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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



Ekungeneni Road SOD Turning

The Ekungeneni Road SOD Turning is a Social Labour Plans project that is implemented by mining companies in collaboration with the Emalahleni Local Municipality.

It provides the township socio economic impact of the Thubelihle community as a whole and aligns with Government (Municipal) mandate namely local economic development activities towards sustainable livelihoods.

The purpose of the SOD Turning is to celebrate strategic partnerships, promote community participation and ownership of the Social Labour Plans Projects/Capital Projects.

The general scope is to rehabilitate and reconstruct Ekungeneni Road. Each mining company has been allocated a specific scope of work. The total length of the road is 1.9km.

he three mines who will be responsible for the project are namely Seriti Kriel, Exxaro Matla and Overlooked Group



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



Emalahleni Local Municipality Career Expo

The Career Expo was held today at the Witbank Dam, which was organised by the Youth Office in Emalahleni Local Municipality.

The Career Expo is aimed at inspiring our matriculants and grade 11 to perform better and also raise awareness on the relevant careers they need to consider post matric. The career expo promotes careers that are relevant in the current South African landscape, so it focuses on exposing our learners to what is happening in and around our City, Province and Country.

The honourable Speaker Cllr Mduduzi Nkosi was the programme director, and mentioned the importance of participating in programmes that will benefit the community and assist them to grow in different aspects of their lives.

Ursula Ntuli from Ursula Ntuli Attorneys was one of the speakers, and emphasised on the importance of going the extra mile in your school and be disciplined in order to be a successful adult.

The Honourable Executive Mayor addressed the learners and emphasised on the importance of staying in school and working hard to get post matric education.

The Executive Mayor also spoke on the importance of young people keeping away from criminal activities and rather focus on positively impacting their communities.

We would like to thank the different stakeholders and departments who were part of the career expo.



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Emalahleni IDP/ budget indaba

Emalahleni Local Municipality presented the 2024/25 IDP/ Budget at a Meeting which took place at the Emalahleni Banquet hall.

The budget is an outcome of the IDP/ Budget izimbizo that the Municipality conducted as required by legislation.

When presenting the budget, the Mayor, Cllr Leah Mabuza mentioned that a lot of effort has been put in place in order to expand the public services.

The Executive mayor highlighted that a significant portion of the budget relates to allocations for the enhancement and delivery of basic services.

The Mayor then went to details in terms of the allocations for projects and programmes for projects per Department.



"I never dreamed about success. I worked for it." — Estée Lauder



Bambelela Business Awards and Business Seminar

The Bambelela Business Awards were held in the City of Emalahleni.

As part of the celebration, the awards kicked off with an Exhibition and Seminar, where selected small businesses showcased their remarkable work

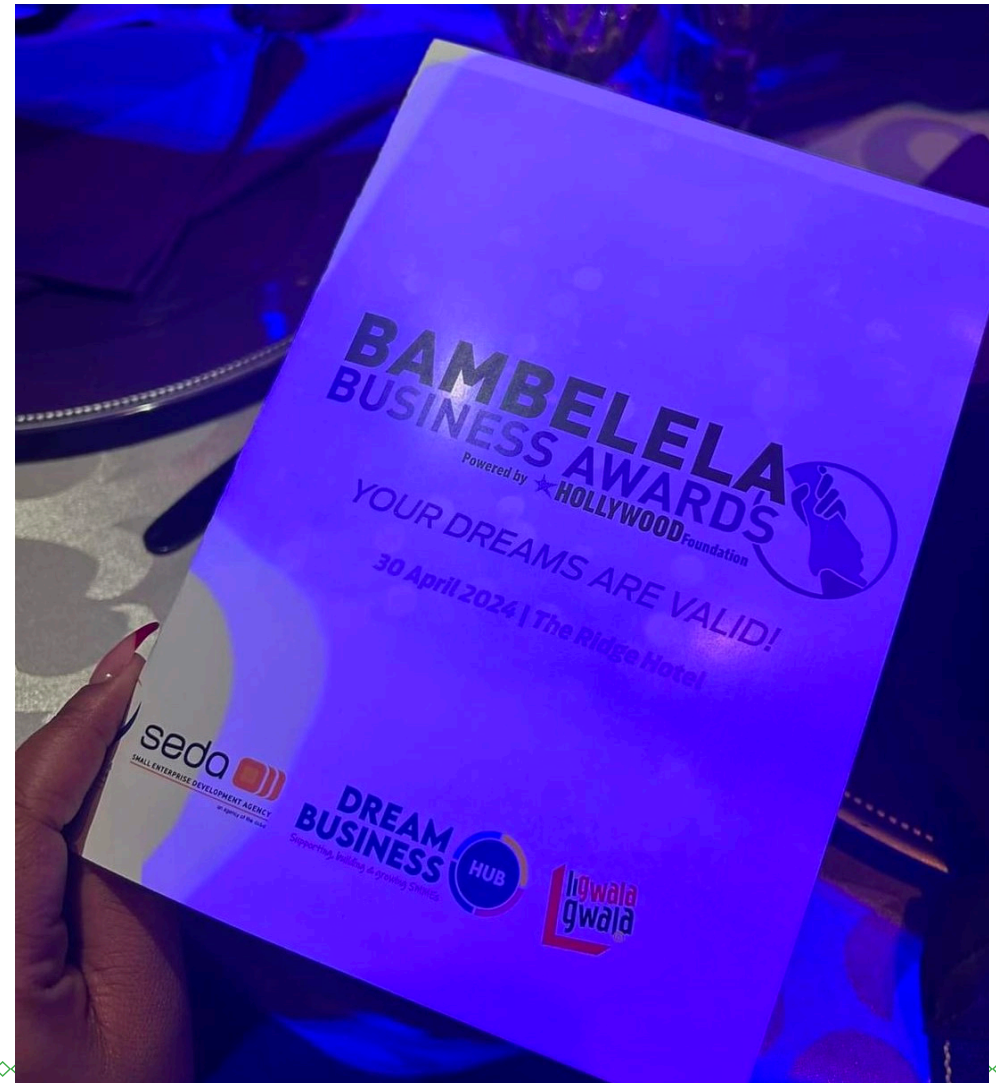
The Honourable Executive Mayor was invited to give the Keynote address to the participants, the award recipients, the stakeholders and the invited guests.

