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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



EMALAHLENI MUNICIPALITY HOSTS SUPPLY CHAIN INFORMATION SESSION

Emalahleni Local Municipality, in collaboration with ABSA, hosted a Supply Chain Information Sharing Session at the Emalahleni Civic Centre (Banquet Hall).

The session aimed at engaging SMMEs and Cooperatives on municipal supply chain processes and business opportunities.

MMC for Development Planning Cllr Jerry Djiana emphasized the importance of equipping local businesses with the necessary knowledge to work with the municipality.

ABSA representatives also shared ways in which the bank supports SMMEs, including funding opportunities and business development resources.

The session, organized through the Local Economic Development (LED) Unit, provided attendees with valuable insights to strengthen their business growth and participation in the local economy.





EMALAHLENI MUNICIPALITY HOSTS SUPPLY CHAIN INFORMATION SESSION

In a bid to support and strengthen small businesses, Emalahleni Local Municipality, through its Local Economic Development (LED) Unit, has handed over essential business equipment to selected Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs). This initiative aligns with the municipality's LED Strategy, which focuses on working closely with SMMEs to foster economic growth and sustainability.

A total of 32 businesses qualified for assistance through a structured application process. Today, 18 businesses received their equipment, with the remainder to follow soon.

The equipment handed over includes:

- Sound and DJ equipment
- Mobile kitchens
- Mobile VIP toilets
- Internet café equipment
- Lighting plants
- Gazebos, chairs, and tables for informal traders
- Microwaves for a self-catering guest house
- Welding equipment
- Podcasting equipment
- Poultry products
- Gym equipment





National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) were also present at the handover, having played a key role in assisting with this process. Their involvement highlights the collective effort to empower small businesses and ensure they receive the necessary support to thrive.

Speaking at the event, Director of Development Planning, Mr. Thabani Buthelezi, expressed his excitement, particularly noting that many recipients are young entrepreneurs. He emphasized that this initiative is only the beginning and that all allocations were made in line with the municipal budget.

Executive Mayor, Cllr Vusi Nhlapho, highlighted the importance of efficiency in municipal processes, stating, "We must ensure that we do not delay programs like this. My mandate is to fix this institution and ensure that it serves the people effectively."

The Mayor further reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to supporting SMMEs, recognizing them as the largest employers within the city. He assured that similar programs will continue to help boost the local economy.



Additionally, the Mayor took a firm stance against extortion practices, particularly the unlawful demand for 30% stakes in projects. He emphasized that only legal and transparent processes will be followed in empowering businesses.

During the handover, the Mayor gave recipients the opportunity to respond regarding the equipment they received. He also assured them that any concerns raised will be investigated, particularly in cases where a recipient is not satisfied with what they have received.

"Whatever product you are receiving today, may it sustain your business and contribute to your growth," he said.

The municipality will conduct follow-up visits to ensure that all beneficiaries are utilizing the equipment effectively and progressing in their businesses.





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Executive Mayor, Cllr Vusi Nhlapho, highlighted the importance of efficient Emalahleni Local Municipality has acquired ten (10) new pick up bakkies through the RT 57 Tender from the National Treasury.

These vehicles will be assigned to essential service delivery departments such as electricity, water, refuse, waste management and services at Emalahleni Resort (Witbank Dam).

The Municipal Manager Mr. H.S. Mayisela highlighted that the new vehicles are the first step in replacing the Municipality aging fleet.

There are plans in place to increase the numbers by ten (10) - twenty (20) more by May 2025.

He stated, "This is part of our ongoing efforts to modernize the fleet and improve service delivery."

During the handover, the Executive Mayor Cllr. V.J. Nhlapho emphasized that the new vehicles would help the Municipality respond more swiftly to community needs. He encouraged the public to report any misuse or negligence regarding the vehicles to the relevant authorities.

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Emalahleni IDP Representative Forum

Emalahleni Local Municipality hosted its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Representative Forum today, 29 January 2025, at the Emalahleni Local Municipality Banquet Hall.

The forum served as a platform for key stakeholders, including municipal officials, ward councillors, business representatives, and community members, to engage in meaningful discussions about the municipality's developmental priorities and service delivery plans.



ELM IDP | Executive Mayor Cllr VJ Nhlapo

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Vusi Nhlapo, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the current state of the municipality, outlining key achievements, challenges, and strategic interventions across all municipal departments. He emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in driving sustainable development and improving service delivery for all residents.

