://www.dpsa.gov.za) Fa o na le dipotso ka diphatlhatiro tsa Joe Morolong Memorial Hospital, o ka leletsa - **053 928 9000** **053 928 9136** Enquiries: Captain Tlangelani Rikhotso

# PUBLIC WORKS EMBROILED IN A CONTRACTUAL “MISUNDERSTANDING” WITH EPWP

MOHAU MARETELE

**S**CHWEIZER RENEKE - On Thursday, May 18, 2023, the Mamusa sub-district of the Department of Public Works and Roads was closed down by striking **Expanded Public Works Programme. learnership students who had not been paid their stipend for the month of April.** Learners raised a number of issues with which they were dissatisfied over the course of their contract with the Department of Public Works and Roads. Veronique Modise, one of the students in the learnership programme, mentioned another problem they're not comfortable

with, which is that their last payment in March has been increased from R2 200 to R3 300—the adjustments they were not made aware of and did not know about. She also raised another issue, which is that out of the three programmes they've gone through, they haven't received any certificates, including for the current programme of road construction, landscaping, and driver operators. The Department of Public Works and Roads engaged into a three-year contract with the trainees in September 2020 under its EPWP learnership program. The contract **MORONGWA** viewed stated that the three years' duration agreed upon will end on

# EFF E PHEPAFATSA METSE GO GOPOLA ANDRIES TATANE

MOHAU MARETELE



**Maloko a Economic Freedom Fighters go ralala Sedika sa ga DrRSM ba ne ba semelela ka go phepafatsa mafelo a le mantsi go gakologelwa Andries Tatane yo o swetseng thebolelo ditirelo mo sechabeng**

**C**HRISTIANA - Lekoko la Economic Freedom Fighters le simolotse ngwaga ono ka go thangkgolola letsholo la go phepafatsa metse setoropo le le teeletsweng ka Andries Tatane. Meleko Andries Tatane o ne a bolawa ke mapodise ka go thuntshiwa ka dikolo tsa rabara, ka nako ya mogwanto wa thebolelo ya ditirelo kwa porofenseng ya Free State kgwedi ya Moranang e tlhola malatsi a le lesome le boraro ka ngwaga wa 2011. Letsholo le le setse raletse di karolo tse di farologaneng mo Africa Borwa go akaretsa le profense ya Bokone Bophirima. Moeteledipele wa lekoko eleng Julius Malema o ne a eteletse letsholo leo kwa masepaleng wa Ditsobotla go sale gale mo kgwedding ya Mopitlwe monongwaga. Ka nako eo, ka kgwedi ya Mopitlwe 2023, letsholo la Andries Tatane le ne le tsweletse kwa Christiana kwa masepaleng wa Lekwa-Teemane. Maloko a lekoko la EFF a ne a semeletse go

phepafatsa dithuthubulu mo dikgaolong tse di farologaneng go fitlhelela le lefelo le le go latlhelwang matlakala mo go lone la kwa Marikana. Ka nako ya fa ane a bua le bobegakgang, moeteledipele wa lekoko Julius Malema o kaile gore, maitlhomomagolo a letsholo le, ke go itlhaganedisa ditirelo ko baaging jaaka Tatane a tlhokafetse a lwela thebolelo ya ditirelo. Moleloko wa lekoko mo sedikeng sa Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti eleng Lebogang Koboekae le ene o gatisitse mantswe a mopresidente Malema. “Letsholo la go phepafatsa la Andries Tatane le simolotse ka ko profenseng ya Gauteng ka maikaelelo a go tlisa ditirelo le go rotloetsa baagi go tshelela mafelong a phepa.” Koboekae o kaile jalo. Dikarolo tse dingwe tsa sedika sa Dr Ruth Mompoti tseo letsholo le le fetileng mo go tsone di akaretsa kwa masepaleng wa Mamusa, wa Naledi ga mmogo le ko masepaleng wa Kagisano-Molopo.

August 31, 2023. When we contacted the department about the issues, Lerato Gambu, the media liaison officer, claimed that there had been a “misunderstanding” over the contracts and that they had set a meeting with the students to discuss a solution. However, Mr. Gambu was unable to go into additional detail regarding the “misunderstanding” and their strategy for handling the situation. In addition, he said that as far as they knew, their contract with the students ended in March and that there were no renewal talks that have been initiated. With all that information, it is most likely that the students won't be paid for the months of May leading

up to August. With regards to the issue of certificates: “The department is awaiting certificates from service providers for those that were found competent”, Gambu said. Regarding the matter of an increased stipend, the department said they were compelled to increase all EPWP stipends in line with the EPWP minimal wage that was issued in March 2023. The department is adamant that the contract that they are aware of ended in March, and they say that they are looking into the existence of the other contracts.



## MDDA OPENS CALL FOR GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS 2023/24

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05 June 2023 - 17 July 2023





# 2023/2024 BUDGET SPEECH

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Introduction

The Department of Economic Development Environment, Conservation and Tourism mandate is continuing in ensuring the creation of a conducive environment for economic growth to take place within the North West Province. In achieving this, the department will continue to forge partnership with the private sector to ensure job creation and transfer of skills for the development and growth of businesses operating within North West Province.

The total allocation 2023/24 financial year for the department is R1009 340 000 and summary is as follows:

Programme	Amount
Administration	R 209 543
Integrated Economic Development Services	R 97 188
Trade and Sector Development	R 115 474
Business Regulations Services	R 116 344
Economic Planning	R 12 377
Environmental Services	R 394 152
Tourism	R 64 262
Total	R 1 009 340

Out of the overall budget, the following amounts will be transferred to entities for the execution of the departmental mandate

Name of Entity	Amount
North West Development Corporation	R 102 988
North West Gambling Board	R 76 216
North West Parks and Tourism Board	R 221 844
Total	R 401 048

### DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES

The department will during this financial year implement the following programmes:

#### 1. INTEGRATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

##### 1.1. Business Turn around Support:

The department is implementing this programme in partnership with Productivity South Africa. The programme is allocated an amount of R 5 million to support 10 new qualifying Small Medium, Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) across all the sector.

##### 1.2. Incubation establishment and support program

The department is implementing this programme in partnership with Productivity South Africa. The programme is allocated an amount of R 5 million to support 10 new qualifying Small Medium, Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) across all the sector.