The Bambelela Business Awards, through its slogan “Bambelela (Hold On)- Your dreams are valid,” their focus is to give a light on some of the great achievement the entrepreneurs have made in the province of Mpumalanga.

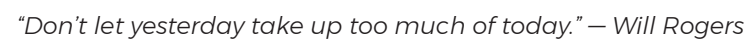
The Hollywood Foundation invited local SMMEs in Mpumalanga to submit entries for the Bambelela Business Awards, which have been created to support & recognise the contribution that small businesses make in growing & transforming the South African economy.

The Honourable Executive Mayor of Emalahleni, Cllr Leah Mabuza expressed that she is proud and excited to be involved with such an impactful programme.

The Mayor said that Entrepreneurs are drivers of change in terms of contributing to economic transformation and employment and expressed her gratitude to the unwavering commitment from the Hollywood Foundation in fostering economic growth and empowering entrepreneurs and SMMEs.



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Energy Efficiency Schools Project Awards

Emalahleni Local Municipality held the first ever Energy efficiency project awards at the Emalahleni Banquet Hall.

The competition was organised by Technical Services-EEDSM Energy Efficiency and Demand Side, where the Municipality previously called on different schools within Emalahleni to enter the energy efficiency school competition.

The learners who participated submitted essays on Energy Efficiency and produced models and charts demonstrating the importance of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable practices. They were assessed on creativity, relevance, visual and emotional impact on the audience, quality of communication, and overall effectiveness.

Cambridge academy won the award for the best performing school in the competition

Maloma combined school won the award for best poster

Nancy Shiba Primary and Bongi Duvha Primary both won for best submitted essay on the Energy Efficiency Project



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



These projects will also be submitted to the national competition

The Municipal Manager said “Through such innovative technologies we empower our youth to be aware of their surroundings and their contributions thereof and in promoting sustainable development”

The competition brought a positive impact as we celebrated the learners’ hard work and dedication to their creations.

The Acting Mayor, Cllr Vusi Nhlapho emphasised on how everyone should continue championing energy efficiency in their daily lives and communities.

The Municipal Manager urges more schools to participate in such programs as it also presents an opportunity for the municipality to interact and promote those who support and commit themselves in promoting energy efficiency and raising awareness on energy conservation.

The Municipality would like to thank the DMRE for their continued support and partnership in the energy efficiency school competition

Thank you to the schools for participating in this program and Thank you to the Educators for their positive contributions and dedication during the process.

As a community, let us harness the power of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration to build a brighter, cleaner, and more sustainable future for generations to come.





Primary school Opening by the Honourable Premier of Mpumalanga

The Premier of Mpumalanga Province Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane officially handed over the new Mogalithwa Primary School in Klarinet Ext 6, in Emalahleni Local Municipality today, 25 April 2024.

The Premier is accompanied by the MEC for Education in Mpumalanga MEC Bonakele Majuba, The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Cllr Leah Mabuza, the department of education's senior managers and the executives from the local and district municipalities.

The opening of the school was fulfilling the Government's commitment to the community.