Guiding the proceedings was the Council Speaker, Cllr Mduduzi Nkosi, who ensured a structured and engaging session, allowing stakeholders to provide valuable input into the municipality's planning process.

The forum reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to transparency, accountability, and inclusive governance as it continues to shape the future of Emalahleni.



ELM IDP | VF Plus PR councillors



ELM IDP | Speaker of council Cllr MD Nkosi
Executive Mayor: Cllr VJ Nhlapo



Emalahleni IDP 2025





Nkangala District Municipality LGSETA Learnership Project

Learnership Project Emalahleni Local Municipality welcomed students who will be provided with practical skills and experience for a period of 3 months.

The students were recruited through an advertisement that went out to all Nkangala District Municipalities and a total of 73 students were selected in Emalahleni. The training started theoretically in November 2023 and now the students will complete their 3 months of practical working experience under Emalahleni Local Municipality where they reside.

The Acting Executive Mayor Cllr Jerry Dijiana stated that they see the students as assets in the Municipality who will add much needed value and support to the Municipality. He further encouraged the students to be innovative and insightful.

The Municipal Manager Mr Sizwe Mayisela emphasised the importance of this programme as the students will assist with the some the challenges being faced by the Municipality in terms of service delivery.

They will also assist the Municipality in having a faster approach towards the turnaround time in attending to service delivery complaints.

The students will be skilled in the following fields:

- **Plumbing: 30 students**
- **Road Works: 18 students**
- **Building and Civil Construction: 25 students**





Nkangala District Municipality appointed Sakhisizwe Training & Projects to implement the programme and they will also provide the stipend, Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) and tools of trade which means there are no financial obligations by the Municipality, the only objective the Municipality has is to provide the students with the necessary skills and experience.





Mpumalanga CoGTA MEC, Speedy Mashilo, has praised Elukhanyisweni Secondary School in Lynnville, eMalahleni, for achieving a 100% pass rate in the 2024 academic year. During a school support visit today, Mashilo emphasized the need to encourage high-performing schools to sustain excellence while also supporting struggling institutions.

He highlighted the role of education in driving economic growth, urging learners to pursue higher education to contribute to the country's development.

The visit was attended by Acting Mayor Cllr. H.B Maseko, Whip of Council Cllr. C.P Maseko, Speaker of Council Cllr. M.S Nkosi, Youth Manager Mr. R.T.T Nkosi, Ward 16 Cllr. S.S Buthelezi, other councillors, community members, and the School Governing Body (SGB).

During the visit, the school principal and SGB highlighted areas where the school lacks resources. In response, the MEC pledged to assist by providing a kitchen, a new hall, improved security fencing, WiFi, and an upgraded civil and construction workshop. He also committed to installing three 5,000-litre JoJo water tanks to improve water access.

MEC Speedy Mashilo Commends Elukhanyisweni Secondary School for Academic Excellence







EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND THUNGELA THUTHUKANI EQUIP SURVIVALIST ENTERPRISES

Emalahleni Local Municipality, in collaboration with Thungela Thuthukani, handed over essential tools of trade—gazebos, chairs, and tables—to 20 survivalist enterprises today.

The event started at the Emalahleni Banquet Hall and later moved to the parking lot beside the local taxi rank, where the official handover took place. The initiative aims to provide small businesses with the necessary resources to improve their operations and promote economic sustainability.

Speaking at the event, Thungela Resources' Enterprise and Supplier Development Manager, Mr. Sandile Mkono, highlighted the importance of empowering small businesses. "Equipping survivalist enterprises with the right tools strengthens their ability to operate efficiently and grow within the local economy," he said. Honorable Executive Mayor, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, urged beneficiaries to take care of the equipment, emphasizing its long-term benefits. "These tools of trade will help you thrive. We encourage you to use them wisely and maintain them so they can continue to support your businesses in the years ahead," he stated.

Key stakeholders in attendance included Ms. Linda Dlodlu, Thungela Resources' Social Performance Region Manager; Mr. Thabani Buthelezi, the director for Development Planning; MMC P.J Djiana MMC for Development and Spatial Planning, Youth Manager Mr T Nkosi and Cllr T.C Shabalala, Chairperson of Section 79.

This initiative underscores the commitment of both the municipality and Thungela Thuthukani in supporting small businesses, fostering economic resilience, and ensuring sustainable growth in Emalahleni.