##### 1.3. Township Bakery Support Programme

The department will offer assistance for the replacement of old equipment and skills development to existing bakeries. The intervention will provide for the resuscitation of 29 bakeries in the four districts, R1.3 million has been allocated to that effect.

##### 1.4. Youth Tyre Fitment Centre Programme

In continuing to support Public Private Partnership (PPP), the department has partnered with DUNLOP for the establishment of 10 youth owned small scale tyre fitment centres around the Province. Each fitment centre, will receive a branded and fully fitted container to the value of R370 000. The programme will create 50 jobs for young people.

##### 1.5. Departmental Empowerment Fund

An amount of R15 million has been set aside to fund the procurement of equipment for start-ups and an existing small business enterprises. The fund was established to offer support to small businesses and cooperatives operating within the North West Province with equipment worth R100 000 for start-ups and R200 000 for existing businesses. The fund excludes those in the liquor & gambling industries, costs associated with tendering, cost of acquiring property (including renovations)

constructions, fire and ammunition, primary agriculture and transport.

##### 1.6. Informal Business Support

This programme will be implemented through NWDC to support municipalities in creating informal traders market that will establish retail distribution enterprise in villages and townships linked to wholesalers. The programme is allocated R7 million for this financial year.

##### 1.7. Domestic Trade Markets

The department and its two entities (North West Development Corporation and newly merged North West Parks and Tourism Board - NWP&TB ) has partnered with Department of Small Business Development (DSBD), District and Local municipalities collaborated to establish Trade market and permanent Flea Market. The programme is allocated an amount of R8 million to co-fund the identified trade market sites and permanent flea market.

##### 1.8. Online Market Platform

A total of R1.3 million has been set aside for the establishment of online marketing platform. The platform is intended to enhance the digital content of showcasing products of the North West Province businesses.

##### 1.9. Comprehensive Business Development Support

This intervention provides small business enterprises with business development support services, to enhance growth and acceleration, including access to markets, product development and skills development. An amount of R6 million has been allocated to support the sustainability of 1 200 new beneficiaries under this programme to create jobs and improve turn over.

##### 1.10. Enterprise Support Centres (Co-location model)

The intervention is intended to provide outreach to Rural and Township Areas. Enterprise Information Centres established are based at Lebotloane, Mokgalwaneng, Ganyesa, Tswelelang, Mathibestad and Logagane and they play a very important role of empowering community in terms of business development. During this financial year, the programme will be handed over to NWDC for further implementation. An amount of R1.5 Million has been allocated for the 2023/2024 financial year for the support of information centres in the province.

#### 2. TRADE AND SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

- The Special Economic Development project which is implemented through NWDC has been allocated a total of R36.4 million for the implementation of its operations.
- Private Sector is on board with investment on construction of R115 million for two solar farms
- An amount of R30 million has been allocated to support the process of exploring economic opportunities within the alternative energy value chain.

#### 3. TOURISM GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

##### 3.1. Provincial Tourism Sector Strategy

The programme will continue with the implementation of the Provincial Tourism Sector Strategy.

##### 3.2. Taung Hotel School Infrastructure Programme

An amount of R18 million has been allocated for the renovations and refurbishment of the Taung Hotel School and the main hotel building as well as initiatives towards growing tourism in the province.

##### 3.3 Merger of two entities:

North West Parks and Tourism Board (NWPTB) was established as a result of merger between the North West Parks Board and North West Tourism Board in 2022. The merger was formed under the North West Parks and Tourism Act 02 of 2022, and it came into effect from the 1st April 2023. The newly North West Parks and Tourism Board will implement the following programmes:

##### 3.3.1. Training and business development

An amount of **R14,7 million** is allocated for both Taung and Mahikeng Hotel Schools operations, to increase the number of academic courses offered as well as Student Academic and Tourism SMMEs Training Programme.

##### 3.3.2. North West Tourism Marketing Strategy:

The province will continue implementation of North West Tourism Marketing Strategy to position the province as a preferred tourism destination.

#### 3. BUSINESS REGULATION

This is the programme which comprises of Consumer, Liquor and business regulations sub-programmes:

- the department will conduct compliance inspections in each district to ensure businesses compliance with the Consumer Protection Act, Liquor Act, as amend and other relevant legislations.
- Department will continue to protect consumers where their rights were infringed by unscrupulous business owners.
- Adjudication of consumer cases by North West Provincial Consumer Court.
- Continue to create awareness on consumer, liquor and business regulations.

##### 3.4. North West Gambling Board:

The entity is responsible for the regulation of the gambling industry in the North West. The plans for the board is as follows:

- Four (04) Casino License Holders ( Sun City, Peermont (Pty) in Mahikeng Ltd, Peermont (Pty) Ltd in Klerksdorp0 and Bingo Operators have pledged to embark on the socio-economic program of eradicating pit toilets, upgrading of sports & recreational facilities and early childhood centres to two previously disadvantaged schools in the area of their operations.
- An RFA (Request For Applications) for the fifth casino license for interested parties to apply will be issued
- Roll out of LPM licenses for the remaining 1500 machines which will contribute to revenue collection in the province.
- An activation of 9 bookmaker licenses will create 300 job opportunities;
- The horse racing formally known as the Bray Horse Racing will be resuscitated and rollout in all districts.

#### 4. ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

The department through newly NWPTB will implement the following conservation projects:

- An amount of R5 million allocated for patching of potholes at Pilanesberg Nature Reserve.
- Another R5 million will be used for upgrading of fences in all our game reserves in the province. This is done in order to curb the escape of wild animals which pose danger to communities.
- R2 million for drilling of boreholes in Molopo and Madikwe Game Reserves.
- R8 million for the restoration of Kgaswane Nature Reserve after severe floods that hit the area.

Through Environmental services:

- In an effort to reduce the effect of climate change, the department will continue to engage relevant stakeholders.
- Offer support to three district municipalities (Ngaka Modiri Molema, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Dr Kenneth Kaunda) by performing Atmospheric Emission Licensing function on their behalf.
- Review the Provincial Integrated Waste Management Plan (PIWMP) as per Section 11 (l) of NEMWA (Act 59 of 2008), to ensure alignment to all relevant legislations.