Mogalithwa Primary School is a quantile 1 school, which has enrolled 1 400 learners, and has 24 classrooms

There will be more classes added to the school as the demand is high due to the growing population in the area.



"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman." – Margaret Thatcher



The Premier of Mpumalanga Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane, said Mogalithwa Primary School is further proof of the government's promise of building quality schools and increasing access to quality education in Townships, Informal Settlements and developing areas.

The school features a state of the art library, a playground area, maths laboratory, clean water, and a brand new administration block.

The community was also present to celebrate the official completion and handover of Mogalithwa Primary School.





Emergency Open Day event at Sy Mthimunye Stadium

The Emergency Services Open Day is happening at Sy Mthimunye Stadium in Emalahleni.

The purpose of the Emergency Open day event is to give awareness and information as emergencies can occur without notice, and being able to respond appropriately under these difficult circumstances is critical.

This attendees are learning about emergency services and have been given an opportunity to see a wide range of emergency vehicles on site.

Different speakers and participants brought different mass-casualty scenarios to assist the audience to better understand and attend to different information.

Some of the different Sector Departments present:

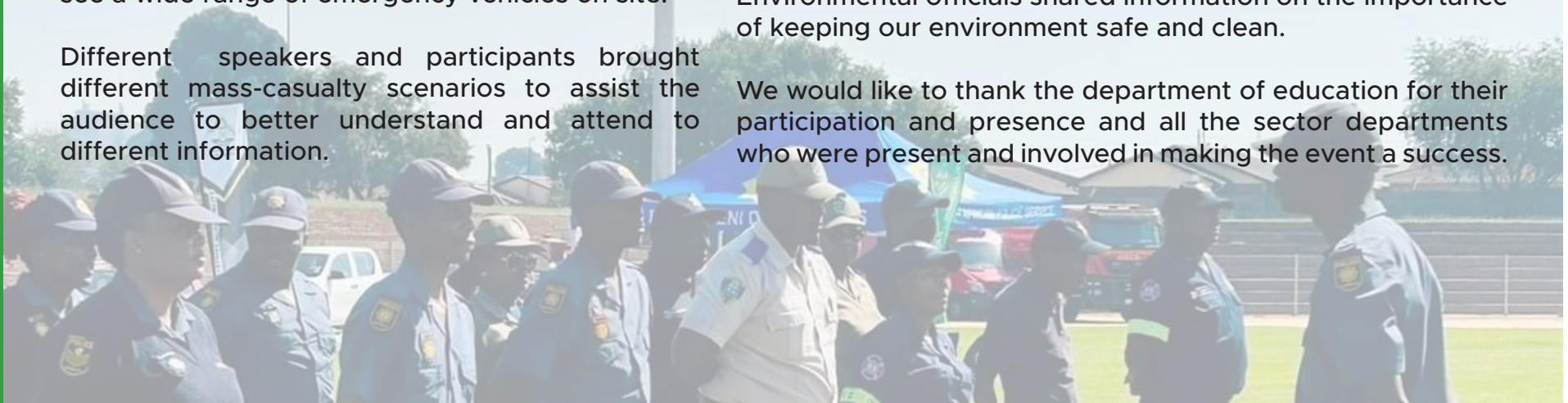
- * SAPS
- * EMS Ambulance
- * Fire fighters
- * Disaster Management Unit
- * Emergency response teams
- * Municipal Health Services
- * Environmental health Practitioners
- * Law enforcement officials
- * Department of health

The invited spectators, who are mostly school learners, got to experience demonstrations from Emergency Services workers and Law enforcement workers whilst being afforded entry to the information stalls.

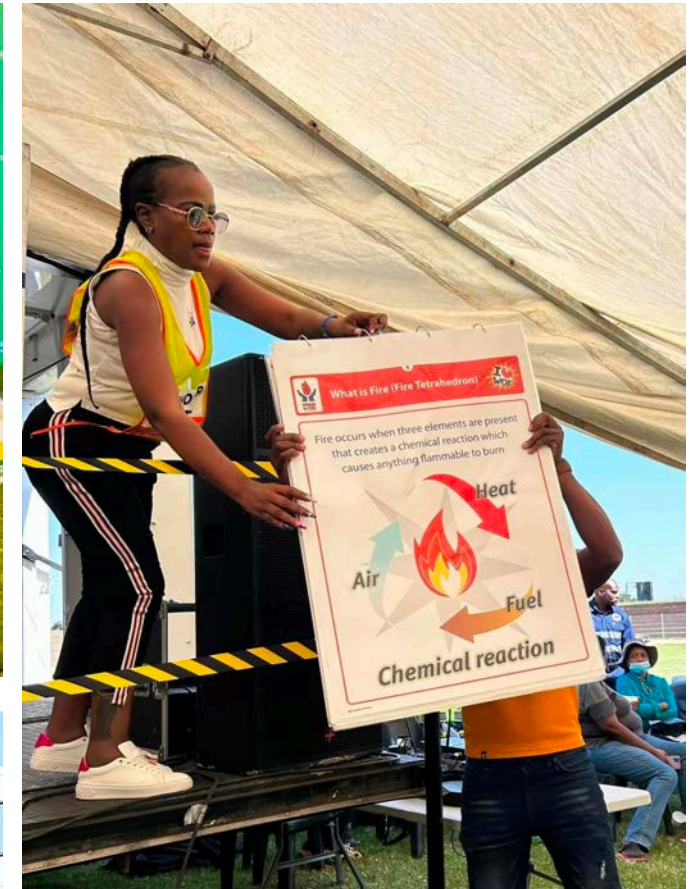
The audience was given information on handling emergencies like fire, spills, natural disasters, explosions which can result in loss of human life, injuries, or property damage.