Executive Mayor Cllr. VJ Nhlapho Delivers on His Promise to the Ga-Nala Community

Executive Mayor Cllr VJ Nhlapho has followed through on the commitment he made to the Ga-Nala community on 13 March 2025. Today, he returned to Ga-Nala to provide vital support to local survivalist businesses by handing over essential tools of trade aimed at strengthening and sustaining their operations.





As part of this initiative, the Mayor donated gazebos, tables, and chairs to assist informal traders in improving their trading conditions. These resources are expected to help local businesses operate more efficiently, attract more customers, and create opportunities for sustainable income generation.

The Mayor was joined by members of the Mayoral Committee, Cllr T Shabalala, Cllr S.C. Maseko, Youth Manager Mr. MRTT Nkosi, and officials from the Emalahleni Local Municipality. Together, they spent the day engaging directly with local entrepreneurs in support of the municipality's broader commitment to empower small businesses and promote local economic development in the region.

"This is the promise we made on the 13th, and today we are here to fulfill it," said Mayor Nhlapho. "We are committed to supporting the people of Ga-Nala by empowering local businesses, because they are the driving force behind our community's economic growth."

The program, led by the Local Economic Development (LED) unit, reflects the municipality's ongoing efforts to ensure small enterprises are equipped with the necessary tools to succeed and contribute meaningfully to the local economy.

Mayor Nhlapho emphasized that today's handover is just the beginning of continuous engagement and support for the Ga-Nala community.





Handover of Bulk Water Supply and Storage at Hlanikahle and Extension 5

The Nkangala District Municipality officially handed over the Bulk Water Supply and Storage for Emalahleni Local Municipality's Kwa-Guqa extensions specifically targeted at supplying Ward 1, 4 and 5.

Nkangala District Mayor Cllr T.D Ngwenya officially handed over the project to the Acting Executive Mayor Cllr B Hlumbane who is also the MMC for Technical Services and the Municipal Manager Mr H.S Mayisela.

District Mayor Cllr T. D Ngwenya stated that this project came as a result of a resolution which was taken during the Presidential Imbizo under the National Development Plan (NDP).

The Presidential Imbizo took place last year on the 7th of March 2024. Residents of Kwa-Guqa extensions raised their concerns to the President regarding the supply of water in the area stating that they barely have water supply and requested that the President should intervene.





The responsibility for this project was then given to the Nkangala District Municipality and in the process the Nkangala District appointed a local service provider to construct the Bulk Water Supply and Storage in order for residents of Ward 1, 4 and 5 to have potable water supply available from their homes.

Furthermore 25 people within Ward 1, 4 and 5 were given the opportunity of temporary employment whilst others were subcontractors in the project.

Executive Mayor Cllr T.D Ngwenya applauded the community of Ward 1, 4 and 5 for being disciplined and displaying order during the construction process in order for the project to be successful.

The bulk water supply will have security guards stationed in order to ensure that the infrastructure is protected.







Z.i Sisters Trading and Projects Partner with the Office of the Executive Mayor to Support Local Schools

Z.i Sisters Trading and Projects, in collaboration with the Office of the Executive Mayor, launched a school shoe initiative to support underprivileged learners. The campaign began with donations to Nkonjane and Alex Mampana Primary Schools, marking the first step in a commitment to assist six schools in total.

The initiative was supported by Acting Executive Mayor MMC Faith Msibi, MMC Mokwana, Speaker of Council Cllr M.S. Nkosi, and Ward 16 Cllr S.S Buthelezi. Their presence highlighted the importance of community partnerships in uplifting education.

The Executive Mayor's Office reaffirmed its dedication to improving education through such initiatives. Plans are in place to expand support to more schools, with a call for private sector collaboration to help provide essential resources and ensure no child is left behind.







Executive Mayor's Office Partners with Private Sector to Support Schools

The Executive Mayor's Office, through its Transversal Unit, has teamed up with the private sector to provide vital educational resources to disadvantaged schools, ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed.

Siphendulwe Primary School was a key recipient of this initiative, with 150 learners receiving school bags, shoes, and stationery. Principal Maile expressed deep appreciation, emphasising the importance of such support for students facing financial hardships.

Representatives from the Mayor's Office highlighted the significance of partnerships in improving education. Parents and community members welcomed the initiative, recognizing its positive impact on students' confidence and academic progress.

The Mayor's Office plans to expand this effort to other schools and encourages businesses to contribute to enhancing educational opportunities for children in need.







Access to clean water is a fundamental right, yet many municipalities struggle with aging infrastructure, water losses, and financial constraints that hinder their ability to supply communities effectively.