#### 5. DEPARTMENTAL JOB CREATION INITIATIVES

A total amount of R26 million has been allocated for job creation initiatives targeting one thousand and seventy (1070) young people in the 4 districts of the Province and the breakdown is as follows:

- Tourism and Hospitality placement program is targeting 100 youth
- Business Regulation is targeting to employ 200 data captures
- IEDS road patching and marks: 120 youth
- Environment EPWP program: 450 youth
- North West Parks and Tourism Board: 230 youth
- Gambling Board: 300 jobs.

In addition to the above the department together with its strategic partners namely the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA), the Institute of Business Advisors Southern Africa (IBASA) and Services SETA collaborated to unlock business advisory service opportunities. A new cohort of 100 learners will be registered in the programme during this financial year. The program is to develop a cohort of young Business Advisors who will be able to provide business advisory services needed by SMMEs and Co-operatives to turnaround and sustain their business ventures.



# BEWARE OF JOHN PHILLIPS, HE IS A SCAMMER

MODISE LOBELO

**M** **AHIKENG** - The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management has released a statement cautioning potential Scholar Transport Tenderpreneurs against a con-artist by the name of John Phillips. According to the statement, the nam, with an alias of John Phillips targets all those who have submitted bid proposals for Scholar Transport. “He would promise the bidders to success in their bidding at a certain fee.” The statement said. The department has warned potential bidders to be cautious of such scammers

as no official has been authorized to offer any form of assistance outside the normal supply chain process. The con-artist who goes by the name John Phillip of cell number 076 855 0016 would contact unsuspecting business people and refer them to another culprit by the name of Enerst Zwane who uses a mobile number 063 743 4244 . Both crooks would proceed by requesting a private meeting with their potential victim who will be defrauded of their hard earned cash. The Department encourages all who have been scammed by these two to open fraud cases against these two fraudsters.

# MARITE O OTLHAELWA GO NNA PELO TSHETLHA

MODISE LOBELO

**G** **ANYESA** - Daniel Mmoledi Marite, wa dingwaga tse di masome a mane le motso, o athloetswe dingwaga di le tlhano mo ntlo lefitshwana, ke Magiseterata wa Ganyesa, ka ntlha ya go utswa madi a mokgatlo o eseng wa puso, o a neng a o eteletse pele.. Kgotlatshekelo e fitlheletse gore, ka ngwaga wa 2018, lefapha la Katlaatlalo-Loago, le ile la rebolela mokgatlo o eseng wa puso, matlole a a neng a tla thusa mokgatlo oo go ka atlegisa mananeo go tlhabolola matshelo a baagi. Fa lefapha le tlhatlhoba dibuka tsa bone,

ba lemoga fa Marite a ile a ngathola sekgwama se, mme a fetisetsa madi a a fetang diranta dile dikete dile lekgolo, mo “akhaotong ya gagwe ya banka. Ka nako eo, Marite ene e le modulasetilo wa mogatlo o o neng o abetswe madi ao. Kgetsi kगतलहानंग le Marite e ne ya batlisisiwa ke diHawks, mme Marite a tshwarwa. O tlhageletse kwa kgotlatshekelo magetho a le mmalwa go fitlhelwa a bonwa molato le go atholwa. Tlhogo ya DPCI, Maj-Gen Patrick Phoko, o akgotse botlhe ba ba netefaditseng gore molatofadiwa a tshwarwe le go atholwa.

# VERONICA MAPULE MAFOLO KE MANG

MODISE LOBELO

**S** **CHWEIZER-RENEKE** - Morago ga pego ya MORONGWA e e kaileng fa mopalamente wa pele wa ANC a athloetswe dingwaga dile tharo kwa kgolegelong, kgwedi ya Motsheganong e tlhola malatsi a le robedi, monongwaga , re ile ra amogela dipotsiso dile dintsi, tsa gore mopalamente yoo ke mang. Veronica Mapule Mafolo ene ele mopalamente wa African National Congress go tloga ka 2015 go fitlha ka 2019. Ka nako e a neng a tshwarelwa bogodu jwa leruo, ene ele mopalamente wa ANC go tswa kwa sedikeng sa Dr Ruth Mompoti. Mafolo ene ele mongwe wa mapalamente ba ba neng ba bona mogolo wa go feta R1 000 000.00 ka ngwaga kgotsa, R86 120.00 ka kgwedi. Mongwageng wa 2016, e ne ele karolo ya komiti ya diminerale le meepo. O tsenetse dikopano dile 23 go tswa go dile 35.Ka 2017 o tsenetse dikopano tsa palamente dile 21 go tswa go dile 35. Kgotlatshekelo-kgao lo ya Schweizer-Reneke, e ne ya molatlhela go ya kwa ntlolefitshwana sebaka sa dingwaga dile tharo, morago ga gore Veronica Mapule Mafolo (48) le Thabo Freddy Phuthiyagae (36), ba bonwe molato wa bogodu jwa leruo morago ga go tshwarwa ka dinamane dile pedi tsa di- Bonsmara ka ngwaga wa 2018. Ka nako eo, rapolasi wa kwa Schweizer-Reneke, o ne a lemoga motlhala wa dithaere tsa koloi kwa polasing ka 12 Ferikgong 2018. Go belaela, rapolasi o ne a bala leruo la gagwe mme a lemoga fa go tlhaela ka dinamane tse pedi. Kgang ene ya begwa kwa mapodising. Mo tsamaong ya letsatsi,



**Mopalamente wa pele wa ANC yo a latlhetsweng kwa kgolegelong, o ne a amogela R86 120.00 ka kgwedi kgotsa go feta R1 000 000.00 ka ngwaga**

rapolasi o ne a bileliwa kwa masakeng a palobalo kwa Vryburg (Vryburg Auction Kraal), ko a ileng a supa dinamane tsa gagwe. Bopaki jo bo rebotsweng kwa kgotlatshekelo, bo bontshitse fa Mafolo a ne a kopa rapolasi gore a seke a bula kgetsi gonne a ka senyega leina jaaka ele mopalamente. Motshotshisi Mpho Sephapo, o ne a gwetla kgotlatshekelo go neela sekobo se se ka isang ka kgolegelong. Magistrata Paul Moeng, o ne a dumalana le motshotshisi mme a kaya fa tiro ya bobedi jo, e tlhotlheleditswe ke bogagapa. Magistrata o ne a kaya fa bogodu jwa leruo bo ama kgwebo ya borapolasi ebile e senya le ditiro tsa badiri ba dipolasi.