Environmental officials shared information on the importance of keeping our environment safe and clean.

We would like to thank the department of education for their participation and presence and all the sector departments who were present and involved in making the event a success.



"We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them." — Albert Einstein



"Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore." — Andre Gide



Visit to Malethlogonolo Stimulation Centre

Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza had her pre-birthday celebration with the children of Malethlogonolo Stimulation Centre.

The Mayor expressed her gratitude to the centre for allowing her to spend her time in a purposeful manner with the children of Malethlogonolo Stimulation Care Centre.

She further expressed that disability should not limit these children but they too form part of having an impact in building a better South Africa as they know the challenges and obstacles of being disabled therefore being able to advocate in future for those with disabilities.

She acknowledged the good condition of the centre making and the efforts from the centre manager Ms Annah Thage and its staff members in providing a safe and healthy learning environment for the children.

She thanked and encouraged the centre manager for taking such a responsibility which requires love and patience.

MMC Vusi Nhlapho spoke on segregation and children not having access to schools in close proximity which deeply affected children with

special needs. This centre has played a significant role in ensuring that parents also receive the help and guidance they need in order to better manage and understand their children's needs.

The centre manager expressed her gratitude to the Executive Mayor and the municipal staff that was present for bringing joy to the children of Malethlogonolo Stimulation Centre.



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"When you change your thoughts, remember to also change your world."—Norman Vincent Peale



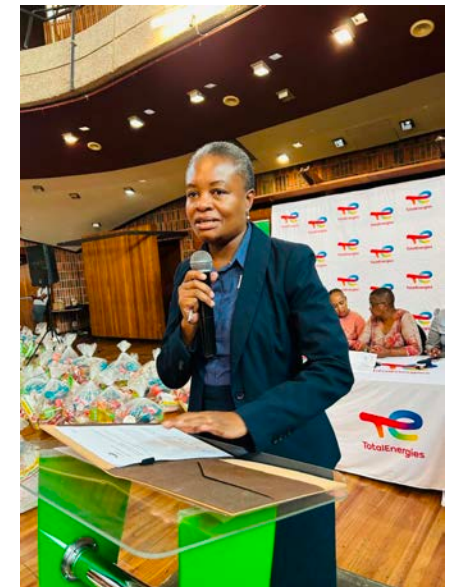
Food Parcel Donation Handover

The office of the Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza together with Total Energies which was represented by Ms Talitha Sachane for Corporate Services and Corporate Social Investment (CSI) conducted a handover of food parcels which was donated by Total Energies.

Ward councillors of all 34 wards were requested to identify homes that fall under the following categories: child headed households, those with disabilities and the elderly in order for them to receive the food parcels.

Ms Sachane stated that as Total Energies, they want to contribute to the sustainable development of the community which falls under one of their goals of zero hunger by making an impact in their host communities. This resulting in their donation of 200 food parcels.

Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza expressed her gratitude to Total Energies for heeding to the call and supporting the municipality in aiding to alleviate the pressure of these identified households during these tough economic conditions.



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Sod Turning Ceremony of Kwa-Guqa Fire Station

It is with great pleasure to inform the residents of Emalahleni about the construction of the Kwa-Guqa Fire Station which will be situated in Ferrobank and will be funded by Glencore as part of their Social Labour Plan (SLP) in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of the municipality.

Mr. N Pillay, the Executive Head of Community Affairs and Regulatory Affairs for Glencore emphasised the importance of community partnerships and corporate social partnerships. He also stated that the construction of the project will be completed within 12 months.

Executive Mayor Cllr Leah Mabuza indicated that with such an investment into the community, we will not only see the development of the community and job creation but there is also the importance of the turnaround time in responding to fire related emergencies.

The Municipality is grateful for such an investment which will improve the delivery of this essential service especially in the Western areas.



"Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get." – W. P. Kinsella



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



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

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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