



EMALAHLENI  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

# NEWSLETTER

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### **VISION:**

**“To be a centre of excellence and innovation”**

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*"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilisation work." — Vince Lombardi*



# Ward 14 and 17 Community Awareness Campaign by SASOL in conjunction with the Municipality.

Through the municipality's Disaster Management Unit, SASOL engaged the municipality about the importance of having an awareness campaign in ward 14 and 17 at the Wells/Thala sports ground.

Because of these underground gas pipelines communities tend to be

unaware of the dangers that lie in building in close proximity to these pipelines which can pose a danger to these communities as this could cause a gas leakage which may lead to a possible disaster.

The Department of Health was also present to provide testing for various health conditions.



The awareness campaign was a success with the community engaging SASOL and Emalahleni Local Municipality representatives about their concerns.



"Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow." — Mahatma Gandhi





# ELDERLY PERSONS OUTREACH PROGRAMME BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY HELD AT KLARINET THUSO CENTRE

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy in partnership with the Department of Social Development, Department of Health, Emalahleni Local Municipality, Mining and Energy Companies hosted an Elderly Persons outreach programme.

The objective was to involve the elderly in events which contribute to their mental stimulation, cognitive health, and overall well-being by keeping them engaged and active.

The programme targeted elderly persons between the age of seventy (70) and eighty (80) from Klarinet, Ganala and Phola areas, in Emalahleni Local Municipality.

Representing Emalahleni was the Acting Mayor Cllr N. Mokwana and for the Nkangala District Municipality was Acting Mayor Cllr K.T Poogoadi.

Deputy Minister for DMRE Dr. Nobuhle Nkabane stated that they are here to emphasise

their commitment to transforming the lives of people through partnerships with the above mentioned stakeholders.

DSD plays a key role in identifying the needs of the elderly community, children, child headed households and those living with disabilities.

Apart from the main objective of the event, the involvement of DSD



"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." — Winston S. Churchill





was crucial as social issues have a great impact in the overall wellbeing of the society, such outreach programs by the DMRE help government agencies have a better understanding in measures that need to be implemented to alleviate some of the challenges communities face.



*"The road to success and the road to failure are almost exactly the same." – Colin R. Davis*



# Truck Driver Training and Safety Awareness Launch at M2 Engineering

MEC Shongwe for Community Safety, Security and Liaison launched the safety awareness campaign at M2 Engineering Academy with the academy being a strategic point as it specialises in training truck drivers.

The MEC spoke about the importance of road safety and educating our drivers and those of neighbouring countries on the importance of prioritising safety on the roads during the festive season and the year ahead throughout.

Truck drivers serve as ambassadors of the companies that have employed them therefore how they operate on the roads is of importance.

M2 Engineering focuses on training truck drivers that are between the ages of 18 to 35 years old as

they are not afforded much opportunity in the industry.

The training is not only limited to truck driving, but also includes accredited qualification in Fire Fighting, First Aid Training and Advanced Driving.

The training equips them with two years experience from trucking companies and funded by Transport Education Training Authority (TETA).

The Executive Mayor emphasised on importance of the Arrive Alive national campaign. Truck drivers experience drivers fatigue and some drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol which increases the likelihood of accidents on the road.



MEC Vusi Shongwe



Cllr Leah Mabuza  
Executive Mayor



"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." — Will Rogers





# IDP and LED Forum Held at the Civic Centre Banquet Hall



n terms of Section 29(b) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act No. 32 of 2000, local community, organs of state and other role players should be identified and consulted on the drafting of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Furthermore, one of the key economic developments enablers includes effective stakeholder mobilization, engagement and management through a vibrant and functional LED Forums as enshrined on White Paper.

The purpose of the event was to table the outcome of the Imbizo's and allow the private sector to present their commitments to the municipality through their social labour plans (SLP).

Executive Mayor Cllr L.M. Mabuza stated that the IDP document is a strategic document for our local municipality that is a working and moving strategy as it is currently being implement.





Statistics South Africa also provided a look into the current state of the city and the service delivery issues that require urgent intervention, the prevalence of crime being one of them. Theft and vandalism has become one of the biggest hinderances towards the delivery of services.

The Executive Mayor continued to delve deeper into the IDP document by looking into areas that address the most critical issues that were raised by communities.

Through this engagement stakeholders are informed about the needs of communities in order for them to address these issues through their SLPs and the required intervention through their companies.

Click on the link below to find the document the Executive Mayors address.







# The Executive Mayors Business Round Table and 100 Days in Office Report.

Delivery of the 100 Day's Report in office by the Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza, outlining her vision segmented into short, medium to long term.

The event was held at the Banquet Hall at the Civic Centre, addressing stakeholders from the private and public sector.

You can access the Executive Mayors full address is available on the Emalahleni Local Municipality website [www.emalahleni.gov.za](http://www.emalahleni.gov.za).











We strive to aid in avoiding negligence and carnage on the roads stated Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza furthermore she stated "you may get another job but you will never get another life".

As the city that embarks on being the centre of excellence and innovation, lawlessness will not be tolerated be it on the roads or in any other form of crime the city.

We therefore encourage all road users to be safe, vigilant and alert during this festive season as we travel far and wide throughout our beautiful country.