# ALFRED MAGOA O BATLWA KE MAPODISE

MOHAU MARETELE

**T** **LOKWE** - Mapodise a North West a batlana le monna wa dingwaga dile 42, Alfred “Sello” Mogoa. O batliwa mabapi le metseletsele ya dipetelelo tse di diragetseng magareng ga 2008 le 2009 kwa Klipgat, Loate, Hebron, Akasia le Garankuwa. O batliwa gape mabapi le go ngwega kwa kgolegelong ya Garankuwa ka 2019 le go utswa sejanaga kwa Klipgat ka 2013. Yo a nang le tshedimosetso a.ka ikgolaganya le Kapotene Hein Rabe mo dinomoreng tse di latelang, 079 881 9923 kgotsa 018 299 7160. O ka bega gape o sa tlhagisi leina la gago mo, 08600 10111

**Alfred “Sello” Mogoa, o batliwa ke mapodise mabapi le dipetelelo tse di diragetseng magareng ga 2008 le 2009 kwa dikgaolong tsa Hebron, Klipgat, Loate, Akasia le Garankuwa**



# SEPHIRI SA KATLEGO SE MO GO BUISENG DIBUKA

MODISE LOBELO

**S** **CHWEIZER-RENEKE** - Ke mokwadi, mmoki, morutabana ka dithuto, ebile o mo motlhaleng wa go fetola matshelo a ma-Afrika Borwa ka neo ya gagwe. Fa, re bua ka motaki yo o tswelletseng pele go ikagela leina mo profenseng ya Bokone Bophirima le go ralala Afrika Borwa, eleng Oupa Mokgakala. Mokgakala o tsholetswe mo lelapeng la sekereste ka ko dipolaseng tse di gauifi le torotswana ya Schweizer Reneke mme, a golela kwa motseng wa Molelema, gauifi le Taung. O godile e le motho yo o ratang go buisa dibuka thata, tsa puo ya Setswana. Se ke lone lebaka le le ribolotseng neo ya gagwe ya go kwala dibuka, mme a simolola ka dingwaga tsa magareng ga 1993 le 1994. Mo puisanong le Rre Mokgakala, **MORONGWA** o lemogile gore Rre Mokgakala ke motho yo o tlhaloganyang puo ya Setswana mo go tseneletseng. Bontsi jwa dibuka tse a di kwadileng, di kwadiwe ka Setswana. Mokgakala o tlhalositse gore anyile puo ya gagwe ka botlalo mo go rre wa gagwe yo eneng ele moruti. “Ko gae ga gona ope yo eneng e le mokwadi, ke hela gore rre wame ene ele moruti a itsi puo ya Setswana thata. Rre e ne ele sebui se se tlhwatlhwa. Gongwe ke anyile puo go tloga foo, mme nna ka e tsaya ka e isa mo dikwalong.”Go fitlheng ga jaana, Mokgakala o setse a golotse dibuka di le tharo tsa Setswana le CD ele nngwe e e bidiwang ‘**Voice From The Village**’ ee kopantseng maboko a Setswana le seesemane. Mokgakala o kaile gore se ke katlego e tonna thata mo go ene. O solofetse go golola CD ya bobedi mo ngwageng ono. Buka ya gagwe ya ntlha e e bidiwang ‘**Nka Se Didimale**’ e golotswe ka ngwaga wa 2013, yone ke ya maboko a le masome a mararo le borataro(36). A re o dumela gore go gololwa ga buka e, ene ele moputso wa gagwe go tswa ko Modimong jaaka ele motho yo o dirang ka natla.Ka ngwaga wa 2016 o ile a golola buka e nngwe ya maboko a le masome a mane (40)- ‘**Ntlogeleng Ke Gagautle**’. Mo bukeng ya boraro e e golotsweng mo kgwedeng ya Mopitlwe 2023 ee bidiwang ‘**Fa Ngwedi O Ka Bua**’, go dikgangkhutswe tsa Setswana di le lesome. Ka yone o tshepisa babadi monate wa puo, molaetsa le dikgang tsa go tshagisa le go utlwiswa botlhoko. Tshosometso ya ga Oupa Mokgakala



**Oupa Mokgakala ke motaki wa tlhwatlhwa go tswa kwa Taung, ke mokwadi, mmoki ebile ke Morutabana. O bolela fa teme ya Setswana e a e buang ka botswapelo e le mpho e a e tsereng mo go rre motsadi wa gagwe**

mo go tsa botaki, ke ee tseneletseng mo gomakatsang, jaaka gone jaanong ele mogakolodi mo go tsa botaki ko sedikeng se se potlana sa Greater Taung. Tiro ya gagwe ke go tlhatlhelela barutabana ka tsa setso le botaki. Kwa ntle ga tiro eo, Mokgakala ke karolo ya ditlhopa tse di buisang dibuka koTaung, Pampierstaad le Jan Kempdorp, kwa a tlhatlhelelang basha le go nosetsa dineo tsa bone tsa go buisa, gongwe le go kwala.Nngwe ya dikatlego tse a ipelang ka tsone thata ke karolo e a e tshamekileng mo baboking ba le babedi ba ba atlegileng kwa Taung eleng Mosimanegape Jason, yo o kileng a a boka mopresidente Cyril Ramaphosa ka ngwaga wa 2022 ko Cape Town, ga mmogo le Mpho Jabane, yo eleng mokwadi wa dibuka tsa seesemane. “Go thatanyana go phasalatsa fa o sena batho ba ba go itseng le ba o ba itseng. Ke tshwere bothata jo bo tonna fa ke ne ke simolola go phasalatsa buka yaka ya ntlha ka gore, baetletsitsi ba madi ba ngodiega go thusa batho ba ba sa ba itseng”, e ke nngwe ya dikgwethlo tse Mokgakala a di tlhagisitseng tse a kopaneng le tsone mo loetong la gagwe la bokwadi. Le fa go le dikgwethlo,o santse a rotloetsa basha go bala dibuka. “Go botlhokwa gore re rotloetse basha ko dikolong le ka kakaretso mo metseng ya rona go tsaya dibuka ba bala. Tsaya buka nngwe le nngwe fela o buise, o ka bega sengwe ka fa gare se se ka fetolang botshelo jwa gago ka gore diphiri tse dintsi di iphitlhile mo go buiseng.”