Enpower Machite, the appointed service provider for Emalahleni Local Municipality, has been actively conducting a comprehensive assessment of bulk water infrastructure. This initiative aims to reduce losses in the bulk supply system, enhance revenue streams, and improve water supply efficiency.

Over the past few weeks, their expert team has been on-site inspecting critical infrastructure—from reservoirs to pumping stations—to identify inefficiencies, leaks, and potential areas for improvement. Through interactive site visits, they have gathered valuable data to develop tailored solutions for optimizing water management, minimizing losses, and ensuring that more households receive the water they urgently need.

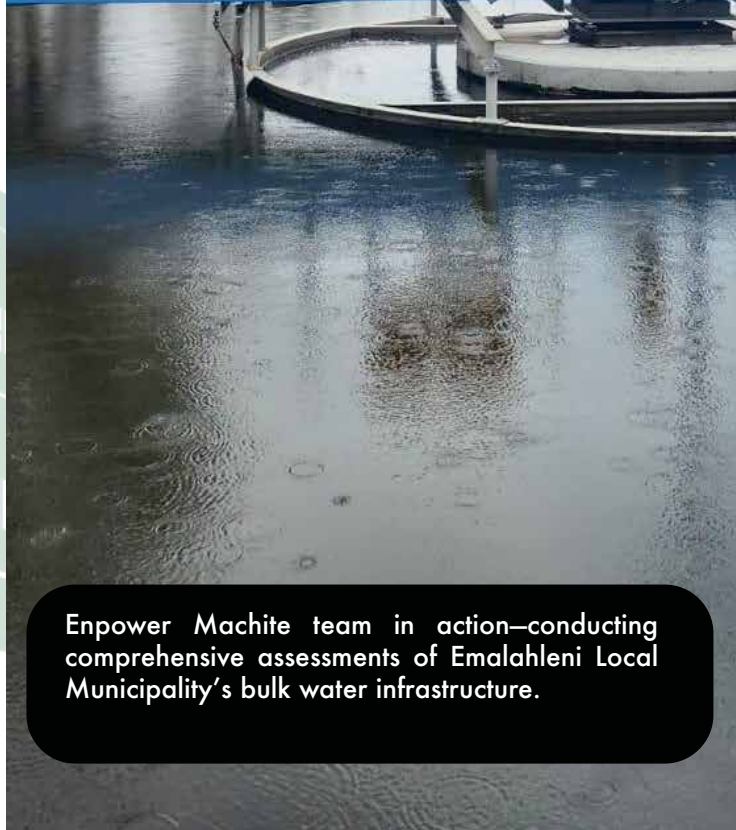
The assessment covered the entire water supply chain, starting from the Witbank Dam abstraction point of raw water, extending to the Water Treatment Works, and concluding at the Distribution Pump Station.

Enhancing Water Infrastructure for a Sustainable Future

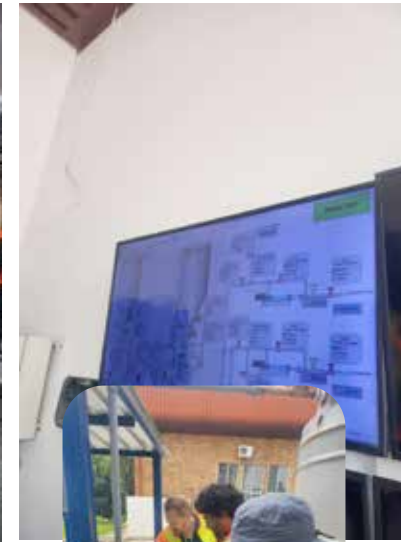
This initiative is more than just an investigation—it's about finding practical, sustainable solutions that will strengthen municipal operations and enhance service delivery. The next steps involve analyzing the findings and collaborating with stakeholders to implement strategies that will maximize revenue, reduce wastage, and improve the overall water supply system.

As we move forward, our commitment remains clear: innovative, data-driven solutions that empower municipalities and uplift communities. Because in the pursuit of progress, every investigation is crucial before action is taken. Every drop counts, and every solution matters.





Empower Machite team in action—conducting comprehensive assessments of Emalahleni Local Municipality's bulk water infrastructure.





Employees Wellness Day



Advocating for the mental, physical and emotional health of employees.

We would like to thank all employees who participated in the Wellness Day.

Hiking
Swimming Lessons
Stress & Depression Awareness
Substance & Alcohol Abuse
Financial Literacy







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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