"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." — Steve Jobs





# Road and safety awareness campaign

## GBV and femicide commemoration

## Prayer for the festive season

## Food Parcel Handover



The Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza with Deputy Minister in the presidency for women Cde Nokzola Sisisi Ntolashe



"Real leaders must be ready to sacrifice all for the freedom of their people."-Nelson Mandela





The Road and safety awareness campaign and prayer was launched today in Emalahleni.

Part of the program was to commemorate GBV and femicide, as part of the 16 days of activism against women and children.

The program was organised by Nkangala District Municipality and held at the GNF church in Emalahleni.

It is an annual program that aims at giving Love and embracing the survivors of GBV.

One of the speakers was a representative from the National prosecuting authority (NPA) and Thuthuzela Care Centre, which is a government initiative that deals with GBV and femicide, provides emergency care to survivors of GBV and privacy protection and Thuthuzela already has 55 centres around South Africa.

The Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza welcomed the attendees and continued to encourage and emphasise the importance of working together to better the city of Emalahleni.

Cllr LM Mabuza said that Emalahleni Local Municipality is working on building the image of the municipality and the relationship between the municipality and the residents of Emalahleni, so there can be consistency in service delivery.

Deputy Minister Nokzola “Sisisi” Ntolashe who is the Deputy Minister in the Presidency for women, youth and people with disabilities was the Keynote speaker at today's event.

Deputy Minister has been assigned as a DDM champion in Nkangala District Under the District Development Model (DDM) which involves all three spheres of government to coordinate and integrate development plans and mobilise the capacity and resources of government and civil society, in pursuit of inclusive growth and job creation.

The community is encouraged to be on high alert during this festive season, to protect the kids and be attentive to your surroundings.

For cases of GBV, help is available. The Thuthuzela centre is situated at the Witbank Hospital.



*"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." Nelson Mandela*





# Christmas Food Parcel Handover



"Many people in this country have paid the price before me and many will pay the price after me." Nelson Mandela





The Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza expressed her gratitude to Makoya Supply Chain Logistics during the Food parcel Handover at the Mayoral Office earlier today.

Over 120 Christmas gift buckets were handed over to different families and to some of the former MK veterans families.

The Executive has encouraged other stakeholders to heed the call in the spirit of giving, as we experience the joys of the festive season, she added that it is her wish for more families to experience this graceful gesture of receiving food parcels or any gift that will benefit families in a positive way.







# LETSEMA PROGRAMME

The Letsema Fridays cleaning programme is still continuous.

The campaign, aims to create a cleaner and greener environment in the city of Emalahleni.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Leah Mabuza has alluded to the fact that the Letsema programme is for all the wards and urges the community to participate in the Letsema Cleaning programme as it will make a significant difference in improving the Environment state of the City of Emalahleni.

The Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza urges the community to participate and contribute in improving the cleanliness in this City by practising good house keeping, not littering, taking out Refuse on time and ensuring that their surroundings are clean.



**MMC Environmental and Waste Cllr Nombuso Mokwana focused and dedicated in her work**



"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity." — Amelia Earhart





# DPSA VISITS EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) Deputy Minister Dr Chana Pilane-Majeke visited Emalahleni and different governmental service sectors, in an announced visit to monitor the effectiveness and provision of government services in the City of Emalahleni

The unannounced visit was led by of the Acting Executive Mayor of Emalahleni, Cllr Busi Hlumbane and Acting Speaker Cllr Sizwe Buthelezi.

The site visits started at the Emalahleni SASSA offices, then to Home Affairs and later to the Service centre in Klarinet

The program concluded at the Emalahleni Local Municipality Civic hall, where the community came in their numbers.

The DPSA's main focus is tackling problems with service delivery by allowing all spheres of government,

from local municipalities to national government, to work together in a more efficient and effective manner.

This is to assist the governmental departments to better plan, and follow the correct procedures in order to serve the community and its residents to the best of their ability

The service delivery concerns raised by members of the public were responded to by DPSA Deputy Minister, Dr Chana Pilane-Majeke and the honourable Emalahleni Cllrs who were in attendance.



*"When I believe in something, I'm like a dog with a bone." — Melissa McCarthy*



"Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground." — Theodore Roosevelt





# We celebrate bringing back hope to the people of our City.

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality Cllr Leah Mabuza together with the Executive Mayor of Nkangala District Municipality Cllr Thomas Ngwenya celebrating the newly built house of Mrs Mkhonza in ward 14, Mrs Mkhonza lost her house in 2018 when it got burnt down.



"Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." —Vince Lombardi





# AN IDOLS WINNER RECEIVES A WARM WELCOME

The Hon. Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality I, Cllr Leah Mabuza with Hon. Executive Mayor Nkangala District welcoming Idols SA Winner Thabo Ndlovu who is from Emalahleni.

The Executive Mayor expressed how proud the city is of Thabo and how well he represented Emalahleni and Mpumalanga as a whole.



"I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realise I should have been more specific." — Lily Tomlin



## VISION

To be a centre of excellence and innovation.

## MISSION STATEMENT

"Empowerment of our communities and providing innovative and excellent service that is conducive for sustainable economic development and social transformation."

## SLOGAN

"The energy heartbeat of Southern Africa and economic hub of Mpumalanga."

## CORE VALUES

Accountability | Transparency | Excellence | Integrity | Innovative | Responsiveness

## TOP 5 MUNICIPAL GOALS

Spatial transformation and social cohesion  
Sustainable and affordable services  
Clean administration and good governance  
Financial viability  
Socio-economic growth and a safe environment

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