# 2023/2024 BUDGET SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS



The North West MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, J.S. Lehari tabled Departmental Budget Speech for the financial year 2023/2024.

In his speech MEC Lehari highlighted achievements recorded in the last financial year 2022/2023 and further outlined the plans to speed-up service delivery in this financial year 2023/2024.

Amongst the highlights of MEC's speech are on how the Department will continue rising to the occasion and respond well to the service delivery expectations and the needs of communities of the North West Province at large, despite different challenges that keeps emerging throughout.

The Department MEC committed continuous stakeholder and community mobilisation in the fight again crime, reduction of road incidents and fatalities and provide effective and efficient transport system.

PROVINCIAL CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE

The Department mobilized communities and stakeholders in implementing programmes across the four (4) Districts of the Province as per SAPS crime trends and patterns, which included but not limited to:

- » Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Prevention of Gender Based Violence Against Vulnerable Groups, Anti Gangsterism, School Safety Programme, Rural Safety, example stock theft, anti-dangerous weapons campaigns and Campaign against Substance Abuse.
- » Programmes were implemented in partnership with key role players inclusive of civil society, FBOs, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), non-profit organisations (NPOs) and Government departments
- » The Department supported and funded thirty-nine (39) Non-Profit Institutions – Community Policing Forums (CPFs) and Non Profit Organisations (NPOs) to ensure that crime prevention initiatives are intensified in communities. A total of sixty-three (63) CPFs were assessed on functionality and capacity building workshops were conducted in the four (04) Districts to enhance their ability to participate in the prevention of crime by implementing the Community Policing Strategy

In strengthening the fight against crime, the Department collaborated with priority police stations through the Community in Blue programme and created temporary employment by appointing 400 Community Safety Patrolers across the four (04) Districts, through the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP).

Although there was a challenge in establishing and resuscitating Community Safety Forums (CSFs), the Department has conducted engagements and made presentation to the majority of Municipal Councils in securing resolutions to establish the structures in such municipalities. To date only two Council Resolutions were received from Kgetleng Rivier and Moses Kotane Local Municipalities.

The Province gained two new police stations, which began operating in the financial year 2022/2023, and those are the Moeka Vuma and Mabeskraal Police Stations. These stations assisted in reducing the load carried by Makapanstad and Sun City police stations respectively by bringing services closer to the communities they serve.

TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

The department continued with the provision of subsidised commuter services in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati, Bojanala Platinum and Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipalities. The department was faced with financial challenges due to the high costs associated with transport indices which were rebased by Statistics South Africa in 2021. A business case was made to National Department of Transport which in its adjustment budget gave a further ninety-seven million Rand (R97, 7) to address imminent accruals which has an impact on budget. The provision of learner transport

service has its own challenges such as the merging of schools, closing of schools and/or insufficient school infrastructure in townships where, learners are transported to farm schools. This is exacerbated by migration of communities to new settlements thus leading to learners requiring transport or adjustment in kilometres being travelled which is not what was initially anticipated and budgeted for.

In addition, some contracted operators who travel less kilometres cancelled their contracts due to the high operational costs which made the service unprofitable. The overloading of learners is also a serious challenge which places the safety of learners in jeopardy and this requires more buses and more funds.

The Department made a business case for an increase in the learner transport budget, and that was positively considered in the adjustment budget and a further allocation was appropriated during the second adjustment budget to the tune of seventy-eight (R78) million Rand. This will assist the department in clearing high accruals and payments for services rendered by operators up to February 2023.

The use of Non-Motorised Transport is promoted through the implementation of the National Rural Transport Strategy. To this end the Department distributed bicycles to learners who walk less than five kilometres to school and we also donated Animal Drawn Carts (ADC) to communities who rely and use this mode of transport especially in rural villages.

For the 2022/2023 financial year, the Department donated twenty (20) animal drawn carts in the villages of Dibono and Mmanawana outside Mahikeng. The donation was done at the request of the community which has for years being utilising the carts as a means of transport.

TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

In an effort to contribute towards poverty alleviation, job creation and ultimately reduce number of crashes involving stray animals, the department has successfully appointed **One Hundred and Thirty (130)** Road Safety Rangers and Scholar Patrol Volunteers. The appointment of these community members was done in partnership with local municipalities, traditional authorities and the farming unions. The budget allocated for this project was about **three million and twenty-nine thousand Rand (R3 029 000.00)**

In September 2021 we appointed the North West Public Transport Intervention Team (NWPTIT) in line with Section 10, (1a) of the Act. The Team was given thirty-five (35) cases to attend to. It is with pleasure to report that twenty-nine (29) of these cases have been resolved, which translate into eighty-two percent (82%) achievement.

The Department has entered into the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SANTACO, which is the highest national structure and the mouth piece of the sector, the Provincial Taxi Council (PTC) which is the highest Provincial structure and all Regional Taxi Councils (RTCs). The rationale behind this approach is to ensure no recurrence of incidents and pro activeness and stability within the sector.

We have set aside a budget of **seven (07) million** Rand for the upgrade of the Zeerust Weighbridge. The project is envisaged to be completed within three years. The work involved includes plans to replace the current scale with a 24-meter multi-deck scale that will contribute more accurate and efficient weighing environment where overload management will contribute to a reduction of the road infrastructure damage.

To strengthen and extend law enforcement visibility during this financial year, we have recruited fifty-three (53) traffic learners, thirty-two (32) of whom are females and twenty-one (21) are males. They underwent a twelve (12) months training on Road Traffic Management Diploma in Mpumalanga Traffic Training College. Fifty-one (51) of them have completed the training and graduated in December last year. These learners are currently appointed by the department as Traffic Wardens on a contract of three (3) months after which they will be absorbed permanently as Provincial Inspectors, contributing to increasing law enforcement visibility in all four district of the Province.

We will also intensify visibility on **N4, N12, N14 and N18** in an effort to reduce fatal crashes and fatalities. To ensure we reach this goal, the Department has purchased 24 high powered vehicles to address the shortage of vehicles and increase traffic visibility on our roads.

To ensure that the issued traffic fines are paid, we will deploy three (03) minibuses equipped with systems to identify motorists who failed to pay their traffic fines or to appear in court on the prescribed dates. These minibuses will be deployed in all four districts. So it's a game over for everyone who has an outstanding traffic fine.



BUDGET ALLOCATION PER PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT IN WORDS
ADMINISTRATION	R363,457,000	Three hundred and sixty three million, four hundred and fifty seven thousand Rand
PROVINCIAL CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE	R54,998,000	Fifty four million nine hundred and ninety eight thousand Rand
TRANSPORT OPERATIONS	R1,320,406,000	One billion, three hundred and twenty million, four hundred and six thousand Rand
TRANSPORT REGULATIONS	R594,040,000	Five hundred and ninety four million and forty thousand Rand
TOTAL	R2,332,901,000	Two billion, three hundred and thirty two million, nine hundred and one thousand Rand





# TWO GETS LIFE FOR THE CHRISTIANA DOUBLE MURDER

MODISE LOBELO

**C**HRISTIANA - Two convicted killers, Quinton Brits (38) and Mabote Ernest Leshea (31), will spend the rest of their lives behind bars following a hefty prison sentence they received at the High Court of South Africa, sitting at the Klerksdorp Regional Court. The two have been sentenced to two life terms for double murder, five years for housebreaking and 15 years for robbery with aggravating circumstances. According to information received by MORONGWA, in 2020, August 30, two customers found an elderly couple murdered in their shop, Madeira, in Christiana. The customers immediately notified the police of the incident. The police found the place to be in disarray, with the husband tied with cable ties, dried blood on both the of the victim's noses, and money tills opened. Cellphones were also confirmed missing by the daughter of the couple. Intense investigations by the police led them to the arrest of Brits two days later,

on the 1st of September, and Leshea on the 3rd of September 2020. When Brits was arrested in Jan Kempdorp, Northern Cape, some items stolen at the shop were found in his possession. He subsequently took the police to a house in Christiana where the rest of the loot was stored. Leshea who is a Lesotho national, was arrested in Roodepoort, Gauteng, and during his arrest, police also found him with items stolen from the shop. In conclusion, NPA's Regional spokesperson Henry Mamothame said: "In aggravation of sentence, the state prosecutor, Adv Kgalalelo Molefe, urged the court not to deviate from the minimum prescribed sentence of life imprisonment on each of the counts of murder. She urged the court to consider the seriousness of the offence as the victims were elderly people and further pleaded that it impose a sentence that would serve as a deterrent. Judge Samkelo Gura, agreed with the state and imposed a double life imprisonment and 20 years for each accused."

# BOGODU JWA GAUTENG BO TSHELEGELA MO VRYBURG

MODISE LOBELO

**V**RYBURG - Mapodise a lekala la dintja (K9) kwa Vryburg, ka tshwaragano le ba ditirelo tsa lekgetho (SARS) le ba bokaedi jwa bosinyi jo bo kgethegileng (DPCI), ba tshware monna wa dingwaga di le masome a mararo le borobabobedi (38), mabapi le mokoa wa majalwa a a fitlhetsweng kwa madirelong a gagwe mo Vryburg ka kgwedi ya Motsheganong e tlhola malatsi a le mararo, 2023. Majalwa ao, a ne a tshwanetse go rekisiwa kwa dinageng di kwa ntle ga Aforika Borwa, mme jwa felala bo rekisiwa selegae, ka tlhwalhwa tse di kwa tlase. Mo letsholong leo la go phuruphutsha le go gapa, mapodise a ne a fitlhela didiriswa tsa mafaratlhatlha a tlhaeletsano ya dipeeletso tsa di"bitcoin", le didiriswa tse di dirang motlakase.

Mo bojalweng jo bo fitlhetsweng, go lemosega fa dibotlolo tsa majalwa mangwe a ne a ntshiwa letshwao (labels) mme ga ngaparetswa matshwao a e seng one. Se, ele go dira gore, go seke ga lemosega fa ele bojalwa jo bo tshwanetseng go rekisiwa kwa ntle ga naga. Go fitlhetswe: mabotlolo a le makgolo a robedi masome a mabedi le boroba bodedi, tsa Richelieu Export Brandy, di le masome masome a mabedi le bone (24) Richelieu Export Brandy tse go belaelwang ele tse di utswitsweng ka nako ya kgothoso kwa Germiston kwa porofenseng ya Gauteng. Bojalwa jo bo thopilweng ke sepodise ke jwa boleng jo bo fopholediwang go R5.4M. Mmelaelwa o ne a tlhagelela kwa kgotlatshekelo lekgetho labobedi ka Mosupologo 08 Motsheganong 2023. Dipatlisiso tsa sepodise di tsweletse pele.

# YOU CAN RUN, YOU CAN HIDE BUT WE WILL GET YOU

MODISE LOBELO

**G**ANYESA - David Mathebula, aged 55, appeared before the Ganyesa and Atamelang Magistrate Court on May 25, 2023 on charges of damage to essential infrastructure, theft of tower batteries and contravention of section 49(1)(a) of the Immigration Act, 2002. He has been remanded in custody until 3 and 4th of July 2023. The suspect court appearance emanates from his arrest of May 23rd, 2023 at Vrede by the Free State Organised Crime Unit. Information reaching MORONGWA is to the effect that, the suspect is wanted in five other Provinces for similar offences. According to Police reports, the Free

State Organised Crime Unit, stopped a suspicious vehicle in which Mathebula who is also reported to be illegal in the country, was found on the passenger seat. Upon searching the vehicle, the police found, tower batteries. He has already appeared in the Free State and is still expected to appear in other Provinces such as Limpopo, Northern Cape, Mpumalanga and Gauteng for similar charges. Lieutenant General Sello Kwenya, the Provincial Commissioner of North West, applauded the Organised Crime Unit who were involved in the capture of the accused.

# 25 YEAR OLD GETS LIFE FOR RAPE

MOHAU MARETELE

**S**CHWEIZER RENEKE - A 25-year-old convicted rapist, Deon Neo Masetlo, has been slapped with a life imprisonment sentence for raping a 17-year-old pregnant girl, and an additional five years for assault. Judge Patricia Rangwako delivered the sentencing at the Schweizer Reneke Regional Court on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, with a remark that women and children have a right to free movement, without fearing for their lives. Judge Rangwako further highlighted the important role courts play in protecting the most vulnerable members of society. According to reports, on July 20, 2018, in Ipelegeng, Masetlo came across the complainant and grabbed her while hurling insults at her. He then instructed her to go with him to an unknown location, The complainant tried to escape but failed as she fell and injured herself. Masetlo then took out a knife and threatened her to the

point that she gave in and walked with him. Along the way, she saw people sitting outside in a yard, and she managed to run and ask for help. He followed her and threatened some of the men who were reprimanding him, telling them that she's the mother of his children. The accused then took the complainant to a house where he repeatedly raped her and only allowed her to leave in the morning after she promised to come back if he granted her permission to leave. The matter was reported to the police, and Masetlo was arrested and denied bail. He pleaded not guilty to all the charges. State prosecutor Mpho Sephapo and Warrant Officer Tello Hlatshwayo of the SAPS have been lauded for their commitment to bringing the perpetrator to book. Masetlo has been declared unfit to possess a firearm, and his name will be entered in the register of sexual offenders.

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**TLOKWE** - The fight against crime in rural areas gained success after police arrested eight suspects in two separate incidents.

As a result, Siamang Kapari (33) and Dikgang Daniel Madisa (38) appeared before the Lehurutshe Magistrates' Court on Monday, 5 June 2023, for stock theft. They were remanded in custody until their next court appearance before the same court on Monday, 12 June 2023.

In another separate incident reported on Monday, 5 June 2023, information was received of two suspicious vehicles; a Toyota Quantum and Nissan NP 300 bakkie, driving around in the early hours of the morning on the N14 road between Coligny and Ventersdorp. With the assistance of the local neighbourhood watch, the police followed the vehicles and when they stopped the Toyota Quantum at about 4:00, two suspects got out and fled the scene while the Nissan NP 300 took a turn into a nearby location and vanished. A 41-year-old Mozambican national who was the driver of the Quantum, was arrested. Upon searching the vehicle, the police



found 13 rolled bundles of copper cable with an estimated value of R22 500.00. Subsequent to the arrest, neighbouring stations were alerted of the NP 300 bakkie that fled the scene. However, members of Klerksdorp Flying Squad noticed the Nissan bakkie on the N12 road between

Wolmaransstad and Klerksdorp about three hours later. They stopped the vehicle and apprehended five more suspects, all Mozambican nationals between the ages of 21 and 33. Initial investigations determined that the copper cables were stolen from an Eskom substation, close

to Coligny. They will face charges for possession of suspected stolen copper cables as well as causing damages to and tampering with essential infrastructure in accordance with Section 3 of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act, 2015 (Act No.18 of 2015).

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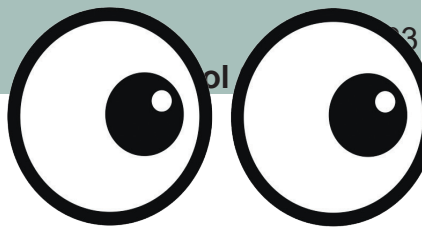
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# MORONGWA ROVING EYE



The MC first Education in the North West province, Viola Motsumi was called in at John Frylinck School not to congratulate them for academic performance but to the ill- discipline that seem to be the norm at the school. During her visit MEC Motsumi adopted the school. The school has since participated in sporting activities and organised extra classes for the leaners.



The cold winter have arrived and the unfortunate street urchins still have to bear it all the usual way unless a good samaritan comes through for them and give food and shelter.



Scarcity of water has forced many to come up with means of getting water to their homes. This 78 year old man from Huhudi, has built this cart especially to draw water from the nearest stand pipe to his home.



The newly elected Team for the Older Persons Forum 2023 elected recently at the Naledi Banquet Hall in Vryburg



WP workers at the Pule Leeuw Secondary School together with the school management and staff, started a food garden where they grow vegetables, proceeds of which are donated to a number of learners to enable them to have healthy food at home.



The Deputy Chairperson of the ANC Youth League on the North West, was recently conferred with a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management by the University of the North West.



Three stripes for the Speaker of Naledi Local Council. The Honourable Speaker of Naledi, Cllr. Pitso Gulane, recently obtained an Honours Degree in Sustainable Agriculture from the University of Free State. Prior to becoming a Councillor, Cllr. Gulane was working as an Extension Officer at the Department of Agriculture. He also hold a Diploma in Agriculture (Taung Agricultural College) and a Degree in Agriculture.

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# MAFUTA THE MUSO TO CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH THE MIC

MOHAU MARETELE

**SCHWEIZER RENEKE** - Rapudi Mafutha, also known by his stage name as Maf-Tee, is a popular musician to the audience of the district of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti in the North West province. The 28-year-old musician from Schweizer Reneke, specialises mostly in the genre of hip hop with most of his songs done in Setswana. Mafutha started to realise his talent for rapping in 2008 when he was just a 14-year-old kid in primary school, performing the late Jabulani "HHP" Tsambo's songs for his classmates."Before I could notice that I could rap, I remember singing to Jabulani Tsambo's songs. This amazed many and they thought that those songs were mine", said Maf-Tee. When asked about what inspired him to get into the brutal industry of music, Mafutha heavily poured the credit on the late Motswako pioneer artist HHP. "HHP was the only artist I could relate to during those days, not because of his popularity, but for the fact that in most of his songs, he was rapping and singing in Setswana. So it became easier for me to understand what he said as I was still a kid at that time." Maf-Tee, so far, has a couple of songs under his name, having recorded his debut single titled 'Ke A Ba Bontsa' in 2013, which he described as an amazement to the people of his community. According to him, the song brought a lot of positivity and people started recognising his talent, in just a short space of time. He admitted that at that time, his newly found fame came with lots of challenges, including being destructed from doing his school work. However, he said he pushed to get used to juggling both his studies and music, until he finished his matric. Maf-Tee went on to release few songs, which pushed him further into the entertainment industry, scoring him interviews with well-known community radio stations in Vryburg, Rustenburg and Schweizer Reneke. "At



**MAG-Tee, the popular Hip Hip artist who hails from Schweizer-Renee has already pocketed a number of awards and nominations for songs such as 'Go tla Fela Leng and Tsa Lefatshe'**

first it was hard because I didn't have a recording studio, but I then decided to start my own bedroom studio, which helped me a lot. I have spent 4 years just exploring the world of music, and people showed me love", added Maf-Tee. On what he believes is the highlight of his music journey, in 2019 Maf-Tee won a music competition in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti district called 'Breaking An Artist'. Another highlight was when his two songs, 'Golta Fela Leng' and 'Tsa Lefatshe' got nominations at the 2021 Bokone Bophirima Gospel Music Awards. 'Golta Fela Leng', which he recorded with some other local artists, managed to bring them an award in the category of of gospel/rap/poetry song. Being a solo artist, Maf-Tee would like to be remembered as a hard worker and a person who changed the lives of people with his music.



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# SETLHOPA SA KARATE SE FENYA DIKABO KO TONAMENTENG

MOHAU MARETELE

**M**ATLOSANA -Tonamente ya karati ya bo lesome le bongwe (11) e eneng e tshwaretse ko Banquet hall kwa Klerksdorp ngwaga yono a simologa (2023), e kgontsitse gore maloko a Mamusa Karate Club a ikgapela dikgele mo go yone. Mamusa Karate Club, e e tswang mo masepaleng wa Mamusa mo motseng wa Ipelegeng, e diragaditse bontle mo dikarolong tse di farologaneng tsa metshameko e itsegeng ka Shinkyokushinkai Karate. Mo dikgeleng tse di gapilweng, ka letsatsi la ntlha la tonamente, Mamusa Dojo e kgonne go tlhagelela mo maemong a boraro ka phenyo ya ga Resegofetse Seetelo, wa dingwaga tse di lesome(10). Seetelo o fentse mo karolong ya bomme ba ba ko tlase ga dingwaga tse di masome a mararo le botlhano (35). Motsaya karolo yo mongwe wa Mamusa Karate Club Phemelo Moemi wa dingwaga tse robongwe(9) o tswile mo maemong a bone mo motshamekong yo o kgethegileng wa batho ba mmele o bokete. Ka letsatsi la bobedi ebile e ne e le la bofelo la dikgaisano, batsaya-karolo ba bangwe ba setlhopa se, ba kgonne go bona phenyo e e ba kgontshitseng go ya go lwana ko profenseng ya KwaZulu Natal



Batshameki ba MAMUSA Karate Club jaaka ba ne ba emetse kgaolo ya bone kwa Durban bosheng

ko Durban ka kgwedi ya Motsheganong, e tlhola malatsi a le matlhano. Kwa Durban, e ne ya nna kgaisano e mo go yone Resegofatso Seetelo a ileng a kgapela maemo a bobedi mo batshameking ba bokete jo bo kwa tlase ga nasome a mararo fa Reatlegile Mohalalelwa a ne a

tswa ka maemo a bone mo dikgaisanong tsa batshameki ba bokete mmele o o kwa tlase ga masome a mabedi le botlhano. Batsaya-karolo b aba falotseng kwa Durban, ba ne ba gaisanela go ya go lwana kwa nageng ya Japan fa ngwaga ono o ya fifing ka kgwedi ya Diphlane.

Motlhatlhami wa setlhopa se, Kabelo Seetelo o tlhalositse gore go dira ka thata le go baya mo go Ramasedi ke sone se ba kgontshitseng phitlhelelo eo. A re maitshwaro a mantle a batshameki le ikatiso e e tseeneletseng di tsere karolo mo go seo ba se fentseng.



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# MOEMI CONTINUES TO FLY THE FLAG OF MAMUSA AT THE COMRADES

MOHAU MARETELE

**S**CHWEIZER RENEKE - The 96th Comrades Marathon will be held on 11 of June 2023. The starting point will be at the Pietermaritzburg City Hall at 05h30, ending 12 hours later at the Kingsmead Cricket Stadium in Durban. The Comrades Marathon, which is the largest and longest running Ultramarathon race in the world, is approximately an 89-Kilometres Ultramarathon that takes place each year in the province of KwaZulu-Natal between the cities of Durban and Pietermaritzburg.As the country prepares for this thrilling entertainment of sport, **MORONGWA** got to sit down with one of the participants for this upcoming Comrades Marathon, Tumisang Moemi, who hails from Schweizer Reneke in the province of North West.To be able to compete in the Comrades Marathon, one must meet certain requirements. One of those is to run a qualifying marathon of 42.2 kilometers in less than 4 hours and 50 minutes.: In this case, Moemi ran two qualifying ultramarathon races, which were the Irene Running Festival and the Two Oceans Marathon. “I completed the Irene Running Festival race, which is a 48-KM race, in 4 hours 51 minutes, and the Two Oceans Marathon, which is a 56-KM race, in 5 hours 58 minutes”, Moemi explained.Having been a runner for a very long time, which includes running for various purposes, including raising aid for charity organisations, this will

not be Moemi’s first participation in the marathon. He has already participated three times, and this will be his fourth feature. “I think every feeling is different with every race, but I am happy and looking forward to my fourth comrade. If it comes with a medal, it will be a cherry on top.” When asked about how he has prepared himself, he told **MORONGWA** that he had to strike a balance across all his life activities, especially being a part-time student, a full-time employee, and a family man.“I normally train five days a week, with short runs of 10 to 15 kilometers throughout the week and long runs of 20 to 42 kilometers on weekends. Preparing for this race requires a lot of work, and not only requires strong muscles but also mental fitness.” Tumisang says he’s not expecting to win the race but is looking forward to having the time of his life. Irrespective of his finishing position, he regards finishing the race as a win on its own. However, it would be his greatest achievement to finish the race in under 10 hours, and he is positive that he would do so. Moemi pleaded with road users—runners, cyclists, and motorists—to give each other spaces and share the road. He also condemned the high level of criminality most runners face every day on the roads. “Allow yourself to safeguard the runners and share the road and streets with them. It is called Botho.”